

Jesus Christ sends Angels

Matthew 24:31

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And He will send forth His angels

There are several major points in this one phrase.

First, note WHO is in authority: JESUS the CHRIST

Note who is doing the sending: JESUS the CHRIST

Note to whom the angels belong and obey: JESUS the CHRIST

We have the continuing Greek conjunction translated *and*

We have several in verses 30-31

And then the sign will appear

And then all the tribes of the earth will mourn

*And they will see the Son of Man
And He will send forth His angels*

I hope you can sense the great drama going on in these two verses *And then He will send forth His angels*

This is the future tense (*time at end of Tribulation, accompanying the Return of JESUS CHRIST*) of the Greek verb ***apostello*** to send forth.

There are two Greek words translated **to send**.
This word means to send emphasizing the relationship between the one doing the sending and those to whom they are sent.

While the other word ***pempo*** emphasizes the relationship between the one doing the sending with the one being sent.

By using ***apostello*** here, JESUS CHRIST is pressing on the Jews the relationship of these angels and the Jews all over the world. And this **relationship** is that these angels will themselves gather together the elect and transport them to Israel, the Promised Land.

The Greek word for *angels* is also interesting. It is ***aggelos*** which interestingly enough means ***messenger or the one sent***; usually sent to announce something or proclaim something.

Whether what they announce is good or bad depends on the context. We could spend years on the study of angels, but let us note a few things that are pertinent to our study.

We have studied that the bible reveals the **EXISTENCE of The Deity, God, creator and superior** to all other creatures.

Angels Then the bible reveals the existence of a class of supernatural beings called **Angels**.

Mankind Then the Bible reveals the existence of the lower creature –**Mankind**.

I think the place to begin our study here is in Revelation 1:1

¹ *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*, [from JESUS CHRIST, and about JESUS CHRIST] *which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must shortly take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John,*

God the Father

Jesus Christ

Angels

Us

God the Father is superior to Jesus Christ John 14:28

Jesus is superior to angels Hebrews 1

Angels, in creation are superior to mankind

He (GOD) interprets the past,
explains the present and
reveals the future

Our God can be trusted in all things.

If you ever doubt that God, JESUS CHRIST loves you, pick up this BIBLE, look at it, and know that you are holding proof of His love toward you, no matter what you have done.

Gospel of John 15:15

15 *No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you*

Out of His Love:

He discloses Himself;

Out of His Love:

He makes known His plan for our lives

Out of His Love:

He reveals, shows us the end times and His own Glory, which is what we are now studying in Matthew 24-25

In Eternity past there was but **ONE WILL**---God's.

Then **God** created **Angels** --and there was still one will.

Then Lucifer rebelled and all of a sudden:

Two wills in existence and in conflict---

Therefore the ANGELIC CONFLICT.

Two Wills = conflict.

God wins... cast demons into deep.

Then God created man:

(evolutionists –
if they accept creation,
then comes **obligation** to creator,
which is one of the fundamental reasons
for rejecting creation and coming up with **evolution**)

What is the great Question of the **ANGELIC CONFLICT?**

Not, as some think:

HOW CAN A LOVING GOD CAST MAN,
HIS OWN CREATION, INTO LAKE OF FIRE?

The real question is

HOW CAN A PERFECTLY RIGHTEOUS GOD
NOT
CAST ALL UNRIGHTEOUS CREATION INTO THE ETERNAL FIRE?

All this is in first book of Bible: **Job!**

Human history is in a great arena, with Angels looking,
watching and learning. This is another reason why any works
of man cannot be the issue in Salvation.

If man offers God some performance, then all eyes are on that performance: Is that good enough for God to save that person?

But if all we
offer God is an empty hand of faith in JESUS CHRIST
all angelic eyes are now on God...

**is faith alone in your Son alone ...
enough for you to Save?**

Angels are a vital part of our daily lives;
your marriage,
your home,
your friendships,
your local church,
your spiritual maturity:

Ephesian 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, [therefore, Christian stop judging and fighting with One Another] but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

See that word '**STRUGGLE**' – that is your daily life---

You are in a war:

Not with each other, but with invisible, yet real, creatures whose desire is to keep man from believing in JESUS CHRIST and... if you have believed, then to keep you from glorifying JESUS CHRIST in your life.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh,

4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

People, this is why it is so important for every Christian to know how to be **filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit**. You cannot spiritually learn Scripture without the teaching of the Holy Spirit.

So Angels are extremely important to your whole life... and what goes on in your life...

This is just another reason why, **over and over in Scripture**, we are encouraged not to **judge** one another, **slander** one another, **malign** one another, **separate from** one another... but to **restore** one another, **love one** another in spiritual love, **encourage** one another – because we are all in a **Spiritual Warfare!**

a **Spiritual Warfare** to destroy your marriage,
a **Spiritual Warfare** to destroy your church,
a **Spiritual Warfare** to prevent you from being and
living who You are in JESUS CHRIST---

Angels are extremely important all through Scripture...

