

Signs of the End Times

Mark 13:1-13

Context: During the week before Jesus dies on the cross, he has been teaching openly in the temple. Jesus now begins to prophetically address its destruction and signs of the end times.

As Jesus tells the future...

I. _____ the prophecy of the temple (vs. 1-2)

A. Brief History of the Temple:

1. Solomon's temple took millions of dollars and 7 years to build. It was finished in 957BC. It was destroyed in 586BC by the Babylonians.
2. Zerubbabel's Temple was built in 516BC and served the people of Israel for almost 500 years.
3. Herod, to gain favor with the Jews, was given support by Israel to rebuild the temple in 18 BC. His temple would take 66 years to complete in 48AD.

- B. Jesus spoke these words in 33AD, prophesying that Herod's Temple would be violently destroyed. This prophecy came true when Herod's Temple was destroyed by the Roman General Titus in 70AD.

II. _____ the birth pains (vs. 3-8)

A. The birth pains that Jesus mentions include:

1. Many false prophets will claim to be Jesus or will come in the name of Jesus
2. Wars and rumors of wars will take place.
3. Earthquakes and Famines

- B. In verse 7, we are commanded to "not be alarmed." The greek word "Threo" means to not be troubled or disturbed.

III. _____ faithful to the end (vs. 9-13)

- A. As we see the great global persecution of believers (vs. 9-13), we are encouraged by the presence of the Holy Spirit (vs. 11).

- B. Then as today, the true test of the Christian is one of "continuance."