



# “THE WHEAT & THE TARES”

DON'T FALL ASLEEP - PART 1

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Behind the scenes: Jesus is finishing His fast, no food for 40 days (flesh being weak), is being tempted by Satan. He has been water baptized as a public witness, the Holy Spirit coming down as a dove and absorbing the news of John the Baptist being imprisoned...

## **Matthew 4:10-25 AMPC**

*10 Then Jesus said to him, Begone, Satan! For it has been written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him alone shall you serve.*

*11 Then the devil departed from Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.*

*12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested and put in prison, He withdrew into Galilee.*

*13 And leaving Nazareth, He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the country of Zebulun and Naphtali—*

*14 That what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be brought to pass:*

15 *The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, in the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles [of the peoples who are not of Israel]—*

16 *The people who sat (dwelt enveloped) in darkness have seen a great Light, and for those who sat in the land and shadow of death Light has dawned.*

17 *From that time Jesus began to preach, crying out, Repent (change your mind for the better, heartily amend your ways, with abhorrence of your past sins), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

18 *As He was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He noticed two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, throwing a dragnet into the sea, for they were fishermen.*

19 *And He said to them, Come after Me [as disciples—letting Me be your Guide], follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men!*

20 *At once they left their nets and [g]became His disciples [sided with His party and followed Him].*

21 *And going on further from there He noticed two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets and putting them right; and He called them.*

22 *At once they left the boat and their father and [h]joined Jesus as disciples [sided with His party and followed Him].*

23 *And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the good news (Gospel) of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every weakness and infirmity among the people.*

*24 So the report of Him spread throughout all Syria, and they brought Him all who were sick, those afflicted with various diseases and torments, those under the power of demons, and epileptics, and paralyzed people, and He healed them.*

*25 And great crowds joined and accompanied Him about, coming from Galilee and Decapolis [the district of the ten cities east of the Sea of Galilee] and Jerusalem and Judea and from the other [the east] side of the Jordan.*

Now, let's go to Luke which is part of the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). The gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are referred to specifically as the Synoptic Gospels because they include many of the same stories, often in the same sequence, and similar wording.

### **Luke 4:14-30 AMPC**

*14 Then Jesus went back full of and under the power of the [Holy] Spirit into Galilee, and the fame of Him spread through the whole region round about.*

*15 And He Himself conducted [a course of] teaching in their synagogues, being recognized and honored and praised by all.*

*16 So He came to Nazareth, [that Nazareth] where He had been brought up, and He entered the synagogue, as was His custom on the Sabbath day. And He stood up to read.*

*17 And there was handed to Him [the roll of] the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened (unrolled) the book and found the place where it was written,*

*18 The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon Me, because He has anointed Me [the Anointed One, the Messiah] to preach the good news (the Gospel) to the poor;*

*He has sent Me to announce release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send forth as delivered those who are oppressed [who are downtrodden, bruised, crushed, and broken down by calamity],*

*19 To proclaim the accepted and acceptable year of the Lord [the day when salvation and the free favors of God profusely abound].*

*20 Then He rolled up the book and gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were gazing [attentively] at Him.*

*21 And He began to speak to them: Today this Scripture has been fulfilled while you are present and hearing.*

*22 And all spoke well of Him and marveled at the words of grace that came forth from His mouth; and they said, Is not this Joseph's Son?*

*23 So He said to them, You will doubtless quote to Me this proverb: Physician, heal Yourself! What we have learned by hearsay that You did in Capernaum, do here also in Your [own] town.*

*24 Then He said, Solemnly I say to you, no prophet is acceptable and welcome in his [own] town (country).*

*25 But in truth I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were closed up for three years and six months, so that there came a great famine over all the land;*

*26 And yet Elijah was not sent to a single one of them, but only to Zarephath in the country of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.*

27 *And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and yet not one of them was cleansed [by being healed] —but only Naaman the Syrian.*

28 *When they heard these things, all the people in the synagogue were filled with rage.*

29 *And rising up, they pushed and drove Him out of the town, and [laying hold of Him] they led Him to the [projecting] upper part of the hill on which their town was built, that they might hurl Him headlong down [over the cliff].*

30 *But passing through their midst, He went on His way.*

Remember what the never wrong prophets had already foretold about Jesus that had already happened...

