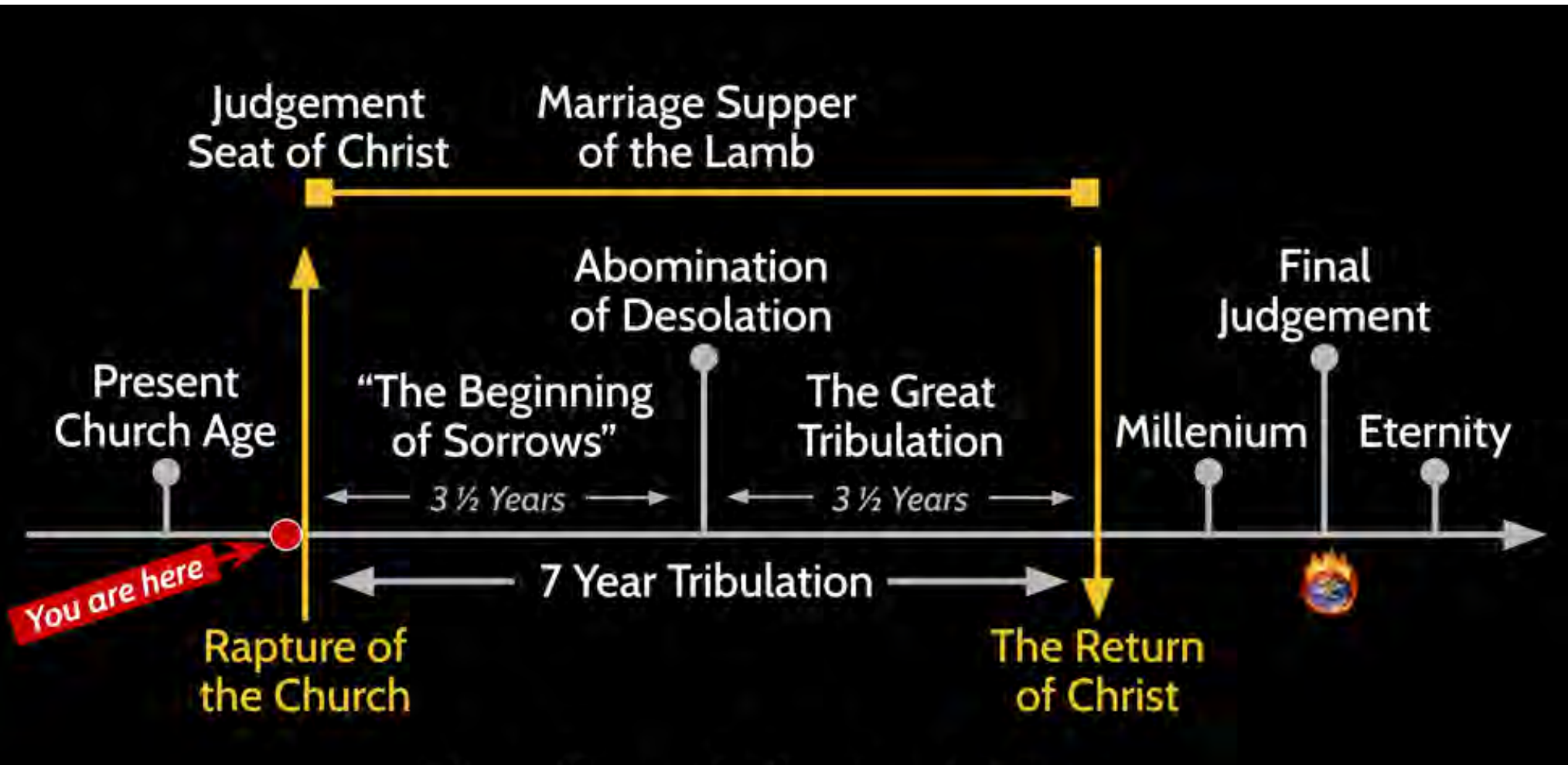


***Be Ready!* Parable of the Ten Virgins**

**Matthew 25: 1-13**

**September 24, 2023**



**Timeline of the End Times**



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Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were  
loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of  
the world has become the kingdom  
of our Lord and of his Christ,  
and he shall reign

**FOREVER**

**AND EVER.**

Revelation 11:15

Verse 1 - 2

*Surprise!* The Ten Virgins are  
not the Bride

**The Bride is in heaven prior to the Second Coming**

The bridesmaids were waiting to take part in the wedding supper, *not the marriage ceremony!*

**The marriage ceremony is between the Bride (CHURCH) and the Groom (CHRIST), exclusively**

The marriage ceremony is between Messiah and His Bride and *takes place in heaven*

## Revelation 19:6-9

<sup>6</sup> Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: “Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

<sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

<sup>8</sup> Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.)

