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## THINGS NON-PENTECOSTALS DON'T KNOW

— About The Rapture & *The Magic Twins*<sup>SM</sup> —

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From #rap-5—

While the current crop of end-times-prophecy superstars are stuck in a "we've always done it this way" rut, they will be proven wrong over and over and over again. But the *itching ears* crowds will never stop "heaping teachers" and giving them money.

Have those experts never read Daniel 2:34,35,44 for full comprehension? Should they have, by now, figured out that their blind focus on the modern nation of Israel can't end well for them? How smart can it be to continue hanging one's understanding of end-time prophecy on a 1948 or 1967 benchmark? And how long can they continue trying to convince intelligent folk that all those Old Testament feasts and holy days are useful for pinpointing end-time *seasons*?

Meanwhile, the world's nations, large and small, depend on the navies of Britain and the United States to protect them. The Spirit said of Jacob-Israel, "His seed shall be in many waters."

How long is a Biblical generation? The *experts* kept telling us it was 40 years. Oops! That math didn't pass muster!

Some of the *experts* now claim that it is either 70 or 80 years. Psalm 90:10 appears to be the primary basis for that

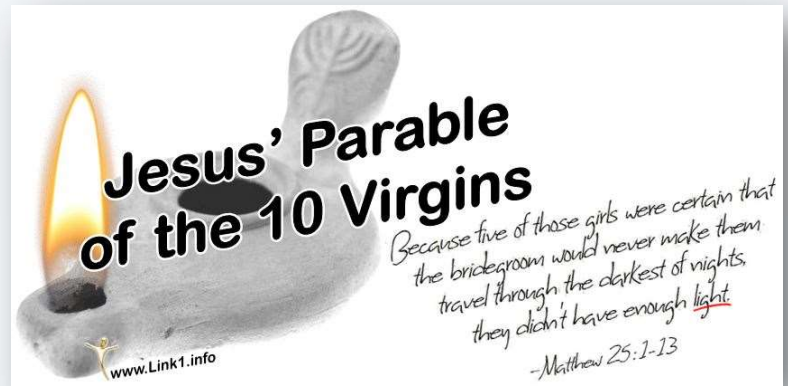
reasoning. Shouldn't we have witnessed some end-times magic in 2018? Oh well, maybe that will be on the 2028 agenda?

A few of those guys must have read the handwriting on the wall: They're now saying a Biblical generation is 120 years. Whew! Maybe that'll buy them some more time, at least...

Still other *experts* – in an apparent attempt to discredit their contemporaries – have developed a more sophisticated formula. They base it on the [supposed] 14 generations from Abraham to David, 14 from David to the Babylonian exile and 14 generations from that exile to Jesus' birth. Their math uses just the 28 generations from the last two periods, because the first one may not be accurate.

Subtracting Jesus' birth in B.C. 4 from David's birth in B.C. 1040, they get a difference of 1,036 years. They then divide 1,036 by 28 generations to yield an average generation of 37 years.

We agree that their theory sounds more "sophisticated," but that math won't contribute to their pre-Tribulation rapture narrative, either, with a 1948 or a 1967 benchmark. Besides, Jesus didn't say anything about when a fig tree (or any tree) gets planted at Matthew 24:32, Mark 13:28 or Luke 21:29,30. You may want to read all three of those passages to understand.



At Matthew 24:3, Jesus' closest disciples asked "When are you coming back?" "How can we know?" and "What will it be like?" Chapter 24 records His answers, but He promptly enhanced those answers with three critical illustrations at chapter 25—

- ① **The Ten Virgins**, v. 1-13. **LIGHT** symbolizes the **KNOWLEDGE** of the relative timing for His return within the context of the end-time events. Five of the girls were clearly expecting the bridegroom before dark. They knew him or they wouldn't have been on the guest list. They got locked out because they had not prepared for travel through a time of extreme darkness.
- ② **Talents/Money**, v. 14-30. The master entrusted each servant with **KNOWLEDGE** of the relative timing for His return. One servant chose not to **INVEST** that knowledge in others. He got cast into outer

darkness...deep space?... weeping and gnashing of teeth. He knew the master's return would be during extreme darkness but was, perhaps, too timid to invest that wildly unpopular notion with others. (Ashamed of the knowledge of Truth...It's not "what 'we' believe.")

- ③ Jesus' **SHEEP v. GOATS** illustration (v. 31-46), makes it quite clear that folk who masquerade as Disciples will be unmasked. The take-home message for that one is also articulated at Luke 14:27,33 and at James 2:19.

