

THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT (PART TWO)

Matthew 24:29-31 // January 19, 2025 PM

I. Our Lord foretells the *implosion* of *man's* kingdom (v. 29).

II. Our Lord foretells the *imposition* of *God's* kingdom (vv. 30-31).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is the fundamental reason our world fears human extinction? Why shouldn't we?
2. After a few weeks in Matthew 24, can you explain the difference between preterism and futurism?
3. Pastor Nick gave five reasons for embracing what he calls "preterfuturism." Can you remember any of them? How are both these positions right and wrong?
4. What is Jesus referring to when He speaks of the heavenly lights going out and the sky quaking? How does the OT help us to understand it?
5. Read 2 Peter 3:10 and Revelation 6:12-17. How does this shed light on what Jesus is referring to? And how do the events spoken of in these passages relate to the destruction of Jerusalem?
6. What are the various characteristics of Christ's coming in vv. 30-31? Is this primarily referring to His coming to heaven or His coming to earth?
7. Why is it important for us to have a proper understanding of the end of history?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How does this text help me face my fears concerning the future history of the world and give me comfort and hope?
2. How might I use Matthew 24 and the broader eschatology of Scripture to evangelize someone in the grip of "extinction panic"?
3. Do I find the fivefold argument for interpreting the Olivet Discourse as a preterfuturist compelling? Why, or why not?