

16 Topic: Hour of Temptation: Left Behind

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Synopsis

Short description of the study and its connection to the context of the end and how it's important.

Overview

- Introduction
- The Menorah and the Church
- There will be "tribulation saints"
- Parable of the 10 Virgins
- Hour of temptation
 - Future Time of Great Tribulation
- Conclusion

Details

- Introduction
 - Matthew 25:1-13 - Not all who wait expectantly go through the door to the marriage
 - All 10 are waiting for the bridegroom, only 5 are wise and 5 foolish
 - What differentiates them is the foolish took no oil for their lamps and so were not ready to meet the bridegroom when he came and they are shut out of the marriage.
 - The foolish plead to be let in, but are told the Lord doesn't know them.
 - I would recommend everyone do a word study of "Holy Ghost" and "Holy Spirit" to see exactly what the Rauch HaKodesh is doing when mentioned in scripture. The term "Holy Ghost" is only found in the New Testament while "Holy Spirit" is found in the Old and New Testaments. They both refer to the same Spirit of God. He is the presence of God Psalm 51:11, the fruits of which are seen in Galatians 5:22-26 and a gift from God. Luke 11:13 | 1 Thessalonians 4:8 | John 7:39 | Acts 2:33;38 | Acts 8:15-19 | Acts 10:45-47 What He does is:
 - relays to us God's Word 1 Thessalonians 1:5
 - baptizes us Matthew 3:11 | Mark 1:8 | Luke 3:16 | John 1:33 | Acts 1:5 | Acts 10:38 | Acts 11:16
 - seals us Ephesians 1:13 | Ephesians 4:30 | Romans 15:16
 - comforts us John 14:26 | Acts 9:31
 - renews us Titus 3:5
 - shows God's love in our hearts Romans 5:5
 - brings us joy Romans 14:17 | 1 Thessalonians 1:6
 - brings us hope Romans 15:13
 - speak for/through us Mark 13:11 | Luke 12:12 | Acts 1:16 | Acts 21:11 | Acts 28:25 | 2 Peter 1:21 | Jude 1:20
 - in other languages Acts 2:4
 - speaks to us 2 Corinthians 13:14
 - reveals to us Luke 2:26 | Acts 7:55 | 1 Corinthians 2:13 | 1 Corinthians 12:3 | Hebrews 3:7
 - sends us Acts 13:4
 - guides us Acts 16:6 | Acts 20:28 | 1 Peter 1:12
 - gives us gifts Hebrews 2:4

- approves us as ministers of God 2 Corinthians 6:6
 - witness with us Acts 5:32 | Romans 9:1 | Hebrews 10:15
 - And it was the Holy Ghost that implanted Christ into Mary's womb. Matthew 1:18-20 | Luke 1:35
 - We are the temples with which that Spirit dwells when we accept Christ and are obedient to His ways of selfless love. 1 Corinthians 6:19
- Hebrews 1:8-9 - Yeshua loved righteousness and hated iniquity and was anointed with oil of gladness above all His fellows.
 - We saw this at Christ's baptism that began His ministry. (REF History: The Moedim (Appointed Times))
- Psalm 119:106 - God's Word sweeter than honey and through God's precepts we gain understanding. It is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
 - The Holy Spirit is the author of the Word through the prophets and by it we are not in darkness. The Holy Spirit also brings it to remembrance
- Overview Timeline
 - As this study piggybacks off the harpazo study, the timeline of this would line up with it. However, this covers the duration of the great tribulation after the harpazo has taken place. So it, for the most part, covers the final 1,230 days or so of the reign of the false christ after the bride is taken and faithful Israel is protected in the wilderness.
- The Menorah and the Church
 - Revelation 1:9-20 - "I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man...The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches."
 - "The menorah, made from a single piece of solid gold, stands in the southern side of the Sanctuary. Each morning a priest prepares and rekindles the wicks. The central wick, known as "the western candle" is required to burn perpetually. The oil and wicks of this candle are changed in such a fashion as to insure that it will never be extinguished." | The Temple Institute
 - 2 witnesses - These olive trees are associated with having an anointing standing before the God of the earth.
 - Zechariah 4 - "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts...What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the LORD of the whole earth." The menorah is pictured with the oil from the olive trees that empty the oil into the lamps.
 - Revelation 11:3-5 - "I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth." These two are the two witnesses in the future who will bear witness in Jerusalem until they are killed during the 70th week of Daniel.
 - This symbol of anointing olive oil being the fuel for the lamps
 - Acts 2:1-4 - Tongues of fire at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came on the church
 - Picture of the bride
 - Romans 7:1-4 - "ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God."
 - Ephesians 5:25-27 - "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."
 - Ephesians 5:29-32 - "For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and

cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church."

