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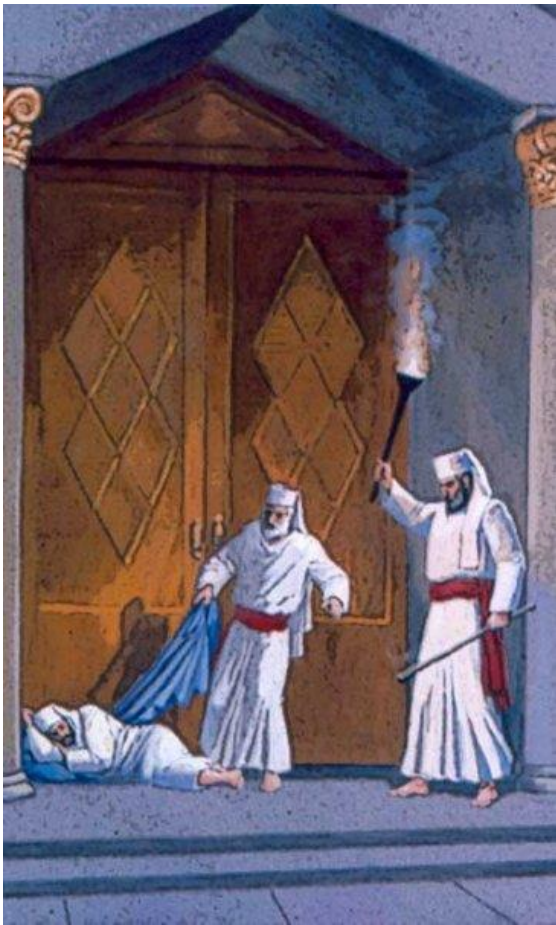
The Temple—It's Ministry and Services

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Ch.7 The Rounds of the Captain

During the night the 'captain of the Temple' made his rounds. On his approach the guards had to rise and salute him in a particular manner. Any guard found asleep when on duty was beaten, or his garments were set on fire—a punishment, as we know, actually awarded. Hence

the admonition to us who, as it were, are here on Temple guard,
'Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments' (Rev 16:15).



The High Priest would check on the Levites at night. His nickname (thief in the night)

Luk 12:37 'Happy those servants, whom the lord, having come, shall find watching; verily I say to you, that he will gird himself, and will cause them to recline (at meat), and having come near, will minister to them;

Luk 12:38 and if he may come in the second watch, and in the third watch he may come, and may find *it* so, happy are those servants.

Luk 12:39 'And this know, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief doth come, **he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken through;**

Luk 12:40 and ye, then, become ye ready, because at the hour ye think not, the Son of Man doth come.'

Luk 12:41 And Peter said to him, 'Sir, unto us this simile dost thou speak, or also unto all?'

Luk 12:42 And the Lord said, 'Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the lord shall set over his household, to give in season the wheat measure?'

Luk 12:43 Happy that servant, whom his lord, having come, shall find doing so;

Luk 12:44 truly I say to you, that over all his goods he will set him.

Luk 12:45 'And if that servant may say in his heart, My lord doth delay to come, and may begin to beat the men-servants and the maid-servants, to eat also, and to drink, and to be drunken;

Luk 12:46 the lord of that servant will come in a day in which he doth not look for *him* , and in an hour that he doth not know, and will cut him off, and his portion with

the unfaithful he will appoint.

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

Luk 19:41 And as He came near, He saw the city and wept over it,

Luk 19:42 saying, "If you only knew even today, the *matters* for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

Luk 19:43 "Because days shall come upon you when your enemies shall build a rampart around you, and surround you and press you on all sides,

Luk 19:44 and dash you to the ground, and your children within you. And they shall not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Mat 25:6 and in the middle of the night a cry was made, Lo, the bridegroom doth come; go ye forth to meet him.

Mat 25:7 'Then rose all those virgins, and trimmed their lamps,

Mat 25:8 and the foolish said to the prudent, Give us of your oil, because our lamps are going out;

Mat 25:9 and the prudent answered, saying—Lest there may not be sufficient for us and you, go ye rather unto those selling, and buy for yourselves.

Mat 25:10 'And while they are going away to buy, the bridegroom came, and those ready went in with him to the marriage-feasts, and the door was shut;

Mat 25:11 and afterwards come also do the rest of the virgins, saying, Sir, sir, open to us;

Mat 25:12 and he answering said, Verily I say to you, I have not known you.

Mat 25:13 'Watch therefore, for ye have not known the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man doth come.

No One Knows That Day and Hour

Mat 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Mat 24:37 But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Mat 24:38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

Mat 24:39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Mat 24:40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Mat 24:41 Two *women shall be* grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Mat 24:42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Mat 24:43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Mat 24:44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Mat 24:45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

Mat 24:46 Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

The Day of the Lord

1Th 5:1 Now, brothers, as to the **times and the seasons (the Moed)**, you do not need to be written to.

1Th 5:2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of יהוה comes as a **thief in the night**.

1Th 5:3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then suddenly destruction comes upon them, as labour pains upon a pregnant woman, and they shall not escape.

1Th 5:4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

1Th 5:5 For you are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

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Rev 3:1 And to the messenger of the assembly in Sardis write: These things saith he who is having the Seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars: I have known thy works, and that thou hast the name that thou dost live, and thou art dead;

Rev 3:2 become watching, and strengthen the rest of the things that are about to die, for I have not found thy works fulfilled before God.

Rev 3:3 'Remember, then, how thou hast received, and heard, and be keeping, and reform: if, then, thou mayest not watch, I will come upon thee as a thief, and thou mayest not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Rev 3:17 because thou sayest—I am rich, and have grown rich, and have need of nothing, and hast not known that thou art the wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked,

Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy from me gold fired by fire, that thou mayest be rich, and white garments that thou mayest be arrayed, and the shame of thy nakedness may not be manifest, and with eye-salve anoint thine

eyes, that thou mayest see.

Rev 16:15 'lo, I do come as a thief; happy *is* he who is watching, and keeping his garments, that he may not walk naked, and they may see his unseemliness,'
(shame)—

(direct to Laodecian church)