

Matthew 25:31-46 The Second Coming

Alone with His disciples on the Mount of Olives, Yeshua begins to share the events surrounding His Second Coming. His disciples had asked Him to tell them, when shall these things be? What shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?

The questions they asked Him were in response to the teachings He had done and His remarks about the destruction of the Temple. Yeshua had warned them about false messiahs, false prophets, those who would mislead many, and signs to look for that would herald the end of the age.

He had informed them that no one knew the day and the hour of His return and commanded them to always be prepared and ready. Yeshua used a parable about virgins and another parable concerning talents to emphasize the importance of His disciples being prepared, watchful, and doing what they had been instructed to do while they waited for His return.

Throughout His discourses with His disciples, Yeshua gave them glimpses of events surrounding His Second Coming. In this portion of Matthew, Yeshua reveals more details of the events that will occur at His Second Coming.

The last thing Yeshua discussed with His disciples on the Mt of Olives, before returning to Jerusalem, was concerning His return.

Keep in mind that He was preparing His disciples for His return - before His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension - while He was still with them.

In this discourse, Yeshua will remind them of things He had already told them, draw on the words of the Prophets, and speak to His disciples prophetically as He reveals to them things to come.

Mt 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Yeshua repeats what He had previously told them when He had revealed to them His death and Peter rebuked Him.

Mt 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

Mt 16:22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

Mt 16:23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Mt 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Mt 16:25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

Mt 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Mt 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Yeshua had also told them:

Mt 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Mt 25:32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

Malachi spoke of this in his prophecy:

Mal 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

Mal 3:17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

Mal 3:18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

Mt 25:33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Sheep – 4263 πρόβατον probaton {prob'-at-on} also diminutive: προβάτιον probation {pro-ba'-tee-on}

Meaning: 1) any four footed, tame animal accustomed to graze, small cattle (opp. to large cattle, horses, etc.), most commonly a sheep or a goat 1a) a sheep, and so always in the NT

Usage: AV - sheep 40, sheepfold + 833 1; 41

Goat – 2055 ἐρίφιον eriphion {er-if'-ee-on}

Meaning: 1) a kid, a young goat

Usage: AV - goat 1; 1

YeHoVaH told the Prophet **Ezekiel**:

Eze 34:11 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

Eze 34:12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

Eze 34:13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

Eze 34:14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

Eze 34:15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD.

Eze 34:16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

Eze 34:17 And as for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats.

Cattle – 07716 הַצֶּמֶר seh {seh} or הַצֶּמֶר sey {say}

Meaning: 1) one of a flock, lamb, sheep, goat, young sheep, young goat 1a) sheep, goat 1b) flock (collective)

Usage: AV - sheep 18, cattle 10, lamb 16, ewe 1, lamb + 03532 1; 46

Rams – 0352 אֵיל 'ayil {ah'-yil}

Meaning: 1) ram 1a) ram (as food) 1b) ram (as sacrifice) 1c) ram (skin dyed red, for tabernacle) 2) pillar, door post, jambs, pilaster 3) strong man, leader, chief 4) mighty tree, terebinth

Usage: AV - ram(s) 156, post(s) 21, mighty (men) 4, trees 2, lintel 1, oaks 1; 185

He goats – 06260 עֲטוּד 'attuwd {at-tood'} or עֲטוּד 'attud {at-tood'}

Meaning: 1) ram, he-goat, chief one

Usage: AV - goats 26, rams 2, chief ones 1; 29

Eze 34:18 Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet?

Eze 34:19 And as for my flock, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet; and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.

Eze 34:20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD unto them; Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle.

Eze 34:21 Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad;

Eze 34:22 Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle.

Flock – 06629 צֹאן tso'n {tsone} or צֹאן tse'own)Ps 144:13({tseh-one'}

Meaning: 1) small cattle, sheep, sheep and goats, flock, flocks 1a) small cattle (usually of sheep and goats) 1b) of multitude (simile) 1c) of multitude (metaphor)

Usage: AV - flock 138, sheep 110, cattle 15, shepherd + 07462 2, lamb + 01121 2, lamb 1, sheep + 04480 1,

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Eze 34:23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

Eze 34:24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it.

Mt 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Mt 25:35 For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

Mt 25:36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Yeshua draws from the Prophet **Isaiah**:

Isa 58:1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob/Israel their sins.

Isa 58:2 Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.

Isa 58:6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

Isa 58:7 Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

Isa 58:8 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rearward.

Isa 58:9 Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;

Isa 58:10 And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday:

Isa 58:11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

Isa 58:12 And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

Mt 25:37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

Mt 25:38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

Mt 25:39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

Mt 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Brothers of mine ...

Mt 12:47 Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

Mt 12:48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

Mt 12:49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

Mt 12:50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

What did Yeshua say was the will of His Father who sent Him? Throughout John's writings, Yeshua talked about the will of His Father.

Jn 4:34 Yeshua saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Jn 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Jn 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.
Jn 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.
Jn 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

We must make a distinction between the world, the church, and the Kingdom.

The world loves its own. The world hates the called-out ones, church/ecclesia.

Jn 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

The word church in modern vernacular has been misappropriated from the word church in the Bible. In the Bible, there is only one church/ecclesia. In the modern vernacular, there are thousands of churches, various baptisms, beliefs, and doctrines with various governing structures: popes, archbishops, chief apostles, high priests, etc.

The Kingdom

Eph 4:4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
Eph 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
Eph 4:6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all

Mt 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Mt 25:42 For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

Mt 25:43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

Mt 25:44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

Mt 25:45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

Mt 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Rev 22:12 "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.

Rev 22:13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Rev 22:14 "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

Rev 22:15 Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

Rev 22:16 "I, Yeshua, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."