

THE DAY THE LORD COMES TO EARTH

Matthew 25:31

31 *“But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, (not in humiliation as He did in His incarnation) and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.*

This verse is the climax of what JESUS CHRIST taught in
Matthew [24:29-31](#)

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.*

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.*

As we have seen this one verse is packed with theology that we all need to know and understand.

First: As to when this verse takes place : this is at the end of the seven years tribulation, at the Second Advent.

Secondly: Why JESUS CHRIST is referred to as the Son of Man in this verse: because by that title God the Father gave to JESUS CHRIST authority to judge

Third: Exactly what Glory is being referred to here: The Glory God the Father bestowed upon JESUS CHRIST because of His cross work, and seating Him on His heavenly throne.

Fourth: Why angels are mentioned as part of this work of JESUS CHRIST: Here we studied how angels were a vital part to every phase of JESUS CHRIST, except His work on the cross. They were part of His birth, His life, His resurrection and now His Second Advent. Angels are a vital part of our lives as a correct understanding of the **ANGELIC CONFLICT.**

Now we must look at

He will sit on His glorious throne.

As you can see, glory occurs twice in this one verse, first referring to the glory of JESUS CHRIST and then describing **His Throne, Here On Earth**. This is not the throne He sat on in Heaven, this one is on earth. What is interesting here is that JESUS CHRIST does not use a descriptive adjective to describe His throne but uses an attributive genitive.

As **A.T. Robertson** (notable American scholar of New Testament Greek) points out this construction and describes the object with more sharpness and distinctiveness. But the question is why would JESUS CHRIST use this construction in referring to His earthly throne? And that is the whole point, **He sits on God's heavenly throne, but here He sits on His own earthly throne. And why is it glorious?** It is the fulfillment of the **Faithfulness of God the Father to His Son**, the Son of Man.

Psalm 110:1

1 *The LORD GOD THE FATHER says to my*
(David) *Lord: (JESUS CHRIST) "Sit at My right hand*
(This is God the Father addressing JESUS CHRIST at His
Resurrection, Ascension and Session in heaven) *Until I*
make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."
(Second Advent, at the point of our study.)

And note that God the Father is called The Lord, do not let anyone take away from you the Lordship of God the Father nor of God the Son, nor of God the Holy Spirit; all three are noted as Lord in the Holy Scriptures.

And to see how this infuriated Satan in the **ANGELIC CONFLICT**, and why Satan hates JESUS CHRIST, hates Grace of God and hates the Love of God;

Hebrews 1:13

13 *But to which of the angels* (certainly not Satan) *has He ever said, “SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET”?*

Hebrews 10:11-13

11 *Every priest* (in the Aronic Priesthood of the OLD TESTAMENT) *stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins;*

12 *but He, (JESUS CHRIST) having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, (that is He offered Himself on the cross in Spiritual death) SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,*

13 *waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.* (At the Second Advent –our study—then He will move to His glorious throne.)

When Jesus returns to earth at the end of the seven years of Tribulation to the earth and to the Jews, He will be victorious over all the armies gathered in Israel to annihilate the Jews and then sits on His throne in Jerusalem to judge all gentiles, they will become His footstool.

We have one more issue to take up in verse 31.

The adverb translated *when* plus the Aorist Active.

This is the subjunctive of the Hebrew word meaning to leave one place, (throne of God in heaven) and come to another place, (His throne on earth).

**Let us first make one thing straight,
THIS IS NOT THE LAST JUDGMENT.**

**The Last Judgment
is the Great White Throne Judgment**

(Revelation 20:11).

As to when He would come is what Matthew 24-25 are all about:

Matthew 24:3

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As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

(But as to the day and hour, when Jesus will return, no one knows except the Godhead:)

Matthew 24:36

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"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

All this was prophesied by Zechariah.

Zechariah is a most interesting book, especially, along with our Wednesday study on Christian "Courage Under Pressure!"

After the Babylonian captivity the children of Israel started their return to Jerusalem and rebuilding the city and the temple. They completed half of the temple . . . then stopped.

God commissioned Zechariah to go and lead them to complete the temple. He did not go in with strong words of rebuke but rather encouraged them by reminding them of the future importance of the Temple, that one day in the future, the MESSIAH would come and dwell in the temple. With this encouragement they entered into completing the temple thinking of the coming of their MESSIAH.

