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## Lightning



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"So if they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out, or, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe them. Matthew 24:26

"For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. Matthew 24:27

"For just like the lightning, when it flashes out of one part of the sky, shines to the other part of the sky, so will the Son of Man

be in His day. Luke 17:24

Matthew 24:27; Mark 13:24-27; Luke 21:25-28

Lightning from the east and west is visible as will the coming of the Son of Man.

When God came on the clouds in judgment in the Old Testament, the spirit of the Lord was pictured riding dark storm clouds accompanied by rumblings of the earth, thunder and lightning.

In Matthew 24:27, Jesus promises to return in a like manner. The fact that Jesus links His return to "lightning that comes from the east" illustrates the fact that when Christ was expected to come on the clouds in judgment He was to do so as the Lord had done in the past riding on dark storm clouds accompanied by lightning. Matthew 24:27 was fulfilled both literally and symbolically in the Jewish War. Historian Tacitus writes: In the sky appeared a vision of armies in conflict, of glittering armour. A sudden lightening flash from the clouds lit up the Temple.

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