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The Parable of the Owner of the House
Matthew 24: 43-44
Late in the afternoon
on Wednesday the thirteenth of Nisan

The one main point of the parable of the owner of the house is to accept Yeshua as Messiah and to be raptured with the Church because the Son of Man will come unexpectedly.

The emphasis here is on readiness. Again, being ready can only be obtained by means of salvation. **As everyone knows: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have let his house be broken into.** No sane **thief** would announce **his** intention of robbing a house, and no sane **owner of a house** who knew in advance **at what time of night the thief was coming** would fail to **be on the alert** in order to prevent **his house** from **being broken into (Matthew 24:43).** Obviously, **Jesus** was not comparing **Himself** in character to a **thief** but comparing **His** coming to the unexpectedness of a **thief's** coming because no one knows when the Rapture will take place.

Although the B'rit Chadashah frequently compares the Second Coming to the **coming of a thief (Luke 12:35-40; 1 Thess 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 3:3** and **16:15)**, the Scriptures also frequently refer to **Isra'el** as **the fig tree (Jeremiah 8:13, 24:1-10; Hosea 9:10; Joel 2:21-25; Nahum 3:12; Zechariah 3:10; Matthew 21:18-21; Mark 11:12-14** and **20-21; Luke 13:6-9;)**. But just as **to see click link Jq – The Parable of the Fig Tree** does not represent **Isra'el**, **The Parable of the Owner of the House** does not represent the Second Coming.



Another reason these verses point to the Rapture rather than the Second Coming, is that Tribulation believers will know *exactly* when the Second Coming will occur. **The Lord** will return exactly seven years after signing the covenant with **Isra'el** and **42 months** or **1,260 days** after the abomination of desolation **(Revelation 11:2-3, 12:6)**. However, **no one knows the hour or the day**of the Rapture**, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father (Mattityahu 24:36).** Consequently, this parable states that **the owner of the house** did not **know what time the thief would come**. Hence, the Rapture. **So you also must be ready,** or be saved, being spiritually ready to meet **King Messiah**, **because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you *do not expect* Him (Matthew 24:44).** The constant theme of these **parables of watchfulness, readiness and labor** is for both Jews and Gentiles to be ready when the Rapture comes so they can avoid being left behind to suffer the wrath, the hell on earth, of the Great Tribulation.