

MARK CHAPTER 13– JESUS PREDICTS DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE; THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES AND THE END OF THE AGE; THE GREAT TRIBULATION; THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN; THE PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE; NO ONE KNOWS THE DATE OR HOUR

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INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

JESUS PREDICTS DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE (VS. 1-2)

Mar 13:1 Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!"

Mar 13:2 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES AND THE END OF THE AGE (VS. 3-13)

Mar 13:3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, Mar 13:4 "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?"

Mar 13:5 And Jesus, answering them, began to say: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

Mar 13:6 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and will deceive many.

v. 1 Having turned over tables and driven the moneychangers from the temple, perhaps it was because Jesus' disciples thought He had acted somewhat harshly that they drew His attention to the magnificence of the temple itself. Valued at over one trillion dollars by today's standards, the temple was without a doubt the greatest single building ever constructed. With brass gates one hundred thirty feet high, stones forty feet long and twenty feet thick cut so perfectly that not even a knife blade could fit between them, the temple was nothing less than magnificent indeed.

v. 2 The size of the temple is beyond our imagining. Even the Wailing Wall, which was simply the foundation stones of the temple, dwarfs all who stand near it. Yet Jesus said it would come crashing down. And indeed it did. Within forty years of this statement, Roman troops, led by General Titus, would not only destroy Jerusalem, but, against Titus' orders, would throw a torch inside the temple, causing a fire so intense that the gold melted within. Thus, it was to get to the gold that trickled down its walls that the Romans razed the temple, leaving not one stone standing on another.

vs. 3-4 Here we arrive at the Olivet Discourse—paralleled in Matthew 24 and Luke 21—where **the longest answer Jesus would ever give deals with end times and future events**. Concerning the Olivet Discourse, so named because Jesus gave it as He sat upon the Mount of Olives, I believe it is important to study it four ways...

First, it must be studied contextually. That is, it's important to bear in mind that it was four Jewish men asking their Jewish Rabbi when all things would be fulfilled or finalized.

Second, it must be studied comparatively. That is, it must be seen in light of prophecy given previously. It's always dangerous to isolate any passage of Scripture from other passages that give additional information regarding the same topic.

Third, it must be studied practically. Four times in this passage, Jesus says, "Take heed." Therefore, the purpose was not to stimulate controversy or to titillate curiosity. The purpose was to awaken the disciples—and those who would follow.

Finally, it must be studied eschatologically. That is, it must be seen in light of future events. The Olivet Discourse deals with the Tribulation—the seven-year period following the Rapture of the church when God will pour out His wrath upon a Christ-rejecting sinful world. Verses 5–13 deal with the beginning of the Tribulation, 14–18 with the middle, and 19–27 with the end.

vs. 5-6 History shows that in the first one hundred years after Jesus spoke these words, no less than sixty-four men came on the scene claiming to be Messiah. And we see a continuance of this today by those who propagate the age-old New Age lie that we all have a "God-consciousness" within us and are all, therefore, deity.

Mark Chapter 13 – Notes:

Second Coming; Israel's role; Pre-Tribulation Rapture; Millennial reign of Christ

2nd Coming mentioned 300+ times in the NT; One out of ten verses speaks of it.

Unusual days we're living in; never before: - 2 things that set us aside from any generation that's ever lived! –

1 - The re-birth of Israel!

2 – Presence of thermos-nuclear devices. No generation has ever lived with the possibility of being annihilated. 1 megaton is 50x the Hiroshima. Can you imagine what a 10 megaton weapon is? – 500times?

v. 1-2 Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down – That must have seemed to be one of the most impractical things that Jesus ever said. How in the world could anyone ever destroy such a magnificent structure, such a huge structure as the temple? And yet here is this amazing prediction by Jesus, "not one stone will be left standing upon another." When a person makes predictions, it is easy to find out whether or not they are true or false prophet and that is, does it come to pass? And if it doesn't come to pass, then it's very obvious they are a false prophet. If it comes to pass, then there are other tests that you should put before you're ready to accept them as a true prophet but, what are they teaching you to believe and trust in for your salvation? But **here was an amazing prediction and one that will establish whether or not Jesus is a true or a false prophet.**

