

Acts 1:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Analysis

This same Jesus... shall so come in like manner—The angelic announcement emphasizes the personal, visible, bodily return of Christ. The Greek 'houtos' (this same) stresses identity—the risen Jesus who ascended will return unchanged. **In like manner** (ὁν τρόπον) means his return will mirror the ascension: visible, bodily, to the Mount of Olives. This combats both realized eschatology (no future return) and spiritualized interpretations. The two angels recall Luke's resurrection account (24:4), bracketing Jesus' post-resurrection ministry with heavenly messengers confirming God's plan.

Historical Context

Delivered by 'two men... in white apparel' (angels) to the disciples gazing upward after Jesus' ascension. This occurred around 30 AD on the Mount of Olives east of Jerusalem. The promise sustained the early church through persecution and disappointment.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does certainty of Christ's visible return affect your response to current world events?
2. What does 'in like manner' teach about the nature of biblical prophecy and fulfillment?

Interlinear Text

ὃν	καὶ	εἶπον,	Ἄνδρες	Γαλιλαῖοι	τί	ἐστήκατε	
Which	also	said	Ye men	of Galilee	why	stand ye	
G3739	G2532	G2036	G435	G1057	G5101	G2476	
ἐμβλέποντες	εἰς	τὸν	οὐρανόν	οὗτος	τὸν	Ἰησοῦς	τὸν
gazing up	into	which	heaven	this same	which	Jesus	which
G1689	G1519	G3588	G3772	G3778	G3588	G2424	G3588
ἀναληφθεὶς	ἀφ'	ὑμῶν	εἰς	τὸν	οὐρανόν	οὕτως	
is taken up	from	you	into	which	heaven	so	
G353	G575	G5216	G1519	G3588	G3772	G3779	
ἐλεύσεται	ὃν	τρόπον	ἐθεάσασθε	αὐτὸν			
come	Which	in like manner as	ye have seen	him			
G2064	G3739	G5158	G2300	G846			
πορευόμενον	εἰς	τὸν	οὐρανόν				
go	into	which	heaven				
G4198	G1519	G3588	G3772				

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 1:7 (Parallel theme): Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 (Parallel theme): For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Mark 13:26 (Parallel theme): And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Matthew 24:30 (Parallel theme): And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Matthew 25:31 (Parallel theme): When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

John 14:3 (Parallel theme): And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Matthew 16:27 (Parallel theme): For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

1 Thessalonians 1:10 (References Jesus): And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

Luke 21:27 (Parallel theme): And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Acts 13:31 (Parallel theme): And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.