

# The End Times and the Servant

## Part III



**TRI-CITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**MARK 13:14-23**  
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# The Olivet Discourse Outlined – Mark 13



- Prophecies Regarding the 7-Year Tribulation Period and the Revelation of Jesus Christ

(13:8) “**These are the beginnings of sorrows.**” – Signs that will be observed starting at the beginning of the Tribulation period.

(13:14) “**But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation spoke of by Daniel the prophet**” – this event marks the middle of the Tribulation period (Daniel 9:27).

(13:26) “**And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds**” – this event marks the end of the Tribulation period.

# Mark 13:14-25 Parallels Revelation 12-18



- Mark 13:1-8 Parallels the Seal Judgments in Revelation 6.
- Mark 13:9-13 Parallels the Persecution and the Preaching accounts in Revelation 6-11.
- Mark 13:14-25 Parallels the Prophecies of the Antichrist and the second half of the Tribulation in Revelation 12-18.
- Mark 13:26-27 Parallels the Prophecies related to the Return of Jesus Christ in Revelation 19.

# I. THE ANTICHRIST DESCRIBED



- (13:14) But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not,
  - A. The Prophecy of Daniel
  - B. The Person Described
  - C. The Place Depicted

# A. The Prophecy of Daniel (Daniel 9:24-27)



- Daniel 9:24, Seventy weeks ( $70 \times 7's = 490$  years) are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.
- Daniel 9:25, Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks ( $7 \times 7's = 49$  years), and threescore and two weeks ( $60 + 2 = 62 \times 7's = 434$  years)( $49 + 434 = 483$  years): the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.
- Daniel 9:26, And after threescore and two weeks ( $62 \times 7's = 434$  years) 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.
- Daniel 9:27, And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week ( $1 \times 7's = 7$  years): and in the midst of the week ( $7's$  divided in half =  $3 \frac{1}{2}$  years) he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.
- $490$  years –  $483$  years =  $7$  years, known as Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week – the 7-year Tribulation period

## B. The Person Described



- 2 Thessalonians 2:3, Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
- 2 Thessalonians 2:4, Who 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, shewing himself that he is God.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:8, And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
- 2 Thessalonians 2:9, Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

# The Beast – The Antichrist – His Image



- The Wonder of the Beast      Revelation 13:1-2
- The Wound of the Beast      Revelation 13:3
- The Worship of the Beast      Revelation 13:4-6
- The Warfare of the Beast      Revelation 13:7-10
- The Worker for the Beast      Revelation 13:11-15
- The Wealth of the Beast      Revelation 13:16-18

## C. The Place Depicted



- Daniel 9:24, Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people (Israel) and upon thy holy city (Jerusalem).
- Daniel 9:27, And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week **he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease** (the Temple).
- 2 Thessalonians 2:4, Who 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**, shewing himself that he is God.

The Antichrist will take control of the temple worship in the city of Jerusalem in Israel in the middle of the Tribulation and will maintain control of it “until the consummation” of the Tribulation.

## II. THE ACTIONS DEMANDED



- (13:14) (let him that readeth **understand**,) then let them that be in Judaea **flee** to the mountains:
  - (13:15) And **let** him that is on the housetop not **go down** into the house, neither **enter** therein, to take any thing out of his house:
  - (13:16) And **let** him that is in the field not **turn back** again for to take up his garment.
- A. Follow Prophecy!
- B. Flee Persecution!
1. Flee from your area/region/city – “Judaea”
  2. Flee from your house
  3. Flee from your work

# The Preparation, Provision and Protection of God



- Revelation 12:6, And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days (3 1/2 years).
- 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 (1 year), and times (2 years), and half a time (1/2 a year), from the face of the serpent. (total of 3 1/2 years)

# God will preserve a remnant of Israel



- Revelation 12:15, And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.
- Revelation 12:16, And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.
- Revelation 12:17, And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

# III. THE AGONY DETAILED



- (13:17) But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!
- (13:18) And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.

**Matthew 24:20, But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:**

- A. The Additional Burden of Children
- B. The Additional Burden of Climate
- C. The Additional Burden of Ceremony

# IV. THE AFFLICTION DETERMINED



- (13:19) For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.
  - (13:20) And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.
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- A. The Days Selected for the Wrath of God
  - B. The Days Shortened for the Children of God

# The Time of Jacob's Trouble – 3 1/2 Years



- 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.
- Revelation 11:2, But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; **for it is given unto the Gentiles**: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months ( 3 1/2 years).

# Satan's "Short time" of 3 1/2 Years of Wrath



- Revelation 12:12, Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.
- Revelation 13:5, And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months (3 1/2 years).

# 1,260 days, 1,290 days, 1,335 days



- Daniel 12:9, And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.
- Daniel 12:10, Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.
- Daniel 12:11, And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.
- Daniel 12:12, Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

# V. THE ALARMS DETONATED



- (13:21) And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not:
  - (13:22) For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.
  - (13:23) But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.
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- A. Take Heed of False Christs
  - B. Take Heed of False Prophets

# LESSONS FOR THE DISCIPLES



- 1. Read and Understand Prophecy** - (“let him that readeth understand,”) (13:14)
- 2. Flee Persecution** – “then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:” (13:14)
- 3. Pray for good weather conditions** – “And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.” (13:18)
- 4. Do not be Seduced to follow the wrong spiritual leadership** – “And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not: For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.” (13:21-22)
- 5. Take Heed/Be on Guard** – “But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.” (13:23)

# Invitation to the Unsaved or Uncertain



- Read the Bible and books on Prophecy
- Reject False teaching and teachers
- Receive Jesus Christ as your Lord

**2 Thessalonians 2:10, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:11, And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:**

**2 Thessalonians 2:12, That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

# Pray to Trust Jesus Christ as Your Savior!



Dear God:

I do not want to perish without Christ. I want to receive Christ as my Savior. I believe that Jesus died for my sins and rose from the grave to give me life after death. I call upon you Lord Jesus to save me.

I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.