

Sermon Outline

“The Power & Glory of His Presence” Matthew 24:29-35

- I.** Sun, moon and stars v. 29
“Immediately after the tribulation of those days”
Prophetic (figurative) language
Destruction of Egypt by Babyon Ezek 32:7-8
Destruction of Edom (Idumeans) Is 34:4
Destruction of Samaria (722 BC) Amos 8:9
Destruction of Babylon (539 BC) Is 13:9-10
- Now, the destruction of Jerusalem Joel 2:28-32
Acts 2:14-21 (*esp.* vv. 19-20); Heb 12:26-27
Sun, moon, stars = Israel
Gen 37:9-10; 44:14; 46:5-7 (*cf.* Rev 12:1)
- II.** The sign v. 30 (as asked in v. 3, predicted in 23:39)
The son of man in heaven
Tribes of the land shall mourn
His coming in power and glory
Peter associates this with the ascension Acts 2:29-36
- Cloud language (*cf.* Ps104:3)
Judgment on Egypt Is 19:1
Judgment on Nineveh Nah 1:3
See also Mt 26:64; Acts 1:9; Mk 16:19; Dan 7:13-14
The destruction of Jerusalem is the result of Jesus’ presence in the clouds of heaven, seated at the right hand of the Father.
Manifested on earth in 70 AD, immediately following the tribulation (v. 29).
- III.** Gathering the elect v. 31
These are messengers, not literal angels
Mt 11:10; Lk 7:24; Lk 9:52; Jas 2:25
Gathering into the new “synagogue” Mt 23:37-38; Acts 2:2-5, 17-18
Jas 2:2; Heb 10:25 (*cf.* 8:8-13); *contra* Rev 2:9; 3:9.
- IV.** Parable of the fig tree vv. 32-34 (not the same lesson as 21:18-22)
See similar connection in Is 34:4 (*cf.* Rev 6:12-17, the 6th Seal)
The point: the signs of vv. 5-14 signal the nearness of judgment.
But “it” shall come soon – specifically before the present generation passes away, “all these things shall happen.”
- V.** Conclusion Heb 12:18-29
You are not brought to the shadow form of God’s covenant vv. 18-21
But to the New Covenant of Jesus – lasting, unshakeable
Let us therefore serve God confidently in his grace v. 28