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**Lightning - If His coming was to be like lightning, sudden, visible, and unmistakable, how could it also be at hand for His original audience?**



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**If His coming was to be like lightning, sudden, visible, and unmistakable, how could it also be at hand for His original audience?**

Because the lightning was not meant to describe a globe-crossing sky event thousands of years later, but rather the shocking and undeniable judgment on Jerusalem in AD 70.

The phrase at hand means imminent. Jesus told His disciples multiple times that some of them would live to see it (Matthew 16:28, Matthew 24:34). The "lightning" imagery matches the

nature of that judgment, swift, powerful, and impossible to ignore.

It wasn't global in geography, but it was global in significance, God's covenantal judgment on the Old Covenant world. So yes, it could be both like lightning and at hand, because it was fulfilled in their generation just like Jesus said.

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