

Jesus Is Coming And The Whole World Will See Him

Matthew 24:29

I want to go over some of the questions from last week concerning The Resurrection.

Two classifications of Resurrection:

Two Resurrections

First
Resurrection: called **Resurrection of life**
Resurrection of all those who believe in JC

Second
Resurrection called **Resurrection of Judgment**
Resurrection of Judgment of all refused to believe

Gospel of John 5:29

29 and will come forth; those who did the good to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil to a resurrection of judgment.

First **What is good?** **And what is evil?**

John 3:36

“He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son [not believe] will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

Good —believe in Jesus Christ
as your Savior

Evil —refuse to believe in
Jesus Christ

The First Resurrection Is Divided Into Four Parts

1 Corinthians 15:20-24

²⁰ *But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.*

²¹ *For since by a man [Adam] came death, by a man [Jesus Christ] also came the*

resurrection of the dead.

22 *For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.*

23 *But each in his own order: Christ The first fruits,
after that those who are Christ's at His coming,*

24 *then comes the end, when He hands over The kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.*

1st order of resurrection

Was Jesus Christ – verse 20 this resurrection has already taken place. After He was in the grave 3 days and 3 nights Jesus Christ rose from the dead in an eternal Resurrected Body.
{ recorded in the 4 gospels and The Acts 2:31-34 }

2nd order of resurrection

The resurrection of all believers of the CHURCH AGE; of the Body of Christ at the Rapture of the Church.

Gospel of John 14:1-3

Philippians 3:20-21

20 *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;*

21 *who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.*

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 *But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do The rest who have no hope.*

- 14 *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.*
- 15 *For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.*
- 16 *For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.*
- 17 *Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.*

18 *therefore comfort one another with these words.*

A word about 'asleep' this does not refer to the soul and spirit;— only the body sleeps; think about Jesus Christ while His body slept in the tomb, His spirit went to be with the Lord while His soul went to Hades to give the Victorious Proclamation.

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

51 *Behold, I tell you a mystery; [Resurrection is the mystery] we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,*

52 *in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.*

53 *For this perishable [our present dying bodies] must put on the imperishable, [Resurrected Body] and this mortal must put on*

immortality.

54 *But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, [Resurrection] then will come about the saying that is written, “DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. [Jesus Christ has conquered death]*

55 *“O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?”*

56 *The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;*

57 *but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. [DBR]*

1st Order: Jesus Christ

2nd Order: Believers of The CHURCH AGE

3rd Order: Resurrection of Old Testament believers and Tribulational martyrs at the end of The Tribulation, at the Second Advent; Hope of the Resurrection. { Daniel 12:13; Isaiah 26:19-20 }

Matthew 24:31

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.*

Luke 14:13-14

13 *“But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,*

[The emphasis here is on the spiritual poor, crippled by sin, lamed by transgressions and blind to the truth]

14 *and you will be blessed, [those who share the gospel with others will be blessed] since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”*

Luke 20: context: The Sadducees not believing in resurrection, try to show how ridiculous resurrection is, and all the problems it would bring about -- and here they bring up a man is married, dies and his brother takes her for a bride, if there is a resurrection, which one would she be within The resurrection?

Luke 20:34-36

34 *And Jesus said to them, "the sons of this age marry [males] and are given in marriage, [females]*

35 *but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and The resurrection from the dead, [how are you worthy? Faith in Messiah] neither marry, nor are given in marriage; [after the resurrection]*

36 *for neither can they die anymore, [no death after resurrection] for they are like angels, and are sons of God, [by faith in Messiah] being sons of the resurrection.*

In John 5:29 resurrection of life

Acts 24:14-15

14 *“But this I admit to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect I do serve the God of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets;*

15 *having a hope in God, which these men cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.*

Resurrection of the Righteous

1st Order: Jesus Christ **after the crucifixion, after 3 days and 3 nights in The grave**

2nd Order: **Believers of The CHURCH AGE at the Rapture**

3rd Order: Resurrection of Old Testament believers and Tribulation martyrs at the end of The Tribulation, at the Second Advent

4th Order of Resurrection of the Millennial saints **at the end of the Millennium.**
Revelation 20:4-6

Second Resurrection:

This is resurrection of all unbelievers: Old Testament, New Testament; (every dispensation); This resurrection occurs at the end of the Millennium and they are brought before The Great White Throne Judgment Revelation 20:11-15

After this Resurrection, all unbelievers are judged and cast into the eternal Lake of Fire. Matthew 25:41; Gospel of John 5:29; Revelation 20:5-15

There Are Two Resurrections and There Are Two Directions for the 2 Resurrections

- 1 The direction for the FIRST RESURRECTION: Eternal Life With God
- 2 The direction for THE SECOND RESURRECTION: Eternal condemnation and Lake of fire.
- 3 The difference between the two is one's **attitude toward Jesus Christ**
Gospel of John 3:36
As long as anyone is alive, he has the opportunity of entering into the first resurrection, simply by believing in Jesus Christ as Savior.
- 4 Until Jesus Christ died on the cross and was buried there could be no resurrection. The first Resurrection in history is that of Jesus Christ on the third day.

