

# Treasure Hunt

- What other applications does our Lord make of the principle in v. 29?
- What is the significance of the similarity between 24:30-31 and 25:31?
- How many end-time judgments can we distinguish?
- Which of them is reflected in 25:31-46?
- Who is being judged in this passage?
- Who is doing the judging?
- What is the basis of the judgment, and why is it appropriate for determining one's eternal destiny (v. 46)?

# Overview of the Olivet Discourse

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3. Times of the Gentiles (Lk 21:24)	24:14	10	24b	Jerusalem is subdued by the Gentiles (Luke) and the gospel goes forth throughout all the world (Matthew).
4. Great Tribulation (Mt 24:21)	24:15-28	14-23	(Lacking)	“The abomination of desolation” (Dan 9:27), at the middle of Daniel’s seventieth week.
5. Coming of Son of Man (Mt 24:30)	24:29-31	24-27	25-28	Cosmic signs, return of Christ in glory, gathering of his saints
(6. Interlude)	24:32-25:30	28-37	29-36	Parables about, and exhortations to, watchfulness
7. Separation	25:31-46	(Lacking)		Final Judgment

# The Saying of v. 29

Here: applied to managing our gifts for the Lord.

Application to understanding:

Pro 9:8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. 9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning.

Mat 13:10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? 11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. 12 **For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.**

Application to understanding (cont.)

Mar 4:24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given. 25 **For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.** *cf. Lk 8:18*

Application to the Jewish nation:

Mat 21:43 Therefore say I unto you, **The kingdom of God shall be taken from you** [the Jewish leaders who reject him], **and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.**

# Picking Up the Story

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Mat 24:30 they shall see the **Son of man coming** in the clouds of heaven with power and great **glory**. 31 And he shall send his **angels** with a great sound of a trumpet,...

Mat 25:31 When the **Son of man** shall **come** in his **glory**, and all the **holy angels** with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his **glory**:

*External inclusio* picks up the chronological narrative

Matt 19:28	Rev 20:4-6
ye <b>which have followed me</b> , in the <b>regeneration</b> when the <b>Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory</b> , ye also shall <b>sit upon twelve thrones</b> , <b>judging</b> the twelve tribes of Israel.	4 And I saw <b>thrones, and they sat upon them</b> , and <b>judgment</b> was given unto them: and <i>I saw</i> the souls of them that were beheaded <b>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</b> a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This <i>is</i> the first <b>resurrection</b> . 6 Blessed and holy <i>is</i> he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall <b>reign with him</b> a thousand years.

# A Tentative Synopsis of End Time Judgments

	Anti-christ	Second Coming			Judgment of Nations	Millen-nium	Satan's Rebellion	Judgment of Wicked Dead
		Rapture	Judgment of Saints	Descent to Earth				
<b>Rev 13-20</b>	13-18			19:6-21	20:4-5	20:6	20:7-10	20:11-15
<b>Matthew</b>	24:15-28	24:29-31	7:21-23 24:45-25:30		19:28; 25:31-46			
<b>Other</b>		1 Thes 4:13-17	Psa 50:1-6 Rom 14:10 2 Cor 5:10		Joel 3:1; Zeph 3:8; Dan 7:22; 1 Cor 6:2; Ezek 20:33	Isaiah 60		

# Judgment of the Nations

Joe 3:1 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, 2 I will also **gather** all **nations** [1471 גוים], and will bring them down into the valley of **Jehoshaphat** [YHWH has Judged], and will **plead** [שפט judge 8199] with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. ... 12 Let the **heathen** [גוים nations 1471] be wakened, and come up to the valley of **Jehoshaphat**: for there will I sit to **judge** all the **heathen** round about.

Eze 20:33 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you: 34 And I will bring you out from the people עמים, and will **gather** you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. 35 And I will bring you into the **wilderness of the people**, and there will I **plead** [שפט judge 8199] with you face to face. 36 Like as I **pleaded** שפט with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I **plead** שפט with you, saith the Lord GOD. 37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: 38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Gen 18:18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty **nation** [1471 גוי], and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

Dan 7:22 Until the Ancient of days came, and **judgment was given to the saints of the most High**; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

1Co 6:2 Do ye not know that the **saints shall judge the world?** and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

# Who are the Lord's Brethren?

Mat 12:49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and **my brethren!**

Mat 12:50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is **my brother**, and sister, and mother.

Mat 28:10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell **my brethren** that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

Matt 10:42 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. 41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. 42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold *water* only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

Mat 18:5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.