The Midnight Cry

Watch therefore,
for ye know neither the day nor the hour
wherein the Son of man cometh.
Matthew 25:13 (NKJV)

THE TEN VIRGINS AND THE ONLY SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN

A FOOLISH VIRGIN
who was deceived by a serpent.

Genesis 3

THE MIDNIGHT CRY
Five wise. Five foolish.

Matthew 25

A WISE BRIDE
prepared for her Bridegroom.

Revelation 19

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!
how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!
Isaiah 14:12 (NKJV)

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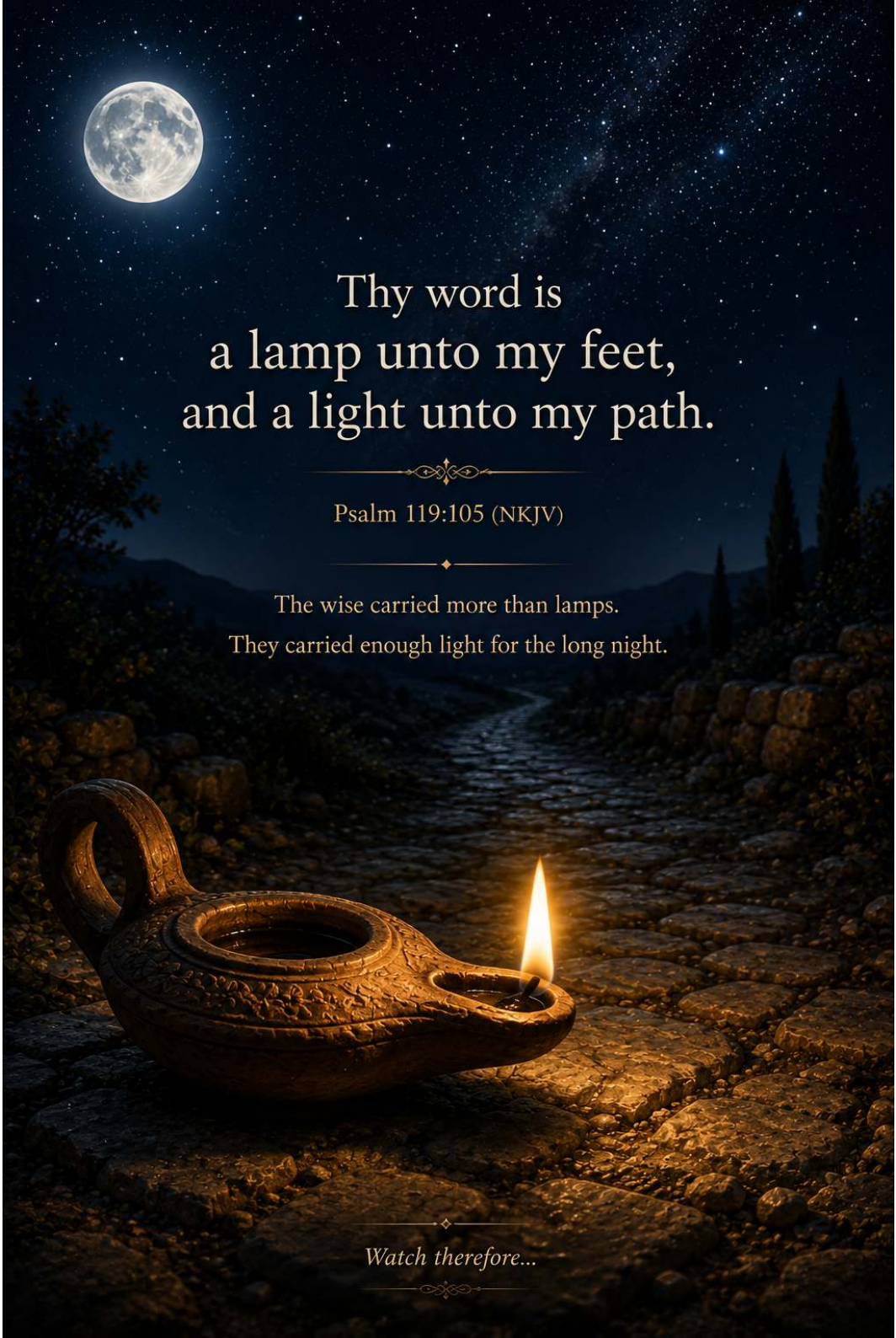
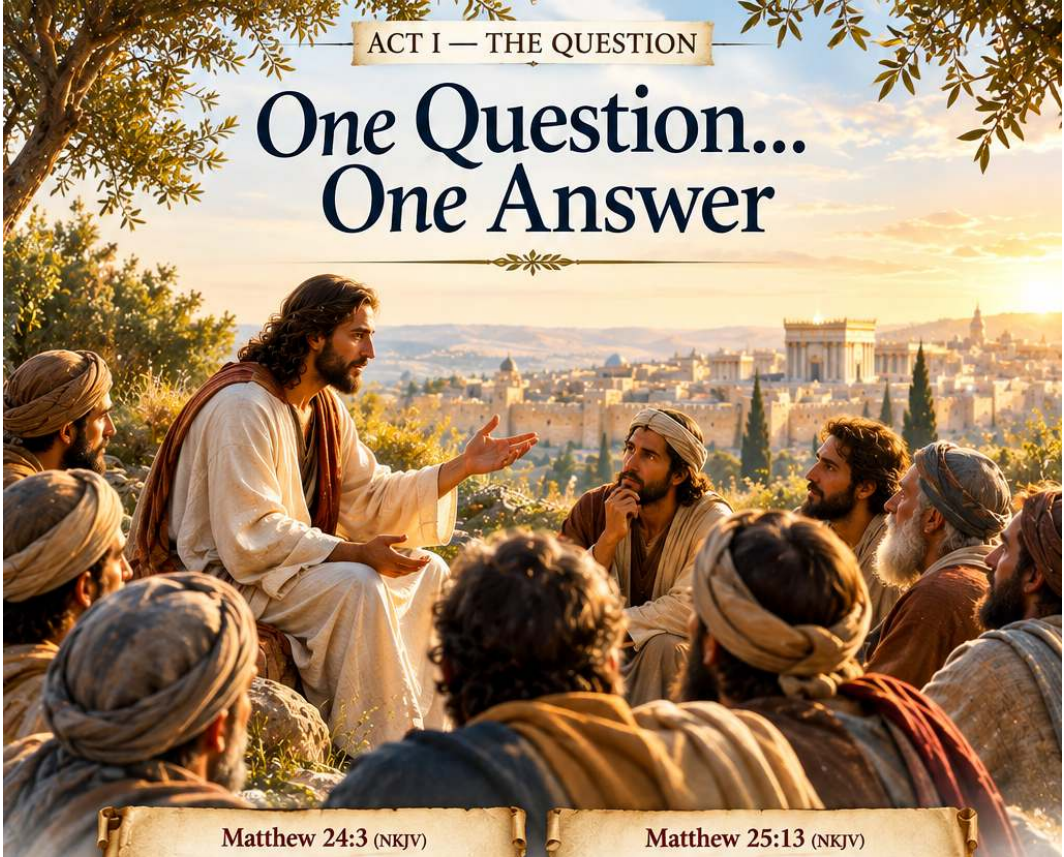

Thy word is
a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.
Psalm 119:105 (NKJV)
The wise carried more than lamps.
They carried enough light for the long night.
Watch therefore...

ACT I — THE QUESTION

One Question... One Answer



Matthew 24:3 (NKJV)

"…what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

Matthew 25:13 (NKJV)

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

Matthew 24 and Matthew 25 were never intended to be read as separate conversations.

The chapter division came many centuries later.

Yahshua gave one uninterrupted answer to the disciples' questions.

Matthew 24 presents the broad prophetic picture. Matthew 25 explains how His disciples should live while waiting for its fulfillment.

The Parable of the Ten Virgins is not a new subject. It is the continuation of the same answer.

What was the one sign that Yahshua wanted His disciples to watch for?

The Only Sign

MATTHEW 12:38–40 (NKJV)

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."

39 But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah."

40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

MATTHEW 16:1–4 (NKJV)

1 Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him, asked Him to show them a sign from heaven.

2 But He answered and said to them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.'

3 "And in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and cloudy.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times."

4 "A wicked and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah."

Twice the religious leaders demanded a sign.
Twice Yahshua gave the same answer.
Not another miracle. Not another wonder. Only one sign.
The Sign of Jonah.
Years later, while answering His disciples on the Mount of Olives,
Yahshua again spoke of the sign of the Son of Man.
Could these be connected?
The journey now begins.

Why did Yahshua repeatedly point to only one sign?

QUESTION · **ONLY SIGN** · WATCH THEREFORE · TEN VIRGINS · MIDNIGHT CRY · MAN CHILD · BRIDE

Watch Therefore

MATTHEW 24:36 (NKJV)
"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only."

MATTHEW 24:42 (NKJV)
"Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming."

MATTHEW 25:13 (NKJV)
"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

Yahshua did not tell His disciples to calculate dates.

He told them to **watch.**

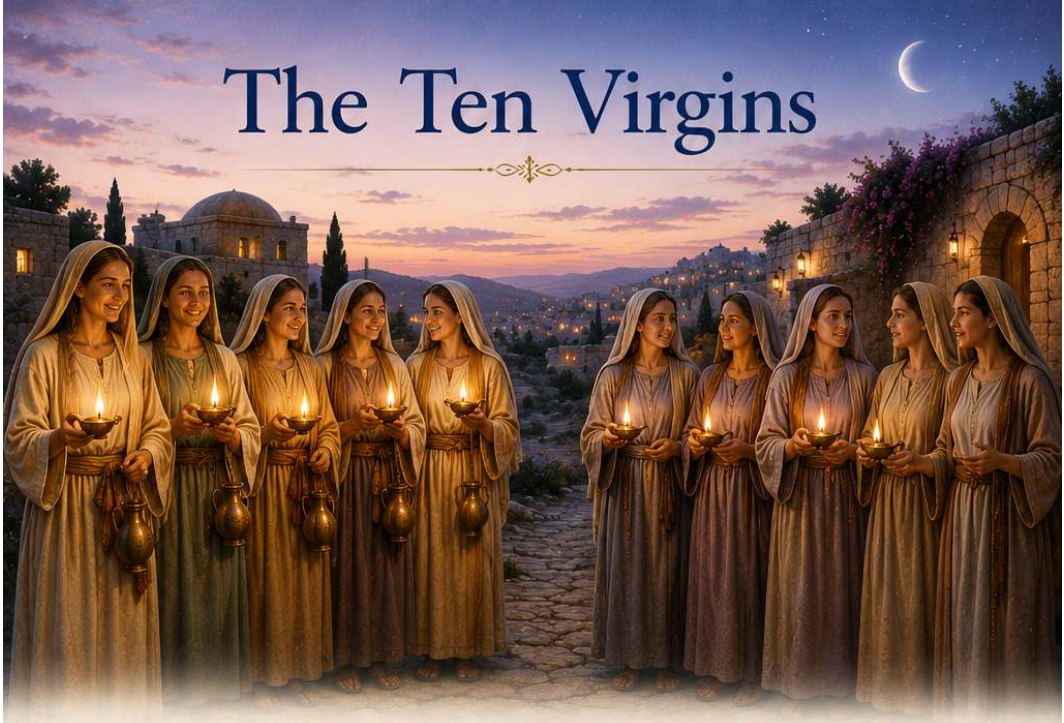
His instruction was not based on knowing when He would come...

but on being prepared **whenever He came.**

The Parable of the Ten Virgins is His first explanation of what true **watchfulness** looks like.

What distinguished the five who were ready from the five who were not?

The Ten Virgins



MATTHEW 25:1–5 (NKJV)

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom."

2 "Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish."

3 "Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them,

4 "but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps."

5 "But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept."

All ten were waiting for the same Bridegroom.

- All ten carried lamps.
- All ten appeared ready when the journey began.
- The difference was hidden in their preparation.
- The wise carried something extra.
- The foolish assumed that what they already possessed would be enough.
- The coming delay would reveal which understanding was sufficient for the long night.

Why did the wise expect the wait to last longer?

