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This week we talked about parables that deal with the end. We saw that the parables and statements of Jesus' parables are its eschatology. Jesus spoke about the end of the day, the end of times. Professor Notley notices that none of the Jewish parables addressed eschatology. They didn't deal with the issue of the end of times and the end of days. I agree that Jesus' message and his ministry were not really about the end. It was about the present kingdom, God's reign and rule being established into the lives of people who humble themselves and are obedient in allowing God to use them to accomplish his purposes. It was mentioned that Jesus does not embrace the older idea of a two-part stage of redemption, The present age; then the messiah comes, then the end. Jesus embraced a three-part stage of redemption. First, you have the present age, and then you have the messianic era, and then the end. Jesus understood that he was living in a time (Matthew 11:12). Jesus, instead of referring to it as the days of the Messiah, humbly used another term, "The Kingdom of Heaven." I agree that the parable, Semahot of R. Hiyya 2:1 is not about the end times as well as in the gospel parable Luke 14:15-24 and Matthew 22:14. The subject here is not about the end of the days/times but the end of life. This is a good example of what these parables are about; there are about the end. There about being prepared for the unexpected, but it is talking about the end of life, not the end of days. I agree that it is good to read other examples and parables to shape our understanding and reading of Jesus' parables. We looked at the parable The Great Banquet and The Marriage Feast found in Luke 14:14-24 and Matthew 22:1. The parable's message is about being prepared, having our garments or attire always white, cleansed, and prepared when the invitation comes. Similarly, we looked at the five

Foolish Maidens parable in Matthew 25:1-13 with the same idea of always being ready and prepared.