

"THE 41 PARABLES JESUS CHRIST"

28 general parables and 13 kingdom of heaven parables

Parable #30 — "THE FAITHFUL AND WISE STEWARD"

Luke 12:42-45,46-48

The 17<sup>th</sup> of the 28 general parables

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In 445BC, with **one Bible week** equating to **seven years** (a prophetic year being 360 days), God commanded that **seventy weeks** each of **7 years**, would be determined upon Israel, that is ... **70 weeks** x **7 years** = **490 years** (<u>Daniel 9:24-27</u>).

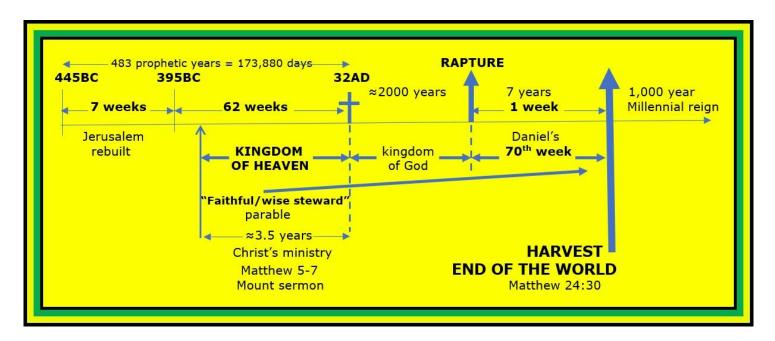
This time frame is broken into **four** time periods of (a) **7 weeks** + (b) **62 weeks** + (c) the mystery church age of about 2,000 years + (d) **1 week** = **70 weeks** and is explained as follows:

- #1. **Seven** weeks of years is  $7 \times 7 = 49$  years ... the time it takes to restore and build Jerusalem from 445BC to 396BC.
- #2. **Sixty two** weeks of years is **62** x 7 = **434** years ... the time from the building of Jerusalem in 396BC to Christ being cut off at the cross in 32AD.
- #3. The church age of approximately 2,000 years
- #4. **One week** of years is  $1 \times 7 = 7$  years ... this is the seven years of tribulation of God's wrath upon the earth, that takes place after the rapture ... called **Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week**.

The following **Timeline** will help (not drawn to scale):

### **DANIEL 9:24-27**

"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city ... from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks ... after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off ... he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week ..."



#### Luke 12:42-45,46-48

Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this **parable** unto us, or even to all? And the Lord said, Who then is that **faithful and wise steward**, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? **Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.** Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. But and if that servant say in his heart, **My lord delayeth his coming**; and shall begin to **beat the menservants and maidens**, and to **eat and drink, and to be drunken**; The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto **whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required**: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

The above follows on from Luke 12:35-38,39-40.

The application of this parable is similar to parable #29

Today's application:

Under the kingdom of God dispensation of Paul, there are rewards for work.

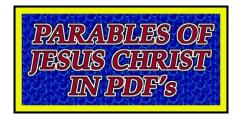
Dear Christian Reader, before the rapture, <u>hand out tracts</u>, give <u>money</u> to missions, study sound word, <u>doctrine</u> and <u>dispensations</u>, join a <u>prayer</u> group, <u>witness to others ...</u> **do something for the Lord <u>before the rapture!</u>** 

Everybody has been given something to do ( $\frac{Romans\ 4:12-15}{16-19}$ ,  $\frac{20-21}{20-21}$ ; Romans chapters 12-15)

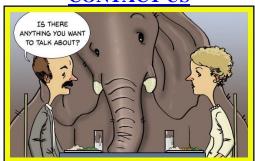
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