

Second Advent of Jesus Christ

Matthew 24:29

Progression of The 24th Chapter of the Book of Matthew

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Before we move on lets note one more point from verse 28

28 *“Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.* [We saw how this is in conjunction with the return of Jesus Christ, but there is also a passage in Revelation of this same description.]

Revelation 19:17

17 *Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, “Come, assemble for the great supper of God,*

18 *so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of*

those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great.”

As we compare Matthew 24:28 with Revelation 19:7-18 we see a clear picture of Divine judgment against all those who rebelled against God.

In verses 29-31 JESUS CHRIST now describes His own Second Advent.
Matthew 24:29

29 “But immediately after The Tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

The return of JC is described in four phrases:

- 1 The darkening of the sun
- 2 The moon will not give forth its light
- 3 The stars will fall from the sky
- 4 The powers of the heavens will be shaken

The adverb, *immediately*, always modifies the verb closest to it, in this case *will be darkened*. So what is described here happens immediately after The Tribulation— that is immediately after the final bowl judgment recorded in Revelation 16:17-21 *the sun will be darkened*.

Matthew 24:30-31

30 “*And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.*”

31 *“And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.*

It is interesting to note exact words used in the same context, here the end of The Tribulation and Second coming of JESUS CHRIST.

Here in Matthew 24:29 we have the adverb immediately introducing the Second advent, but note **Luke 21:9** where the events of The Tribulation are being spoken of, we see the same adverb being used.

9 *“When you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately.”*

While here in Matthew 24:29 JESUS CHRIST does speak of what happens *immediately*.

Mark also tells us the same information that Matthew records:
Mark 14:24

24 *“But in those days, after that tribulation,
THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED AND THE
MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT*

25 *AND THE STARS WILL BE FALLING from
heaven, and the powers that are in the
heavens will be shaken.*

26 *“Then they will see THE SON OF MAN
COMING IN CLOUDS
with great power and glory.*

**The return of our Savior, JESUS CHRIST is going to be
glorious and is going to be seen world-wide.**

Muslims, Mormans , Hindu's, Buddah's, Atheists, etc., *will see Him!* And all those who have believed in JESUS CHRIST as Savior will rejoice! It is going to be a day of rejoicing and a day of fear, multitudes will cry out, oh, no Mohammad was wrong, Joseph Smith was wrong, Mary Baker Eddy was wrong;

Jesus IS the ONLY Messiah Savior!!

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The first Advent of Jesus Christ, was quiet, unnoticeable by the world, in a lowly manger in remote Bethlehem, not so in His return to the earth; It will not be in secret.

Just as His first entrance into the world was prophesied in the Old Testament, so is His second entrance.

Isaiah 13:9-10

9 Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, Cruel, with fury and burning anger, To make the land a desolation; And He will exterminate its sinners from it.

10 *For the stars of heaven and their
constellations Will not flash forth their light;
The sun will be dark when it rises And the
moon will not shed its light.*

Joel 2:31

*“The sun will be turned into darkness And
the moon into blood Before the great and
awesome day of the LORD comes.*

Joel 3:15

*The sun and moon grow dark And the stars
lose their brightness.*

These heavenly disruptions will occur after The Tribulation but immediately before the glorious return of the creator and our Savior JESUS CHRIST quotes from the Joel 2:31 and they both refer to the same event in history.

Tommy Ice points out the relationship between Joel and what JESUS CHRIST is prophesying here in Matthew chapter 24.

“It is clear that our Lord has quoted part of His declaration about the sun and moon in Matthew 24:29. *“But immediately after The Tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,...”* from Joel 2:31

Both are speaking of the same time and events – the time immediately following The Tribulation and in conjunction with Christ’s return. Thus, it is interesting to take note of Joel 3:1-2 which provides a ‘time text’ saying that the ‘black out’ of Joel 2:31 will occur ‘in those days and at that time’ – Joel 3:1.

In conjunction with this is described a time when the Lord will ‘restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem’. (Joel 3:1). Not judgment but deliverance, as in Matthew 24. This event is said to be a time when the Lord ‘will gather all the nations.’ (Joel 3:1) in the valley of Jehoshaphat just north of Jerusalem. Further, it will be a time in which Israel will have been re-gathered from among the nations (Joel 3:2) This will be the time in which the sun and moon will be darkened.”

Joel 2: 31

31 *“The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood Before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.*

Joel 3:1-2

1 *“For behold, in those days and at that time, When I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,*

2 *I will gather all the nations And bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; And they have divided up My land.*

The earth is affected by man's sins. Not only is man affected by sins against God, but our earth is affected by our sins.

In other words where we live is affected by our sins. First each person is affected by personal sins, then our homes, people in our homes are adversely affected by sins. Then our world, this earth, is affected by sins.

Our so disoriented, anti-God world is so concerned about how we treat this earth, while it rejoices in sins and abominations against God. It advances immorality, sexual immorality even perversions, conduct that is queer to the design of our bodies. We do not need to close down capitalistic enterprise, we need desperately to close down our blatant immorality.

Our society is more and more **calling wrong right and right wrong**...and what we do not see is that it is this rebellion against God that is adversely affecting this earth. Don't be concerned with driving a car empowered by gasoline, be concerned about immorality!

The earth was affected by the sin of Adam and Eve and underwent physical change. Then the flood – brought on by perverted sins of mankind, affected the whole earth in the time of Noah.

And so, people, God's Word once again clearly reveals that at the end of The Tribulation, this world will be physically affected by the rebellious sins of mankind.