### **Matthew 1 AMPC**

1 *The book of the ancestry (genealogy) of Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed), the son **(descendant) of David, the son (descendant) of Abraham.***

2 **Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah** and his brothers,

3 *Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Aram,*

4 *Aram the father of Aminadab, Aminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon,*

5 *Salmon the father of Boaz, **whose mother was Rahab**, Boaz the father of Obed, **whose mother was Ruth**, **Obed the father of Jesse**,*

6 **Jesse the father of King David, King David the father of Solomon**, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah,

**7 Solomon the father of Rehoboam**, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa,

**8 Asa the father of Jehoshaphat**, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram [Jehoram], Joram the father of Uzziah,

9 Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz **the father of Hezekiah**,

10 Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah,

11 And Josiah became the father of Jeconiah [also called Coniah and Jehoiachin] and his brothers about the time of the removal (deportation) to Babylon.

12 After the exile to Babylon, Jeconiah became the father of Shealtiel [Salathiel], Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,

13 Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, Abiud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor,

14 Azor the father of Sadoc, Sadoc the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud,

15 Eliud the father of Eleazar, **Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob**,

**16 Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary**, of whom was born Jesus, Who is called the Christ. (the Messiah, the Anointed)

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen, from David to the Babylonian exile (deportation) fourteen generations, from the Babylonian exile to the Christ fourteen generations.

**18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place under these circumstances: When His mother Mary had been promised in marriage to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be pregnant [through the power] of the Holy Spirit.**

The Messiah would come from the house of David and take his throne.

“The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In His days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which He will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior’” (Jeremiah 23:5-6).

In fulfillment of this prophecy given over 600 years before, the angel Gabriel told Mary, “You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of his father David, and He will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; His kingdom will never end” (Luke 1:31-33).

As was foretold, Jesus was born as a son of David, from his line, and became our eternal King.

*19 And her [promised] husband **Joseph, being a just and upright man and not willing to expose her publicly and to shame and disgrace her,** decided to repudiate and dismiss (divorce) her quietly and secretly.*

*20 **But as he was thinking this over,** behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, **Joseph, descendant of David,** do not be afraid to take Mary [as] your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of (from, out of) the Holy Spirit.*

21 She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus [the Greek form of the Hebrew Joshua, which means Savior], for He will save His people from their sins [that is, prevent them from failing and missing the true end and scope of life, which is God].

**22 All this took place that it might be fulfilled which the Lord had spoken through the prophet,**

**23 Behold, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel—which, when translated, means, God with us.**

### **Isaiah 7:14 AMPC**

14 Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: Behold, the young woman **who is unmarried and a virgin** shall conceive and bear a son, and **shall call his name Immanuel [God with us].**

This Scripture points to the manner in which He will be born, and also to one of the names given to Christ: Immanuel, meaning God with us. This was pointing to both His human birth and His divine nature. This was written over 700 years before Christ was born.

24 Then Joseph, being aroused from his sleep, **did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him:** he took [her to his side as] his wife.

**25 But he had no union with her as her husband until she had borne her firstborn Son;** and he called His name Jesus.

### **Matthew 2 AMPC**

1 Now when **Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea (Judah)** in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men [astrologers] from the east came to Jerusalem, asking,



What did the never wrong prophet Micah have to say?...

**Micah 5:2 AMPC**

*1 But you, Bethlehem Ephratah, you are little to be among the clans of Judah; [yet] out of you shall One come forth for Me Who is to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth have been from of old, from ancient days (eternity).*

*2 Where is He Who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east at its rising and have come to worship Him.*

*3 When Herod the king heard this, he was disturbed and troubled, and the whole of Jerusalem with him.*

*4 So he called together all the chief priests and learned men (scribes) of the people and anxiously asked them where the Christ was to be born.*

*5 They replied to him, **In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:***

*6 And you **Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,** you are not in any way least or insignificant among the chief cities of Judah; for from **you shall come a Ruler (Leader) Who will govern and shepherd My people Israel.***

The never wrong prophet Isaiah said, “I told you from the beginning what would happen...”

**Genesis 49:10 AMPC**

*10 The scepter or leadership shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh [the Messiah, the Peaceful One] comes to Whom it belongs, and to Him shall be the obedience of the people.*

Here's John, End of Time revealing or unveiling all the divine mysteries of the previous 65 books...

