

## Paul & Silas at **Midnight**

Below in Acts chapter 16 we see yet another example of the *Types* being used to show the "wise virgin" brethren beginning to cry out in earnest ("**trim their lamps**"/"**travail**") once **midnight** finally arrives. What some have come to believe is that "**midnight**," as used in the Bible, represents the beginning of "Jacob's trouble," or what could also be called the **great tribulation**. However, the start of those "**42-months**"/"**1,260-days**," actually begins some time later at the "**marriage**," when Christ **secretly returns** to consummate (impart the "double portion" of His Spirit) at the **marriage** with those who were ready, watching, sealed, and had the "**extra oil**" in their vessels/souls (Mat 25:10). Moreover, as you study the verses in Matthew 25:6-10, along with all the other corresponding verses that speak of the LORD'S first **secret appearing**, you will find there's an actual separation of time between what the Bible calls "**midnight**," and that which is called the "**marriage**." Howbeit it's not a very long separation, maybe just some months. The point being, there must still be a time period between "the cry being made" at midnight ("Behold, the bridegroom cometh..."), and His actual (secret: Mal 3:1; John 7:10) return or appearing at "the marriage" ("And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came..."). This time period is also described by many of the Old Testament prophecies (Jer 13:16-21, 15:11-19, 24:5-7; Mic 4:10) as a time of captivity for even those of the bride; it will be a time of suffering and travail to fully "turn the hearts of the children back onto the Father." See [link-1](#), [link-2](#)

As it pertains to allegoric mirroring, Paul & Silas did suffer some persecution well before midnight, but so have many that were willing to openly preach the Word in hostile God hating environments. Still, with types being what they are, symbolic representations cannot be expected to exactly mimic the actual situation to a tee. Still, you will see that certain segments or episodes of many biblical stories come very close to the end-time realities they were meant to portray. Thus, Paul and Silas experienced some travail before they got the real "seven times hotter" travail, and so will it be with the end-time virgins. However, the wise virgin's deliverance will come first in the form of spiritual consummation (*the two being made one*) at the actual **marriage**, which is not what happens at the announcement of His pending appearing. This is the time for the wise and foolish virgin groups to both "awake," and come out from their place of 21st century lethargic apathy; they must "go ye out to meet Him." This will require what Matthew 25:7 refers to when it says they all arose and "**trimmed their lamps**," which is not an instantaneous endeavor. Likewise, Isaiah 66:8 refers to "**Zion's travail**," which of course can only come about once God allows those of the **bride group** to be persecuted like never before, and that my friend is what starts at **midnight**.

You know I am often reminded of the place John the Baptist found himself in when he was cast into his "inner prison" of suffering and testing. Remember, this was the same man who saw the **dove** descend from God out of Heaven. This was the same man who also heard the voice from Heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Incredibly though, when this same John found himself put into a very hard place, he too found out he could still have doubts concerning his faith!

Now this was the same John whom Jesus said was "the greatest of all men born of women." So what will happen to us when we are brought to our **darkest hour**? Will we have enough of the **Holy Spirit's anointing oil** in our vessel (the soul) to continue on in faith no matter what? Especially when the reality of death and torture has finally come knocking at our door. The Bible tells us God is preparing a people to overcome all things, including the fear of death. Paul and Silas represent or foreshadow the ministry that will be able to overcome these things, even when most others around them will have already lost all hope. This end-time **remnant** will be the first to enter into the **dispensation of the fullness**, that is once they resurrect **42-months + 3 1/2-days later** (Rev 11:3-12). This Paul & Silas Company will be those that both **"rule"** and **"reign"** with Yeshua the Christ for the **thousand year reign**. Why? Because they were the only Christians who will have "made themselves ready" to enter into the "marriage of the Lamb" and become one.