Herod's temple started 19-20BC; it's been in construction for about 50 years at this point; will be pretty much finished by 66AD. He wanted it to outlast the pyramids. Stones 45 long; 12 feet high; 8 foot thick. 175 tons. Can't put a pen knife blade in the joints. Temple made out of white marble brought by ships from Europe. The other stones were limestone from mines nearby Retaining 165' on one side; 230 ft. tall at corner where Satan took Jesus – 23 story building; then 365' high Look at these stones! 70 ad Titus Vespasian came with three legions 5 10 12th ; 1,100,000 died. Bodies thrown over the wall. Mothers eating children. Roman Guard through torch. Gold melts, running down between the stones. The pried the stones apart to get the gold.

THIS PROPHECY WAS FULFILLED EXACTLY!

Not one stone remained on another – **Demonstrates Jesus can clearly talk about what will happen in our day, exactly as He said would happen then. It gives credence to this whole chapter, as well as all unfulfilled prophecy in the Bible.**

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Mar 13:7 But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet.

Mar 13:8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These are the beginnings of sorrows.

Mar 13:9 "But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them.

Mar 13:10 And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.

Mar 13:11 But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

Mar 13:12 Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

Mar 13:13 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

INTERPRETATION

v. 7 A government study was conducted by fifteen experts representing a wide range of disciplines, including a historian, political theorist, sociologist, economist, professor of international law, biochemist, cultural anthropologist, and industrialist. The group was told to waste no time agonizing over cultural and religious values. It was to give the same kind of treatment to the hypothetical problem of peace should peace break out as has been given to the hypothetical problems of war. The conclusion of this blue-ribbon panel was that wars would cease if the will to make them cease was there. But since war itself is at the very root of mankind's social system, it is not likely that peace will ever be a serious goal because no substitute is known that can better stabilize and control national economies than war. History has shown war to be the foundation of every stable government—that every governing body that has failed to sustain the continuing threat of an external war has lost control of its constituency. Even the world realizes war is a necessary evil. Therefore, although generation after generation cries for peace, **there cannot be true peace until the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, returns.**

v. 8 *For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom...* Linguistically, this could speak just as accurately of a nation at war with itself internally as of two separate nations at war. Could “kingdom” speak of a return to monarchies? Very possibly. *earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines...* Studies have shown that, although agricultural scientists are able to develop super strains of wheat and grains, the high price of oil necessary to produce the petroleum-based fertilizers required to make them grow rule them out as viable alternatives to famine. *and troubles...* Matthew refers to “troubles” as “pestilences” (Matthew 24:7). We call them plagues. *beginnings of sorrows.* These are the beginning of sorrows, or “labor pains.” “But there have always been earthquakes,” you say. And there have. “There has always been famine,” you say. There has. “There have always been war and rumors of war.” There have. But what Jesus is saying is that, like birth pains, these things will increase in frequency and intensity as the Tribulation period draws nearer.

vs. 9-10 Keep in mind that Jesus is speaking to Jews—as evidenced by His reference to synagogues. This distinction is important because the Rapture of the church does not need to wait until Christians are “delivered to councils,” or “brought before rulers.” Neither is it dependent upon the gospel being published among all nations. Oh, the gospel will indeed be published. **But it will be by the 144,000 witnesses, by Elijah and Moses, by angels flying across the sky during the Tribulation.** Referred to as Jacob's trouble in Jeremiah 30, the **Tribulation does not concern the church, but Israel.**

vs. 11-12 . During the Tribulation, Antichrist's rule will be so pervasive that there will actually be children betraying their parents who follow Jesus Christ and refuse the mark of the beast.

v. 13 Spoken to those who become believers during the Tribulation, Jesus says, “There's hope. **Don't give up in the times of tribulation. If you endure to the end, you'll be saved.**”

APPLICATION

Vs. 7-8

We're now seeing pre cursors, if not the times themselves.

1850 (1 billion) 1931 1963 (3 billion) to day 7 billion. Famine is unavoidable. We don't be in a hole, but in heaven!!

