

The Message of the Trumpet

Who are the Ten Virgins in Matthew 25?

A Cross-Reference Study – Part V

“For precept must be upon precept, and line upon line.” Isaiah 28:10.

“Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.” Matthew 25:1.

“As Christ sat looking upon the party that waited for the bridegroom, He told His disciples the story of the ten virgins, by their experience illustrating the experience of the church that shall live just *before His second coming.*” Christ’s Object Lessons, 406, Italics Supplied.

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The background of the slide features three golden trumpets positioned diagonally across the frame. They are set against a dramatic, high-contrast sky filled with thick, golden-yellow clouds. The lighting is bright and ethereal, creating a sense of divine presence and grandeur. The trumpets are rendered in a slightly desaturated, golden hue, blending with the overall color palette of the sky.

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“And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.” Matthew 25:2.

- “They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.” Matthew 25:3, 4.
- *“Christ with His disciples is seated upon the Mount of Olives. The sun has set behind the mountains, and the heavens are curtained with the shades of evening. In full view is a dwelling house lighted up brilliantly as if for some festive scene. The light streams from the openings, and an expectant company wait around, indicating that a marriage procession is soon to appear. In many parts of the East, wedding festivities are held in the evening. The bridegroom goes forth to meet his bride and bring her to his home. By torchlight the bridal party proceed from her father’s house to his own, where a feast is provided for the invited guests. In the scene upon which Christ looks, a company are awaiting the appearance of the bridal party, intending to join the procession.”* Christ’s Object Lessons, 405, Italics Added.

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- “Lingering near the bride’s house are ten young women robed in white. Each carries a lighted *lamp and a small flagon for oil*. All are *anxiously* watching for the appearance of the bridegroom. *But there is a delay*. Hour after hour passes; the *watchers become weary and fall asleep*. At midnight the cry is heard, “*Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.*” The *sleepers*, suddenly awaking, spring to their feet. They see the procession moving on, bright with torches and glad with music. They *hear the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride*.
- The *ten maidens* seize their lamps and begin to trim them, in haste to go forth. But *five have neglected* to fill their *flasks with oil*. They *did not anticipate* so long a *delay*, and they *have not prepared* for the *emergency*. In *distress* they appeal to their wiser companions saying, “*Give us of your oil; for our lamps are going out.*” But the waiting five, with their freshly trimmed lamps, have emptied their flacons. They have no oil to spare, and they answer, “Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but *go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.*”
Christ’s Object Lessons, 405, Italics Added.

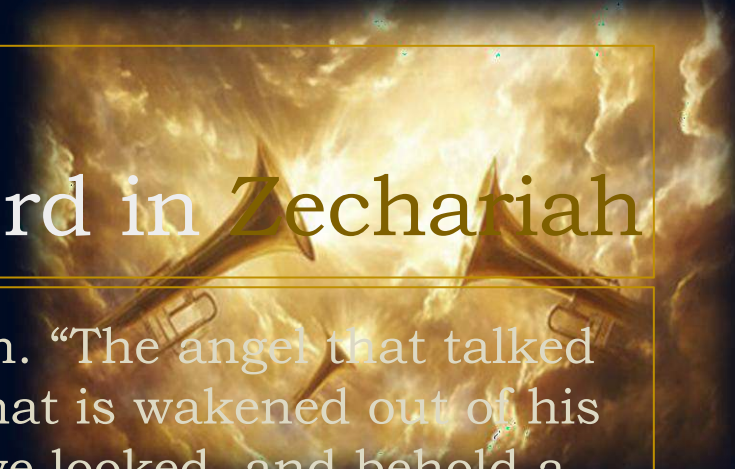
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- “While they [the foolish virgins] went to buy, the procession *moved on, and left them behind*. The five [wise virgins] with lighted lamps joined the throng and entered the house with the bridal train, and the door was shut. When the foolish virgins reached the banqueting hall, they received an unexpected denial. The master of the feast declared, “*I know you not.*” They were *left standing without*, in the empty street, in the *blackness of the night*.
- As Christ sat looking upon the party that waited for the bridegroom, He told His disciples the story of the ten virgins, by their experience illustrating the *experience of the church that shall live just before His second coming*.
- The *two classes of watchers represent the two classes who profess to be waiting for their Lord*. They are called *virgins* because *they profess a pure faith*. By the *lamps is represented the word of God*. The psalmist says, “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Psalm 119:105. The *oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit*.”
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2. The Spirit, the Candlestick, the Word in Zechariah



