

3 – THE SECOND COMING (MATTHEW 24:26-31; MARK 13:24-27; LUKE 21:25-28)

I. The Nature of His Coming (Matthew 24:26-28)

A. Ignore the Report of Others (Matthew 24:26)

- Ignore the supposed reports of Jesus' coming and don't believe them.
- The phrase "inner rooms" gives the impression that he is waiting to reveal himself.

B. A Visible Event (Matthew 24:27)

- Jesus points out that his coming will be like a lightning strike.
- It will be spectacular as lightning striking in the east and its flash illuminates the west.
- The implication is that his coming will be visible and spectacular to all.

C. A Time of Judgment (Matthew 24:28)

- Jesus implies that judgment will take place as the birds will gather to the dead.

II. His Coming (Matthew 24:29-31; Mark 13:24-27; Luke 21:25-27)

A. The Timing (Matthew 24:29; Mark 13:24)

- Jesus states that his coming will come after the Tribulation.

B. Cosmic Events (Matthew 24:29; Mark 13:24-25; Luke 21:25)

- At the time of his coming, there will be signs in the heavens with the sun, moon and stars.
- The sun and moon will be darkened and the stars will fall from heaven.

Scripture Isaiah 13:10

For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light.

Scripture Joel 2:10-11

¹⁰ The earth quakes before them; the heavens tremble. The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining. ¹¹ The Lord utters his voice before his army, for his camp is exceedingly great; he who executes his word is powerful. For the day of the Lord is great and very awesome; who can endure it?

Scripture Revelation 6:12-14

¹² When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun

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became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, ¹³ and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. ¹⁴ The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

C. The World's Reaction (Luke 21:25-26)

- The nations will be perplexed as the seas with its waves are disturbed.
- People will be in distress as they faint with fear concerning what is happening.

D. Visible to All (Matthew 24:30-31; Mark 13:26-27; Luke 21:27)

- The world will see the Son of Man coming in the cloud with great power and great glory.
- The people and tribes of the world will mourn at the reality of his coming.
- The Lord will send his angels to gather the elect from the ends of the earth.

III. The Exhortation (Luke 21:28)

- Jesus tells his followers to stand with confidence and wait for their redemption which is near.