

## The Red-Letter Words of Yeshua ~ Part 129

### Yeshua's Final Journey ~ Part 6

In our last post, we have been dealing with the final days of **Yeshua's** life and ministry. In this post, **Yeshua Tells a Parable of the Ten Minas.**

#### Yeshua Tells a Parable of the Ten Mineh (Minas)

While at **Zakkai's** house, **Yeshua** tells a parable about a nobleman who entrusts money to his servants. The parable explains that **God** expects his people to appropriately steward the resources He gives. The parable also emphasizes the importance of obedience to **God's** commands. A parallel account appears in Matt. 25:14–30.

***<sup>11</sup> While they were listening to this, Yeshua went on to tell a parable because He was near Yerushalayim, and the people supposed that the Kingdom of God was about to appear at any moment.***

**Yeshua's** proximity to **Yerushalayim** heightened expectations about His **Messianic Kingdom.**

***<sup>12</sup> Therefore, He said, "A nobleman went to a country far away to have himself crowned king and then return.***

**A country far** away suggests a lengthy interval between the man's departure and return.

***<sup>13</sup> Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten manim [a maneh is about three months' wages] and said to them, 'Do business with this while I'm away.' <sup>14</sup> But his countrymen hated him, and they sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to rule over us.'***

**They sent a delegation after him**, presumably to the ruler bestowing authority on the nobleman. According to the next verse, this delegation failed to block the appointment.

***<sup>15</sup> "However, he returned, having been made king, and sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, to find out what each one had earned in his business dealings. <sup>16</sup> The first one came in and said, 'Sir, your maneh has earned ten more manim.' <sup>17</sup> 'Excellent!' he said to him. 'You are a good servant. Because you have been trustworthy in a small matter, I am putting you in charge of ten towns.'***

**I am putting you in charge of ten towns.** The nobleman rewards the servant by assigning him territory in the newly acquired kingdom.

***<sup>18</sup> The second one came and said, 'Sir, your maneh has earned five more manim; <sup>19</sup> and to this one, he said, 'You be in charge of five towns.' <sup>20</sup> "Then another one came and said, 'Sir, here is your maneh. I kept it hidden in a piece of cloth, <sup>21</sup> because I was afraid of you—you take out what you didn't put in, and you harvest what you didn't plant.' <sup>22</sup> To him, the master said, 'You wicked servant! I will judge you by your own words! So you knew, did you, that I was a severe man, taking out what I didn't put in and harvesting what I didn't plant?'***

The servant will be judged severely. He disobeyed the master's command to conduct business while he was away (Luke 19:13) instead of hiding the maneh (v. 20).

***<sup>23</sup> Then why didn't you put my money in the bank? Then, when I returned, I would have gotten it back with interest!' <sup>24</sup> To those standing by, he said, 'Take the maneh from him and give it to the***

*one with ten manim.'<sup>25</sup> They said to him, 'Sir, he already has ten manim!'<sup>26</sup> But the master answered, 'I tell you, everyone who has something will be given more; but from anyone who has nothing, even what he does have will be taken away.<sup>27</sup> However, as for these enemies of mine who did not want me to be their king, bring them here and execute them in my presence!'"<sup>1</sup>*

**Will be given more** indicates that the new king will reward faithful obedience, which leads to greater responsibility in managing the kingdom's resources. **Yeshua** made this same point in the parable of the lamp. (8:18; compare note on Matt 25:29).

**These enemies of mine** are those who opposed the nobleman's reign (Luke 19:14).

In our next, we will continue to explore **Yeshua's, Final Journey**.

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<sup>1</sup> Luke 19:11–27.