- “Thus the Spirit is represented in the prophecy of Zechariah. “The angel that talked with me came again,” he says, “and *waked* me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, and said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a *candlestick* all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his *seven lamps* thereon, and *seven pipes* to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof; *and two olive trees* by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?
- Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the *word of the Lord* unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.... And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these *two olive branches* which through the *two golden pipes* empty the golden oil out of themselves? ... Then said he, These are the *two anointed ones*, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.” Zechariah 4:1-14.”
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- “From the *two olive trees* the *golden oil* was emptied through the *golden pipes* into the *bowl* of the *candlestick*, and thence into the *golden lamps* that gave light to the sanctuary. So from the holy ones that stand in God’s presence *His Spirit* is *imparted to the human instrumentalities* [*human minds – flask – flagon*] who are *consecrated to His service*. The mission of the *two anointed ones* is to communicate to God’s people that heavenly grace which alone can make *His word a lamp* to the feet and a light to the path. “Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.” Zechariah 4:6.
- In the parable, *all the ten virgins* [*Pure Faith*] went out to meet the bridegroom. *All had lamps* [*Word*] and *vessels for oil* [*Mind - Spirit*]. For a time there was seen *no difference* between them. So with the *church* that lives *just before Christ’s second coming*. *All have a knowledge of the Scriptures*. *All have heard the message of Christ’s near approach*, and confidently expect His appearing.”
Christ’s Object Lessons, 408, Italics Added.

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3. Who are the Foolish Virgins in Matthew 25?

- “But as in the parable, so it is now. *A time of waiting intervenes, faith is tried*; and when the cry is heard, “Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him,” *many are unready. They have no oil in their vessels with their lamps. They are destitute of the Holy Spirit [in the mind].*
- Without *the Spirit of God a knowledge of His word is of no avail*. The theory of truth, unaccompanied by the Holy Spirit, cannot quicken the soul or sanctify the heart. One may be familiar with the commands and promises of the Bible; but *unless the Spirit of God sets the truth home*, the character will not be transformed. *Without the enlightenment of the Spirit, men will not be able to distinguish truth from error, and they will fall under the masterful temptations of Satan.*
- The class represented by the *foolish virgins are not hypocrites*. They have a regard for the truth, they have advocated the truth, they are attracted to those who believe the truth; *but they have not yielded themselves to the Holy Spirit’s working*. They have not fallen upon the Rock, Christ Jesus, and permitted their old nature to be broken up.” Christ’s Object Lessons, 408 – 409, Italics Added.

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- “This class are represented also by the stony-ground hearers. They receive the word with readiness, but they fail of assimilating its principles. Its influence is not abiding. The Spirit works upon man’s heart [mind], according to his desire and consent implanting in him a new nature; but *the class represented by the foolish virgins have been content with a superficial work. They do not know God. They have not studied His character; they have not held communion with Him; therefore they do not know how to trust, how to look and live.*
- *Their service to God degenerates into a form.* “They come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as My people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, *but their heart goeth after their covetousness.*” Ezekiel 33:31. The apostle Paul points out that this will be the special characteristic of those who live just before Christ’s second coming. He says, “In the last days perilous times shall come: for men shall be lovers of their own selves; ... lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.” 2 Timothy 3:1-5.”
Christ’s Object Lessons, 411, Italics Added.