You must remember they have no knowledge of the Church Age, so they are looking for the MESSIAH.

IT IS THIS THAT

Zechariah addresses

In chapter 14:

Verses

a.	Final Siege of Jerusalem	1-2
b.	Second Coming of the MESSIAH	3-8
c.	Millennial Reign of the MESSIAH	9-21

The Armageddon campaign will develop in various segments as any campaign does. As it develops, Gentile nations will make what will turn out to be the final siege of Jerusalem. This is described by the first 2 verses in Zechariah 14.

Zechariah 14:1

1 *Behold, a day is coming* (this is the day we are studying in Matthew 24-25) *for the LORD when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you.* (This taking away from the Jews has been going on all throughout history from the time of Babylonian captivity right up to today and all through The Tribulation.)

We saw in: Joel 3:1

1 *“For behold, in those days and at that time, When I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,* (Joel goes on to say that right after JESUS CHRIST restores Judah and Jerusalem, He will conduct the Baptism of Fire Judgment for the Gentiles.)

Zechariah 14:2

2 *For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle,* (Satan thinks it is he who will gather all the nations against Jerusalem, but in truth, it is God moving them all into one location. Satan plans on

destroying all the Jews, as he planned to do in the Holocaust, but God was working to bring about the nation of Israel and here we see that it is God who will “gather all the nations together” against Jerusalem, that JESUS CHRIST will defeat them in one decisive battle) *and the city will be captured,* (this happens in The Tribulation;) *the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled.* (This is what Israel has to look forward to, yet in the future.) *but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.* (the Times of the Gentiles is not quiet over yet, so here the nations move against Jerusalem and overtake the city. One half of the Jewish population in Jerusalem will be taken or killed but half will be allowed to live in the city.)

Remember that the remnant of believing Jews left the city in the middle of The Tribulation and are hiding, perhaps in Petra.

Verse 2 describes some of the issues that will be brought up against the Gentiles in the judgment by JESUS CHRIST.

Zechariah 14:3-5

3 *Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.*

4 *In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.*

5 *You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as*

you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!

This is the same description in Matthew 25:31 —

when the Son of man comes

Zechariah 14:6-7

6 *In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle.*

7 *For it will be a unique day which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light. (The glory of JESUS CHRIST.)*

This is discussed in [Revelation 22:5](#)

5 *And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.*

[Zechariah 14:8-9](#)

8 *And in that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter.*

That we might see what happens next:

9 *And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day* (JESUS CHRIST and all those who remain on earth [Gentiles and Jews] will go into the Millennial Kingdom of JESUS CHRIST) *the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one.* (There will be no king or prince or president that comes near His earthly rule.)

Matthew 25:32

32 *“All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;*

Now back to our study in Matthew 25:31-33

31 *“But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.*

32 *“All the nations (Gentiles) will be gathered before Him;* (in the valley of Jehoshaphat. And now we begin the judgment by JESUS CHRIST in the Baptism of Fire.) *And He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;*

33 *and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.*

According to the WORD OF GOD,
There are two primary ways of separating the human race;
Jews and Gentiles;

and even more critical:

**Those who believe in Jesus as the Messiah-Savior
and
Those who do not, be they Jew or Gentile.**

Most everyone understood the analogy that JESUS CHRIST is using,
the separation of the **sheep** and **goats**.

Why does JESUS CHRIST put all unbelievers (goats) on His left, but
all believers (sheep) on His right?

Ecclesiastes 10:2

**2 *A wise man's heart directs him toward the right,
but the foolish man's heart directs him toward
the left.***

(I leave all political comments to your own imaginations)

Matthew 25:34

34 *“Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*

In verse 31 He was addressed as **The Son of Man**,
but now **King**,
sitting on *His glorious throne*.

Remember these are Gentiles. Here is what those Gentiles who believe that Jesus is Messiah-Savior have to look forward to: going into the Millennial Kingdom.

They have just come through the worst 7 years of human history and now they enter into the Kingdom of JESUS CHRIST.

Matthew 25:34 is packed with information.

First: Who is this King?

Of course this is Jesus the Christ, the King after the order of King David. And this is the only passage where JESUS CHRIST refers to Himself as King.

