

When Is Jesus Coming Back? Daniel 12, Matthew 24, and the Jewish Wedding Pattern

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When Is Jesus Coming Back? What Scripture Actually Says

Daniel 12:8 (NKJV)

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From Genesis to Revelation, only Daniel had the boldness to ask God directly: **when will the world end?** The answer unlocks how to read Matthew 24, the ten virgins, and the Jewish wedding pattern of Christ's return.

The Living Word Before the Teaching

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Isaiah 41:15 (NKJV)

"Behold, I will make you into a new threshing sceptor with sharp teeth; you shall thresh the mountains and beat them small, and make the hills like chaff."

2 Peter 1:19 (NKJV)

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

- Prophecy spoken is **fast** when declared — but Scripture read in the Bible is **faster and stable**
 - A **sure word** of prophecy = stable, fixed, dependable
 - These verses are for nations and companies — not casual reading only
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Occupy Till I Come — Keep Doing Business

Luke 19:13 (NKJV)

So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, “Do business till I come.”

- Jesus may return tomorrow — that does **not** mean stop business
 - Other translations: **“Occupy till I come”**
 - Live ready — but keep building, working, and establishing
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Daniel 12 — The Only Man Who Asked God “When?”

Daniel stood **on the water**, saw the Son of Man, and asked what shall be the end. God answered with specific numbers — not vague silence.

Daniel 12:8-13 (NKJV)

Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, “My lord, what shall be the end of these things?”

And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.

“And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.

But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.”

Detail	What Scripture Teaches
1,290 days	God gave a specific number — not “I don’t know”
1,335 days	If one number fails, another is given — like a password sequence
Sealed till time of the end	At the end, someone will be allowed to tell
“Go thy way, Daniel”	God’s answers are often not direct answers — He answers with questions or redirects

Key insight: The numbers are sealed codes until the **time of the end**, when understanding opens.

Matthew 24:36 — “Knoweth” Means “Not Allowed to Tell”

Matthew 24:36 (NKJV)

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.”

1 Corinthians 2:2 (NKJV)

For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Common Reading	Teaching
Jesus doesn’t know the day	Jesus is not allowed to declare the day — same Greek word family as Paul’s “not to know”
Paul knew nothing else	Paul chose not to tell other things — restricted to the cross in that message

Common Reading	Teaching
Nobody will ever know	Only the Father's office announces the time — like a Jewish father inspecting the son's house
Men and angels ignorant	Men and angels are not permitted to tell — ginosko/oida can mean declare, not merely perceive

- Jesus and the Father are one — if you have seen Me, you have seen the Father
- The restriction is **role and timing**, not ignorance
- At the time the disciples asked, the mansion was **not yet prepared**

Who Is the Bride? Jerusalem — Not the Church Label Alone

Revelation 21:9-10 (NKJV)

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

Isaiah 62:4-5 (NKJV)

You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Galatians 4:26 (NKJV)

But the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Term	Meaning in This Study
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Bride / Lamb's wife	Jerusalem — the great city shown to John
Beulah / Hephzibah	Land and city married to God
Jerusalem above	Our mother — wife of God in typology
Church as bride	Typological shadow — union pictured, not marriage certificate alone
Body of Christ	Church is the body — part of the bride picture by union, not label alone

Jewish Wedding Pattern — Why Jesus Said “I Don’t Tell”

Jesus used **Jewish wedding culture** to explain His return. The disciples asked when — culturally, the son could not announce the date until the father approved the finished room.

John 14:2-3 (NKJV)

“In My Father’s house are many mansions; 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.”

Jewish Wedding Step	Spiritual Parallel
Father builds ground floor; top floor left unfinished	Son must finish and live there with his bride
Son betrothed — bride waits, cannot travel freely	Church spoken for — stay ready
Son not allowed to tell bride the date	Only the father inspects the house and sends the son
Friends accompany the bridegroom	Church as friends of the bridegroom — John 15:15

Jewish Wedding Step	Spiritual Parallel
Trumpet blown in the street	Last trumpet — voice of archangel — 1 Thessalonians 4:16
Bridegroom calls her name	She recognises his voice among many maidens
Bride must come out immediately	Twinkling of an eye — no time to dress if unprepared
Seven circles around bride = married	Seven years in heaven — then return to earth
After seven years, couple visits her parents	After seven years we come back to earth

John 15:15 (NKJV)

“No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.”

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (NKJV)

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

- Servants don’t know the master’s schedule — **friends** of the bridegroom may be told when He is coming
- Intimacy with Christ moves you from servant distance to friend revelation
- We meet Him **in the clouds** — we go out to meet Him, not wait in our house

Matthew 25 — Ten Virgins (Full Parable)

Matthew 25:1-13 (NKJV)

“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

“And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

“Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”

Detail	Teaching Point
All ten were virgins	Outward purity alone does not guarantee readiness
All had lamps	They knew gospel basics — but five lacked oil
All slept	Even the wise slept — issue is oil at midnight, not sleep itself
Lamp without oil burns briefly	Temporary fire in church — not the baptism of the Spirit
Midnight cry	Voice forces the bride out — harpazo: seized and carried off by force
Foolish asked for oil too late	Readiness is about state at the moment , not past holiness
Door shut	Not action alone — timing and inner state matter

Grace insight: Stopping sin by willpower is self-righteousness. The word enters and light removes darkness from within — transformation is by grace through the Word,

not mere rule-keeping at the rapture hour.

1 Thessalonians 5 — You Already Know Perfectly

1 Thessalonians 5:1-4 (NKJV)

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

- Paul says he has **no need to write** when Jesus is coming — they know the pattern
 - **Know perfectly** — perfect knowledge of the wedding and thief-in-the-night pattern
 - "Peace and safety" crowd — sudden destruction; believers walk in light
 - Daniel 12:9 — sealed till end; at the end someone **will** be allowed to speak
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How to Live Until He Comes

1. **Do business till I come** — build, work, occupy (Luke 19:13)
 2. **Live as if no tomorrow** — plan as if 2,000 years remain
 3. **Keep oil in your vessel** — Holy Spirit readiness, not lamps alone
 4. **Guard one voice** — too many instructors oppose your father's instruction
 5. **Read Scripture daily** — faster and more stable than prophecy alone
 6. **Pursue intimacy** — friends of the bridegroom hear what servants do not
 7. **Watch the pattern** — trumpet, name, go out to meet Him in the clouds
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Every Scripture Referenced — Full List

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Luke 19:13	Do business till I come
Daniel 12:8-13	When? 1,290 / 1,335 days — sealed till end
Matthew 24:36	Not permitted to tell — Father announces
1 Corinthians 2:2	Not to tell — restricted to the cross
Revelation 21:9-10	Bride = holy Jerusalem
Isaiah 62:4-5	Land married — Beulah, Hephzibah
Galatians 4:26	Jerusalem above — our mother
John 14:2-3	Mansions — prepare a place
John 15:15	Friends not servants
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17	Trumpet, caught up in clouds
Matthew 25:1-13	Ten virgins — oil, midnight, door shut
1 Thessalonians 5:1-4	Know perfectly — day as thief

Bottom line: Jesus is not saying He is ignorant of the hour. He is saying — in Jewish wedding culture and in Daniel’s sealed word — the Father holds the announcement. Keep oil. Keep doing business. Go out to meet Him when the trumpet sounds.