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- *“This is the class that in time of peril are found crying, Peace and safety. They lull their hearts into security, and dream not of danger. When startled from their lethargy, they discern their destitution, and entreat others to supply their lack; but in spiritual things no man can make up another’s deficiency. The grace of God has been freely offered to every soul.*
- *The message of the gospel has been heralded, “Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” Revelation 22:17. But character is not transferable. No man can believe for another. No man can receive the Spirit for another. No man can impart to another the character which is the fruit of the Spirit’s working. “Though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it [the land], as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.” Ezekiel 14:20.” Christ’s Object Lessons, 411, Italics Added.*

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3. Who are the Foolish Virgins in Matthew 25?

- “It is in a crisis that character is revealed. When the earnest voice proclaimed at midnight, “Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,” and the sleeping virgins were roused from their slumbers, it was seen who had made preparation for the event. *Both parties were taken unawares; but one was prepared for the emergency, and the other was found without preparation.* So now, a sudden and unlooked-for calamity, something that brings the soul face to face with death, will show whether there is any real faith in the promises of God. It will show whether the soul is sustained by grace. *The great final test comes at the close of human probation, when it will be too late for the soul’s need to be supplied.*”
- *The ten virgins are watching in the evening of this earth’s history. All claim to be Christians. All have a call, a name, a lamp, and all profess to be doing God’s service. All apparently wait for Christ’s appearing. But five are unready. Five will be found surprised, dismayed, outside the banquet hall.*”

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- *“At the final day, many will claim admission to Christ’s kingdom, saying, “We have eaten and drunk in Thy presence, and Thou hast taught in our streets.” “Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works?” But the answer is, “I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from Me.” Luke 13:26; Matthew 7:22; Luke 13:27. In this life they have not entered into fellowship with Christ; therefore they know not the language of heaven, they are strangers to its joy. “What man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.” 1 Corinthians 2:11.*
- *Saddest of all words that ever fell on mortal ear are those words of doom, “I know you not.” The fellowship of the Spirit, which you have slighted, could alone make you one with the joyous throng at the marriage feast. In that scene you cannot participate. Its light would fall on blinded eyes, its melody upon deaf ears. Its love and joy could awake no chord of gladness in the world-benumbed heart. You are shut out from heaven by your own unfitness for its companionship.”*

Christ’s Object Lessons, 412, Italics Added.

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4. Who are the Wise Virgins in Matthew 25?



- “We cannot be ready to meet the Lord by waking when the cry is heard, “Behold, the Bridegroom!” and then gathering up our *empty lamps* to have them replenished. We cannot keep Christ apart from our lives here, and yet be fitted for His companionship in heaven. In the parable the wise virgins *had oil in their vessels with their lamps*. Their light burned with undimmed flame through the night of watching. It helped *to swell* the illumination for the bridegroom’s honor. *Shining* out in the darkness, it helped to illuminate the way to the home of the bridegroom, to the marriage feast.
- So the followers of Christ are to *shed light* into the darkness of the world. Through the Holy Spirit, *God’s word is a light* as it becomes a transforming power in the life of the receiver. By implanting in their hearts the principles of His word, the Holy Spirit develops in men the attributes of God. The *light of His glory—His character*—is to *shine* forth in His followers. Thus they are to glorify God, to lighten the path to the Bridegroom’s home, to the city of God, to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”
Christ’s Object Lessons, 412 – 414, Italics Added.

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4. Who are the Wise Virgins in Matthew 25?

- “It is the darkness of misapprehension of God that is enshrouding the world. Men are losing their knowledge of His character. It has been misunderstood and misinterpreted. At this time a message from God is to be proclaimed, a message *illuminating* in its influence and saving in its power. His character is to be made known. Into the darkness of the world is to be shed the *light of His glory*, the *light* of His goodness, mercy, and truth.” Christ’s Object Lessons, 415, Italics Added.

In Part VI the Message of the Trumpet Continues to Identify the Wise Virgins in Matthew 25. And these questions will be answered:

1. Who Are the Wise Virgins in the Parable of Matthew 25?
2. What is the Connection Between the 5 Wise Virgins and the 144000?

These important questions will be answered in Part VI of The Message of the Trumpet. Until then, let us pray, fast and prepared to be among the 5 Wise Virgins.