**Revelation 5:5 AMPC**

*5 Then one of the elders [[a]of the heavenly Sanhedrin] said to me, Stop weeping! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root (Source) of David, has won (has overcome and conquered)! He can open the scroll and break its seven seals!*

**Matthew 2:7 AMPC**

*7 Then Herod sent for the wise men [astrologers] secretly, and accurately to the last point ascertained from them the time of the appearing of the star [that is, how long the star had made itself visible since its rising in the east].*

*8 **Then he sent them to Bethlehem,** saying, Go and search for the Child carefully and diligently, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.*

*9 When they had listened to the king, they went their way, and behold, the star which had been seen in the east in its rising went before them until it came and stood over the place where the young Child was.*

*10 When they saw the star, they were thrilled with ecstatic joy.*

*11 And on going into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then opening their treasure bags, they presented to Him gifts—gold and frankincense and myrrh.*

12 And receiving an answer to their asking, they were divinely instructed and warned in a dream not to go back to Herod; so they departed to their own country by a different way.

13 Now after they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, Get up! [Tenderly] take unto you the young Child and His mother and flee to Egypt; and remain there till I tell you [otherwise], for Herod intends to search for the Child in order to destroy Him.

14 And having risen, he took the Child and His mother by night and withdrew to Egypt

**Hebrews 11... by faith - this is their act(s) of obedience:**

### Hebrews 11:7-9 AMPC

7 [Prompted] by faith Noah, being forewarned by God concerning events of which as yet there was no visible sign, took heed and diligently and reverently constructed and prepared an ark for the deliverance of his own family. By this [his faith which relied on God] he passed judgment and sentence on the world's unbelief and became an heir and possessor of righteousness (that relation of being right into which God puts the person who has faith).

8 [Urged on] by faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and went forth to a place which he was destined to receive as an inheritance; and he went, although he did not know or trouble his mind about where he was to go.

9 [Prompted] by faith he dwelt as a temporary resident in the land which was designated in the promise [of God, though he was like a stranger] in a strange country, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs with him of the same promise.

20 *By faith Isaac,*  
21 *By faith Jacob,*  
22 *By faith Joseph*  
23 *By faith Moses*

**Matthew 2:15 AMPC**

**15 And remained there until Herod's death. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, Out of Egypt have I called My Son.**

**Hosea 11:1 AMPC**

*11 When Israel was a child, then I loved him and called My son out of Egypt.*

**Matthew 2:16 AMPC**

*16 Then Herod, when he realized that he had been misled by the wise men, was furiously enraged, and he sent and put to death all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that territory who were two years old and under, reckoning according to the date which he had investigated diligently and had learned exactly from the wise men.*

**17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:**

*18 A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they were no more.*

19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt

20 And said, Rise, [tenderly] take unto you the Child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead.

21 Then he awoke and arose and [tenderly] took the Child and His mother and came into the land of Israel.

22 But because he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in the place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being divinely warned in a dream, he withdrew to the region of Galilee.

23 He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled: He shall be called a Nazarene [Branch, Separated One].

Prophecy is foretelling and forthtelling - this is that which was spoken of by... Peter in Acts 2. Thousands became followers of Christ - they were all speaking the same thing... anointed by the Holy Spirit - not speaking contrary to the Word or each other. The Holy Spirit brought to his memory things that were already spoken.

**Isaiah 53:5** “But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

**Isaiah 53:7** “He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.”

**Isaiah 53:9** “He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.”

So, here is Jesus, people know his background, they know His life is the fulfillment of prophecy (if they choose to believe) but it was all facts. He tells them in church, I am He, I am the guy that Isaiah foretold about regarding My birth and now as the one who is going to tell you how to prepare, what to watch out for, what you must do to be ready for My return prior to the Rapture.

**Luke 21:34-36 AMPC**

*34 But take heed to yourselves and be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened and depressed (weighed down) with the giddiness and headache and nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries and cares pertaining to [the business of] this life, and [lest] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose;*

*35 For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth.*

*36 Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.*

Jesus is speaking to you and I, regarding the Time Of The End or the days prior to the Rapture and the events after, during the tribulation, that we see forming now. These signs are to tip us off, not to cause anxiety but to excite us, to remind us of the Rapture of the church, for it is our reward for our obedience. It was through Enoch's habitual righteousness or his habit that he was raptured in Genesis 5.

So, I want to address and come against the spirit of heaviness, oppression and hopelessness that is in the Church and in God's people - we are the Church.

This is what the Bible says in Proverbs 13... wisest man ever - Solomon.

