

Mark Chapter 13

Matthew 24 & Luke 21 both parallel this account:

- These are the final days of the life of Christ.
- Sunday was the triumphal entry to Jerusalem on a donkey, He was despised and rejected.
- Monday He came back and cleansed the temple.
- Tuesday He came back again and taught in the temple, and now He leaves the temple for the last time.

V: 1 It's ichabod.

[Eli, Hophni, Phinehas](#)

1 Samuel 4:21-22 “And she named the child Ichabod, saying, the glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband. ²²And she said, the glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.”

- The disciple drew their attention to the magnificent edifice – a landmark seen for miles, the center of Jewish life.
- Possibly like the twin towers in NYC or other man made landmarks that we think will last forever, part of the landscape – it is assumed they won't change.

V: 2 Just as Jesus' teaching radically changed their view of God's word. Now Jesus is going to describe how their world will change in other ways.

- This great edifice / Temple will be torn down and not one stone will remain.
- A shocking statement, but He is referring to the temple's destruction in 70 AD.
- This was all fulfilled within 40 yrs. By Emperor Vespasian and his son General Titus with 3-4 Roman legions.
- Josephus records that after the destruction / siege it was “just as though there had never been a building there.”
- The current Western Wall / whaling wall is actually the old retaining wall to the foundation of the temple. This current location is approximately 70' above the original ground level / Tyropian valley that Jesus walked through. This is because all the stones and rubble filled up the valley to that point, some of which were later used to build portions of old Jerusalem, including the temple mount area.
- This had all been prophesied before the birth of Jesus:

Daniel 9:26 “And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.”

Micah 3:12 “Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.”

- There is actually only one thing in life that doesn't change:

Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.”

V: 3 Perspective, sitting on the Mount of Olives looking over at the Temple, trying to imagine it being wiped away.

- Andrew is added to that inner circle of Peter, James, and John.

V: 4 Two questions: 1. When shall these things happen? 2. What will be the signs that these things are accomplished or fulfilled, or of the end of the world?

V: 5-6 Jesus answers – it will be a time of deception – Paul warns us of that time.

Colossians 2:8 “⁸Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.” (psychology)

Ephesians 4:14 “That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;”

John 8:31-32 “³¹If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; ³²and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make free.”

2 Timothy 2:15 “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 “¹⁶All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷that the man of God may be perfect (mature), thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

Acts 17:11 “These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”

1 John 4:1-3 “¹Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

²Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God. ³And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”

Matthew 7:15-20 “¹⁵Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. ¹⁶Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? ¹⁷Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. ²⁰Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.”

It shall be a time of war & rumors of war:

Ezekiel 38-39 “Arab spring”

- The Magog invasion involves specific nations that seek to wipe out Israel, the Battle of Armageddon involves the nations of the world coming against God Himself (Rev. 19:11-19), which is ended abruptly by the return of Jesus in the Valley of Megiddo as opposed to the area East of the Dead Sea.
- Different timing, different battle ground locations, different participants.
- “Gog” (ruler) of the land of “Magog”; the “prince of Rosh (Russian), Meshech (Moscow), and Tubal (Tubalsk),...”
- “Gog” is a person or title, “Magog” is a land or territory, or more specifically a people group within that territory.
- **Meshech** & **Tubal** are the area’s in and around **Moscow** & Tobolsk.

V: 3-4 “hooks” – how the Assyrians controlled their prisoners.

- Use as a method of describing how the armies of Magog, Meshech, and Tubal would be drawn to the battle.
- A description of the armies: horses / cavalry: Russia still has cavalry units.

Hooks:

1. Oil, natural gas - Leviathan
2. Dead Sea, pot-ash, fertilizer – making of weapons.
3. Control: power point of the world, gateway to 3 continents. Africa, Asia, Europe.

V: 5 A listing of the allies / participants:

[Persia](#): Iran

(Modern) Ethiopia: modern name for a non-player today, no military to speak of.

(Ancient) [Ethiopia](#): Cush / Southern Egypt. (Peace treaty)

[Libya](#) / Put – West of Egypt / Western Egypt.

- All equipped for war

V: 6 Gomer: Eastern Europe / Germany.

Togarmah: regions in modern Turkey. (Peace treaty)

- No mention of Syria, Iraq, or any other middle eastern states.
- No mention of USA – who has a mutual defense treaty with Israel.

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When shall these things be? The destruction of the Temple / City.

Luke 21:20-24 “²⁰And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. ²¹Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. ²²For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. ²³But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! For there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. ²⁴And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.”

V: 8 **Romans 8:22** “For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.”

- The beginning of the end, not necessarily the end itself.
- The beginning of sorrows, Jacob’s trouble...

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- Review verses 1-8, end times chronology.