"These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are **virgins**. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were **redeemed** from among men, being the **firstfruits** unto God and to the Lamb." Revelation 14:4

"...And brought them [Paul & Silas] to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison [travail], and made their feet fast in the stocks. And at MIDNIGHT... ["at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh (but has not arrived); go ye out to meet him"] ...Paul and Silas PRAYED, and SANG PRAISES unto God: and the prisoners [of sin] heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake [the first of three spiritual end-time earthquakes, when Christ suddenly and secretly returns to His temple], so that the foundations of the prison [the adamic nature, i.e., captivity to sin] were shaken: and immediately ["suddenly": Mal 3:1] all the doors [to the hearts of men] were opened, and every one's bands were loosed." Acts 16:20-26

### The Types In Acts 16

- Paul & Silas:

These two symbolically represent the **"two witnesses"** that go forth in Revelation 11 during the **great tribulation** time period. They also represent the same group called the **man child** in Revelation 12 below, which the **Woman Church** (consisting of both the wise and foolish virgins' pre marriage) births forth in "one day" (Isa 66:7-9) at the **marriage**. Again, one has to ask the question, "Why was this story put in the Bible if not for the very types themselves? Why was it noted at what time they began to pray and sing praises?"

"And his **tail** [false teachers/false doctrine: Is 9:15] drew **the third part** [the **outer court**] of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the **earth** [the **carnal realm**]: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her **child** as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was **caught up**... [this first catching-up/**secret coming/consummation** is in the **Spirit**. The natural, physical catching-up will happen after the **42-months**: Rev 11:12] ...unto God, and to his throne." Revelation 12:4-5

- The **Inner Prison**:

I am sure we have all had times where we thought the sun would never shine again in our lives? Maybe for days, weeks, or even years things went as wrong as they possible could have. However, that suffering will not compare to even one minute of what is about to come upon the world. I once witnessed the suffering of a fellow co-worker whose son died in his arms as he tried to save his life at the age of eleven. Now this was after his boy endured a six year battle with leukemia. This man's dear son had tragically developed every bad side-effect that one could possibly develop from the chemo therapy treatments. Yet today this man can laugh and smile once again, as he and his family get on with the business of life as they must. Nevertheless, what's prophesied to come upon the Earth will be the worst it has ever been, or ever will be; we are talking "NO HOPE" ever again for anything, outside of God! Although, Satan does not have to wait until all hope is removed before he tries to build these "inner prisons" of suffering around the children of God. As a matter of fact, God has ordained these very prisons and fiery trials for our deliverance.

"Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. For mine own sake, *even* for mine own sake, will I do *it*: for how should *my name* be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another." Isaiah 48:10-11

Try to think of the most hopeless situation you could ever imagine coming upon you and your loved ones, with possible torture and certain death at the end thereof; neighbor killing neighbor, "...brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to **death**. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto **the end**, the same shall be **saved**" Mark 13:12-13. Add to that blood thirsty God **hating foreign armies** invading your city or town, while **nuclear world war, plagues, and famines** are being unleashed upon the earth: "**blood, fire, & pillars of smoke**." OK, now this is what the **overcomers** will be able to walk through and still keep praising God for His goodness. Whereas many other Christians who were only waiting to "fly away" from the **trouble** and had not prepared themselves to meet the LORD during the time of **Jacob's trouble**, will be in shock. These will be those who do not understand the ways of God and were deceived into thinking they had an *intimate* relationship with the LORD. These will just end up waiting to die in some re-education camp, or more mercifully, be

butchered on the streets with their little ones. This is what is called the **"outer court"** AND the **"sanctuary"** being **given over/tramped**. Furthermore, any **born again** believer who did go on to the next court of the temple (the **sanctuary/holy place**), but then refused to offer the spiritual sacrifice of the submitted soul (*mind, will, emotions, and desires*), will also find themselves in the place of **judgment** when the **sanctuary** is **given over** to the **Gentiles** to be **"trodden under foot"** (Dan 8:13-14)!

