



Matthew 24:30-31

IS NOT

PARALLEL TO

Revelation 19:11-21

³⁰Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

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MORE DIFFERENCES THAN SIMILARITIES

Mt.24:30-31

Sign of Son of Man appears globally

The focus is on the sign of the Son which announces His return to the world

The major event at the start of the *parousia* is the gathering of the saints from great tribulation

Son of Man appears in heaven (*en ourano*) that is, in the sky (Lk.21:27; 1Th.4:17; Rv.14:14-16)

Jesus depicted as coming down and stopping at the clouds in the sky for the great gathering

Rv.19:11-21

Locale is limited to the battlefield

There is no sign because the purpose of the event is to execute battle

No mention of gathering of God's people

Refers to the abode of God where Jesus retrieves the armies of heaven for battle (Rv.19:19)

Jesus portrayed as coming on a horse to the earth to battle armies of the nations

- THE CUMULATIVE EVIDENCE OF THESE TWO PASSAGES IS THAT THEY DESCRIBE TWO DIFFERENT TIMING EVENTS
- WHEN THE *PAROUSIA* BEGINS THE DAY OF THE LORD'S WRATH BEGINS
- ARMAGEDDON IS PORTRAYED AS A LATER STAGE OF THE SECOND COMING AT THE END OF THE DAY OF THE LORD'S WRATH