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Knowing the Day



Many say we can't know the day when Yeshua will return for His bride. They are quick to refer to Yeshua himself saying, "No man knows about that day or hour." We agree. He did say that. Let's address this statement and those like it to see what we come up with.

First we have Matthew 24:35-36 where it says:

Matthew 24:35-36

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away. 36 But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

When looking at the context here, we see that the day and hour referred to is when Heaven and earth pass away. No one will know when heaven and earth will pass away. This makes sense because there are several events given after the millennium that have no time frames allocated to them.

These time frames are 1) the season where Satan is loosed. 2) The preparation for the final battle where fire comes down from Heaven and destroys the enemy. Then finally 3) the Great White Throne Judgment. It is after these events, that have no time designated to them, when the new Heaven and Earth appear. Thus, the context is in verse 35. "That day" is referring back to the day of heaven and earth passing away.

In reference to the return of Yeshua, the text that follows verse 36 describes the days of Noah. We obviously know those who were to be judged in the days of Noah did not know the day or hour that the judgment was to come. However, seven days

before the day of judgment came, Noah was informed of the day and was protected. Though it's important to note he did not know the hour.



Genesis 7:4

Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made."

He did not know the hour but he did know the day. Let us not forget the Scriptures are cyclical. Showing us patterns and pictures of how the Father works. This is in harmony with Amos.

Amos 3:7

Surely Sovereign YHWH does nothing without revealing His plan to His servants the prophets.

This is also reflected in Isaiah.

Isaiah 46:10

I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.

Again, those being judged did not know when the judgment was coming while the righteous, Noah, did know. Many are then quick to refer to verse 42.

Matthew 24:42

"Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming."

Again, this is just after Yeshua parallels His coming with the flood of Noah. The people who did not know the timing of the flood were taken away while those who did were protected. Verse 42 is where Yeshua is telling His disciples to "be on the alert." Why? Because they did not know (present tense) when the Lord was returning.

Let's look at the following verses to show how He explains that statement.



Matthew 24:43-44



43 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him.

Yeshua went from present tense in verse 42 to future tense in verse 44. Also, He doesn't say the owner would have known the time because he watched but rather he would have watched because he knew the time. Let's read that part again.

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So if we follow the Lord's command to be alert and watch, that means we will know the day of His return, just as the home owner would have, just not the hour. Again, He doesn't say the owner would have known the time because he watched, but rather he would have watched because he knew the time. One more time.

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So if we follow the Lord's command to be alert and watch, that means we can know the day of His return, just not the hour. If someone is coming to visit you on Friday, you don't start looking for them on Wednesday do you? Of course not. You start looking for them on Friday around the time they said they would come. The same principle applies here.

This makes all the more sense as we compare other verses that talk about knowing the timing of His return.





1 Thessalonians 5:1-2

1 Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that the Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

But in whose perspective does He come like a thief in the night? To the believer or the unbeliever? To answer that question, let's read verse 4.

1 Thessalonians 5:4

But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.

Compare also in Revelation 3 where Yeshua is talking to the church in Sardis.

Revelation 3:3

Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

These two witnesses imply Yeshua will come like a thief only to those who are not following Him. To those who are not watching. But those who are following Him will know when to start looking for Him. Only those who are to be judged will stay in the dark of not knowing.

If you are walking in the light then you can know when the Messiah will come. Remember, He fulfilled the Spring Feast days to the day at His first coming. It, therefore, seems He will do likewise for the Fall Feast days at His return.

Many also use Matthew 25 to say we will not know the day. It reads:

Matthew 25:11-13

11 Later the others also came. "Sir! Sir!" they said. "Open the door for us!" 12 But He replied, "I tell you the truth, I don't know you." 13 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."

To understand this, we must keep the context. Let's read the verses before.

Walk in the
LIGHT

Matthew 25:5-10

5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 At midnight the cry rang out: "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" 7 Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out." 9 "No," they replied, "there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves." 10 But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

These seem to be representative of all "believers." Notice how they all fell asleep. But yet at the end only those who were ready were allowed in. This parallels exactly with what we see in Revelation 3:3 and 1 Thessalonians 5:4. They were told and were looking. Many refer specifically to verse 13 of this text.

Matthew 25:13

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

But our question is this: Does it say "you **will** not know" or "you **do** not know"? It says "You do not know."

Did Noah know the day the flood was coming during the 100 years of making the ark? No. He didn't. Did the virgins know the day of the bridegroom's return at the beginning? No. Of course not. But was Noah eventually informed of the day? Yes. He was. Were the virgins informed of the return of the bridegroom? Yes. They were. And half were not prepared and missed it.

"Present tense" verses "future tense." This is the issue we are discussing. In all the verses we have found, the only thing we will not know in light of future tense is the "hour" and these are in harmony with that of Noah and the virgins.

Some have even referred to Acts 1:6-7 for their defense as well. It reads:

Acts 1:6-7

6 So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority.



Present tense
Future tense



As evidenced from Revelation 3:3 and 1 Thessalonians 5:4, the Scriptures indicate we will know the times and season. Remember, in contrast to this verse in Acts, Yeshua also said we will know the season.

Matthew 24:32-33

32 Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. 33 Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door.

Thus, on the surface, His words in Acts 1 could seem to contradict those in Matthew 24. Yet, if those hearing His voice in Acts 1 wouldn't see that season of the fig tree, then it all flows together just fine. Those individuals would never know the day of His return since the event would not happen in their lifetime.

So it would seem Yeshua was actually meaning those very individuals who heard Him speaking there in Acts 1 wouldn't know the times and seasons since they obviously wouldn't be around in the end times.

Plus, we can't forget even Lot was informed of the judgement coming right before as well. He tried to inform the men engaged to his two daughters but they didn't take him seriously.

Genesis 19:14

So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were pledged to marry his daughters. He said, "Hurry and get out of this place, because YHWH is about to destroy the city!" But his sons-in-law thought he was joking.

So it seems believers who would be impacted by judgement will be informed of that judgement. Yet, it seems this applies to only those who are walking in the light. Are you walking in His light today?

I've once heard it said "YHWH may miss a lot of opportunities to be early, but He's never late." It may be a week before like Noah. It may be the day before as with Lot. Yet, one thing seems to be for sure, we will know the day but not the hour.



This topic may always be a subject of debate for many. However, as you can see, we believe the scriptures speak to it. We believe we **can** know the day as it gets closer. Just as the homeowner watched because he knew the day, we believe the Father will reveal it to His faithful in the end. When He does, they will watch.



May we always be praying for His understanding and insight with a humble heart. May pride be far from us as we pursue His ways and long for that day.

We hope you have enjoyed this teaching. Now it's up to you to be a Berean and study it for yourself. That's the only way to grow.

Blessings & Shalom!

