

THE SIGNS AND PROMISE OF JESUS' GLORIOUS RETURN

Matthew 24:1-51

Key verse 30-31

“Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth^[a] will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.”

1. What did Jesus prophesy about the temple buildings (1-2)? What future event(s) was Jesus referring to? What questions did the disciples ask in response (3)?
2. What warnings did Jesus give his disciples and why (4-7)? What was Jesus' attitude toward these things (6b,8)? What other things will happen (9-11)? How will many people react under such pressure (12)? What should we do and what did Jesus promise (13-14)?
3. What is the “abomination” in the holy place (15; Dan 11:31-32)? When these things happen, what must God's people do and why (16-21)? How will God help his own (22)?
4. How will false prophets try to deceive God's people (23-26)? Why should we not believe it (27-28)? Next, what cataclysmic sign would be fulfilled (29)? Read verses 30-31. How is Jesus' coming described? What hope do the elect have?
5. What lesson can we learn from the fig tree (32-33)? How sure is Jesus' second coming (34-35)? Why must we always be ready for Jesus' return (36-44)?
6. What does the faithful servant do and how is he rewarded (45-47)? What does a wicked servant think and do and what will happen to him (48-51)? How does Jesus help his disciples and us in this chapter?