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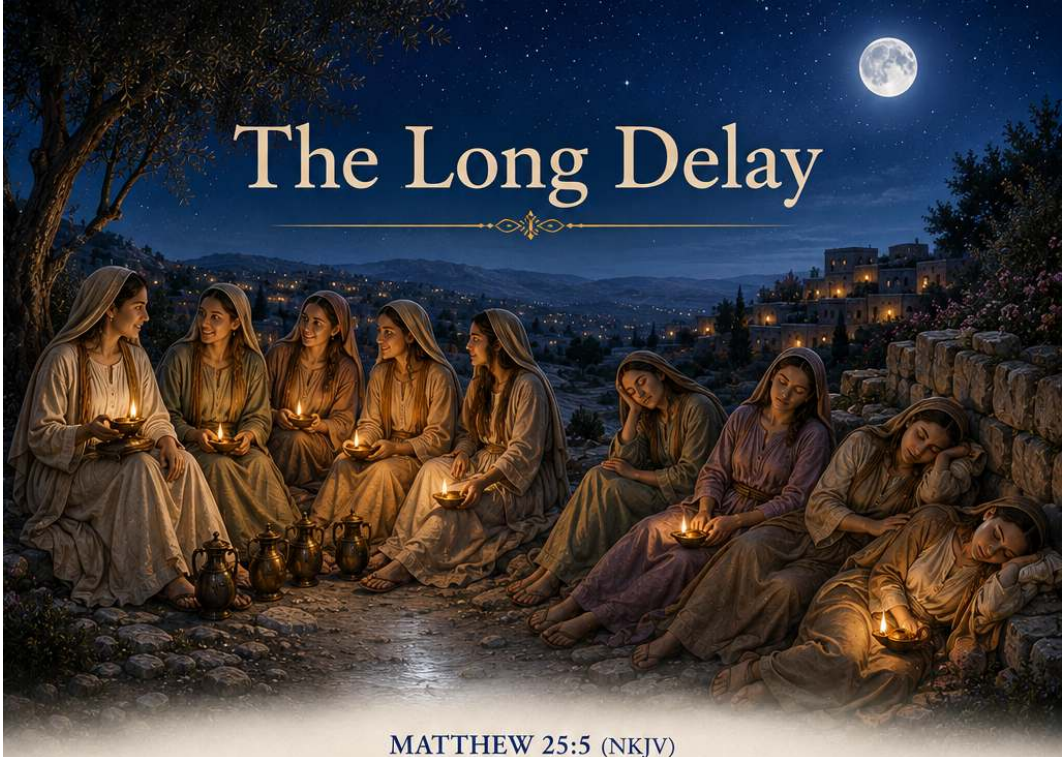
The Long Delay



MATTHEW 25:5 (NKJV)

"But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept."

- The delay was not an interruption. It was part of the story.
- All ten slept.
- The wise did not remain awake longer.
- The foolish did not sleep more deeply.
- Sleep was never the difference.
- The delay simply revealed who had prepared for a longer wait.

Was the Bridegroom's delay itself part of the Only Sign? ?

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The Midnight Cry

"Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him!"
MATTHEW 25:6 (NKJV)

MATTHEW 25:6–9 (NKJV)

6 "But at midnight a cry was heard:
'Behold, the Bridegroom cometh;
go ye out to meet Him!' "
7 "Then all those virgins arose and
trimmed their lamps.
8 'And the foolish said to the wise,
'Give us some of your oil,
for our lamps are going out.'
9 "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.' "

- The cry came at midnight.
- All ten heard the same announcement.
- The wise were ready immediately.
- The foolish discovered their preparation was insufficient.
- The difference became visible only when the cry was heard.

