

The School of Prophecy Part 3

Lesson 5: The Coming Glory

Matthew 24:3 YLT - *And when He is sitting on the mount of the Olives, the disciples came near to Him by Himself, saying, "Tell us, when shall these be? and what [is] the sign of Thy presence, and of the full end of the age?"*

John 2:11 NKJV - *This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.*

1. The word "coming" in Matthew 24:3 is the Greek word "parousis," which means the nearness of His presence. In essence, the disciples were asking for more than the day of Christ's return, they were asking about the coming glory that had been foretold by the Old Testament prophets.

Isaiah 40:3-5 NKJV - **3** *The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; 5 The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."*

Daniel 7:13-14 NKJV - **13** *"I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. 14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.*

2. The Glory of God personifies God, Himself. It is the beauty of His presence that emanates out of the character and nature of who God is. It is essentially the light and the Holy aura that radiates from His Throne.

Revelation 4:8 NKJV - *The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"*

Isaiah 6:3-4 NKJV - **3** *And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.*

3. The Hebrew word for "glory" is "kabod." It means the weight of something. Scientifically, it would be the mass of an object of matter. It is the substance of a person or thing. For God, it is who He is, His character and power. Moses asked to see God's Glory.

Exodus 33:18-23 NKJV - **18** And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." **19** Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." **20** But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." **21** And the Lord said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. **22** So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. **23** Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

4. Jesus Christ is the revelation of the Glory of God. Every sign, wonder and miracle that Jesus did was a manifestation of the Glory of God.

2 Corinthians 4:6 NKJV - *For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

5. The earth is full of the glory of God, though most people don't know it yet. But the time is coming when the knowledge of the Glory of God will cover the earth.

Isaiah 40:5 NKJV - *The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.*

Habakkuk 2:14 NKJV - *For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.*

6. The word "filled" means to saturate to the point of overflowing. There is coming a saturation of God's Glory that will touch people with an intimate knowledge of His love and power.

7. In consideration of the disciples question, "What is the sign of Thy presence?," it seems they were expecting a manifestation of the Lord's glory and power that would precede the calendar day of Christ's actual return.

2 Peter 1:16-19 NKJV - **16** For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. **17** For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." **18** And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. **19** And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Psalms 24:7-10 NKJV - **7** Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. **8** Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. **9** Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. **10** Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah