

The Servant Unveils the Future (Part 1)

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Questions Concerning the E_n_d of the Age (Mark 13:1-4)

- The disciples have two q_u_e_s_t_i_o_n_s about the end of the age (v 4):
 - 1) W_h_e_n will it happen?
 - 2) W_h_a_t is the s_i_g_n so we will know?

F_a_l_s_e Signs of the End of the Age (Mark 13:5-13)

- *Watch out* = “take heed, be on g_u_a_r_d.” (vs 5,9,23,33)
G_e_n_e_r_a_l troubles - don't be *deceived* by (vs 5-8):
 - 1) F_a_l_s_e Christs. (v 6)
 - 2) C_u_r_r_e_n_t events. (vs 7-8)
- S_p_e_c_i_f_i_c troubles (vs 9-13)
 - 1) Persecution will come from o_f_f_i_c_i_a_l (vs 9,11) as well as p_e_r_s_o_n_a_l (v 12) sources.
 - 2) Persecution is to result in p_r_o_c_l_a_m_a_t_i_o_n. (vs 9-12)

The T_r_u_e Sign of the End of the Age (Mark 13:14-23)

- Jesus declares the t_r_u_e sign as the appearance of the “abomination of desolation”. (v 14; cf Dan 9:24-27)
- *Abomination of desolation* = the presence of an idolatrous object or person considered detestable that results in the a_b_a_n_d_o_n_m_e_n_t of the temple due to its d_e_f_i_l_e_m_e_n_t so that it is desolate.
- Like the OT prophets and their prophecies, this prophecy has a m_u_l_t_i_p_l_e fulfillment. (i.e. Isa 7:14 – Matt 1:22-23)
- This event will require the i_m_m_e_d_i_a_t_e flight from Jerusalem and the area of Judea. (vs 15-18)
- It will be a time of *unprecedented* and *unequaled* d_i_s_t_r_e_s_s in the history of the world. (v 19)
- For the sake of the elect, God will directly i_n_t_e_r_v_e_n_e in judgment. (v 20)
- Don't be *deceived* by false claims of those who promise d_e_l_i_v_e_r_a_n_c_e from the impending danger. (vs 21-23)