The world can scoff at the Word of God and it can take the Word of God out of its Judicial realm so that it can justify immorality. Take the WORD OF GOD out of education system that it can advance evolution over Creation by the One True God. It can remove the WORD OF GOD out of churches, out of homes, **but** it cannot remove the truth of God's Word.

It cannot remove the truth of the **gospel** that all those who believe in JESUS CHRIST will have Eternal Life while all those who refuse to believe in JESUS CHRIST as Savior will be under eternal suffering.

The Word of God abides forever

Just because an atheist does not believe in God,

- does not mean God does not exist.

Just because man denies the truths found in WORD OF GOD

- does not mean they do not stand forever.

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The **ARROGANCE OF MODERN MAN**

is seen in the fact that

just because man says “God does not exist”

and

just because man says “there is no such thing as sin”,

then

to the modern man that makes it so.

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And so one of the most frightening things about the end of The Tribulation is the dramatic effect on the earth and its universe.

First question:

Now, the question must be asked, can God do all these things to the Sun, moon and stars?

A Study Of His Omnipotence Reveals That Being God He Can.

Second question:

Has God ever dealt with these celestial objects, the sun, the moon and the stars before that we might see His power?

Yes, and these are recorded in the WORD OF GOD.

1. We saw the power of God in Exodus 10:21-29 where the sun did not shine over the land of Egypt while at the same time it did shine in the land of Goshen, which is in Egypt, where the Hebrews dwelt.
2. Then the one I love, where the sun stood still so that Joshua could fight against the enemies of the Israelites.

Josh. 10:12-14

12 *Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, "O sun, stand still at Gibeon, And O moon in the valley of Aijalon."*

- 13 *So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, Until the nation avenged themselves of their enemies. Is it not written in the book of Jashar? And the sun stopped in the middle of the sky and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day.*
- 14 *There was no day like that before it or after it, when the LORD listened to the voice of a man; for the LORD fought for Israel.*

3. Then in 2 Kings 20: God caused the sun to go backward 20 degrees to speak to Hezekiah.
4. Then the one we just studied at the crucifixion of our Lord, God caused the whole land to become darkened, no sun light, starting around noon and remaining dark until about 3 pm, while His Son bore the judgment for the sins of the world. This darkness concealed from both angels and man what went on between God and His Son and the darkness spoke of judgment upon mankind directed not at mankind but to the Son of man, the Son of God, who bore the judgment of our sins on the Cross.

Luke 23:44

44 *It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour,*

45 *because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two.*

We are studying on Wednesday night the significance of the veil being torn in two, in the temple. (God coming out to the world—marking the end of one dispensation and the beginning of another.)

So darkness covered the cross during Judgment on JESUS CHRIST, and now in Matthew 24:29 darkness will cover the whole world as Jesus Christ comes in judgment of the whole earth. **Dr. Gentry** points out that Genesis 1:14 says that one of the purposes for the sun, moon, and stars is to serve as a sign in the heavens.

The first scholar I learned to admire in Seminary was a 26 volume work on the *Old Testament by Keil and Delitzsch* where he says: “when God is angry, the principle of anger is set in motion even in the natural world, and primarily in the stars that were created ‘for signs’ (compare Genesis 1:14 with Jeremiah 10:2.”

Genesis 1:14

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years;

Jeremiah 10:2

Thus says the LORD, "Do not learn the way of the nations, And do not be terrified by the signs of the heavens Although the nations are terrified by them;

There is everything we need to know about all that God is doing and about our own lives in the precious Word of God, if we would but study His Word!

Many people do not like to read portions of God's word for the dramatic way things are worded. But those who have peace with God through JESUS CHRIST as their Savior have no need to fear any passage in the WORD OF GOD. One such passage is Isaiah 13, which is what JESUS CHRIST is speaking of in Matthew 24:29.

Isaiah 13:6

- 6 *Wail, for the day of the LORD is near!* [This is what JESUS CHRIST is speaking of in Matthew 24:29]
It will come as destruction from the Almighty. [Divine Judgment]
- 7 *Therefore all hands will fall limp,* [no more fighting against the Lord] *And every man's heart will melt.*
- 8 *They will be terrified, Pains and anguish will take hold of them; They will writhe like a woman in labor, They will look at one another in astonishment,* [could we have been wrong about the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? Wrong indeed] *Their faces aflame.*
- 9 *Behold, the day of the LORD* [2nd time this phrase is used to describe the judgment of darkness on the earth] *is coming, Cruel, with fury and*

burning anger, [from God in Judgment, Americans think they are getting away with their immorality, with their perversions, but *the day of the Lord is coming!*]
To make the land a desolation; And He will exterminate its sinners [those who do not believe in Jesus as their Savior] *from it.*

10 *For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not flash forth their light; The sun will be dark when it rises And the moon will not shed its light.* [Referred to by JESUS CHRIST in Matthew 24:29.]

11 *Thus* [the true God, the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob] *will punish the world for its evil* [of rejecting His Son and His word] *And the wicked for their iniquity; I will also put an end to the arrogance of the proud And abase the haughtiness of the ruthless,*

- 12 *I will make mortal man scarcer than pure gold
And mankind than the gold of Ophir. [The
number of those who will go into the Millennium is
very few in comparison with the world population
today.]*
- 13 *Therefore I [God] will make the heavens
tremble, And the earth will be shaken from
its place At the fury of the LORD of hosts
In the day of His burning anger.*

This is the day JESUS CHRIST speaks of in Matthew 24:29
It Is Coming!

The arrogant deny it, but IT IS COMING.

JESUS CHRIST is returning to planet earth!