Earthquakes – Natl Earthquake center – 1556 2 1600 10 in 1900's No century like the past one. Increasing in frequency and intensity.

Plagues – Avian flu

We need to live watching and ready!

God begs people to return to Him; but He is also a judge.

Why isn't USA in the prophecy? Possibly the occurrence of an electromagnetic pulse attack; nuclear attack.

My conviction is that the church will be taken out first! One world order! Let it be the Rapture!

Coming of the AntiChrist - Anti, not just against, but “instead” of – will come on the scene a brilliant orator! A peace treaty for 7 years. Is. 18 – will make a covenant w Israel!

Abomination of desolation – then Israel is to flee – most likely to Petra 2 prophets torment the earth.

v. 9 Jesus is saying, it's not going to be easy to be My disciple, to follow Me. You're going to be persecuted. They're going to bring you before the religious councils. They're going to bring you before the rulers. They're going to beat you. And all of these will be done for My sake.

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THE GREAT TRIBULATION (VS. 14-23)

Mar 13:14 "So when you see the 'ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

Mar 13:15 Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house.

Mar 13:16 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

Mar 13:17 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

Mar 13:18 And pray that your flight may not be in winter.

Mar 13:19 For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be.

Mar 13:20 And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

Mar 13:21 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, He is there!' do not believe it.

Mar 13:22 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

Mar 13:23 But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

vs. 14-19 In this section dealing with the middle of the seven-year Tribulation period, referring to the point when Antichrist will set up his image in the rebuilt temple, Jesus says, “Split for the wilderness”—specifically, I believe, to the rock city of Petra, a place the Lord has provided to save His people in the time of this outpouring of Antichrist’s wrath. In addition to praying that this won’t occur in winter, Matthew adds that the Jews are to pray it won’t be on the Sabbath (24:20). To this day, all transportation comes to a halt on the Sabbath day in Israel. Thus, only to a Jew would the Sabbath pose a problem with regard to fleeing to the wilderness.

v. 20 He who uses this verse to say that Christians will be present during the Tribulation fails to understand that **“the elect” is a term** ascribed to three groups of people: **Israel (Isaiah 65:9)**, **believers (1 Peter 1:2)**, and **Tribulation saints (Matthew 24:22)**.

vs. 21-23 In an attempt to trick the Tribulation saints, some will claim to be, or to have seen, Christ Himself. Even in these last days before the Tribulation, the cults are growing exponentially, saying, “Lo, here is Christ; or, lo He is there.” The basic premise of the Jehovah Witness theology is that Jesus already came back in 1898 (later revised to 1914) to the Watchtower Society in Brooklyn, where He shared truth, understanding, and esoteric insights. **Their entire theology is based upon a secret return of Jesus. The Mormons also believe that Jesus came back already.** Where did He go? They claim He came to America and gave fuller teaching to the American Indians. “But the Mormons are good people,” you say. Indeed, ads on TV and in magazines proclaim the goodness of the Mormons, as if to say, “For the Mormons, home and family come first. Theirs will be a family likely to be admired by neighbors for its quiet confidence and self-assurance, and generally envied for its closeness and good-natured round of family activities. Clean, bright, outgoing, Mormons practice what they preach, setting aside each Monday for Family Home Evening. Stressing family, emphasizing their care for one another, talking about temperance—they don’t drink even Coke, coffee, or tea—and an absolute abhorrence of narcotics, they present a goodness, a quality of life attractive to many. Our message has been repellent, unaccepted because we, like the Mormons, like the Jehovah Witnesses, have **all too often exalted our goodness, holding up our standard of living that, at best, becomes pharisaic when we look down on others, and, at worst, hypocritical when we don’t live up to our own image.** We must not boast of our morality, **but of God’s mercy.** We should not advertise our flawlessness, **but God’s faithfulness.** It would do us well to remember Luke 18—the parable of the religious man saying, “I thank You, God, that I am not like other men,” and the sinner who smote his breast saying, “God have mercy upon me.” Jesus said it was the latter—the one who realized his sinfulness but also believed in God’s graciousness—who went his way justified. Let us be those who, rather than saying, “Look how religious we are, how together our families are, how clean our life is,” say, **“It is the mercy and grace and goodness of God alone of which we boast. We are not the Moral Majority. We are the Forgiven Few.”**