- End Times Overview Chart

1. Church age / present.
2. Rapture – trigger for the 70th week of Daniel, the day of Jacob’s trouble, the great tribulation.
3. 7 years split into two 3 ½ year portions.
4. Culminating in the battle of Armageddon and the 2nd coming of Jesus.

5. Satan is bound, the armies of the world are defeated.
 6. Ushering in the millennium, the 1,000 year reign of Christ on the earth where we rein with Him during the time of enforced righteousness.
 7. At the end of the 1,000 years Satan is loosed for a short season, the world falls into corruption.
 8. Jesus judges the world and everything in it, Satan, death, and hell are cast into outer darkness.
 9. Jesus creates a New Heaven and a New earth after the old one is dissolved.
 10. And we live with Him for eternity!
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V: 9 This is a turning point, a transition, possibly the rapture / trigger / start of the tribulation period.

- This has also been repeated, there have been similar situations and conditions over the years, different era's of persecution from 10 different Roman emperors to the inquisitions of the dark ages (also generated from Rome), to modern day persecutions from the communist Chinese government, the Muslims, and the ACLU.
- The rapture of the church (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17) is the "trigger", that is when things start happening.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 ³Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away (apostacia) first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition. ⁴Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."

- "Anit-Christ": opposed to, in place of, both fit here.
- Applies primarily to the Jews, but there is a dual application for us today and for the church in general.

Matthew 5:10-11 ¹⁰Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake."

- Jesus was speaking about the destruction of the temple, but there is also a current application considering the level of anti-Semitism in our world today.
- Also the growing bias against fundamental Christians.
 - This persecution will be the result of Jesus in the lives of those Christians; and as evidence against them in the final judgment.

V: 10 Dominion Theology? No. (2nd question, sign of the 2nd coming?)

Matthew 28:19 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:”

The dis-believing Jews in Thessalonica made accusation:

Acts 17:6 “And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, these that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;”

V: 11 “When” – not “if” ...

John 14:26 “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

Matthew 10:32-33 ³²Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven. ³³But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father which is in heaven.”

V: 12 Jesus is referring to a prophecy from Micah:

Micah 7:6 “For son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man’s enemies are the men of his own house.”

1 Corinthians 1:18 “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”

2 Timothy 3:1-3 ¹This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. ²For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good...”

- The point of separation is always the Word of God, actually Jesus Himself.

Hebrews 4:12 “For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

V: 13 This is the same as the end times language which is consistent with the book of revelation “enduring to the end”:

Revelation chapters 2-3 Enduring to the end.

Revelation 2:7 (Ephesus) “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; to him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”

V's: 14-20 This is speaking to the Jews in the tribulation. Gentiles can't flee from Judea, nor it's stated in Matthew do we care about the Sabbath etc.

V: 14 During the tribulation the big sign is the abomination of desolation. VS: prior to the tribulation / the rapture, we're to look for Christ.

- As opposed to the Anti-Christ or the tribulation where we're looking for Jesus to call us to Himself.

Titus 2:12-13 “Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;”

- This abomination of desolation has already happened once with Antiochus Epiphenes in 170 B.C.

Daniel 11:31, Daniel 9:24-27, Daniel 12:11

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- This is speaking to the Jews, they are the ones in Judea. Why do they flee?

Zechariah 13:8-9 “⁸And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. ⁹And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.”

- Only 1/3 of the Jews survive, 2/3 are killed.
- Where are the survivors going to flee too?

Isaiah 16:1-4 “¹Send ye the lamb to the ruler of the land from Sela to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion. ²For it shall be, that, as a wandering bird cast out of the nest, so the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon. ³Take counsel, execute judgment; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; betray not him that wandereth. ⁴Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be

thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land.”

Revelation 12:14 “And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.”

- At the entrance to the great rock city of Petra there are two huge eagles wings carved into the rocks as you enter. God’s word is to be taken literally!

V: 15-18 Scram! No time to waste.

V: 19 Describing the scope and intensity of the great tribulation.

Jeremiah 30:7 “Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.”

Joel 2:2 “A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.”

Isaiah 13:6-12 “⁶Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. ⁷Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: ⁸And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames. ⁹Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. ¹⁰For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. ¹¹And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. ¹²I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. ¹³Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of hosts, and in the day of His fierce anger.”

V: 20 The elect is not the church, that would put them in the tribulation. God doesn’t judge the righteous with the un-righteous.

2 Peter 2:9 “⁹The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:”

- “Elect” = Israel

Isaiah 45:4 “For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.”

Isaiah 65:8-9 “⁸Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all. ⁹And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

V: 21-23 False Christ's, mentioned a couple of times, verse 6 and here.

- Doing great signs and wonders:

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 “⁹Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, ¹⁰and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: ¹²That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

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Revelation 13:13-14 “¹³And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, ¹⁴and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.”

- Elect, again is Israel. That is exactly who Jesus is talking to, context.