

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES

WOMEN *in the* WORD

Fellowship Bible Church

The GOSPEL ACCORDING to MARK

(JESUS: God's Servant-Our Savior)

Lesson FOURTEEN...The Second Coming of Christ (Mark 13:1-37)

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The FUTURE DOOM of the TEMPLE

David Guzik: *"This temple was originally rebuilt by Zerubbabel and Ezra (Ezra 6:15) but greatly expanded and improved by Herod. After Herod's work, the temple was huge – nearly 500 yards long and 400 yards wide...The beauty of the ancient temple is well documented. The Jewish historian Josephus says that the temple was covered on the outside with gold plates that were so brilliant that when the sun shone it was blinding. Where there wasn't gold, there were blocks of marble of such a pure white that from a distance strangers thought there was snow on the temple."*

"Today, tourists can see some of these massive stones, at least the ones used to build merely the retaining wall for the temple compound. These cut, quarried blocks of limestone are so big – some 50 feet wide, 25 feet high, and 15 feet deep – that most modern construction cranes could not lift them."

Mark 13:1-2 (NKJV)¹ Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!" ² And Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down."

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INTRODUCTION to the OLIVET DISCOURSE

(SEE CHART)

Mark 13:3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?"

Luke 21:20-22 (NLT)²⁰ "And when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then you will know that the time of its destruction has arrived.²¹ Then those in Judea must flee to the hills. Those in Jerusalem must get out, and those out in the country should not return to the city.²² For those will be days of God's vengeance, and the prophetic words of the Scriptures will be fulfilled."

The BEGINNING of SORROWS (or Birth Pains)

The 3 stages of labor:

1. The first stage
2. The second stage
3. The final stage

Mark 13:5 **And Jesus, answering them, began to say: "Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁶ For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and will deceive many.**

Matt 24:23-28 (NLT)²³ "Then if anyone tells you, 'Look, here is the Messiah,' or 'There he is,' don't believe it.²⁴ For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones.²⁵ See, I have warned you about this ahead of time.²⁶ "So if someone tells you, 'Look, the Messiah is out in the desert,' don't bother to go and look. Or, 'Look, he is hiding here,' don't believe it! ²⁷ For as the lightning flashes in the east and shines to the west, so it will be when the Son of Man comes.²⁸ Just as the gathering of vultures shows there is a carcass nearby, so these signs indicate that the end is near.

Mark 13:7 **But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet. ^{8a} For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.**

- *Wars and rumors of wars...*
- *"The end is not yet..."*
- *"Nation against nation..."* GK Ethnos...
- *"Kingdom against kingdom..."*

Mark 13:8b **And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These are the beginnings of sorrows.**

Ongoing Birth Pains... (Increasing persecution, betrayal and hatred that spans the present on into the 1st half of Tribulation period)

Mark 13:9 **But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them.**

Mark 13:10 **And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.**

Promise and warning to all who are faithful:

Mark 13:11 **But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.**

Acts 7:54-58 (NLT) ⁵⁴ The Jewish leaders were infuriated by Stephen's accusation and they shook their fists at him in rage. ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed steadily into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at God's right hand. ⁵⁶ And he told them, "Look, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing in the place of honor at God's right hand!" ⁵⁷ Then they put their hands over their ears and began shouting. They rushed at him ⁵⁸ and dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. His accusers took off their coats and laid them at the feet of a young man named Saul.^[14]

Warning

Mark 13:12 **Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.**

Warning and Promise

Mark 13:13a **And you will be hated by all for My name's sake.**

- **You will...**

2 Tim 3:12 (NLT)¹² Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus **will** suffer persecution.

How will the tribulation saints be victorious over the temptations to sinfully meet their needs rather than trust God?

Rev 12:11 (NLT)¹¹ And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.

Mark 13:13b **But he who endures to the end shall be saved.**

- **...he who endures...**

from <G5259> (hupo) and <G3306> (meno); to *stay under (behind)*, i.e. *remain*; figurative to *undergo*, i.e. *bear* (trials), *have fortitude, persevere* :- abide, endure, (take) patient (-ly), suffer, tarry behind.—Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

- **"...the end..." GK telos.** from a primary *tello* (to *set out* for a definite point or *goal*); properly the point aimed at as a *limit*, i.e. (by implication) the *conclusion* of an act or state (*termination* [literal, figurative or indefinite], *result* [immediate, ultimate or prophetic], *purpose*). —Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

Endure to the end of what, Jesus?

(Eph. 2:8)

Mark 13:7 ⁷ *But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet.*

- **"...shall be saved..." GK sozo.** Preserved, delivered or saved...has many biblical uses and meaning is determined by context and topic of a passage...such as..saved physically (i.e. healing or delivered from temporal trouble), morally (i.e. life and character transformed by a renewed mind), spiritually (i.e. forgiven and redeemed forever).

Rev 14:6-7 (NLT)⁶ And I saw another angel flying through the sky, carrying the eternal Good News to proclaim to the people who belong to this world—to every nation, tribe, language, and people.⁷ "Fear God," he shouted. "Give glory to him. For the time has come when he will sit as judge. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all the springs of water."

Mark 13:20 (NKJV) ²⁰ And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

The Last Days...of Overwhelming Birth Pains

The Abomination of Desolation (Midpoint of the Tribulation)

¹⁴ "So when you see the 'Abomination of Desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁵ Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. ¹⁶ And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁷ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ¹⁸ And pray that your flight may not be in winter. ¹⁹ For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. ²⁰ And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

- *When you see...*
- **The Abomination of Desolation...**

Dan 9:27 (NLT)²⁷ The ruler will make a treaty with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings. And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration, until the fate decreed for this defiler is finally poured out on him."