- 2 Corinthians 11:1-3 (Paul speaking to the church) - "Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."
- Ephesians 5:22,23 - "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body."
- 1 John 4:15-21 - "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also."
- Regarding the menorah, an interesting connection I feel is the connection with the lamp and the oil. The lamp and wick itself does not burn except it is fueled by the oil and having the fuel produces the flame that gives light. As Christians we are anointed with the Holy Spirit and it is the Holy Spirit that teaches and guides us through the Word of God. It was the Holy Ghost that authored the Bible through the 40 authors that wrote the 66 books. 2 Peter 1:16-21 God's Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Psalm 119:104,105 By knowing and obeying His Word, we communicate in prayer and have the Holy Spirit dwelling inside us all. This is the Spirit in us bringing the Word of God to remembrance so that we can be a light to the world. John 14:23-30 At Pentecost the Holy Spirit manifest as tongues of fire, which is exactly what each candle of the menorah representing the seven churches has when lit, tongues of fire. I believe the menorah is the representation of the bride of Christ. The connecting scripture to all of this is Matthew 25:1-13 regarding the kingdom of heaven, the 10 virgins and the escape of the bride to the marriage of the Lamb. For more...Perhaps the realization of the menorah and the church being taken is how the Gentiles provoke Israel to jealousy and the blinders are removed at the fullness of the Gentiles. Romans 11
 - John 12:35-36 - "Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: **for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.** These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them."
 - 2 Peter 1:19-21 - "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: **Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake [as they were] moved by the Holy Ghost.**"
 - Psalm 119:104-105 - "Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. NUN. **Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.**"
 - Exodus 27:20-21 - "And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that **they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always.** In the tabernacle of the congregation without the vail, which [is] before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the LORD: [it shall

- be] **a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.**"
- Revelation 1:12-13, 20 - "And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, **I saw seven golden candlesticks**; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks [one] like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. ... The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and **the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.**"
 - Leviticus 24:1-4 - "And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Command the children of Israel, that **they bring unto thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually.** Without the vail of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the LORD continually: [it shall be] a statute for ever in your generations. **He shall order the lamps upon the pure candlestick before the LORD continually.**"
 - Luke 11:33-36 - "No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth [it] in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light. **The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light**; but when [thine eye] is evil, thy body also [is] full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. **If thy whole body therefore [be] full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.**"
 - Joel 2:28-29 - And it shall come to pass afterward, [that] **I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh**; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.
 - Acts 2:16-17 - But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And **it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh**: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:"
 - We see the prophecy of Joel and fulfillment when the Holy Spirit was poured out like oil, and it should be noted that if a day to the Lord is as 1,000 years, then the last days would refer to the past 2,000 years since Shavuot when the Holy Spirit was first poured out. It is the end of these last days that "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come." The day of the Lord marks the start of the parousia of the Lord in judgment, then taking the kingdoms and ruling for 1,000 years.
 - We are anointed with the Holy Spirit when we walk in obedience. Yeshua pointed to the Father who sent Him and Yeshua has sent us out to point to Him as the way to the Father. If we live by the Spirit, we will be a light in this dark world as Yeshua was, anointed with the Holy Spirit at the start of His ministry. Let us not hide our light, and show God's selfless love in a dark world full of cold hearts.
 - This symbology of oil and flame and light all fits with the concept that when Yeshua comes only half of those who are part of the church, waiting for Christ's return, are known by Yeshua by His Spirit because the foolish virgins spoke with their lips, but their hearts were far from Him. How many that go to church and claim to be Christians do not live in obedience and have a relationship with Christ? How many idolize the world and feign relationship with God? We do not know, but I believe it will be these that will be cast into great tribulation, it will be their hour of temptation, trial through fire. My prayer is that you, along with myself, continue to build our relationship with Christ personally so that we can be ever more filled with His Spirit and be a good witness to bring others to their own