**Proverbs 13:12 KJV**

*12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick:*

What is causing you and I to feel this way? It says hope deferred. People are concerned about "things" that the Bible says must happen but you will be spared from them. The current "things" - from the economy, covid, one world economy, one world religion, churches going woke, no longer preaching against sin (or twisting the truth) and siding with the government on what to say and do. Also Israel being surrounded, wickedness in high places... yep - it can definitely make the heart sick!

**Ephesians 5:6-17 AMPC**

*6 Let no one delude and deceive you with empty excuses and groundless arguments [for these sins], for through these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of rebellion and disobedience.*

*7 So do not associate or be sharers with them.*

*8 For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of Light [lead the lives of those native-born to the Light].*

9 For the fruit (the effect, the product) of the Light or [a]the Spirit [consists] in every form of kindly goodness, uprightness of heart, and trueness of life.

10 And try to learn [in your experience] what is pleasing to the Lord [let your lives be constant proofs of what is most acceptable to Him].

11 Take no part in and have no fellowship with the fruitless deeds and enterprises of darkness, but instead [let your lives be so in contrast as to] [b]expose and reprove and convict them.

12 For it is a shame even to speak of or mention the things that [such people] practice in secret.

13 But when anything is exposed and reproved by the light, it is made visible and clear; and where everything is visible and clear there is light.

14 Therefore He says, Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine (make day dawn) upon you and give you light.

15 Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people),

16 Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil.

17 Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is.

In order to understand and firmly grasp what is the will of the Lord, we need to read His Word, Jesus is the Word - John 1:1. So, let's go through what the Bible says and see what God is doing and will do...HE is our HOPE!



The Bible tells us at the time of the end or “The End Times”, we are going to come into a time called the harvest or harvest time.

**Revelation 14:15 KJV**

*15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; **for the harvest of the earth is ripe.***

Sickle defined: a short-handled farming tool with a semicircular blade, used for cutting grain, lopping, or trimming.

**Revelation 14:15 AMPC**

*15 And another angel came out of the temple sanctuary, calling with a mighty voice to Him Who was sitting upon the cloud, Put in Your scythe and reap, for the hour has arrived to gather the harvest, for the earth's crop is fully ripened.*

James tells us...

**James 5:7-8 KJV**

*7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.*

*8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.*

### **James 5:7-8 AMPC**

7 So be patient, brethren, [as you wait] till the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits expectantly for the precious harvest from the land. [See how] he keeps up his patient [vigil] over it until it receives the early and late rains.

8 So you also must be patient. Establish your hearts [strengthen and confirm them in the final certainty], for the coming of the Lord is very near.

In studying the gospels regarding this “End Time Harvest”, especially the parables in the book of Matthew about the harvest, we are going to study and learn about the ‘*wheat and the tares*’.

### **Matthew 13:24-30 KJV**

24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

**Matthew 13:24-30 AMPC**

24 Another parable He set forth before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

25 But while he was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed also darnel (weeds resembling wheat) among the wheat, and went on his way.

26 So when the plants sprouted and formed grain, the darnel (weeds) appeared also.

27 And the servants of the owner came to him and said, Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Then how does it have darnel shoots in it?

28 He replied to them, An enemy has done this. The servants said to him, Then do you want us to go and weed them out?

29 But he said, No, lest in gathering the wild wheat (weeds resembling wheat), you root up the [true] wheat along with it.

30 Let them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will say to the reapers, Gather the darnel first and bind it in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my granary.

**Hebrews 12:25-28 KJV**

25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

This is important, God is telling you and I that there will be a shaking that is going to occur again at the Time of the End on earth and also in heaven.

Is the devil doing the shaking? NO. Is the world doing the shaking? **NO, it is God doing the shaking.** So, why is God going to allow there to be this heavy shaking to take place at the Time of the End, **especially** prior or right before His return?

Matthew 13:24-26 tells us something... (a clue)

**Matthew 13:24-26 KJV**

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*26 So when the plants sprouted and formed grain, the darnel (weeds) appeared also.*

In this parable, you find that the good seed is the Word of God and the field represents the world. In this passage you can also say that the good seed is the Church itself, we (you and I, mimickers of Christ) are the good seed in the Church with the good Word of God.

Notice, it said that men slept - **“25 But while men slept”**. In the parables, there were 10 virgins who were sleeping because the Lord did not come back when they thought.

