

— Matthew 24.29-42 —
Kingdom Mini-Series 17
The Olivet Discourse:
As in the Days of Noah

Mat 24.29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 32 Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! 34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. 36 But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. 42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.”

* **In vs 29**, Jesus the “tribulation of those days” refers to ...

* **In vs 29**, the language about sun, moon, and stars is ...

— Isa 13.10 “For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine ... 13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place, In the wrath of the LORD of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger ... 17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them ... 19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, The beauty of the Chaldeans’ pride, Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.”

— Jer 4.6 “Set up the standard toward Zion. Take refuge! Do not delay! For I will bring disaster from the north, And great destruction ... 23 I beheld the earth, and indeed it was without form, and void; And the heavens, they had no light ... 5.15 Behold, I will bring a nation against you from afar, O house of Israel,” says the LORD ...”

— Isa 34.4 All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, And the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; All their host shall fall down As the leaf falls from the vine, And as fruit falling from a fig tree ... 6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood ... For the LORD has ... a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

* **Not a single one** of the d’s would have thought for a moment that Jesus was talking about ...

— Isa 51.16 ... [I] plant[ed] the heavens, La[id] the foundations of the earth, And sa[id] to Zion, “You are My people.”

* **Vs 30 sounds** like Jesus is talking about ... but ...

— Isa 13.3 I have commanded My sanctified ones; I have also called My mighty ones for My anger—Those who rejoice in My exaltation ... 5 ... From the end of heaven—The LORD and His weapons of indignation, To destroy the whole land. 6 Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. 7 Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man’s heart will melt, 8 ... Their faces will be like flames. 9 Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it ... 11 I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity ...”

— Jer 4.26 “I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness, And all its cities were broken down At the presence of the LORD, By His fierce anger. 27 For thus says the LORD: “The whole land shall be desolate ... 28 For this shall the earth mourn, And the heavens above be black, Because I have spoken. I have purposed and will not relent”

* **In vs 30**, the Greek says literally, “Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven.” So who or what is in heaven?

— Dan 7.13 ... behold, One like the Son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days ... 14 then to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

— Isa 19.1 ... the LORD rides on a swift cloud, And will come into Egypt; The idols of Egypt will totter at His presence ...

— Eze 30.3 [T]he day of the LORD is near; it will be a day of clouds, a time of doom for the nations. 4 A sword will come upon Egypt ...

— Mat 26.63 [T]he high priest ... said, “I put you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God!” 64 Jesus said to him, “It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

* **In vs 30**, the word “earth” literally means ...

* **In vs 31**, Jesus is talking about ...

* **In 2Chron 36.15-16**, who is called “angels”?

– In Luke 9.52, who is called “angels”?

– In Rev 2 & 3, who is called “angels”?

– Who are Jesus’ angels in the Great Commission?

– *Mat 28.18 “All authority has been give to me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age”*

* **In vs 31**, “gather” is the word ...

* **The gospel** Jesus preached, and told the d’s to preach, is the “gospel of the ...”

– *Mat 4.23 Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues [their gatherings], preaching the gospel of the kingdom ...*

– *Mat 24.14 This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations ...*

– *Act 17.6 ... “These who have turned the world upside down have come here ... 7 ... acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king—Jesus.”*

* **In vs 31**, what is meant by the “great sound of a trumpet”?

– *Isa 58.1 “Cry aloud ... Lift up your voice like a trumpet.”* See also Num 10.1-3; Lev 25.9-10.

* **What does** “the four winds of heaven” mean?

– *Zech 2.6 ... “I have spread you abroad like the four winds of heaven.”*

– *Mark 13.27 ... “He will ... gather his elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven.”*

* **In vs 32**, 33, and 42, Jesus tells the d’s to ...

* **In vs 34**, he assures them that ...

* **In vs 36**, he says that the exact day and hour are ...

* **In vs 34**, what does “generation” mean?

– *Mat 23.34 ... I am sending you prophets ... some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, 35 that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth ... 36 Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.*

* **In vs 40-41**, is Jesus talking about the modern notion of “the rapture”? How do we know?

– *Mat 24.26 “if they say, ‘Look, he is in the desert,’ ... or ... ‘He is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it.”*

* **What did we** learn from our earlier studies of apocalyptic passages in the OT and final judgment passage in the NT?

* **How does the** NT establish the relevance of final judgment?

* **What is the** relevance of the “coming” Jesus is talking about in the Olivet Discourse?

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