- The **Midnight** Hour:

**"Midnight"** is clearly shown in the Bible as the beginning of the fullness of **gross darkness**. It is depicted as the *beginning* of the darkest time that mankind has ever or will ever experience on the face of the Earth. Yet this darkness will continue to increase until GOD'S **fierce wrath** comes upon the earth at **Armageddon** 1,290-days later (Dan 12:11). **Midnight** immediately precedes the start of the **"great tribulation,"** which itself will have been/has been preceded by the **"wars and rumors of wars" tribulation** period spoken of in Matthew 24:6, which equated to a **"40-year"** period of lesser **tribulation**. Now it says that Jesus will have to cut the last and worst period of **great tribulation** short (to only **1,260-days**: Rev 11:3), "or no flesh would be **saved**." Jesus shows us through type in the story of the good Samaritan how that He has already given (paid for) two thousand years (the "two pence"), in which the Church should have overcome, but and if, "when He returns" they (we) still need more time (*While the bridegroom tarried...*) He will give that too—up to a point!

What marks the end of **midnight** and the beginning of the **great tribulation/42-months** (the actual **marriage**), is when the LORD **"suddenly"** and **secretly returns** to His **temple** (John 7:1-14; Mal 3:1; Rev 12:5). This returning to the *temple appearing*, will only be for those saints who are "sighing and crying" for the condition they see within their own souls (Eze 9:4). Why is it we are told in *this story* that Paul and Silas only started to "pray and sing praises to God at **midnight**?" Of course this hidden manna message is meant to show us something much deeper in type, for we know at least Paul said he prayed unceasingly. This tells us it will take **real tribulation** and **real travail** to awaken the 21st century sleeping Church. You know from what I have witnessed happening in the last so many years, I do not believe there are too many of us Christians (especially in the USA) who are all that eager to literally have the Christ come forth and take full control over our lives. Oh, we love to sing about it, but that old **veil of flesh** is still doing its job to separate us from the most Holy place of God's presence. Apparently, as it was prophesied, much of Christianity has already **"waxed cold"** in their walk with God, but please do not take this fools word for it, read brother Luke's words.

"And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy **till I come**.

But **HIS citizens** hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, **We** will not have this man to reign over us [this is not just applying to the Jews brethren; we're the ones who actually received the pounds: the good news]. And it came to pass, that when he was **returned**, having received the kingdom [this

return is at **Armageddon**, but speaks of the **judgment seat of Christ** that immediately follows **Armageddon**. Later at the **WTJ** Jesus gives the Kingdom back onto His Father: 1-Cor 15:24], then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading." Luke 19:13-15

"And shall not God avenge his own **elect**, which cry day and night [Eze 9:4] unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily [suddenly]. Nevertheless when the Son of man **cometh** [the Son of man: Yeshua in physically form at **Armageddon**], shall he find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:7-8

Therefore, **midnight** will mean different things to different people, but make no mistake, none of us will be able to survive the **annihilation** that is to come upon the face of the earth. That is unless the LORD anoints a **remnant** part of the Church [that portion of the body which truly does obey the head] to rise up and go forth in His power.

"And except that the Lord had shortened **those days**, no **flesh** should be **saved**: but for the **elect's** sake [2-John 1:1: the elect lady], whom he hath **chosen**, he hath shortened **the days**." Mark 13:20

- The **Prisoners** Heard:

During the **great tribulation** there are going to be many **prisoners** in the world and in the Church, and they're not all going to be behind bars. Some are going to be hiding in abject fear because of the **condition** of their souls and the fear of man. Some will **fall away** (**apostasia**), not being able or prepared to "endure unto **the end**," because many will have believed the lie of rapture. Some Judas type believers will decide to kill themselves, rather than to deal with what is coming upon the Earth. Still others will be the ones doing the killing, that is until someone kills them, and so on it will go.

