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**Jesus’ Prophetic Discourse – Mark 13**

Introduction: **Understanding the Topic’s Terms.**

Or The **P**rophetic **P**anorama, **P**erspective and **P**lan of the **E**schatological **E**nd Times.

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**I. The Prophetic Calendar**

*Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are,*

*and the things which shall be hereafter.* Rev 1:19

**Mark 13:1-4**

1. *And ﻿as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples saith unto Him*,
2. *Master, see What manner of stones* and *What buildings are here!*
3. *And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings?*

*there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.*

1. *And as He sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, ﻿Peter and James and John and Andrew asked Him privately,*
2. *Tell us, When shall these things be?*
3. *and What shall be the sign When all these things shall be fulfilled?*
4. **JESUS’ PREDICTION OF THE TEMPLE’S DESTRUCTION –**

Mark 13:1-4 Cf. Mt. 24:1-3; Lk. 21:5-7

1. **The Discourse –** 13:1-4
2. The **C**ontext: The Olivet **D**iscourse – re: the **S**anctuary and its **S**urroundings. 13:1

*Seest thou these great buildings?*

* Longest unit of Jesus’ teaching recorded in Mark’s Gospel.

1. The “**C**ongregation” of Jesus’ **D**isciples –

*one of His disciples saith unto Him* 13:1

*Peter and James and John and Andrew asked Him privately.* 13:3

*Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here*

a. The Perspective of Jesus’ **D**issertation –

A two-fold Reply: 13:2-4

1. The **D**estruction of the **T**emple –

*Seest thou these great buildings?*

*There shall not be left one stone upon another,*

*that shall not be thrown down.*

[A ref. to the Massive Stones of the Magnificent Sanctuary.]

ii. The **D**esignation of the End **T**imes: Mk. 13:4 Tell us, when shall these things be?

1. *And what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?*
2. *And what shall be the sign of Thy coming?*
3. *and of the end of the age?* Mt. 24:4b

b. The **P**eople in Jesus’ Discussion – The Jews. See #B2a (ii)

**B. The Divisions of Jesus’ Discourse. 13:5-37 cf. Mt. 24:1-25:46; Lk. 21:5-36**  
*The three-fold Reply to the Disciples’ Question:****What shall be the sign of the end of the age?***

1. Negativel**y,** **Beware** of the false signs of the end time. (vv. 5-13)
2. Positively, **Be Aware** of the event that will …
3. **I**naugurate unparallel tribulation. (vv.14-23)
4. **I**nitiate the Second Advent. (vv. 24-27)
5. **I**nitial**ly**, Jesus’ Answered the first question “when” (v. 4a)

in a parable. (vv. 28-32)

1. Final**ly**, Jesus Asked All to stay Awake – (vv. 33-37)

***Watch! Watch! Watch! Watch!***

**1**. Negatively, **Beware** of the false signs of the **E**nd time. Mk. 13:5-13

a. **B**eware of **M**essianic **I**mposters – the false Christs. 13:5, 6

*And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.*

b. **B**e **A**ware of **M**is-Interpreting contemporary events as **E**schatological. 13:7, 8

*And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled:*

*for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet*

*For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:*

*and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be*

*famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.*

1. The **N**eedy wars – **R**eports and **R**umours of wars are pending – *be not troubled;*
2. **N**ations shall rise against **N**ations but the end shall not be yet.
3. **N**atural **C**alamities and **C**atastrophes are the beginning of sorrows.

c. **B**ehave to **M**eet the **I**ndictments: 13:9-13

1. The **F**alse **C**harges **A**ttributed to you **A**gainst the **A**uthorities. 13:9

*But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony against them.*

1. But **F**irst **C**ommit the Gospel to **A**ll **A**round: 13:10

*And the gospel must first be published among all nations.*

iii. The Lord’s **F**oremost **C**are for you under **A**ll **C**ircumstances: 13:11

*But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.*

iv. The **F**amily’s **C**allousness: 13:12, 13a

*Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for My name’s sake…*

v. **F**ear not, **f**or your **F**aith and **F**aithfulness will be **C**redited: 13:13b