Dan 12:11-12 (NLT)¹¹ "From the time the daily sacrifice is stopped and the sacrilegious object that causes desecration is set up to be worshiped, there will be 1,290 days.¹² And blessed are those who wait and remain until the end of the 1,335 days!

2 Thess. 2:3-4 (NLT) Don't be fooled by what they say. For that day will not come until there is a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness is revealed—the one who brings destruction. ⁴ He will exalt himself and defy everything that people call god and every object of worship. He will even sit in the temple of God, claiming that he himself is God.

Rev 13:5-6 (NLT)⁵ Then the beast was allowed to speak great blasphemies against God. And he was given authority to do whatever he wanted for forty-two months.⁶ And he spoke terrible words of blasphemy against God, slandering his name and his temple—that is, those who live in heaven.^[1]

- **RUN for YOUR LIVES!**

Rev 12:1-17 (NLT)¹ Then I witnessed in heaven an event of great significance. I saw a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head.² She was pregnant, and she cried out because of her labor pains and the agony of giving birth.³ Then I witnessed in heaven another significant event. I saw a large red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, with seven crowns on his heads.⁴ His tail swept away one-third of the stars in the sky, and he threw them to the earth. He stood in front of the woman as she was about to give birth, ready to devour her baby as soon as it was born.⁵ She gave birth to a son who was to rule all nations with an iron rod. And her child was snatched away from the dragon and was caught up to God and to his throne.⁶ And the woman fled into the wilderness, where God had prepared a place to care for her for 1,260 days.⁷ Then there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels.⁸ And the dragon lost the battle, and he and his angels were forced out of heaven.⁹ This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels...

¹³ When the dragon realized that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.¹⁴ But she was given two wings like those of a great eagle so she could fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness. There she would be cared for and protected from the dragon for a time, times, and half a time.¹⁵ Then the dragon

tried to drown the woman with a flood of water that flowed from his mouth.¹⁶ But the earth helped her by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that gushed out from the mouth of the dragon.¹⁷ And the dragon was angry at the woman and declared war against the rest of her children—all who keep God's commandments and maintain their testimony for Jesus.

Mark 13:21 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, He is there!' do not believe it. ²² For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. ²³ But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

The Beast out of the Sea (AKA Antichrist)

Rev 13:1-5, 7-8 (NLT)¹ Then I saw a beast rising up out of the sea. It had seven heads and ten horns, with ten crowns on its horns. And written on each head were names that blasphemed God.² ... And the dragon gave the beast his own power and throne and great authority.³ I saw that one of the heads of the beast seemed wounded beyond recovery—but the fatal wound was healed! The whole world marveled at this miracle and gave allegiance to the beast.⁴ They worshiped the dragon for giving the beast such power, and they also worshiped the beast....⁵ Then the beast was allowed to speak great blasphemies against God. And he was given authority to do whatever he wanted for forty-two months... ⁷ And the beast was allowed to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And he was given authority to rule over every tribe and people and language and nation.⁸ And all the people who belong to this world worshiped the beast. They are the ones whose names were not written in the Book of Life before the world was made—the Book that belongs to the Lamb who was slaughtered.

The Beast out of the Earth (AKA the False Prophet)

- **Rev.13:11-17** ¹¹Then I saw another beast come up out of the earth....¹² He exercised all the authority of the first beast. And he required all the earth and its people to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed.¹³ He did astounding miracles, even making fire flash down to earth from the sky while everyone was watching.¹⁴ And with all the miracles he was allowed to perform on behalf of the first beast, he deceived all the people who belong to this world. He ordered the people to make a great statue of the first beast, who was fatally wounded and then came back to life.¹⁵ He was then permitted to give life to this statue so that it could speak. Then the statue of the beast commanded that anyone refusing to worship it must die.¹⁶ He required everyone—small and great, rich and poor, free and slave—to be given a mark on the right hand or on the forehead.¹⁷ And no one could buy or sell anything without that mark, which was either the name of the beast or the number representing his name.

The BIRTH of the KINGDOM

Mark 13:24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵ the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

Rev 19:11-16; 19- (NLT) ¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war.¹² His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself.¹³ He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God.¹⁴ The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses.¹⁵ From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress.¹⁶ On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords... ¹⁹ Then I saw the beast and the kings of the world and their armies gathered together to fight against the one sitting on the horse and his army.²⁰ And the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who did mighty miracles on

behalf of the beast—miracles that deceived all who had accepted the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue. Both the beast and his false prophet were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.²¹ Their entire army was killed by the sharp sword that came from the mouth of the one riding the white horse...

TWO FINAL PARABLES

Dear Tribulation Saint,

Mark 13:28 "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near--at the doors!

³⁰ Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Dear Church,

Mark 13: 32a "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Mark 13:32b Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. ³⁴ It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. ³⁵ Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming--in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning-- ³⁶ lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. ³⁷ And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

2 Tim 4:8 (NLT) And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

Titus 2:11-14 (NKJV)¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

Rev 22:20 (NLT) ²⁰ He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon!"

And all of God's daughters say: "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"

A Parting Word from the Apostle John,

1 John 2:28 (NLT)²⁸ And now, dear children, remain in fellowship with Christ so that when he returns, you will be full of courage and not shrink back from him in shame.

NEXT WEEK: March 17th - Lesson FIFTEEN...Countdown to Betrayal (Mark 14:1-42)

Understanding the Events of the Olivet Discourse in Relation to History

