

# THE END TIMES AND THE SERVANT – PART I



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MARK 13:1-8 – MESSAGE #58

# The Old Testament and Prophecy



- 1,239 predictions
- 6,641 verses that deal with predictions
- 23,210 total verses in OT
- 28 1/2 % of the Old Testament deals with prophecy.

\* Research by J. Barton Payne in the *Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy*

# The New Testament and Prophecy



- 578 predictions
- 1,711 verses that deal with predictions
- 7,914 total verses
- 21.5 % of the New Testament deals with prophecy.

# The Bible and Prophecy



- 1,817 predictions
- 8,352 verses that deal with predictions
- 31,124 verses in the Bible
- 27% of the Bible deals with prophecy.

# I. The Prophecy of the Destruction of the Temple



- Mark 13:1,  
And as he went out of the temple,  
one of his disciples saith unto him,  
Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings  
are here!
- Mark 13:2,  
And Jesus answering said unto him,  
Seest thou these great buildings?  
there shall not be left one stone upon another,  
that shall not be thrown down.

# Model of Herod's Temple



# The Olivet Discourse



- Mark 13:3,  
And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple,  
Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,
- Mark 13:4,  
Tell us, **when shall these things be?**  
and what shall be the sign **when all these things shall be fulfilled?**

# Timing Statements in the Olivet Discourse



(13:4) “**When** shall these things be?”

(13:7) “**When** ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but **the end** shall not be yet.”

(13:8) “... these are just **the beginnings** of sorrows.” [the beginning]

(13:10) “And the gospel must **first** be published among all nations.”

(13:13) “... but he that shall endure unto **the end**, the same shall be saved.”

(13:14) “But **when** ye shall see the abomination ...” [the middle]

(13:17, 19, 20, 24) “In **those days** ...”

(13:24) “After **that tribulation**”

(13:26) “**Then** shall they see the Son of man coming ...” [the end]

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVEN YEAR TRIBULATION PERIOD

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ



- The focus on this chapter is on the sign's that precede the Revelation of Jesus Christ.
- These signs are largely relegated to the Tribulation period, after the event known as the rapture of the church.
- The context and setting is very Jewish and has primary application to Israel and the coming of the future kingdom on this earth.
- There are principles that apply to the rapture (i.e. the inability to predict the day of the rapture, the importance of working praying and watching for His return, etc.).
- The rapture will be articulated in John 14 and in Paul's epistles where he introduces the "mystery" of Christ catching up His bride prior to the Tribulation.

## II. The Prophecy of the False Messiahs



- Mark 13:5,  
And Jesus answering them began to say,  
Take heed lest any man deceive you:
- Mark 13:6,  
For many shall come in my name, saying,  
I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

# III. The Prophecy of Wars and Rumors of Wars



- Mark 13:7,  
And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars,  
be ye not troubled:  
for such things must needs be;  
**but the end shall not be yet.**
- Mark 13:8a-b,  
For nation shall rise against nation,  
and kingdom against kingdom:

# MESHECH (Moscow) and TUBAL (Tobolsk)



- Ezekiel 38:2 Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,
- Ezekiel 38:3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:
- Ezekiel 39:1 Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

# PERSIA (Iran in 1935)



- **Ezekiel 38:5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:**

# ETHIOPIA, LIBYA AND EGYPT



- **Ezekiel 38:5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:**
- **Psalm 68:31 Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.**

# GOMER (Germany) and TOGARMAH (Armenia)



- **Ezekiel 38:6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: *and many people with thee.***

# SHEBA, DEDAN, TARSHISH & YOUNG LIONS



- **Ezekiel 38:13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?**
- **Psalm 72:10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.**

# KINGS OF THE EAST



- **Revelation 16:12** And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

# BABYLON = IRAQ



- REVELATION 17 – SPIRITUAL BABYLON (ROME)
- REVELATION 18 – LITERAL BABYLON

## IV. The Prophecy of Earthquakes and Famines



- Mark 13:8c-e,  
and there shall be earthquakes in divers places,  
and there shall be famines and troubles:  
**these are the beginnings of sorrows.**

# Mark 13:5-8 Parallels the Seal Judgments



- Revelation 6:1-2 - The First Seal Judgment
- Revelation 6:3-4 – The Second Seal Judgment
- Revelation 6:5-6 – The Third Seal Judgment
- Revelation 6:7-8 – The Fourth Seal Judgment
- Revelation 6:9-11 – The Fifth Seal Judgment
- Revelation 6:12-17 – The Sixth Seal Judgment
- Revelation 8:1-5 – The Seventh Seal Judgment

# The Judgment of God – The Tribulation Period



- Revelation 6:17, “For the great day of his wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?”
- Those who will be able to withstand this judgment will be those who placed their faith in Jesus Christ - His death on the cross and His resurrection from the grave!
- Romans 10:13, “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

# Invitation to Accept Christ as your Savior



Dear God:

I believe that your Word is true. I believe that your Son will come again. I want to be ready for His return. By faith, I now accept your Son, Jesus Christ, as my personal Lord and Savior. Dear Jesus come into my heart and life and save me.

I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.