<sup>9</sup> Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

**The bridesmaids/virgins are Old Testament saints and Tribulation believers, called to the celebration, *not the Marriage Ceremony!***

**The Bride only is at the Marriage Ceremony!**

**It is easy to confuse the marriage supper/celebration with the Marriage Ceremony, but there is a difference**

**Remember: Today, the marriage ceremony precedes the celebration (*the eating and rejoicing with the couple*)**



## Verse 3 - 5

**Oil, *or no oil*, makes an eternal difference**



The wise took extra oil, the foolish did not take extra oil

Foolish = “*moros*” = morons; willfully foolish

Oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit

The wise were the ones who believed and trusted;  
*they always kept a supply of oil present*

The unwise, the foolish, the morons, *did not have oil that sustained*

No Holy Spirit = no genuine salvation – Romans 8: 9

**How do I know I have the Holy Spirit?**

*Romans 8: 13*

**How a person lives is an indicator of  
genuineness**

**REALLY?**

***REALLY!!***

## Important:

We are not to judge if someone has oil (*the Holy Spirit*)

**God is the judge; He knows those who are His!**

**Each person must examine their own lives**

Test yourself to see if you are genuine - **2 Corinthians 13: 5**

**Verse 6 - 9**

**The midnight hour shout**

**The time had come . . . . .**

**The shofar sounded . . . . .**

***The Groom was coming to  
fetch His Bride!***

**This is the reason many view the Feast of  
Trumpets as the Rapture, where Jesus comes  
to fetch His Bride, *the Church***

***Maybe yes! . . . Maybe no . . . Wait and see!***

# The Seven Feasts of the Lord

'These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.' Col 2:17



## The Spring Feasts (fulfilled @ Jesus' first coming)

| Passover                   | Unleavened Bread          | FirstFruits                   | Pentecost                  |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Crucifixion Of Jesus       | Burial Of Jesus           | Resurrection Of Jesus         | Coming of the Holy Spirit  |
| Nisan 14                   | Nisan 15-22               | Nisan 17                      | Sivan 7                    |
| Exodus 12<br>Matt 26:17-27 | Lev 23:6-8<br>I Cor 5:7-8 | Lev 23:9-14<br>I Cor 15:20-23 | Lev 23:15-22<br>Acts 1 & 2 |

Feast Gap Period (fulfilled by Church Age)

## The Autumn (Fall) Feasts (fulfilled @ Jesus' second coming)

| Trumpets                            | Atonement                     | Tabernacles                |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Rapture & Resurrection Of Believers | Second Coming Of Jesus        | Messianic Kingdom Age      |
| Tishri 1                            | Tishri 10                     | Tishri 15-22               |
| Lev 23:23-25<br>1 Cor 15:51-52      | Lev 23:26-32<br>Matt 24:29-30 | Lev 23:33-44<br>Rev 20:1-6 |

———— 'The Days of Awe' ————  
Time of Jacob's trouble



Verse 10

**Five were too late!**

The crux of the whole matter:

*“ . . . those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut”*

There will be a time when all second chances are done, and God will shut the door to salvation!

Jesus said something very profound in John 3: 17:

*“ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”*

God's heart is for people to turn and live –

Ezekiel 18: 23; 2 Peter 3: 9

Verse 11 - 13

The saddest words in history:

*“I never knew you”*

The plea, *the cry*, went out to let us in:

*“Lord, Lord, open to us!”*

You can feel the desperation and panic setting in

**Their pathetic cries were to no avail**

It is not as though the five did not know; *they knew what was expected!*

**With knowledge comes responsibility!**

Jesus' response is chilling – *“Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.”*

## CLOSING THOUGHTS:

*Watch!* and *Be Ready!!* is Jesus' theme

Whether we go in a group Rapture or an individual Rapture, the point is, *we will be going!!*

**The place you will be going needs to be determined!**

**You still have time . . . . .!**

**Something precious that no one can store up!**

**You have been given your allotment of time;  
*use your time wisely!!***

***“Redeem the time for the days are evil”***  
**Ephesians 5: 16**

***DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE!***

*“Only one life will soon be past, only what’s  
done for Christ will last.”*

(C.T. Studd)

WATCH! BE READY! AND WARN!

The world will think you are a fanatic!

In the early 1900’s, C.T. also wrote this:

*“God’s real people have always been  
called fanatics.”*

*“Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow.”*

Psalm 144: 4

***IT'S ALMOST THE MIDNIGHT HOUR!***



**TIME**

use it

wisely



***WATCH!***

***BE READY!!***

***WARN!!!***

***And by all means . . . . .***

***USE YOUR TIME WISELY!***