SCRIPTURE ECHOES

MATTHEW 25:6 (NKJV)

"But at midnight a cry was heard:
'Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him!' "

→ **MATTHEW 24:30** (NKJV)

"Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

→ **REVELATION 12:5** (NKJV)

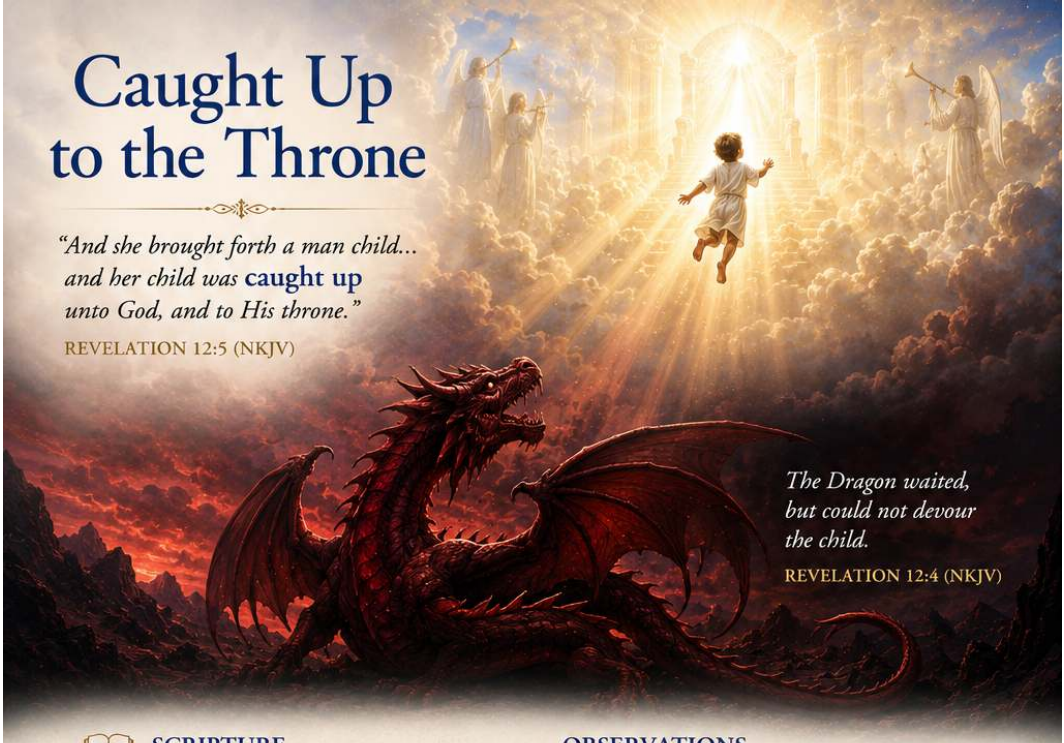
"And she brought forth a Man Child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her child was caught up to God and to His throne."

Could these passages describe different views of the same prophetic event? ?

Caught Up to the Throne

"And she brought forth a man child... and her child was **caught up** *unto God, and to His throne."*

REVELATION 12:5 (NKJV)



The Dragon waited, but could not devour the child.

REVELATION 12:4 (NKJV)

SCRIPTURE

REVELATION 12:5 (NKJV)
And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her child was **caught up unto God, and to His throne.**

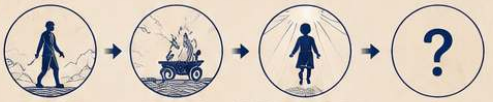
REVELATION 12:13 (NKJV)
Now when the dragon saw that he was cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the man child.

REVELATION 12:17 (NKJV)
Then the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Yahshua Messiah.

OBSERVATIONS

- The Dragon waited.
- The child was caught up.
- The Dragon could not prevent God's purpose.
- Unable to reach the child, he turned against the woman...
- ...and finally against the remnant of her seed.

A RECURRING PATTERN



ENOCH	ELIJAH	THE MAN CHILD	?
Genesis 5:24	2 Kings 2:11	Revelation 12:5	Revelation 12:17

