

Series "The God Who Serves"
"The Final Days"
Mark 13:1-13
Study-52

Mark 13:31

2 Peter 1:19

"The Little Apocalypse" or "The Olivet Discourse"; Mark 13:3 – "sitting on the Mount of Olives"

This passage is recorded in Matthew 24-25; Mark 13; Luke 21

Outline Of The Chapter:

Mark 13:1-13 – The Final Days

Mark 13:14-23 – The Great Tribulation

Mark 13:24-27 – The Second Coming Of Jesus

Mark 13:28-37 – The Last Generation

"The Tribulation" is a period of 7 years. The "Great Tribulation" is the last 3 1/2 years of the Tribulation period. (Dan. 9:24-27)

"Pre-Tribulationist"; That prior to the tribulation, the Church will be raptured from the earth; That the Church will not go through the tribulation. 1 Thess 5:9

Rev 3:10

1 Thess. 4:17 – "caught" – the Latin word "Rapture"; but the Greek is the word "Harpazo" which means "to seize, to catch up, snatch away."

The Thought Of Our Passage: "God's Revelation Of The Future Is Not To Puff Us Up, But Provoke Us To Live And Develop Christlikeness."

1. Verses 1-2 – Destruction Of The Temple

2. Verses 3-13 – World In Relentless Trouble

1. Verses 1-2 – Destruction Of The Temple:

Mark 13:1

Tuesday, called "The Day Of Controversy." Mark 12:38-40

Matt. 23:37-39

"wonderful buildings!" – Herod The Great started rebuilding the temple in 20 B.C.; it had been 46 years in the building. It was completed in 64 AD; 85 years to build it; 70 AD destroyed.

Mark 13:2 – This was fulfilled in 70 AD when the Roman General Titus placed a siege on Jerusalem.

We need to look at this passage as the "Telescopic Principle"; that there was a partial fulfillment (40 years later), but there will be a final fulfillment (final days).

2. Verses 3-13 – World In Relentless Trouble:

Mark 13:3

(Pictures): "And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple,"

Ezekiel 11:22-25; Zech 14

Mark 13:4

Disciples Asked 2 Questions:

1. "when will these things be," – (Destruction of the Temple?)
2. "what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?" – (Destruction of the temple?)

Matthew 24:3

Between The First And Second Coming Of Jesus, History Will Be Marked By 5 Relentless Troubles:

1. Verse 5 – Deception – Mark 13:5

"misleads" – Deceives – Greek "Planao"; our word "Planet", "to stray, to wander, out of orbit."

Mark 13:9 – "But be on your guard;"

Mark 13:23 – "But take heed;"

Mark 13:33 – "Take heed, keep on the alert;"

Mark 13:35 – "Therefore, be on the alert"

Mark 13:37 – "And what I say to you I say to all, Be on the alert!"

“take heed” – “stay awake” Don't sleep, but stay awake and keep watch!

2. Verse 6 – Beware Of False Messiahs – Mark 13:6

Islam/Muslims – False Prophet Muhammad – Jesus is just a prophet not God! Our Jesus is their Antichrist. Our Antichrist is their redeemer.

Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints – Mormons

Jehovah's Witnesses; J.W.'s Watchtower Society

Liberal Church

3. Verses 7-8 – “Wars” – International Unrest – Mark 13:7-8

Revelation 6, 9, 16,

4. Verse 8 – Natural Disasters – “there will be earthquakes in various places;”

Rev 16:18, 20

3 million earthquakes a year.

“there will also be famines” – A famine in Rome, 400 and 800 AD, over 90%, of the population of the city of Rome fell because of famine and plague.

Luke 21:11 – Plagues – “virus”, Diseases

Unnatural Disasters – Luke 21:11

Rev 6:12-17

“These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.” – Two thousand years of these milder contractions, Labor pains – Isa. 13:8

Revelation 9:5

Mark 13:9

5. Verses 9-13 – The Persecution Of Jesus' Followers – (Jews) “deliver you to the courts, and you will be flogged in the synagogues,”

(Gentiles) "stand before governors and kings for My sake,"

"as a testimony to them." – 2 Timothy 3:12

Mark 13:10

Revelation 7:1-8

Mark 13:11-12

The most sacred and closest relationships will be destroyed by rejecting Jesus Christ!

Mark 13:13

"one who endures to the end, he shall be saved." – We demonstrate our salvation by enduring.

1 John 2:19

Luke 12:51

Application:

1. Jesus Warns Of Deception. How Do We Avoid Being Misled? By Staying True To The Scripture.
2. Between The First And Second Coming Of Jesus, History Will Be Marked By Relentless Troubles.
3. This Prophecy Should Produce A Humble Heart, A Christ-like Character, A Love And A Concern For The Lost.
4. The Name Of Jesus Christ Brings A Great Division. Luke 12:51 – "Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division."