

Matthew 25:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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:

Analysis

The scene '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' depicts final judgment. 'Son of man' (Jesus' favorite self-designation from Daniel 7:13) emphasizes His humanity and authority to judge. 'In his glory' contrasts with His humiliation at first coming. 'All holy angels' accompany Him as witnesses and executors of judgment. 'Throne of his glory' signifies sovereign judicial authority. This is the Great White Throne judgment (Revelation 20:11-15).

Historical Context

This judgment scene follows Christ's second coming. Unlike previous parables using metaphors, this depicts literal future judgment. All nations (ethne—all peoples) gather before Christ's throne for verdict. The sheep/goats separation reveals two eternal destinies—no middle ground, purgatory, or second chances.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does anticipating Christ's glorious judgment throne affect your daily choices?
2. What does Jesus sitting in judgment teach about His divine authority?

Interlinear Text

Ὅταν δὲ ἔλθῃ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐν τῇ
G3752 When shall come the Son of man in G3588
G1161 G2064 G5207 G3588 G444 G1722 G3588

δόξης αὐτοῦ· καὶ πάντες οἱ ἄγιοι ἄγγελοι μετ' αὐτοῦ·
glory him and all the holy angels with him
G1391 G846 G2532 G3956 G3588 G40 G32 G3326 G846

τότε καθίσει ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ·
then shall he sit upon the throne glory him
G5119 G2523 G1909 G2362 G1391 G846

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.

Matthew 19:28 (Glory): And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Matthew 16:27 (Glory): 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.

Mark 8:38 (Glory): Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Luke 9:26 (Glory): For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

Psalms 9:7 (Parallel theme): But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

Zechariah 14:5 (Holy): And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

John 1:51 (Parallel theme): And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

Jude 1:14 (Holy): And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

Revelation 3:21 (Parallel theme): To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.