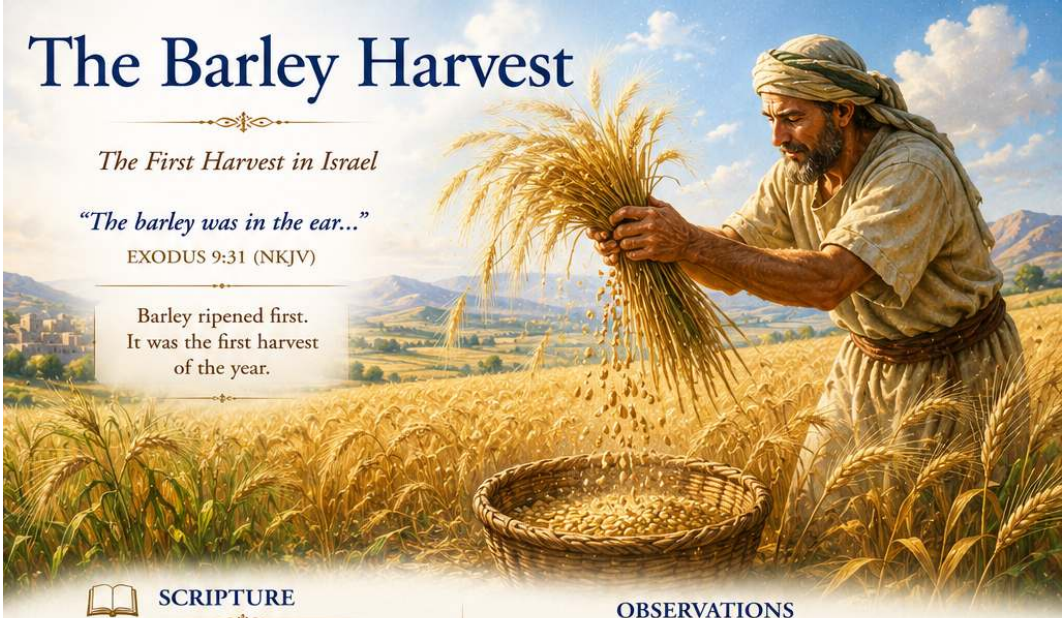
Could Scripture be describing the same event using different pictures?

The Barley Harvest

The First Harvest in Israel

"The barley was in the ear..."
EXODUS 9:31 (NKJV)

Barley ripened first.
It was the first harvest
of the year.



SCRIPTURE

EXODUS 9:31 (NKJV)
"The barley was in the ear,
and the flax was bolled."

LEVITICUS 23:10–11 (NKJV)
"Speak to the children of Israel,
and say to them: 'When you come
into the land which I give you,
and reap its harvest, then you shall
bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of
your harvest to the priest.'"

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20 (NKJV)
"But now Christ is risen
from the dead, and has become
the firstfruits of those who
have fallen asleep."

OBSERVATIONS

- The first harvest in Israel was barley.
- It ripened before every other grain.
- Its mature heads separated easily.
- A gentle shaking was sufficient.
- Later harvests required greater labour.

Throughout Scripture,
God frequently used Israel's
agricultural calendar
to teach His redemptive purposes.

SCRIPTURE PICTURES

BARLEY HARVEST
Ripens first.
Easiest to gather.

FIRSTFRUITS
Presented first
to the Lord.

CAUGHT UP TO THE THRONE
Received first
into His presence.

WISE VIRGINS
Ready for
the Bridegroom.

?

?
Could there be
more to follow?

The wind separates only what is already ripe.

Are these different pictures describing the same first gathering? ?

QUESTION · ONLY SIGN · WATCH THEREFORE · TEN VIRGINS · THE LONG DELAY · THE MIDNIGHT CRY · CAUGHT UP TO THE THRONE · THE BARLEY HARVEST

The Three Deliverances

God takes His own.

SCRIPTURE

GENESIS 5:24 (NKJV)

"And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him."

SCRIPTURE

2 KINGS 2:11 (NKJV)

"So it was, while they still went on and talked, that behold, a chariot of fire appeared, with horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven."

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 25:10 (NKJV)

"And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut."

A SIMPLE COMPARISON

PICTURE	WHAT HAPPENED
ENOCH	Walked with God... and was not.
ELIJAH	Went up by a whirlwind.
WISE VIRGINS	Went in with Him to the marriage.

THREE GREAT DELIVERANCES

A PATTERN THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE

Is Scripture inviting us to recognize another appointed gathering? ?

THE QUESTION · ONE ANSWER · THE ONLY SIGN · WATCH THEREFORE · THE TEN VIRGINS · THE LONG DELAY · THE MIDNIGHT CRY · CAUGHT UP TO THE THRONE · **THE BARLEY HARVEST** · THE THREE DELIVERANCES · THE WISE BRIDE

The First Virgin

In the beginning, God gave the first bride to Adam.

