

Mark 13

Having only the perspective of Old Testament prophecy (e.g., Zech. 14), the disciples saw no long interval between the temple's destruction and the end-time events climaxing in the coming of the Son of Man. They assumed that the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple were some of the events at the end of the present Age and would inaugurate the messianic kingdom. They wanted to know *when* this would happen and *what* visible sign would indicate that fulfillment was about to take place. *

Jesus first answered their *second* question regarding "the sign" (vs 4b) in two ways: negatively, by warning them against false signs of the end (vs 5-13), and positively, by stating the notable event that inaugurates unparalleled tribulation and by describing the His second coming (vs 14-27). Then He answered their *first* question regarding "when" (vs 4a) in a parable (vs 28-32). *

I. The questions of the disciples (Vs 4) are the reason for Jesus' statements Vs 5-8

A. Be _____ -Vs 5, 9, 23, 33, 35

1. Concerning _____ events: Vs 5-8 (Matt 24:4-8; Luke 21:8-11)

2. To messianic _____ Vs 5-6

B. _____ present-day events Vs 7-8

1. Wars, earthquakes, famines, troubles are _____ events that occur during the period before the end

2. *The end shall not be yet*-the events just listed are not the _____ but occur during the time before the end Vs 7b

3. *Beginning of sorrows*-suggesting these events will occur over a _____ period of time before the end Vs 8b

b. *Beginning*-the _____ of an event

a. *Sorrows*-beginning of pains as takes place in giving _____

II. _____ danger during the period leading to the end Vs 9-13 (Matt 24:9-14; Luke 21:12-19)

A. There will be persecution of _____ Vs 9-11

1. Persecution by governmental leaders _____ and political Vs 9

2. These persecutions shall result in the _____ of the Gospel Vs 10

3. The Lord's _____ will be with the persecuted Vs 11

B. There will be _____ divisions over Christianity Vs 12

C. Hatred of Christianity will be very _____ by the unbelieving Vs 13

III. Description of specific prophetic events Vs 14-23 (these events are _____-fold in nature—soon to occur and far off occurrence)

A. *Abomination of desolation*- Vs 14 the _____ of a detestable image or idol that causes true worshippers to abandon worshiping in the place where the abomination takes place. Here it would appear the abomination takes place in the _____ and the true worshippers of God stop going to the place dedicated to worship of God when it was created.

1. Described by Daniel in 9:27; 11:31, and 12:11

2. Historically, the first fulfillment of Daniel's prophetic use of the expression (Dan. 11:31-32) was the desecration of the temple in 167 B.C. by the Syrian ruler Antiochus Epiphanes. He erected an altar to the pagan Greek god Zeus over the altar of burnt offering and sacrificed a pig on it (cf. apocryphal 1 Maccabees 1:41-64; 6:7; and Josephus *The Antiquities of the Jews* 12. 5. 4). *

3. The second occurrence took place in 70 AD, approximately 40 years after Jesus prediction. Jewish Zealots placed a usurper, Phanni, as the High Priest thus causing the Jewish Christians to flee from Jerusalem. *

4. The future *abomination of desolation* is the _____. He will make a covenant with the Jewish nation at the beginning of the 7-year Tribulation. (Dan 9:27). In the middle of the 7 years, the Antichrist will break his promise to the nation, desecrate the Temple by entering the Holy of Holies and proclaiming himself as _____. When this occurs, those who have not taken the mark of the beast will suffer intense persecution. This is known as the 2nd half of the Tribulation, or _____ Tribulation. **Vs 15-19**
- B. According to Revelation 16:1, this time of judgment _____, but not exclusively, on the Jewish people is orchestrated by God and thus God will determine its _____. **Vs**
- C. At the time of the Great Tribulation do not believe someone when they _____ to be Christ or claim to know where He is, since such claims will be _____ even though there will be supposed miracles being performed by those claiming to be Christ **Vs 21-23**
- IV. Description of the events _____ the 7-year Tribulation **Vs 24-27** (Matt 24:29-31; Luke 21:25-28)
- A. There will be great disturbance of the _____ system **Vs 24-25**
- B. Followed by Christ coming from Heaven in a _____ of great power and glory **Vs 26** (Daniel 7:13-14; Acts 1:11; Rev 1:7; 19:11-16)
- C. When Christ returns, he will gather those _____ who are on the earth during the Tribulation period **Vs 27**
- V. Jesus answers the disciple's question (**Vs 4a**) as to when these events will occur using of a parable **Vs 28-31** (Matt 24:32-36; Luke 21:29-33)
- A. The descriptions Jesus has given concerning future events are like the fig tree getting its new growth, which is a testimony that warm weather is coming. So, the events described happening are sure signs of the coming of Christ to the earth to _____ following the Tribulation period on earth.
- B. *This Generation*-could easily be a reference to the generation of the disciple's day as the Temple was destroyed in 70 AD, and to the _____ generation that will be alive in the Tribulation period.
- C. *Heaven and earth shall pass away*-creation as we know it will be _____ destroyed
- D. *My words shall not pass away*-the _____ Jesus described will happen as he has said
- VI. Jesus explains that the _____ time of these events are known only to the Father, but while believers _____ for it to take place, they should be actively involved in serving their heavenly Father anticipating His coming. **Vs 32-37**