Also last week there were questions as to where believers of The Old Testament were, and where all unbelievers are today.

We have prepared a document below for your reference.

Compartments of *Sheol* or *Hades*

For Old Testament believers only;
empty since the resurrection of Jesus Christ
Luke 23:43

Great Gulf Fixed

Luke 16:26

All unbelievers who await the
Great White Throne Judgment,
are then cast into the **Lake of Fire.**

It is a place of darkness.

Unbelievers are here and resurrected in the Second Resurrection.

Tartarus

2 Peter 2:4

This is the prison for the fallen angels of Genesis 6 and Jude 6

The Abyss

(Revelation 10:1-3) Revelation 9:1-2

Fallen Angels are held here until the middle of The Tribulation.
The **Abaddon**, the toughest of all fallen angels next to Satan is
here.

Revelation 9:11

Now back to our study in 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 sun will be darkened and the moon will not give it’s light*

It still amazes me how many people think you either believe the bible or science. They do not realize that science merely confirms what the bible reveals. If the sun is darkened, that is does not give off light, what is going to happen to the moon?

The moon does not generate its own light, it gets its light from the sun, so if the sun does not give out light, this would mean the moon does not give light. Everything the bible says about the physical world is absolutely true...no matter what those who have become wise have to say... for they have become fools. Romans 1.

Now we come to the third event described here in verse 29 the stars will fall from the sky

The entire earth will be darkened in preparation for the greatest historical event—the Return of the Son of God to earth.

All through this study we have interpreted this declaration by our Lord as *literal*. There was no reason not to understand all these things as literal. So we shall pause with the Lord's statement about the stars.

There are three passages we must look at

First passage:

Revelation 12:4 speaks of Satan sweeping away **a third of the stars of heaven**. We have studied that passage and noted why this refers to angels not to literal stars.

Second passage:

There is a passage in Revelation that sounds much like Matthew 24:29

Now back to our study in Matthew 24:29

Revelation 6:13

¹³ *and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.*

[It is these falling stars that will cause the people to run into caves in the description of the 6th seal in Revelation 6:12-17.]

[They will cry out]

Revelation 6:16-17

¹⁶ *and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;* [God the Father and JESUS CHRIST His lamb]

¹⁷ *for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"* [they will be shocked into the reality of their circumstances but not shocked to bow before Him and acknowledge that He is the only Savior.]

In the study of the sixth seal there are those who do not pay close attention to what is being said, try to make Revelation 6:13 occur at the same time as Matthew 24:29.

A careful study of the **context** of each of these passages will reveal that they are addressing entirely different times in the Tribulation. Not only that, but a close observation of each of these two passages will reveal they are not even saying the same thing. In Revelation 6:13 you will note that the stars fall to the earth, while Matthew 24:29 does not say that the stars fall to the earth.

[Also to help understand the falling stars to the earth in Revelation 6, they fall] as [or] like a fig tree cast its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. This similarity or likeness explains these stars falling to the earth without destroying the earth.

Third passage:

is here in Matthew 24:29.

The universe is dark... and now stars are falling seemingly at random. It does not say they fall to the earth. It has been described as “these events are all in preparation for the second coming.

A brilliant heavenly black out that will provide a perfect background for the brilliant arrival of Jesus Christ back to planet earth.”

With this blackout look at verse 30 which describes His coming:
Matthew 24:30

“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.”

In The Backdrop Of Darkness The Whole World Will See His Coming!

They are called *falling stars* we might say shooting stars . Some translate the Greek word for stars as meteors. But no matter exactly what these celestial bodies are, it is going to be one unbelievable occurrence on the Day of the Lord, the day of His Return to earth.

The final phrase by our Lord in verse 29 and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. What is this talking about?

