

## Study Guide

### Mark 13

1. Read Mark 13:1-4.

Now read Matthew 24:3: *"Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"*

What are the three elements of the question the disciples asked Jesus?

2. Read Mark 13:5-10. What are signposts of what it will be like before the destruction of the Temple in 70AD? Discuss how we see some of those in our day also.

3. Read Mark 13:11-13. Did these things happen to the disciples? Read Revelation 7:14 and 13:10. How is the experience of the tribulation saints similar?

4. Read Mark 13:14-27. What indicators do you have that the destruction of the Temple in 70AD was not the total fulfillment of this prophecy? What will it be like in the second half of the tribulation and at the return of Christ?

5. Read Mark 13:28-37. Notice, the lesson the fig tree teaches us to see the signs. Notice the lesson of the return of the owner to be alert since we don't know the exact date.

Discuss the practical lessons on being alert for the return of Christ.

1. Don't be led "astray" (5 & 22).

2. Don't be "alarmed" (7).

3. Don't be "anxious" (11).

4. Don't be asleep (9, 23, 33 & 37). "Be on guard; Watch and pray!"

### Application

Pray together and ask God to keep us alert and ready for the return of Christ.

## Message Slides

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#### Theme- Be Alert

##### Four practical lessons:

1. Don't be led astray (5 & 22)
2. Don't be alarmed (7)
3. Don't be anxious (11)
4. Don't be asleep (9, 23, 33 & 37)

##### Bible prophecy- Dual fulfillment

1. David's prophecies -- Solomon's kingdom -- Christ's Kingdom.
2. Micah's prophecies -- Assyrian invasion, -- future reign of Christ.
3. Jeremiah's prophecies -- destruction of Babylon -- destruction of Babylon the Great.
4. Daniel 9- Abomination of desolation (167 BC) Antiochus Ephiaphanes (167 BC) --Titus (70 A.D.) -- Anti-Christ.

#### The Question (v.1-4)

And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" ʼAnd Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." ʼAnd as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ʼ"Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?"

#### Pic of Herod's Temple

##### The question:

Matt. 24:3

"Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

1. When will the Temple be destroyed?
2. What signs should we look for as we get closer to your return?
3. What will be the signs of the end of the age? (Tribulation)

#### I. Stage One (v.5-10) pre-Temple destruction into pre-Tribulation

ʼAnd Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. ʼMany will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ʼAnd when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do

not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. <sup>9</sup>“But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. <sup>10</sup>And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations.

#### Four signposts prior to the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D.:

1. False Messiah's
2. Wars and rumors of wars
3. Famines and Earthquakes
4. Persecution

### **II. Stage Two (v.11-13)** pre-Temple destruction into Tribulation

<sup>11</sup>And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup>And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. <sup>13</sup>And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Revelation 7:14

“These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

Rev. 13:10 “captivity” ... “being slain” ... “Here is a call for endurance and faith of the saints.”

### **III. Stage Three (v.14-23)** Pre-Temple Destruction into 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Tribulation

<sup>14</sup>“But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where he ought not to be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. <sup>15</sup>Let the one who is on the housetop not go down, nor enter his house, to take anything out, <sup>16</sup>and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. <sup>17</sup>And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! <sup>18</sup>Pray that it may not happen in winter. <sup>19</sup>For in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and never will be. <sup>20</sup>And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days. <sup>21</sup>And then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it. <sup>22</sup>For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. <sup>23</sup>But be on guard; I have told you all things beforehand.

### **IV. The Return of Christ (v.24-27)**

<sup>24</sup>“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And

then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

(see telescopic view).

## **V. Practical Lessons (v.28-37)**

### A. The Fig Tree- See the Signs (v.28-31)

<sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

### B. The Return of the Owner- Don't set Dates (v.32-37)

<sup>32</sup>“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

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1 Thess. 5:1-11

**"For God has not appointed us unto wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ."**

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1 Thess. 4:16-18

<sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.