

XVI. The Captives at His Return

A. The instant (Matthew 24:36)

1. The Comprehension – “but my Father only”
2. The Concealment – “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angles of heaven”

B. The illustrations (Matthew 24:37-41)

1. The Flood (Matthew 24: 37-39)

- a. The reference – “the days of Noe (Noah)...the flood came”
- b. The Rejection – “they were eating and drinking, marrying...and knew not”  
*disinterested, defiled, Gen 6:5 & 12 Dumb*
- c. The dumb – “the flood came, and took them all away”

2. The Fire (Luke 17:28-30)

- a. The focus – “they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded”
- b. The foulness (Genesis 19:1-7) *Consumption of material things*  
*Ro. 1: 24-26 Gen 13:13 (13 words)*
- c. The finish – “the same day that Lot went out...it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all”

3. The family (Luke 17:34) *moment (same day) Rev. 1 manner (fire out of heaven)*

4. The farmers (Matthew 24:40) *Occupation*

5. The females (Matthew 24:41)

C. The few (Matthew 24:42-44) *Rev. 19: 17-18*

1. The exhortation *exhortation* – “Watch therefore...be ye also ready” *focusing on the return of Christ*
2. The example – “if the goodman of the house had known...he would have watched”