

Mk. 13:28-31 (Mtt. 24:32-35; Lk. 21:29-33) "Now learn **the parable from the fig tree**: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.²⁹ "Even so, you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that He is near, *right* at the door.³⁰ "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.³¹ "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass **away**."

Mk. 13:32 (Matt. 24:36)

"But of that day or hour

no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father **alone**."

Lk. 21:34-36

"Be on guard, so that your hearts

will not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly like a trap;³⁵ for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of all the earth.³⁶ "But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of **Man**."

Matt. 24:37-42 **"For** the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.³⁸ "For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,³⁹ and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.⁴⁰ "Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.⁴¹ "Two women *will be* grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.⁴² "Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is **coming**."

Mk. 13:33-37 **"Take** heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the *appointed* time will come.³⁴ "It is like **a man away on a journey**, *who* upon leaving his house and putting his slaves in charge, *assigning* to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay on the alert.³⁵ "Therefore, be on the alert-- for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning--³⁶ in case he should come suddenly and find you asleep.³⁷ "What I say to you I say to all, 'Be on the **alert!**'"

Matt. 24:43-44

"But be sure of

this, that if **the head of the house** had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.⁴⁴ "For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think *He will*.