

# WELCOME TO THE FUTURE -NOW-

[PART 10]

**OLIVET'S PROPHECIES -  
FULFILLED OR FUTURE?**

Reading: **Matthew 24:42 - 51**

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## Introduction

- NB. There are 2 types of **'prophecy.'** Those that have been fulfilled and those that still await fulfilment.
- Both types are found in the **'Olivet Discourse'** of [Matthew 24].
- Those re: the destruction of the temple and those re: the **'Second Coming of Christ.'**
- The fulfilment of the first gives us assurance the others will also be fulfilled in God's perfect timing.
- The teaching of the **'Second Coming'** is not a new teaching. It is an old truth attested to in the historic creeds of the church.

## 1 The Second Coming And Our Hymnology

- The church's belief in the Second coming is witnessed too in the hymns of the church over the years.
- It is not just a truth we believe; it's a truth we sing about.

## 2 Watching For His Coming

- The date of the '**Parousia**' is the most closely guarded secret in the universe, known only to God.
- Notice [Vs 42] '**Watch**' (Gk. gregoreuo) meaning '**to keep awake.**'
- Because we don't know the hour of Christ's coming we must be '**watchful.**'
- NB. No thief announces His '**coming**' in advance.
- Surprise is his principle weapon.
- In [vs 44] Jesus encourages '**readiness.**'
- Are you watching and ready?

## 3 A Parable For 'Parousia' Living

- How does the servant conduct himself in his master's absence?
- If he applies himself to his master's business, it doesn't matter when his master returns. He will be fine.
- NB. [Vs 48] reveals an alternative side to this servant.
- He still believes in his master's return but he reasons, '***I can live how I please for now. My master delays his coming. I can amend things later.***'
- The master returns without warning.
- The servant is - careless, cruel and carousing.

## 4 What To Do During The Wait

- [Luke 19:13] "***Occupy till I come.***" OR "***Do business till I come.***"
- Be watchful.
- Guard against laziness.
- Pay attention to your duties.
- Be faithful.

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