Jesus is superior to Angels:

- 1 Angels are superior by creation: Hebrews 2:7 and 9
- 2 JESUS CHRIST made lower than Angels: Hebrews 2:9
- 3 By His Death, Burial, Resurrection, Ascension and Session the humanity of JESUS CHRIST is now superior to Angels: Hebrews 1:4-8; 1:13 and 2:14
- 4 Everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST as Savior are in Union with Christ: Ephesians 1:6; 1 Corinthians 1:2 and 30
- 5 Therefore, every believer as to position is superior to Angels: Hebrews 1:14

6 By the combination of Eternal Security and Ultimate Sanctification every believer will be superior to Angels all eternity.

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Some believe that since there is the sound of the great trumpet that this is parallel with 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17, which is the call of the **Trumpet** for all—living and dead in Christ, at the end of the Church Age.

But this is a trumpet call for believing Jews of all history. Note carefully the wording of this verse.

He will send forth His angels [nothing recorded about angels and the rapture of the church] *With a great trumpet* [The careful

observation of 1 Thessalonians 4 will show that it will be the trumpet of God that will call home the saints of the Church, the body of Christ, while here in Matthew 24 it will be the trumpet blown by the Angels.] *and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.*

[First the elect refers to Jews who have believed in Jesus as the Messiah. And for a clear understanding of] *from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other,* [we want to look at the parallel passage in Mark 13:27] *And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds,* [N, S, E. and W] *from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven.*

Remember we have already seen that the - **3rd Order** of resurrection is of **Old Testament believers** and **Tribulational martyrs** at the end of The Tribulation, at the Second Advent; and were referred to Matthew 24:31.

**But wait, here it says they will
CALL THE ELECT FROM THE FARTHEST END OF HEAVEN.**

What is this talking about?

A study of Revelation shows that Jewish martyrs in The Tribulation will be taken to heaven and will sing and make request of the Lord. That this gathering is for the saved Jews (**the elect**) is fulfillment of prophecy.

Zechariah 12:10 [written around 500 bc]

10 “I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

In other words they will experience the hurt that their Messiah experience over them.

Matthews 23:37

37 “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.”

The Mourning Of Israel spoken of in Zechariah 12 will not be as the mourning of the nations at the coming of the Lord in Matthew 24:30.

The mourning of Israel will be the **mourning of repentance** because their mourning will result in the purification of all Israel.

Zechariah 13:1

“In that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity.”

The Day of the Lord (Matthew 24:30-31) will not bring judgment against Israel but against her enemies.

Zechariah 12:9

9 “And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

In fact, Zechariah 12:1-9 pictures what we are studying in Matthew 24:1-9

1 The burden of the word of the LORD concerning Israel. Thus declares the LORD who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him,

2 “Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah.

3 *“It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.*

4 *“In that day,” declares the LORD, “I will strike every horse with bewilderment and his rider with madness. But I will watch over the house of Judah, while I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.*

5 *“Then the clans of Judah will say in their hearts, ‘A strong support for us are the inhabitants of Jerusalem through the LORD of hosts, their God.’*

- 6 *“In that day I will make the clans of Judah like a firepot among pieces of wood and a flaming torch among sheaves, so they will consume on the right hand and on the left all the surrounding peoples, while the inhabitants of Jerusalem again dwell on their own sites in Jerusalem.*
- 7 *“The LORD also will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem will not be magnified above Judah.*
- 8 *“In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who is feeble among them in that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like*

God, like the angel of the LORD before them

9 *“And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.*

Arnold Fruchtenbaum in the great book ***The Footsteps of the Messiah*** (which I recommend every one of you reading) says that when Christ uttered the words in Matthew 24:30-31... He had in mind Isaiah 27:12-13.

Isaiah 27:12

12 *In that day [Day of the Lord, of Matt. 24:30-31] the LORD will start His threshing [verse 30] from the flowing stream of the Euphrates to the brook of Egypt, and you [Jewish elect] will be gathered up one by one, O sons of Israel. [verse 31*

13 *It will come about also in that day that a great trumpet [This is the only reference to a great trumpet in the Old Testament and it is related to **The Day of the Lord** spoken of in Matthew 24:31, where the great trumpet will blow—re-gathering of Israel.] will be blown, [verse 31 –a re-gathering of Israel who are out of the land] *and those who were perishing in the land of Assyria and who were scattered in the land of Egypt will come and worship the LORD in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.**

What blessed hope this gives Israel, and should lead them to the Messiah during the Church Age.

Matthew 24:3-31 JESUS CHRIST has been teaching on The Tribulation and ending with His Return to the earth at the end of The Tribulation.

Now Jesus continues teaching on the same subject, only now He will use **parables** to solidify what He has been teaching.

This introduces a very important point on teaching by **parables**. Most people incorrectly think that JESUS CHRIST uses **parables** to make the teaching simple and clear so that everyone will be able to understand them. This is absolutely **incorrect!** In fact just the opposite, Jesus uses parables so that most people will **not understand**.

How do we know this?

JESUS CHRIST tells us right here in Matthew
Matthew 13:10

- 10 And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” [in other words, why don’t you just come right out and say it?]
- 11 Jesus answered them, “To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. [Why? What is the difference?]

- 12 *“For whoever has, to him more shall be given,* [has what? Has believed in Jesus as Messiah-Savior—this person saw the truth in the gospel and believed it] *and he will have an abundance;* [that is he will see more and more

truth in the Word of God;] *but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.* [*the rich get richer!* The more of the Word of God you learn, the more you will be able to learn. It takes sound doctrine understood to learn more doctrine. Hebrew 6]

13 *“Therefore I speak to them in parables;*
[JESUS CHRIST does not want them to understand mystery teaching] *because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.*

Unfortunately this describes a great number of Christians today. This is what we have studied under the concept of how the Bible both **reveals** and **conceals** at the same time.

It is written in this way on purpose.

We learned in Isaiah 28 how when some open this book they will see salvation by works while others will see salvation by grace through faith.

Again, opening this book is the most dangerous thing you will

do in your life. If you want to see works...**works** are there, if you want to see grace, **grace** is there.

This is why I constantly ask, **what is your view of God?**

Is He a God who requires you to work for Him or is He a God who does all the work and simply ask, for us to believe Him?

This is why it is so important that you are most careful with whom you choose to listen in their teaching of the Word of God.

But the point is... that here (in Matthew 24-25) Jesus is going to teach and to further explain what He has been saying in 24:1-31 in parables.

The **First** thing to know about parables is **WHY** Jesus teaches in parables.

The **Second** major point is to understand that all of the following parables in chapters 24-25 relate to what He has just taught in verses 4-31.

Therefore, they should be understood as a group of like teaching parables.

- 1 That is each of the following parables refer to the same events just taught by JESUS CHRIST in verses 4-31.
- 2 Understanding the following parables as a group means that JESUS CHRIST does not go to something new.

- 3 In other words they all are to be understood as related to The Tribulation and the Second Coming of JESUS CHRIST or the end of the Tribulation.
- 4 This means they each must be understood as dealing with the future, not past events.
- 5 Understanding these points will help in **correctly** understanding each of these parables.

There are **five** parables to emphasize His teaching in Matthew 24:32-51

- 1 1st the parable of the fig tree 32-35
- 2 2nd the days of Noah 36-39
- 3 3rd Comparison of Two men – two women 40-41
- 4 4th The wise and faithful head of the house 42-44
- 5 5th The wise and faithful slave 45-51

Every one of these must be interpreted by the questions asked by the disciples in 24:3; “What Will Be The Sign?”; JESUS CHRIST is still answering their questions.

Therefore, they all must be understood

in reference to Israel, not the Church.

None of these should be in anyway be related or interpreted into or by the Church.

In our reading of Matthew 13, in regard to parables... JESUS CHRIST said that He will speak in parables to blind the eyes of Israel, who were already blind due to refusal to see that He is their promised Messiah.

He relates parables to Israel. Last time we read just a portion of this explanation of parables by our Lord; now let us look at the entire message.

Matthew 13:10

10 *And the disciples* [these are some of the same men who came to Jesus in Matthew 24:3 asking for a sign] *came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"* [not just straight out]

11 *Jesus answered them,* [grace of our Lord]
"To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. [Why not?]

12 *“For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.* [again, what do they have that the others do not have? They see and believe that Jesus is the 1promised Messiah, the Son of God, while these others refuse to see who this Jesus is.]

13 *“Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.* [They hear His words but they do not understand them.

Now, notice that Jesus confines this to Jews, to all Israel.]

14 *“In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, ‘YOU WILL*

KEEP ON HEARING, BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND; YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE;

[they will keep on seeing this Jesus, but they will not understand who He is. And Why not?]

15 *FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES, OTHERWISE THEY WOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN, AND I WOULD HEAL THEM.'*

16 *“But blessed are your eyes, because they see; [who Jesus is] and your ears, because they hear. [They are open to the truth.]*

17 *“For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it. [Many throughout the Old Testament history, longed to see this Jesus, their Messiah.]*

We now move to the first parable.

The parable of the Fig Tree

*He who has an ear
let him hear
what the Lord says to Israel*