"And then shall many be **offended**, and shall **betray** one another, and shall **hate** one another. And many **false prophets** shall rise, and shall **deceive many**. And because **iniquity** shall abound, the love of many shall **wax cold**. But he that shall endure unto the **end**, the same shall be **saved**." Matthew 24:10-13

"And the brother shall **deliver up** the brother to **death**, and the father the child: and the children shall **rise up** against their parents, and cause them to be put to **death**." Matthew 10:21

"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking **after those things** which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." Luke 21:26

If you are thinking this persecution and "betraying one of another," will just be happening amongst the **sinner**s, think again.

"Let no man **deceive** you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a **falling-away** [G646: **apostasia**] first, and that **man of sin** [the **False Prophet** Rev 16:13] be revealed, the **son of perdition**" 2- Thessalonians 2:3

Remember now, you have to first have something to **fall away** from, like your "**first love**!" Christians will not be immune to the **man of sin's** agenda if they themselves have not been completely purged from their old **soul**ish **natures**. Satan will have the right as he has always had the right, to reclaim any **ground** that you or I have left **un-yielded** for him to claim; and he will claim it all, and God will let him.

"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God [and who is the temple of God suppose to be: you and I my fellow Christian], showing himself that he is God." 2-Thessalonians 2:4

Thus, "**the prisoners**" at this time will be many, and boy will they be crying out for true deliverance. Although, when it comes this late in the game, it will probably cost them their lives this time around.

"And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of **great tribulation**, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."  
Revelation 7:14

- **Great Earthquake...** bands are loosed:

This "**earthquake**" will not be so much a natural earthquake, although there will be plenty of natural ones to go around in the coming days and years. Symbolically speaking, the **soul**ish/**carnal nature** is seen as a type of the **earth** in the Bible; man was formed from the **dust** of the Earth, and to the

**dust** he returns. The Earth is said to have "four corners" in the Bible, just as the vision of mans' soul (the beasts) in Ezekiel 1 had four faces, wings, etc.. As for the "earth quaking," have you ever noticed whenever the Bible mentions an earthquake that there is always some form or fashion of deliverance taking place? For instance, in Matthew 27 after the LORD died and resurrected it says some brethren got delivered.

"And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection [these are the saints Jesus went down to preach to and set them free], and went into the **holy city** [type of **New Jerusalem**], and appeared unto many."  
Matthew 27:51-53

In Revelation 11:13 there is an even greater **earthquake** that seems to parallel the "great earthquake" that took place when Jesus died (Mat 28:2), which the **Two Witnesses** brethren (in type) will experience as they pass from **death** to **perfected** life.

"And the same hour (meaning now the story is going to be told symbolically starting from verse 11) was there a **great earthquake** [the souls of the witnesses fully opening to God], and the **tenth part** [God's portion, i.e., the martyred **first fruits**] of the **city fell**, and in the **earthquake** were slain of men **seven thousand** [that have not bowed the knee to Baal: Rom 11:4]: and the **remnant** [of **new believers**] were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven." Revelation 11:13

The **first earthquake** that develops from the prayers and praising of the Paul & Silas ministry after **midnight**, will eventually rent the foundations on which Satan's wound was healed. This is when Satan is "cast out" of heaven (which same heaven symbolically represents the souls of the overcomers) and is cast to the earth. Although just like Yeshua, they will still be subject to his temptations throughout the **42-months** of their ministry (Heb 5:8). Once Satan is completely "cast out" of this first group of saints he will know that his time is up because others will soon follow. Jesus said we must follow after Him; we must overcome all sin; we must obtain onto **perfection** or **completeness**, and these brethren of the "**firstfruits** of the earth" company will initiate the fulfillment of that commandment. The LORD will then once again forgive repentant Christians and **sinner**s alike, as He separates the **sheep** from the **goats**. GOD will then begin to loose the bands of **wickedness** once more. However, these same ones that are loosed at the end of **Armageddon** will still retain their free will's as they enter into the millennial Kingdom on Earth. Jews, Gentiles, free and bond will still be expected to obtain onto the same **perfection/completeness** as those that "loved not their lives unto the death!"