

HARMONY OF MATTHEW 24:29–31, MARK 13:25–27, LUKE 9:26, LUKE 21:25–28, AND REVELATION 1:7

¹“But **immediately after the tribulation** of those days ³there will be signs in sun and moon and stars— ¹the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky [heaven]— ³and upon the earth **dismay among nations**, in **perplexity** at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men **fainting** from **fear** and the **expectation** of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers ²that are in the heavens will be shaken, ¹and **then** the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky [heaven], **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 [heaven]** ²with **great power** ¹and **great glory**— ³**in His glory, and the glory of the Father, and of the holy angels.** ²⁷And every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, **and all the tribes of the earth will mourn [on account of] Him.** ²And **then** He will send forth the angels ¹with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, ²from the farthest end of the earth, to the farthest end of heaven, ¹from one end of the sky to the other. ³But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Harmony of the NASB with my translation in brackets).

COLOR KEY FOR THE HARMONY

Green	Time Indicators	Black	Cosmic Disturbances
Red	Reaction of Unbelieving Men	Purple	Powers in the Heavens (Probably Demons)
Blue	Men on Earth See Jesus Coming	Magenta	Comes on the Clouds of the Sky
Cyan	Comes with Great Power and Great Glory	Superscript	¹ Matthew ² Mark ³ Luke ²⁷ Revelation

INVERTED PARALLELISM OF MATTHEW 24:29–31

A immediately after the <i>Tribulation</i>	<SHORTLY AFTER THE SUFFERINGS OF THE TRIBULATION ARE OVER>
B <i>signs</i> in the sun, moon, and stars	<COSMIC DISTURBANCES IN THE SKY >
C powers in the heavens <i>shaken</i>	<ALL DEMONS IN THE HEAVENS>
D <i>sign</i> of the Son of Man	<MIRACLE IN THE SKY >
C' all tribes of the earth <i>mourn</i>	<ALL MEN ON EARTH>
B' <i>see</i> the Son of Man coming in the clouds	<GREAT POWER AND GREAT GLORY IN THE SKY >
A' Jesus sends angels to gather elect into the <i>Kingdom</i>	<SHORTLY BEFORE THE BLESSINGS OF THE KINGDOM BEGIN>

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• the point of turning just past the center (C') is from the sky (A–D) to the earth (C'–A')

COLOR KEY FOR THE INVERTED PARALLELISM

Green	Time Indicators
Blue	Men on Earth See Cosmic Disturbances and Jesus Coming in the Sky
Red	Reaction of Demons and Unbelieving Men

