

November 1, 2015
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Mark 13:5-13

“The Tribulation – Part 1”

A. The Galilean Ministry: Who Jesus Is (the Christ the Son of God) – 1:14-9:50

B. The Judean Ministry: What Jesus Came To Do – 10:1-15:41

1. On the Way to Jerusalem (10:1-52)
2. At the Temple in Jerusalem (11:1 - 13:37)
 - a. Triumphal Entry? (11:1-11)
 - b. Tree & Temple (11:12-26)
 - c. Tests (11:27-12:37)
 - d. Teaching (12:35-13:37) – still dealing with the scribes
 - 1) True Identity (12:35-37)
 - 2) Treasury or Treachery? (12:38-44)
 - 3) Tribulation (13:1-27)
 - a) The Prophecy (1-2)
 - b) The Private Question (3-4)

c) The Pastoral Answer (5-27)

i. First Half of the Tribulation (5-13)

➤ D _____ (5-6)

➤ D _____ (7-8)

➤ D _____ (9-13)

ii. Middle of the Tribulation (14-18)

iii. Second Half of the Tribulation (19-27)

Discussion & Application:

1. Why is prophecy so difficult to interpret? Why do so many godly biblical scholars disagree with one another? Is a disagreement over prophecy (Amillennial, Premillennial, Postmillennial) something that should cause us to not fellowship with one another?
2. Why were the disciples of Jesus so shocked when He said the Temple would be destroyed? What was their expectation of the Messiah? Did they see a First and Second Coming for the Messiah in the Old Testament prophecies? What Old Testament prophecies support a Second Coming of the Messiah?
3. Why did Pastor Paul say that Jesus gave the disciples a “Pastoral” answer in vv. 5-27? What is pastoral about it? What does Jesus want the disciples (and all future readers of Mark 13) to do with this information? [Note: look at the commands in this section to see what Jesus had in mind]
4. Are the things Jesus described only during the Tribulation period or did they also happen during the lifetime of the disciples? Are they still happening?
5. Who are some false Christs in recent memory? Who are some that are around today?
6. What does Islam teach about Jesus? Does what they teach match or contradict what the Bible says?
7. What are you doing to avoid being deceived?
8. What are you doing to overcome fear? What specific Scriptures help you?
9. Did any of the things in vv. 9-10 happen to the disciples? To the Apostle Paul? To others in church history? How did they handle it? What lessons can you learn from this if you ever experience that kind of persecution?
10. What does it mean in v. 13, “...but the one who endures to the end, he will be saved”?
11. How is your testimony to the world right now? Are Satan and his demonic forces concerned about the impact you are making? Are you being persecuted because of your bold stand for Jesus Christ and the truth of Scripture? If not, why not? If so, how does this passage in Mark 13 encourage you to go on?

[Answers to blanks: Deception; Disasters; Distress]