Give Me Jesus Lyrics – Maranatha Singers

*In the morning, when I rise; In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus
Give me Jesus; Give me Jesus,
You can have all this world, But give me Jesus*

*When I am alone; When I am alone
When I am alone, give me Jesus
Give me Jesus; Give me Jesus,
You can have all this world, But give me Jesus*

*When I come to die; When I come to die
When I come to die, give me Jesus
Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus, You can have all this world,
You can have all this world,
You can have all this world, But give me Jesus*

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THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN (VS. 24-27)

Mar 13:24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;

Mar 13:25 the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Mar 13:26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Mar 13:27 And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

THE PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE (VS. 28-31)

Mar 13:28 "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

Mar 13:29 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near—at the doors!

Mar 13:30 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.

Mar 13:31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

NO ONE KNOWS THE DATE OR HOUR (VS. 32-37)

Mar 13:32 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Mar 13:33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.

Mar 13:34 It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch.

Mar 13:35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning—

Mar 13:36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.

Mar 13:37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

INTERPRETATION

vs. 24-27 I believe the elect spoken of here refers to Israel. All Jews will be gathered up and brought home as the Tribulation comes to a close and the kingdom is established at last.

vs. 28-29 Now... Having talked about the beginning, the middle, and the end of the Tribulation, Jesus changes the subject somewhat... *learn a parable of the fig tree; nigh, even at the doors.* As seen in the books of Jeremiah, Nahum, Isaiah, and Hosea, the fig tree is the national symbol of Israel. Therefore, it is my strong conviction that Jesus is talking about the re-blossoming of the nation of Israel that took place in May, 1948, when the Jews returned to their land—the only time in history when a nation came back from the dead—exactly as prophesied by Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Zechariah. We cannot know the day of Jesus' return—but as seen in the fig tree, we surely know the season (1 Thessalonians 5:1).

vs. 30-37 If you are watching for Antichrist, you're watching for the wrong person. Those who embrace a post-Tribulation position—saying the church will go through the Tribulation period—are not watching for Jesus. They're watching for Antichrist. As believers, Jesus never taught us to prepare for the Tribulation. He taught us to watch for His appearance. Today could be the day, and “whoever has this hope purifies himself” (1 John 3:3). Believing Jesus' coming is imminent will have a tremendous effect on the way we live each day. Don't let anyone tell you Jesus can't come back for us until after the Tribulation. He could come back today. And if He does, it's fine by me!

APPLICATION

Vs. 28-30 The Fig Tree

Luke 21:29 Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.

All the trees. Generation. 70 years? 100yrs?. Generation.

Could be 2018? 2048 or sooner! All trees. **United Nations.**

1948. Come together w no borders. Richest 20. Have 722 billion.

More than 50% of America! August 1948. **World council of churches? European Union 1948.**

Israel is the key to understanding Biblical prophecy. Immigration is being caused by abortion! Watch Europe fall apart to 10 countries. Transitory. **The computer - 1948.** Chips in newborns. Implantable phones. Brain computer interfaces. Kings of the east. **China. 1948.** 200 million. It's lining up! 1 Thess 5. You'll live differently. John 14. Comforts your soul! Not falling apart but into place. Not new year, but new heart for living for our Lord! Much more joy! New soul! Crus well. Pictures wheat field. Stress of mother lost son. All people joined hands. Son lost! Marched through field to save the lost boys and girls! Watching for him . Looking for Him! Are you ready!? Our culture is stupid!

1948 birthings:

Israel birthed again

United Nations formed

World Council of Churches

European Union

Red China

Transistor/computers

The Day of the Lord. *1 Thess 5:1-2*

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

v. 33-37 Because we don't know when the time is, the injunction to us is **just watch and pray.**

SUMMARY:

Rapture or Revival?

Are we living like the Lord is coming?

Are you saying, Come now or don't come now!!?

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