*but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*

**2.** **P**ositively, be **Aware** of the event that will… **Mk. 13:14-23**

a. **I**naugurate unparallel tribulation; 13:14-23

i. The Old **T**estament **C**ontext – 13:14ff

*But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:*

The **T**ext Referred to – *abomination of desolation*, *spoken of by Daniel* Dan. 9:25-27

*And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*

* The **T**ime **R**eferred to – *spoken of by Daniel the prophet* Dan. 12:1

*and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*

* The **T**ribe **R**eferred to – *them that be in Judaea;*

Daniel’s *(****thy****) people* Dan. 12:1

*And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people*

1. The New Testament **T**ext – 13:14-20

* The **P**eople **I**nvolved – The Jews:
* *them that be in Judea…* (13:14) *pray that your flight be* not…*on the sabbath day* (Matt. 24:20); … for the elect’s sake… (13:20 cf. Deut. 7:6, 7)
* The **P**eriod **I**ndicated –
* as **P**redicted by Daniel, the **P**rophet. Dan. 9:25-27;

1. The **R**evelation of **C**hrist’s Coming for the Jews and Gentiles: 13:24-27

*But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.*

* The **C**osmos is **A**ffected: 13:24, 25

*The sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.*

* **C**hrist’s **C**oming in the **C**louds is **V**isible to **A**ll. 13:26

*Then* *shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.*

* The **C**ommission of **A**ngels to gather the **E**lect from the **F**our **C**orners of the earth. 13:27

*And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.*

* **C**oncludes with the **A**rbitration of **N**ations and **S**etting up of **C**hrist’s **K**ingdom. Cf. Mt. 25:31-46

ii. Not the **R**apture for the **C**hurch. Cf. I Thes. 4:13-18

The **C**osmos is not **A**ffected – *the Lord Himself shall* *descend from heaven* 4:16

Christ’s **C**oming in the **C**louds is not **V**isible to All, only to us who are **A**live… 4:17a

No **C**ommission of **A**ngels to gather the **E**lect from the four **C**orners of the earth – Mk. 13:27

**The Revelation** **The Rapture**

Mentioned in the OT No Mention in OT

A Prophecy A Mystery

The Cosmos is Affected: The Cosmos is not Affected:

Christ’s Coming in the Clouds is Visible to All – Christ’s Coming in the Clouds Himself only to His Own –

Angels Commissioned. No Angels Involved

After the Great Tribulation Before the Great Tribulation

No Resurrection Resurrection followed by Rapture.

Judgment of Nations followed by Reign of the King. Judgment Seat followed by Reign in Kingdom.

**3.** **I**nitially, Jesus’ Answered the first question “when” (v. 4a) in a Parable. Mk. 13:28-32

- The **P**icture of the **P**arable: *Now learn a* ***P****arable of the fig tree;*

a. A **S**ign that Summer is Near – 13:28, 29

The **P**rophetic events will **S**oon come to **P**ass.

*When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves*

*When ye shall see these things come to pass,*

*know that it is nigh, even at the doors.*

b. These things are **S**ure to come to **P**ass. 13:30

*Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done*

Note: *Generation* (genea) =

* one’s **C**ontemporaries or those living at a **G**iven time. (8:12, 38; 9:19)

Thus, the Jews living at Jesus’ time who later saw the destruction of the Temple;

* The **G**roup of people from a **C**ommon **A**ncestor (Mt. 26:36)

The Jews, living at the time of the **G**reat Tribulation who will see the end-Time events.

c. **C**hrist’s **G**uarantee with His **P**recept: 13:30, 31

*Verily I say unto you…Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not pass away.*

d. The **G**uarded **P**ledge of His **C**oming: 13:32

*But of that day and that hour knoweth ﻿no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, ﻿neither the Son, but the Father.*

1. **Finally**, Jesus **A**sked **A**ll to stay **A**wake –
   1. ***Watch****! Watch! Watch! Watch!* **Mk.** 13:33-37
2. *Take ye heed,* ***Watch*** *and pray: for ye know not when the time is* 13:33.
3. *For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to* ***Watch****. 13:34*
4. ***Watch*** *ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:* 13:35
5. *Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all,* ***Watch*** 13:36, 37

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