

## JESUS' PROPHECY

--MARK 13:1-13—

### INTRODUCTION:

At the end of Mark 12, Jesus' time in the temple courts was over. The remainder of His time will be spent with His disciples and friends. Some of the most important teaching of Jesus occurs in chapter 13. This is all prompted by something that Jesus says as He and the disciples leave the city and begin to make their ascent up the Mount of Olives. This teaching by Jesus is covered in Matthew, Mark, and Luke; not one of the three Gospels records everything that Jesus said as they left the city, each recorded only the information that was most relevant to their theme. I will refer to the other Gospel accounts for clarity on some areas.

#### I. THE HISTORICAL SETTING (Mark 13:1-2)

- a. Jesus and His disciples \_\_\_\_\_ the Temple Compound for the last time during His lifetime.
- b. After this was pointed out to Jesus, He reminded the disciples that this Temple was doomed to \_\_\_\_\_.

#### II. THE QUESTIONS (Mark 13:3-4)

- a. What Jesus had just said about the \_\_\_\_\_ being destroyed caused four of them to come to Him with questions. (Matthew 24:3; Luke 21:7)
- b. The question in Mark and the first question in Matthew was: "*Tell us, when will these things be?*" or "*...when will these things \_\_\_\_\_?*"
- c. The second question is recorded in Matthew, and it is, "*What will be the \_\_\_\_\_ of Your coming?*"
- d. The third question is also recorded in Matthew, it is, "*What will be the sign of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the age?*"
- e. Looking at all three parallel passages we find that the disciples asked \_\_\_\_\_ questions and asked for three signs to watch for.

#### III. THE GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CHURCH AGE (Mark 13:5-7)

- a. Jesus began by answering the question negatively by providing some general characteristics of the church age which are not \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. The first characteristic came as a \_\_\_\_\_; they were to watch out for this so that they would not be misled.
- c. Jesus said that during the Church Age false \_\_\_\_\_ would arise.
- d. The second general characteristic would be local \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. Concerning both false messiahs and local wars, Jesus said in verse 7, "*those things must take place; but that is not yet the \_\_\_\_\_.*" (Mark 13:7b, NASB95)

#### IV. THE SIGN OF THE END OF THE AGE (Mark 13:8)

- a. Jesus next gave them the one \_\_\_\_\_ that the end of the age had truly begun.
- b. To understand what Jesus means when He says "nation against nation, and kingdom against kingdom" we must understand that this is a Hebrew idiom for a \_\_\_\_\_ war.
- c. World War I (1914-1918) was the \_\_\_\_\_ of this particular prophecy, for that was the first world war.
- d. The worldwide conflict that signaled the beginning of the last days of this age was to be coupled with \_\_\_\_\_ and earthquakes.

#### V. THE PERSONAL EXPERIENCES OF THE APOSTLES (Mark 13:9-13)

- a. Jesus Christ then turns back to His own time to teach the disciples some of the personal \_\_\_\_\_ that they would have to endure.
- b. All together Jesus listed nine things that they would experience, not all of them are listed in Mark. (Luke 21:13, 19; Romans 10:18; Colossians 1:6, 23)

- c. That the Apostles did, indeed, \_\_\_\_\_ all these things are well known both from the book of Acts and from other historical records.

#### CONCLUSION:

It will take us a few weeks to get through all the answers that Jesus gives to the disciples and to us His readers. What can we draw from this passage? First, we can know that we are in the last days of this present age, we are closer now to the Messianic age, then when Jesus gave this prophecy. This passage gives us a glimpse of the sovereignty of the Lord Jesus, proving again that He was not just a mere man, but that He truly was the Son of God. In this passage we also see the omniscience of the Son of God as He prophesies many things and many of them have already been fulfilled. He predicted the destruction of Jerusalem, and the Temple and history tells us this prophecy was fulfilled in A.D. 70 by the Romans. His prediction of local wars and false messiahs have been witnessed down through history. His prophecy of a world war and earthquakes and famines has also been fulfilled; the world has experienced what Jesus called the beginning of the birth pangs that signal the last days of this age have begun. This passage should instill in us hope because God is sovereign and omniscient and that He is faithful to those who belong to Him. We have a glorious future awaiting us when we will reign with the Lord Jesus Christ as His bride during the Messianic Age.