

# “When the Heavens Fall”

Matthew 24:1-31

*The Gospel of Matthew*

## **Theme:**

The visual shadow is being torn apart only to give way for the arrival of God’s promised substance. It is unlike anything we would expect or craft or designed. It is God’s way. During this horrific birth, we must not be deceived into believing lies nor be dazed by the magnitude of the shaking. We must keep looking to Jesus and we must keep standing for Jesus. Even as we go through this violent shaking, Jesus stands ready to return and thoroughly straighten all that is crooked. Thus, His people can rest in hope knowing the end is now.

## **Outline:**

Blunt Force Trauma (vv. 1-3)

- I. Concerning Jerusalem (vv. 4-28)
  - A. vv. 4-14 Right Now and the [Currently and up to] . . .
    - 1. Five things describing this period of time
    - 2. Two things describing His People
  - B. vv. 15-28 Immediate Future [70AD]

The Sign of Certainty - The Abomination of Desolation and Daniel’s Prophecy  
Hurry up and run, Cut and Run! Now! Don’t look back! [Cf. Lot’s wife]

- II. Concerning Jesus (vv. 29-25:46 [Imminent, Pending, Forthcoming, etc.])
  - A. The Consequences of His Coming (vv. 29-31)
  - B. The Certainty of His Coming – The Parable of the Fig Tree (vv. 32-35)
  - C. The Separating of His People (vv. 36-25:46 [multiple parables])
- III. The Exhortation for Those Who Believe
  - A. Negatively
    - 1. Do not be deceived / do not believe the lie
    - 2. Do not be dazed / overwhelmed / surprised
  - B. Positively
    - 3. Look to Jesus (vv. 4, 25)
    - 4. Stand for Jesus (v. 13)

To stop looking and to stop standing is catastrophic. It is far better to obey than to rebel. Both have intrinsic consequences.

