

Give me oil in my lamp  
keep me burning



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ARISE, SHINE  
YOUR LIGHT HAS COME



'As in the Days of Noah'





## Looked at Noah:

1. Noah had favour [grace]
2. Righteous
3. Blameless
4. Walked with God

## Parallels with Ark / Noah and Jesus -

**#1 We need to be in JESUS** | Relationally and Scripturally

- Obedient to God in this season of our life

**#2 And prophetically, do we hear?** | 'As in the days of Noah'?



## **Matthew 24:37–39 (NIV)**

**37 As it was in the days of Noah**, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.





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**Matthew 24:**<sup>9</sup> “Then you will be handed over to be **persecuted** and put to death, and you will be **hated** by all nations because of me. <sup>10</sup> At that time **many will turn away from the faith** and will **betray** and **hate** each other, <sup>11</sup> and many **false prophets** will appear and **deceive** many people. <sup>12</sup> Because of the **increase of wickedness [lawlessness]**, the love of most will grow cold, <sup>13</sup> **but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.** <sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come...

A close-up photograph of a lit oil lamp. The lamp is made of a dark, textured material, possibly metal or stone, and has a small opening where a flame is burning. The flame is bright yellow and orange, with a blue base. The background is a warm, golden-brown color, suggesting a textured surface like parchment or stone. The overall lighting is soft and warm, creating a sense of illumination and guidance.

Jesus continues as we  
read on... Again,  
Scripture will help us in  
these times...



## 2. Scripture: Parable of the 10 Virgins

Matthew 25:1 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like 10 virgins  
*[a]* - Or bridesmaids- who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. 2 Five of them were foolish and five were sensible. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they didn’t take olive oil with them. 4 But the sensible ones took oil in their flasks with their lamps. 5 Since the groom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 “In the middle of the night there was a shout: ‘Here’s the groom! Come out to meet him.’ 7 “Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 But the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, ‘Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.’ 9 “The sensible ones answered, ‘No, there won’t be enough for us and for you. Go instead to those who sell, and buy oil for



yourselves.’ 10 “When they had gone to buy some, the groom arrived. Then those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 “Later the rest of the virgins also came and said, ‘Master, master, open up for us!’ 12 “But he replied, ‘I assure you: I do not know you!’ 13 “Therefore be alert, because you don’t know either the day or the hour.



## 2.1 Context and Symbolism:



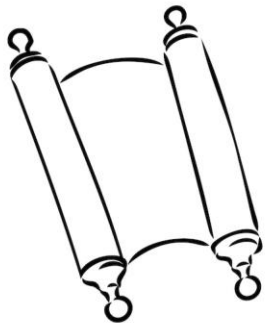
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### **STEPS I** Parable at the hand of the ancient Jewish wedding

### **Symbolism**

1. **First, betrothal** (which involved the prospective groom's traveling from his father's house to the home of the prospective bride, paying the purchase price, and thus establishing the marriage covenant);  
- gifts given, engaged

1. The marriage covenant was established at the **First Coming of Christ**.  
**Whenever a person places their faith in Jesus Christ**, they enter into this covenant (the New Covenant) and become part of His bride.  
- Blood of Jesus: Purchase price – establish covenant  
- engaged  
- Drink the cup and receive  
→ Faith Christ, drink of Him, receive engagement ring – Holy Spirit and gifts



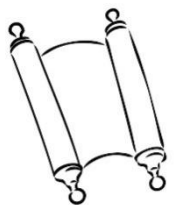


**2. Second, the groom's returning to his father's house** (which meant remaining separate from his bride for 12 months, during which time he prepared the living accommodations for his wife in his father's house); Cleansing, lady

2. Since the **ascension of Jesus** following His resurrection, He has been at His Father's house **preparing** the bridal chamber:  
**Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions (μοναί [monai] , dwelling places); if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.** John 14:1-3

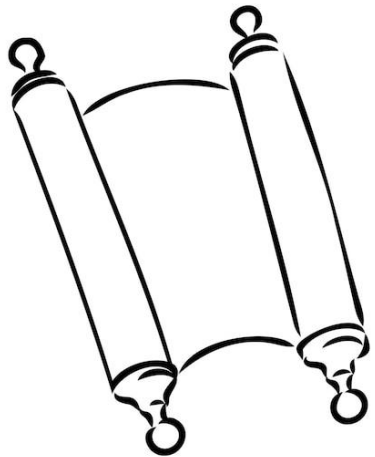
**3. Third, the groom's coming for his bride at a time not known** exactly to her; Bride had to be ready. Her lamp ready, burning.  
→ The groom fetches the bride to bring her to his father's house.

**3. Jesus is coming back for us**  
Only the Father in Jewish customs knew – **same with the Father..**  
→ At a time determined by the father  
Matthew 24:36



**4. Fourth, his return with her to the groom's father's house** to consummate the marriage and to celebrate the wedding feast for the next seven days (during which the bride remained secluded in her bridal chamber)

**4. We, as the bride, will return home with Christ**





## 2.2 Be Awake, be aware:

Verse 5 **Since the groom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.**

“Arise, shine.” | Arise = be awake

Note the difference





## 2.3 Oil of Intimacy and Care

Oil speaks of the Holy Spirit

Wise had enough, the foolish not

Amount of oil is the only difference.

→ They waited differently

**Ephesians 5:18** And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit

- Sin

- Be continually filled and receive refilling

A close-up photograph of a lit candle in a rustic, dark-colored holder. The candle is lit, with a bright yellow and orange flame rising from the wick. The background is a warm, textured surface, possibly a wall or a piece of fabric, in shades of brown and orange. The overall lighting is soft and warm, creating a cozy and contemplative atmosphere.

How can we be ready?  
Pay the price of walking  
by the Spirit, living in  
relationship with Jesus!



## **Buy oil:**

Verse 9 “The sensible ones answered, ‘No, there won’t be enough for us and for you. Go instead to those who sell, and buy oil for yourselves.’ 10 “When they had gone to buy some, the groom arrived.”

- 1. Time with Him**
- 2. Bible | in the Word**
- 4. Aware and in the Spirit**
- 5. Obedience and service**
- 6. Gathering and worshipping – sharing | discipleship**

He will say: I know you!



## **2.4 Own Oil**

Wise or foolish | Nothing in-between  
As with the Rapture -

## **2.5 Unknown, expectation**

That is clear

## **2.6 Be Alert**

“Watch!”

Verse 13 “Therefore be alert, because you don’t know either the day or the hour.”



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Let's PRAY