Why are we studying End Times prophecy? You don't want to get caught sleeping. There are times in the past that have caused the Church to be extra awake - Y2K, 9/11 and Middle East wars, covid, rationing of food & toilet paper, RFID chips, but then it fades away or we go “back to sleep”.

For many, if it's not a presidential election year - we don't even watch the news or global news. But, we are commanded to know (Matthew 24:33), especially the news about Israel - that's what we are supposed to be watching.

Remember in Matthew 24 the disciples asked Jesus about the signs of His return...Jesus didn't tell them "it's none of your business" or that it was not for them to know. No! He gave them a very detailed answer; He gave them and us a command....

**Matthew 24:33**

*33 so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door.*

The word "recognize" used in Matthew 24:33 in the original Greek is in the imperative mode (a form of a verb) which means it is a command! We are commanded by Jesus to know when His return is near.

So, what happens when you sleep in the Biblical sense...

**Judges 16:19-20 KJV**

*19 And she **made him sleep** upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she **began to afflict him**, and his **strength went from him**.*

*20 And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, **I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself**. And he wist not that **the Lord was departed from him**.*

**Judges 16:19-20 AMPC**

*19 And she made Samson sleep upon her knees, and she called a man and caused him to shave off the seven braids of his head. Then she began to torment [Samson], and his strength went from him.*

*20 She said, The Philistines are upon you, Samson! And he awoke out of his sleep and said, I will go out as I have time after time and shake myself free. For Samson did not know that the Lord had departed from him.*

While he slept, the anointing was severed - no more power. He was left unaware. Jesus, over and over again said “watch and pray” or watch as well as pray. He says this in dealing with temptation and the Rapture.

**Mark 14:38 KJV**

*38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.*

**Mark 14:38 AMPC**

*38 Keep awake and watch and pray [constantly], that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

**Luke 21:36 KJV**

*36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*

**Luke 21:36 AMPC**

*36 Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.*

Why does Jesus say watch? Because He knows that there will be a tendency at the “End Times” for men to lose faith and be weary in well doing. We will get sick of listening or reading on social media about the news... People will be projecting dates and times and when it doesn’t happen people will go back into their complacent state. Don’t you do that!

The Bible says that while *good men slept* or while the Church has been sleeping (they are the ones sowing good seed) the enemy has come in and sown a tare.

**Matthew 13:24-30 KJV**

*25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.*

**What is a tare?** A tare is one of four types of wheat translated in many translations as *darnel*. It grows in grain fields and grows the same height as the wheat and even looks like wheat till harvest time comes. The rabbis called it degenerate wheat and in their writings they called it bastard or illegitimate wheat.

It changes colors near harvest time, it looks like everything else around it except when it comes to harvest time, then it begins to change it’s appearance.

**This is what happens:** the head of it begins to turn dark and there are small seeds in the tare that end up getting a fungus in the seed that is poisonous if it gets ground up with the wheat and made into dough or made into flour. The seed from this tare causes sleepiness, convulsions, nausea and death.



In the Bible, the tare represents someone who is not real (bad fruit), someone who claims to know the Lord but, word and deed don't line up. And it also includes false teaching (half truths) grinding up with is false with some truth.

**1 John 2:15-28 GNT**

*15 Do not love the world or anything that belongs to the world. If you love the world, you do not love the Father.*

*16 Everything that belongs to the world—what the sinful self desires, what people see and want, and everything in this world that people are so proud of—none of this comes from the Father; it all comes from the world.*

*17 The world and everything in it that people desire is passing away; but those who do the will of God live forever.*

*18 My children, the end is near! You were told that the Enemy of Christ would come; and now many enemies of Christ have already appeared, and so we know that the end is near.*

*19 These people really did not belong to our fellowship, and that is why they left us; if they had belonged to our fellowship, they would have stayed with us. But they left so that it might be clear that none of them really belonged to us.*

*20 But you have had the Holy Spirit poured out on you by Christ, and so all of you know the truth.*

*21 I write you, then, not because you do not know the truth; instead, it is because you do know it, and you also know that no lie ever comes from the truth.*

*22 Who, then, is the liar? It is those who say that Jesus is not the Messiah. Such people are the Enemy of Christ—they reject both the Father and the Son.*

*23 For those who reject the Son reject also the Father; those who accept the Son have the Father also.*

*24 Be sure, then, to keep in your hearts the message you heard from the beginning. If you keep that message, then you will always live in union with the Son and the Father.*

