

Matthew 24:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Analysis

Reformed theology emphasizes the divine initiative evident in this text. The verse connects to broader biblical themes of covenant, redemption, and God's unchanging character. Understanding this passage requires recognizing both its historical context and its application to Christian life.

Historical Context

The historical setting involved complex religious and political dynamics. Jewish leaders maintained authority through Roman tolerance while common people sought deliverance. Jesus' teaching addressed both immediate concerns and eternal truths.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does this verse deepen your appreciation for Christ?
2. What false beliefs or practices does this text correct?

3. How should you share this truth with others?

Interlinear Text

καὶ ἀποστελεῖ τοὺς ἀγγέλους αὐτῶν μετὰ σάλπιγγος
And he shall send G3588 angels his with of a trumpet
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φωνῆς μεγάλης καὶ ἐπισυνάξουσιν τοὺς ἐκλεκτοὺς
sound a great And they shall gather together G3588 elect
G5456 G3173 G2532 G1996 G1588

αὐτῶν ἐκ τῶν τεσσάρων ἀνέμων ἀπ' ἄκρων οὐρανῶν
his from G3588 the four winds from one end of heaven
G846 G1537 G5064 G417 G575 G206 G3772

ἔως ἄκρων αὐτῶν
to one end his
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Additional Cross-References

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 13:27 (Parallel theme): And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

Isaiah 27:13 (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

1 Corinthians 15:52 (Parallel theme): In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Isaiah 11:12 (Parallel theme): And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Matthew 13:41 (Parallel theme): The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

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:

2 Thessalonians 2:1 (Parallel theme): Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

Isaiah 13:5 (Parallel theme): They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

Isaiah 45:22 (Parallel theme): Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.