An understanding of the emphasis of the four gospels helps to guide.

Matthew presents Jesus as King.

Mark presents Jesus as Servant.

Luke presents Jesus as Man.

John presents Jesus as Deity.

All of these present JESUS CHRIST in a paradox.

How can He be both servant and King?

...or...

How can He be both God and man?

JESUS CHRIST is both God and Man in one person in the Hypostatic Union.

In His FIRST ADVENT He came as the **humble servant** to die on the shameful cross.

But He will come in His SECOND ADVENT as **King**; and **Judge**

Secondly: The next phrase is rather interesting:

Come, you who are blessed of My Father,

what does this get phrase mean?

First of all note that JESUS CHRIST addresses Him as Father!

My father

Remember that while JESUS CHRIST is speaking of a far future time –“End of The Tribulation” which has already been some 2000 years in the making. He said this while on earth in the first advent. It is statements like this that got JESUS CHRIST crucified.

He did not enjoy 'freedom of speech' just as we in America no longer have 'freedom of speech'. You can lose your job, even be imprisoned for speaking things that our government does not like.

And we no longer have
**“a government of the people,
by the people,
for the people”.**

Rather we have a
**“government of the government,
by the government and
for the government”.**

And you are not allowed to recognize anything above the government, if you think the Bible is above the government, if you think that God is

above the government, you are to be silenced and our government will do whatever it can to get rid of all those who have such thinking.

What does this sound like? Those of you who answered ***The Roman Empire*** are exactly correct. ***The Roman Empire*** considered itself above any God and when Christians proclaimed their faith in One who is superior to the government that person or those persons were under persecution.

Study the 7 Churches in Revelation 2-3.

Also remember **Daniel 11:36**

“Then the King”

This is a reference to the Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire, and in our study in Matthew 25:34. Daniel 11:36

36 ***“Then The King”*** (that is JESUS CHRIST, but the Anti-Christ of the Revived Roman Empire during The Tribulation) ***will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things Astonishing Blasphemies against the God of gods;*** (That is against the only True God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) ***and he will prosper until the indignation is finished;*** (that is the indignation of God against Israel, and the whole

world) *for that which is decreed will be done.*

(Here is our Hope, here is our Peace, the Plan of God, the Decree of God will be accomplished.)

Matthew 25:34

34 *“Then* (After the Armageddon campaign is over, and after all Israel is restored,) *then the King* (JESUS CHRIST) *will say to those on His right,* (sheep, believing Gentiles) *‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father,* (He does not say bless by me but by my Father.)

1 Never forget that Jesus came to bring us to the Father and the Father is greater than He (John 14:28)

2 Note that this is addressed to Gentiles, not Jews

3 2 Corinthians 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,*

This is the One who will bless these and all believers of all time.

4

The adverb *come* must be understood with inherit
the Kingdom: come inherit the kingdom this
must be a blessed relief for all these Gentiles considering all
that has just happened in the last 7 years.

(I, think one of the most interesting
fraternities in eternity will be those—be they
Gentile or Jew—who refused to believe in JESUS
CHRIST during the closing days of the Church;

Left here on earth to go into The Tribulation;

Then during The Tribulation heard the eternal
gospel, (*either from one of the 144,000 Jewish
evangelists or by the angel sent to be sure
everyone heard the gospel*)

Then upon hearing it, believed in Jesus during
The Tribulation, and who did not die during The
Tribulation, but were present at this judgment by
JESUS CHRIST and inherited the kingdom; meaning
they entered the millennial kingdom with JESUS
CHRIST.)

5 *who are blessed of my father* The genitive construction here states who is the agent who blessed them. Not themselves, not Jesus but God the Father. The perfect tense of blessed refers to that which was determined in the past with present results of their receiving this inheritance.

6 *my father* emphasizes that the Father is blessing them through the Son.

John 17:2

2 *even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.* (And God the Father has given everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST to JESUS CHRIST.)

24 *“Father,* (JESUS CHRIST prays by name to the Father, and only because we are in JESUS CHRIST do we have the privilege of addressing Him as Father in our prayers...)
I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

AND, PEOPLE,
WE WILL BE WITH HIM FOREVER
TO SEE HIS GLORY!

COME QUICKLY LORD JESUS