- relationship with the One that saved them too.
- Isaiah 29:10-16 - Speaking of Israel, "Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men"
 - Revelation 2:22 - Thyatira will be cast into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds
 - Recalling spiritual adultery was going after other gods and/or having idols.
 - 1 Corinthians 8:1-3 - "if any man love God, the same is known of him."
 - Revelation 3:10 - Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.
 - There will be "tribulation saints"
 - The catching away happens after the start of the great tribulation.
 - The catching away will remove the dead and living in Christ such that none will be left on earth except for those left behind, the 5 foolish virgins.
 - Revelation 20:4-5 - "souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."
 - There will be those between the catching away and the first resurrection after Christ's takes the kingdoms who are explicitly stated to have dealt with the image and mark of the beast.
 - This is opposed to the time of Jacob's trouble that starts at the kingdom of the antichrist where a short period from which Israel is saved leaves little time for the image and mark of the beast to be implemented. He comes to power on God's timing, not his own. (restrainer and fifth seal)
 - Given the catching away happens before God's wrath yet after the abomination of desolation, and the church (Jew and Gentile) will be removed at that time, then it follows that the only ones who could be resurrected in the Messianic kingdom are those who died in Christ after the catching away, during phase two of the great tribulation.
 - Parable of the 10 Virgins
 - Matthew 25:1-13 - "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."
 - Five wise virgins have oil in their lamp and are ready to go when called by the bridegroom.
 - Luke 12:35-40 - "Let your loins be girded about, and [your] lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately."
 - Five foolish virgins have no oil in their lamp and need to get some and so they are shut out of the marriage.
 - We saw the connection of the Holy Spirit in us and the oil that fuels the light we are to be in the world, showing the fruits of the Spirit in our lives, loving God and each other selflessly.
 - Matthew 7:13-23 - "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. ... And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you"
 - Relationship is what Yeshua is looking for in a bride, for it is those in relationship with Him by the Spirit and eagerly await His coming that He desires to become one with.
 - Hour of temptation
 - Example of the temptations of Christ 40 days and nights in the wilderness before He started His ministry
 - Temptation 1: Hunger, turn the rocks into bread (man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God)

- Jacob and Esau - Esau gave up his inheritance for a bowl of soup because he found no value in it
- Eternal rejection for temporal sustenance or desires
- Yeshua called Himself the bread of life. John 6:31-71
 - ◆ It's interesting that this passage reveals it was hard for many to hear and some stopped following Him at this point
 - ◆ John 6:63 Yeshua clarifies this physical eating and drinking to be spiritual in nature, accepting the sacrifice and receiving eternal life, what believers symbolize in communion to this day.
- Temptation 2: Physical safety, using His status as the Son of God to prevent any harm from coming to Him (do not tempt the Lord your God)
 - Yeshua said in the first temptation to live by the word of God, so Satan quotes Psalm 91:11-12, being saved by the angels when casting Himself from the pinnacle of the temple
 - Yeshua knew His role as He mentioned in the above passage. He came from heaven to do the will of His Father, who gave His only begotten Son that whoever believed in Him, though they were dead, would live. John 3:16
 - His whole mission coming to earth was the opposite of what the devil was offering Him. The temptation was the salvation from physical death.
- Temptation 3: Power and Authority, shown the kingdoms of the world and offered by the devil to be given them if He bowed down and worshipped him (it's written we shall worship the Lord God and only serve Him)
 - the goal of the devil to be like the Most High. Isaiah 14:12-15
 - The temptation was rejection of the eternal God to worship the devil in return for temporary rule of the physical kingdoms
- This represents the temptations to put off the eternal spiritual for the temporal physical
- Future Time of Great Tribulation
 - The time of great tribulation is split into two phases, starting in Judea and focused on Israel, then transitioning globally. Around the time of that transition is the catching away of the bride
 - ★ □ Watch the abomination of desolation, great tribulation, and day of the Lord videos to understand more detail
 - For those who are alive and not caught up to the marriage of the Lamb, they will be on earth for a very difficult time where the dragon, Satan, has given his power and authority on the earth to the man of sin, who will be searching out and killing anyone who does not worship him. Anyone who does worship him is cut off eternally from God and will die the second death, eternally in the lake of fire.
 - Just as Yeshua was tempted to give up His eternal destiny for temporary things, so too will those living through this time.