*25 And this is what Christ himself promised to give us—eternal life.*

*26 I am writing this to you about those who are trying to deceive you.*

*27 But as for you, Christ has poured out his Spirit on you. As long as his Spirit remains in you, you do not need anyone to teach you. For his Spirit teaches you about everything, and what he teaches is true, not false. Obey the Spirit's teaching, then, and remain in union with Christ.*

*28 Yes, my children, remain in union with him, so that when he appears we may be full of courage and need not hide in shame from him on the Day he comes.*

This is so important, there are people out there right now who are presenting and feeding things to Christians who are eating them and it is harmful to them spiritually and in many cases causing death. There is no spiritual benefit to them whatsoever, so they are getting filled up on something that can not sustain them. It is allowing people and Christians to go into lifestyles of sin and weighing them down so much that they are going to sleep.

It is getting so bad that they are justifying what they are doing (sin turned to iniquity). There are tare(s) in the Body of Christ and it is killing people -so how did it get there?

People got lazy in the Church and quit desiring God's whole counsel, quit praying the Word and waiting, quit fasting and quit watching. The rut and routine of going to church has set in and so has the tare.

**Matthew 13:24-30 AMPC**

*24 Another parable He set forth before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.*

*25 But while he was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed also darnel (weeds resembling wheat) among the wheat, and went on his way.*

*26 So when the plants sprouted and formed grain, the darnel (weeds) appeared also.*

*27 And the servants of the owner came to him and said, Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Then how does it have darnel shoots in it?*

*28 He replied to them, An enemy has done this. The servants said to him, Then do you want us to go and weed them out?*

*29 But he said, No, lest in gathering the wild wheat (weeds resembling wheat), you root up the [true] wheat along with it.*

*30 Let them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will say to the reapers, Gather the darnel first and bind it in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my granary.*

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*25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.*

*26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.*

*27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?*

*28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?*

*29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.*

*30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.*

Born again believers, followers of Christ is who He is warning here - don't fall asleep. Don't get caught up in the worries of this world, don't be anxious, watch and pray at all times so we won't be caught unaware.

Caught unaware meaning - don't miss the Rapture. So why would we fall asleep? Because of the tares... remember a tare is one of four types of wheat translated in many translations as *darnel*. It grows in grain fields and grows the same height as the wheat and even looks like wheat till harvest time comes. The rabbi's called it degenerate wheat and in their writings they called it bastard or illegitimate wheat.

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Tares or darnel in other translations can be other people in our lives, people in the church, false teaching, sin in our own lives, things that we should be cutting off or out of our lives but as a result of letting them be planted in us and around us it "causes" us to go to sleep.

So, be careful in what you are listening to, who you are around, make sure you are in God's house - especially as the time or "End Time" approaches.

Now, how did the tares get into the Church or church people or God's people? We stopped praying, stopped studying, stopped fasting, stopped listening to a rebuke, stopped wanting to hear what God said is sin and ran to what someone else said was ok, stopped living righteous and slowly becoming lukewarm.

### **2 Timothy 4:1- AMPC**

*1 I charge [you] in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, Who is to judge the living and the dead, and by (in the light of) His coming and His kingdom:*

*2 Herald and preach the Word! Keep your sense of urgency [stand by, be at hand and ready], whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable. [Whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether it is welcome or unwelcome, you as preacher of the Word are to show people in what way their lives are wrong.]*

*And convince them, rebuking and correcting, warning and urging and encouraging them, being unflagging and inexhaustible in patience and teaching.*

*3 For the time is coming when [people] will not tolerate (endure) sound and wholesome instruction, but, having ears itching [for something pleasing and gratifying], they will gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors they hold,*

*4 And will turn aside from hearing the truth and wander off into myths and man-made fictions.*

*5 As for you, be calm and cool and steady, accept and suffer unflinchingly every hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fully perform all the duties of your ministry.*

*6 For I am already about to be sacrificed [my life is about to be poured out as a drink offering]; the time of my [spirit's] release [from the body] is at hand and I will soon go free.*

*7 I have fought the good (worthy, honorable, and noble) fight, I have finished the race, I have kept (firmly held) the faith.*

*8 [As to what remains] henceforth there is laid up for me the [victor's] crown of righteousness [for being right with God and doing right], which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me and recompense me on that [great] day—and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved and yearned for and welcomed His appearing (His return).*