SCRIPTURE

GENESIS 2:21–22 (NKJV)

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and brought her to the man.

OBSERVATIONS

- Adam was in a deep sleep.
- One rib was taken from his side.
- The flesh was closed in its place.
- The virgin was presented to Adam.

The first bride in Scripture came forth in three distinct stages.

THREE STAGES OF HER CREATION

1	2	3	4
ADAM SLEEPS	RIB TAKEN	FLESH CLOSED	VIRGIN PRESENTED
Genesis 2:21a	Genesis 2:21b	Genesis 2:21c	Genesis 2:22

God's design was perfect. Purity, relationship, and peace were His gift to the first couple.

What became of the first virgin?

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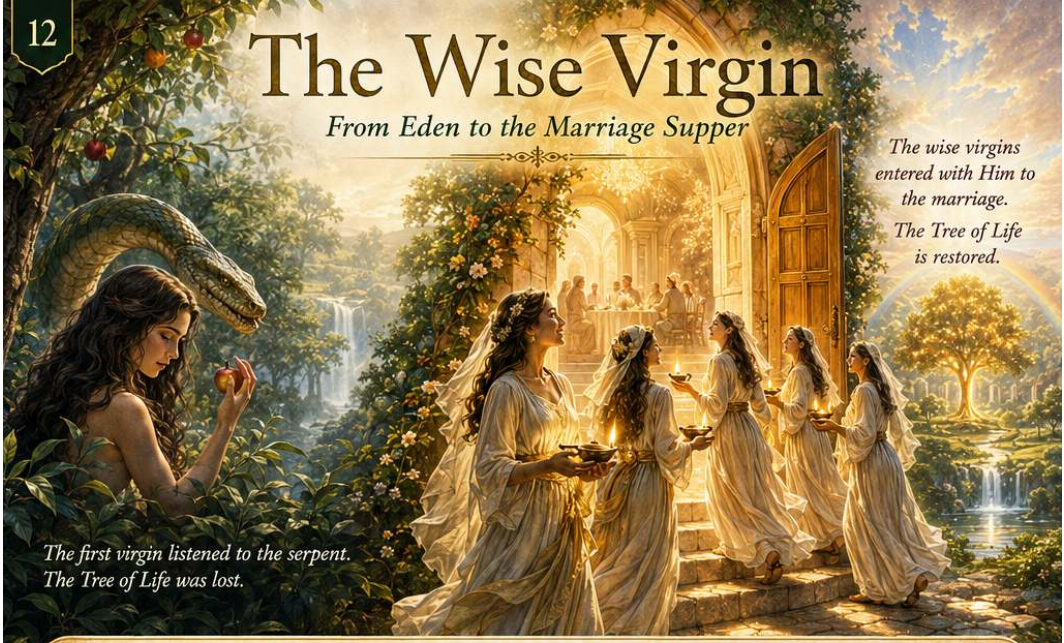
The Wise Virgin

From Eden to the Marriage Supper



The first virgin listened to the serpent.
The Tree of Life was lost.

The wise virgins entered with Him to the marriage.
The Tree of Life is restored.

SCRIPTURE

GENESIS 3:6 (NKJV)
"She took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate."

MATTHEW 25:10 (NKJV)
"And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with Him to the marriage; and the door was shut."

REVELATION 19:7 (NKJV)
"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

THE STORY BEGINS… AND ENDS

The Bible opens with a virgin.
She listened to the serpent.
She was deceived.
The Tree of Life was lost.

The Bible closes with a Bride.
She has made herself ready.
The marriage supper begins.
The Tree of Life is restored.

THE WISE WERE READY

- The wise virgins were not wiser because they possessed brighter lamps.
- They were wise because they carried enough oil to sustain those lamps through the long night.
- The darkness did not surprise them.
- They had prepared for it.

The Only Sign of the Son of Man points to
three days and three nights.
The wise prepared for the long night before the Bridegroom came.

The first virgin believed the serpent.

The wise virgin believed the Bridegroom.

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."
— MATTHEW 25:13 (NKJV)