

The Servant Unveils the Future (Part 2)

Mark 13:24-37 (page 706)

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The S e c o n d Coming of the Son of Man (13:24-27)

In those days, following the distress = at the e n d of the tribulation period.

His coming will be:

- Accompanied by cataclysmic, c o s m i c signs. (vs 24-25)
- Revealed in power and g l o r y. (v 26)
- Result in the g a t h e r i n g of God's people to Jesus. (v 27)

Four winds = from a l l directions.

The elect = Jews and Gentiles who come to b e l i e v e in Jesus as Messiah in the t r i b u l a t i o n period.

The T i m e of Jesus' Return (13:28-32)

The fig tree illustrates that perceptive people can a n t i c i p a t e coming events by the signs that p r e c e d e those events (vs 28-29)

This generation contains a d o u b l e reference to:

- The c o n t e m p o r a r i e s of Jesus who would see the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70, and
- Those Jews living at the time of the Great T r i b u l a t i o n who will see the events leading up to Jesus' return. (v 30).

The fulfillment of these prophecies is absolutely c e r t a i n (v 31)

The timing of this event is the p r e r o g a t i v e of God the Father. (v 32)

Be R e a d y! (13:33-37)

Though the exact time of Jesus' return is unknown, every believer in every generation is to be w a t c h i n g and w o r k i n g.

We are not to be spiritually n e g l i g e n t, but we are to be about our Master's b u s i n e s s.

To Think About...

I am to be looking for J e s u s, not signs.

I am to be concerned with carrying out His m i s s i o n, not idly waiting for His return.