Has JESUS CHRIST moved from literal physical disruptions in the skys and referring to angels? Angels are never referred to as powers of or in the heavens in the Word of God. So if not angelic, if we are to understand this as referring to physical powers in the heavens, what is this referring to?

First the earth is affected (28)

Then the Universe is affected

–the sun, moon and stars

and the heavens are now affected

by the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

And the powers of the heavens [The Greek word for] **powers** [is the familiar **dunamis** where we get the English word dynamite. It as a variety of translations and references. Some of the concepts in this word are: *to be able, power, esp. achieving power.*

It will be used in the following verse 30 and they will see *the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.*

But here in verse 29 it refers to power or forces operating in the heavenly realm.

The Weymouth New Testament gives an interesting translation of this phrase: and the forces which control the heavens will be disordered and disturbed. We know there are forces operating on this earth and this universe like gravity.

We do not know what the divine plan of the heavens is, what forces are in operation.

The important issue revealed here by JESUS CHRIST is that the forces in the heavenly order will be shaken.

Will be shaken is the future passive of the Greek word meaning to wave or to move to and fro; to put into a state of waving, rocking, a vibrating motion, which Weymouth New Testament translates it will be disordered and disturbed.

What is described here in **Matthew 24:29** is seen in such passages as Isaiah 13:10. In describing judgment on the Day of the Lord

*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.*

Isaiah 34:4

*And all the host of heaven will wear away,
And the sky will be rolled up like a scroll;
All their hosts will also wither away As a
leaf withers from the vine, Or as one
wITHERS from the fig tree.*

Ezekiel 32:7

“And when I extinguish you, I will cover the heavens and darken their stars; I will cover the sun with a cloud And the moon will not give its light.

Again, describing this **Day of the Lord:**

Joel 2:10

Before them the earth quakes, The heavens tremble, The sun and the moon grow dark And the stars lose their brightness.

Joel 3:15

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

Haggai 2:6

*“For thus says the LORD of hosts,
‘Once more in a little while, I am going to
shake the heavens and the earth, the sea
also and the dry land.’ [The astute reader will
ask: since God says He will do this once more,
when was the first time?]*

Good question, and for the answer we have to look at
Hebrews 12:26

*And His voice shook the earth then, but
now He has promised, saying, “YET
ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT
ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO
THE HEAVEN.”*

A careful study of Hebrews 12 and 2 will reveal that this first shaking was at the end of the first world, the pre-historic world, and left the world as it is found in Genesis 1:2 formless and void and darkness. If you understand Genesis 1:2 you get an idea of the Power of the Omnipotent God.

God's shaking of the heavens the first time did not destroy the earth nor will it destroy the earth this time. In fact, after the shaking of the powers of the heavens and the celestial upheaval JESUS CHRIST will usher in His Millennial kingdom.

One other passage needs to be observed.

Luke 21:20-28 It is clear that in these verses Jesus Christ is speaking of two different future events.

Verses 20-24 Jesus is speaking of the coming judgment in AD 70 to Jerusalem from the Romans.

Luke 21:20

20 *“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, [the Roman armies in A.D. 70] then recognize that her desolation is near.*

[Destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70]

21 *“Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city;*

[This is much different than what JESUS CHRIST told the Jews in Jerusalem to do when they see the Abomination of Desolation in Matthew 24.]

- 22 *because these are days of vengeance, [from God to Israel] so that all things which are written will be fulfilled.*
- 23 *“Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people;*
- 24 *and they will fall by the edge of the sword, [of the Romans] and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.*

This takes place at the end of the Tribulation, which the Lord now addresses. The end of verse 24 sets the stage of history until JESUS CHRIST comes again, already some 2000 years.

Matthew 24:25

“There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, [This is what the Lord is

speaking on in Matthew 24:29.]

(Note that here Luke says these things will be *signs*; of what?)

Of the Immediate Coming of Our LORD JESUS CHRIST !

While Matthew, Mark and Luke record some of what the Lord is saying about The Tribulation, Luke is the only one who speaks of the people on the earth.

Luke 21:

26 *men fainting from fear and the expectation
of
the things which are coming upon the world;
for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.*

27 *“Then they will see **THE SON OF MAN**
COMING IN A
CLOUD with power and great glory. [This is
with a blackout throughout the Universe so
that all men no matter where they are on this
round earth, they will see the coming Jesus
Christ.]*

28 *“But when these things begin to take place,
straighten up and lift up your heads,
because
your redemption is drawing near.”*

Entrance into the Millennium

We will continue in Matthew 24:30

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.”*

Amen Come Lord Jesus