**The Last Days & Purim**

**March 12, 2017**

**1. The story of Purim.**

**2. There is a Biblical Pattern.**

 Genesis 12:1-3 (NKJV)

 1 Now the Lord had said to Abram:

 “Get out of your country,

 From your family

 And from your father’s house,

 To a land that I will show you.

 2 I will make you a great nation;

 I will bless you

 And make your name great;

 And you shall be a blessing.

 3 I will bless those who bless you,

 And I will curse him who curses you;

 And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

**3. Historical Examples.**

1. Biblical History.
* Egypt
* Assyria
* Babylon

Jeremiah 25:8-12 (NKJV)

8“Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘Because you have not heard My words, 9behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,’ says the Lord, ‘and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land, against its inhabitants, and against these nations all around, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, a hissing, and perpetual desolations. 10Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp. **11And this whole land shall be a desolation *and* an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.**

12‘Then it will come to pass, **when seventy years are completed, *that* I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity,’ says the Lord; ‘and I will make it a perpetual desolation.**

* Rome
1. Post Biblical History.
* Spain
* England
* Germany

**4. The Future.**

**~ The Parables of Matthew 25: On the Earth & Post 2nd Coming ~**

1) Matthew 25:1-13.

*The Spirit-Filled Life Bible* entitles this section:

The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

Matthew 25:1 & 13 – 1 “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom…. 13“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”

* Virgins – NKJV, TLV, Message, NIV NASB
* Bridesmaids – NLT, NRSV
* Maidens – RSV
* *Parthenos* [παρθένος] – a virgin, a marriageable maiden
* The “virgins” / “bridesmaids” may not be the “Bride” at all?

Psalm 45:14 (NKJV) – She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors; The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You.

Romans 8:9 (NKJV) – But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

2) Matthew 25:14-30.

*The Spirit-Filled Life Bible* entitles this section: The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:18-19, 25 (NKJV) – 18But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. 19After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them…. 25And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, *there* you have *what is* yours.

3) Matthew 25:31-46.

*The Spirit-Filled Life Bible* entitles this section: The Son of Man Will Judge the Nations.

Another NKJV entitles it, Judgment of the Gentiles

31“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. 33And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36I *was* naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’

37“Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You,* or thirsty and give *You* drink? 38When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You?* 39Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ 40And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of **the least of these My brethren**, you did *it* to Me.’

41“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’

44“Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ 45Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’ 46And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Nations (25:32) – ἔθνος [*ethnos*] KJV translates it as “Gentiles” 93 times, “nation” 64 times, “heathen” five times, and “people” twice.

Matthew 25:32 (NIV) – All the nations will be gathered before him.

Matthew 25:32 (TLV) – All the nations will be gathered before Him.

Matthew 25:32 (NASB) – “All the nations will be gathered before Him.

**~ At the Second Coming, Yeshua Judges Nations ~**

**Judgment of Nations –** Zechariah 14:16-19 (NKJV) – 16And it shall come to pass *that* everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. 17And it shall be *that* whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, on them there will be no rain. 18If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they *shall have* no *rain;* they shall receive the plague with which the Lord strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. 19This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

**Judgment of Individuals –** 2 Corinthians 5:5 (NKJV) – For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

* “The least of these my brethren” (Matthew 25:40)
* Son of David (ben David)
* Son of Joseph (ben Yosef)

Obadiah 18 (NKJV)

The house of Jacob shall be a fire,

And the house of Joseph a flame;

But the house of Esau *shall be* stubble;

They shall kindle them and devour them,

And no survivor shall *remain* of the house of Esau,”

For the Lord has spoken.

Genesis 30:24 (NKJV) – So she called his name Joseph, and said, “The Lord shall add to me another son.”

**Mark your calendar: Prayer for Israel** in The Mix @ 7 pm: April 11, May 16, Jun 6, Jul 11, Aug 8, Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 7, Dec 12.