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The Second Coming & Israel

Matthew 24:29-35

See Mark 13:24-27 & Luke 21:25-28 for the parallel texts to Matthew's Gospel.

...and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity ('no solutions to the problems), the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth... - Luke 21:25-26

"And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven." - Mark 13:27

"Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." - Luke 21:28

V.30: The _____ takes place at the end of the 7-year Tribulation.

"So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near." - Luke 21:31

The "kingdom of God" refers to the literal _____ and _____ of Jesus, which will begin at the Second Coming.

VV.32-33: In the Bible, the fig tree is used as a type of _____.

(Cf. Hosea 9:10, Nahum 3:12, Zechariah 3:10, Joel 1:7 & 12, Jeremiah 8:13, Mark 11:12-14, Luke 13:6-9)

Jesus is teaching that the _____ of political Israel will be a _____ that end times events are very, very near.

"...A desolate country whose soil is rich enough, but is given over wholly to weeds... a silent mournful expanse... a desolation... we never saw a human being on the whole route... hardly a tree or shrub anywhere. Even the olive tree and the cactus, those fast friends of a worthless soil, had almost deserted the country.

A fast walker could go outside the walls of Jerusalem and walk entirely around the city in an hour. I do not know how else to make one understand how small it is."

- Mark Twain's observations of Israel in 1867

On _____ Israel was reborn as a political nation.

V.34: While a "generation" could be up to 100 years or more, Jesus could rapture His Church _____.

For more on Bible prophecies that require Israel to become a political nation including Jerusalem, listen to this message: mynewhope.ca/media/messages/israel