Matthew 24:29 "But immediately after the tribulation of those days	Mark 13:25 "But in those days, after that tribulation,	Luke 21:25	Revelation 1:7	Matthew 26:64	Mark 14:62	Matthew 16:27	Mark 8:38b	Luke 9:26b	Matthew 25:31	Zechariah 14:5	Revelation 19:11–14
<p>the sun will be darkened {backdrop for the glory}, and the moon will not give its light {backdrop in other hemisphere}, and the stars will fall from the sky {fireworks display}, and {ascensive καὶ 'even'} the powers of the heavens (δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν) will be shaken,</p>	<p>the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, Mark 13:25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and {ascensive καὶ 'even'} the powers that are in the heavens (αἱ δυνάμεις αἱ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς) will be shaken {Satan (cf. τὸν ἄρχοντα τῆς ἐξουσίας τοῦ ἀέρος 'the prince of the power of the air' in Eph 2:2) and demons (cf. τὰς ἐξουσίας 'the powers' of Eph 6:12), because they know their freedom is about to end (cf. Isa 24:21–22; Rev 12:12). BAG translates "the armies of heaven will be shaken"},</p>	<p>"And there will be signs in sun {darkened} and moon {darkened} and stars {fall}, and upon the earth dismay (συνοχή) among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves {just before Jesus comes}, 21:26 men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world {conquest and judgment}; for (γὰρ) the powers of the heavens (δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν) will be shaken. {Explanatory γὰρ is a marker of clarification 'for, you see' and indicates the signs, dismay, and fainting are results of the powers of the heavens being shaken; that is, the powers are shaken and signs, dismay, and fainting result.}</p>									
<p>Matt. 24:30 and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky {sign appears while sky is dark and stars are falling, perhaps a bright light like the shekinah—the "great glory" of the next clause},</p>											
<p>and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn (κόψονται) {after they see the sign but before they see Jesus},</p>											
<p>and they {all the tribes of the earth} will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky (ἐπὶ τῶν νεφελῶν τοῦ οὐρανοῦ) with power and great glory {bright light against the dark sky—so many angels light up the heavens}.</p>	<p>Mark 13:26 And then they {no antecedent but can supply "all the tribes of the earth" from Matt 24:30, "nations" from Luke 21:25, and "men" from Luke 21:26} will see the Son of Man coming in clouds (ἐν νεφέλαις) with great power {his army} and glory.</p>	<p>Luke 21:27 And then they {nations (21:25) and men (21:26)} will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud (ἐν νεφέλῃ) with power and great glory.</p>	<p>Behold, He is coming with the clouds (μετὰ τῶν νεφελῶν), and every eye will see Him {all tribes (Matt 24:30), nations (Luke 21:25), and men (Luke 21:26)}, even those who pierced Him {includes Roman soldier (John 19:34), high priest and members of the Sanhedrin (Matt 26:64; Mark 14:62), and Jews of the Tribulation (Zech 12:10)};</p>	<p>Jesus said to him {high priest}, "You {singular} have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you {plural}, hereafter you {plural} shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power {in heaven before he comes with his angels to earth}, and coming on the clouds of heaven (ἐπὶ τῶν νεφελῶν τοῦ οὐρανοῦ) {the dead in Hades will see the Second Coming—either in the heart of the earth or as prisoners on the earth's surface}."</p>	<p>And Jesus said {a distant prophecy}, "I am; and you {plural} shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven (μετὰ τῶν νεφελῶν τοῦ οὐρανοῦ)."</p>	<p>"For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels (μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων αὐτοῦ);</p>	<p>when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels (μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων).</p>	<p>when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels (τῶν ἁγίων ἀγγέλων).</p>	<p>"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him (πάντες οἱ ἄγγελοι μετ' αὐτοῦ),</p>	<p>And 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 (τῶν ἁγίων ἁγίων) {Does this refer to holy angels, OT saints, or both? OT saints are not resurrected yet; only Church Age saints will have resurrection bodies at this time.}</p>	<p>And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war. 19:12 And His eyes are a flame of fire, and upon His head are many diadems.... 19:13 And He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood.... 19:14 And the armies which are in heaven (τὰ στρατεύματα [τὰ] ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ)... {holy angels for sure and perhaps also resurrected saints}, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses {perhaps like the horses and chariots of fire in 2 Kings 6:17}. This vision partially fulfills the prophecy "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who shall not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom" (Matt. 16:28).</p>
		<p>Luke 21:28 But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads {to the sky}, because your redemption is drawing near."</p>	<p>and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him (κόψονται ἐπ' αὐτόν). {A rare causal sense of ἐπί + accusative 'on account of him' is demanded by Matt 24:30 ["of relation 1. for, on account of ἐ. τὴν τοῦ παιδὸς προθυμίαν" in Testamentum Salamonis 1.2 (Lampe, Patristic Greek Lexicon III.C.); but cf. κοψονται ἐπ' αὐτήν in 18:9. They mourn before (Matt 24:30) and after they see Jesus (Rev 1:7)]. Even so. Amen. {Emphatic affirmations in Greek and Hebrew}</p>						<p>then He will sit on His glorious throne.</p>	<p>Jude 14 And about these also Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones (ἐν ἁγίαις μυριάσιν αὐτοῦ),</p>	
									<p>Matt. 25:32 "And all the nations will be gathered before Him;</p>	<p>1Th. 3:13b ...at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints (μετὰ πάντων τῶν ἁγίων αὐτοῦ). {Does this refer just to all angels or to all angels and all resurrected saints?}</p>	
									<p>and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; Matt. 25:33 and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. Matt. 25:34 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.' <Also judgment of the goats in Matt 25:41, 46.></p>	<p>Jude 15 to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."</p>	
						<p>and will then recompense every man according to his deeds.</p>					

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