May God continue to bless you as you remain in Him.

Associated studies

- [Great Tribulation](#)
- [Harpazo: The Blessed Hope](#)
- [The Moedim: Appointed Times](#)

References

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More than just a focus on the catching away, several topics led to focusing in on the exact day framework of the 70th week of Daniel, the focus of the unparalleled time of Jacob's trouble Yeshua pointed to in the Olivet Discourse, and the distinction of the relationship of the faithful woman of Revelation 12 and the dragon. This pointed to a two-phase aspect of the time the dragon gives the man of sin his power and authority, which we know lasts for 42 months or 3 ½ years. Daniel 7:25 | Daniel 12:7 | Revelation 13:5

Phase one is an approximate month focused on Israel in Judea followed by the remaining time once that woman is protected in the wilderness for 1,260 days from the dragon. This comes from Daniel 12:11 pinning the start of 1,290 days to the abomination of desolation. This is the same start of the 1,260 days of the man of sin. However, we know from Matthew 24:15-22, Mark 13:14-20, Jeremiah 30:4-6, and Daniel 12:1 this time at the abomination of desolation is focused on those in Judea, Daniel's people and his holy city Jerusalem. Furthermore, we know this time is cut short and Jacob is saved out of it.

This doesn't mean the 1,260-day reign of the man of sin is cut short though. Rather that the unparalleled time of Jacob's trouble in Judea is cut short, which we see in the depiction of Revelation 12:6, 14-16 where the woman is taken on wings of an eagle reminiscent of Exodus 19:4 when brought out of Egypt. Interestingly Jerusalem in the end times is associated with Egypt. Revelation 11:8

Phase two is seen in the transition of Revelation 12:17 where once the faithful Israel is protected from him in the wilderness, the dragon turns his attention globally to the remnant of Israel outside of Judea and those who hold the testimony of Christ. This is the final 1,230 days of the reign of the man of sin.

When Yeshua gives the Olivet Discourse, he times the sixth seal and the coming of the Son of man immediately after the tribulation of those days, being that unparalleled tribulation in Judea that Jacob is saved out of. Matthew 24:29-31 And it is at this time Luke's account tells us this is when we should look up because our redemption draws nigh. Indeed, we see in the Olivet Discourse that it is at this time that the elect are gathered from one end of heaven to the other. Not to mention the order of Revelation 6-8 in depicting this same sequence of the sixth seal, sealing of the 144,000 before the earth is hurt, multitudes before the throne that was empty earlier in John's vision, and leading to the seventh seal and trumpet judgements. This same sequence is confirmed with all the passages regarding the signs of the sixth seal coming before the day of the Lord.

I bring all this up to highlight how I read Revelation 3:10, which is an opposite promise of Revelation 2:22 and I think marks this same time just after the time of Jacob's trouble and before the day of the Lord comes after the sixth seal. There seems a distinction made in the warning to Christians, echoing the parable of the 10 virgins in Matthew 25:1-13. It would seem that for believers not in right relationship with Christ at His coming they will be cast into great tribulation and enter into the hour of temptation. I was led recently to focus on the promise to be kept from the hour of temptation when keeping the word of patience. It led me to the temptations of Christ, which seemed focused on Satan tempting Christ with

the temptation of Esau, giving up His inheritance for temporal physical satisfaction or gain. From bread to satisfy his hunger, saving from death by the angels, or power over the kingdoms of the world if he bowed and worshipped Satan.

It seems to me that phase two of the time of great tribulation is what will primarily affect the church not kept from the hour of temptation and cast into great tribulation, shut out of the marriage at Christ's coming to gather His bride to Himself. During the remaining 1,230 days of the man of sin's power over the world, much of the world will willingly give into worshipping him because they have no foundation, and they won't be the focus of the dragon's wrath. However, those with faith and unwilling to give up their eternal lives for temporary reprieve from hunger or death at the hands of the dragon's worshippers will go through a great trying of that faith and those who keep the faith and are killed will receive the promise of the first resurrection. Revelation 20:4-6