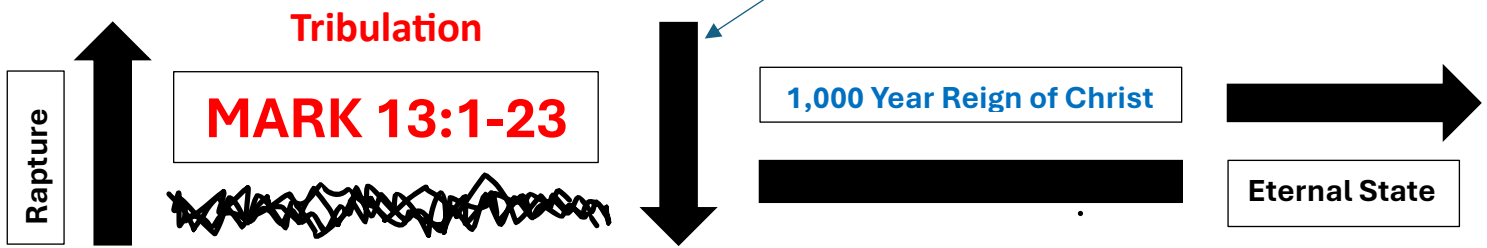


# Mark 13:14-23

Second Coming!

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### Mark 13:1-13 - Prologue

- Be in awe of the Creator rather than the creation – **Mark 13:1-2**.
- Pray for wisdom & discernment to recognize false teachers / deception – **Mark 13:3-8**.
- Be who God created you to be – **Mark 13:9-13**.

Also, remember...

" Mark 13 is one of the most Jewish chapters in the Bible. From beginning to end *it is thinking in terms of Jewish history and Jewish ideas*. " – Robert Gundry

### Mark 13:14-17 – When...

- ...you see the abomination of desolation...
  - This statement, "the abomination of desolation," refers to the presence of an idolatrous person or object so detestable that it caused the temple to be abandoned and left desolate. See **Daniel 9:27, 11:31, 12:11; Matthew 24:15**.
  - Fulfillment
    - Historically – by the Syrian ruler, Antiochus Epiphanes in 167 B.C.
    - Immediate – Titus destroys Herod's Temple in A.D. 70.
    - Future – by the Antichrist in the midpoint of the Tribulation, v. **14**.

*"The future abomination would be standing where it did not belong ("should not be," i.e., in the temple). Mark described Jesus saying that the "abomination" (Gr. bdelygma, a neuter noun) would "stand" (estekota, a masculine participle) as a person – who set himself up as God – in the temple. The fact that Jesus uses a masculine participle to modify a neuter noun suggests that the abomination is a man."* – **Thomas Constable**

- The point of these instructions (vv. **15-17**) is that the appearance of the abomination of desolation will require immediate flight from Jerusalem! Urgency will be required.
- Woe..! – It is going to be get bad ☹️

**Principle: When** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_!

!!! See also **Deuteronomy 5:32-33, 13:4; 1 Chronicles 12:32; Proverbs 1:8, 2:1, 3:1, 11, 21, 4:1, 10, 20, 5:1, 7, 6:1, 3, 7:1, 24, 8:32, 23:19, 27:11; Ecclesiastes 12:13; Isaiah 55:3; Luke 6:46-49; James 1:22-25.**

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## Mark 13:18-20 – Pray...

- ...like your life depends on it, because it does!
- V. 19 “clarifies that the time of appearance of the abomination will be an unparalleled “tribulation” (Gr. thilpsis, **Dan. 12:1; Jer. 30:7**). Jesus looked beyond the destruction of Jerusalem to a much greater Tribulation in the future.” – **Thomas Constable**
- The Elect...sounds like ‘predestination.’ It is. And it’s a good thing! See **Romans 8:28-30**.
- God limits the Tribulation period to 7 years due to His mercy! – See **Revelation 6-18** and **Daniel 9**.

It's a side quest!!!

**Principle: Pray** \_\_\_\_\_.

See also **Ephesians 6:18 & 15**.

## Mark 13:21-23 – Then...

- ...discern – we must know God’s Word! – **Hebrews 4:12; John 17:17**
- Deception – we must be able to detect false teaching! – See **Jude & 2 Peter**
- Disclosure – we must proclaim the Truth! – **John 3:16; Acts 4:12; Colossians 2:2-3**

**Principle: Then,** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_! See also **John 17:17; Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 4:12 & Psalm 119**.

## Mark 13:14-23 Tools

- Pastor Gregg’s series on **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians**. [www.houstonsfirst.org/media](http://www.houstonsfirst.org/media)
- Tommy Nelson, “Keyhole” of Bible Prophecy. Message on **Daniel 9**. [www.dbcmedia.org](http://www.dbcmedia.org)
- Thomas Constable’s notes on Mark, <https://soniclight.com/tcon/notes/pdf/mark.pdf>

## Mark 13:14-23 Discussion Questions

1. **When** you see evil, what do you do about it?
2. Is there anything that God has placed on your heart and mind to do but you have ignored Him? Why? What keeps you from fulfilling what God has called you to do?
3. **Pray** for each man at your table RIGHT NOW; 30 seconds each!
4. **Then**, when everyone has been prayed for, discuss what you felt was the biggest takeaway for you in these last two lessons (or, just this one).
5. How does knowing that Jesus Christ controls history and always will make you feel? Full of comfort? Hope? Something else?
6. Discuss a time when God showed you mercy in your Christian life. What was the ‘mercy?’ How did it play out?