

THE BEGINNING OF THE END
MARK 13:24-27 / MAY 2, 2017 WED

I. WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF THE SECOND COMING?

- A. Earlier, Jesus' disciples asked him about signs--13:3.
- B. Jesus gave them several "cosmic signs"--13:24-25.
 - 1. These signs are common in O.T. apocalyptic literature.
 - 2. Every serious Jew in Jesus' day would be familiar with these signs.
 - 3. These signs have more than one application.
- C. What are these cosmic signs?
 - 1. The darkening of the sun and moon come from Isaiah 13:10 as well as other passages.
 - 2. The stars falling comes from Isaiah 34:4a.
 - 3. The shaking of the heavens also comes from Isaiah 34:4b.

II. WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SECOND COMING?

- A. Who will come again? Mark 13:26.
 - 1. The same person who came the first time--Mark 10:45b.
 - 2. The same one who suffered and died--Mark 10:45b and Mark 8:31.
- B. How will this same Son of Man come?--13:26.
 - 1. He will come visibly--26a
 - 2. He will come powerfully.
 - 3. He will come to gather his people together--27 also Zech. 2:6 and Deut. 30:4.