

November 15, 2015
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Mark 13:5-13

“The Tribulation – Part 2”

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)

➤ **DECEPTION (5-6) – “Many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am *He!*’ and will mislead many.”**

- False Christ’s throughout history. But there will be a great deception in the Tribulation Period with the Anti-Christ and the False Prophet.
- Islamic eschatology vs. Biblical eschatology:
 - **Mahdi** = their coming Messiah. [But this man is the Anti-Christ of Scripture]
 - **Jesus** = their coming Prophet who will support the Mahdi. [But this man is the False Prophet of Scripture]
 - **Dajjal** (deceiver) = their coming Anti-Christ who will claim to be Jesus and try to stop the Mahdi. According to their writings he will be killed by their Jesus. [But this man is not a deceiver but is representative of the True Jesus of Scripture who will actually come and destroy the Anti-Christ before setting up His Millennial Kingdom]

➤ **D_____ (7-8)**

➤ **D_____ (9-13)**

ii. Middle of the Tribulation (14-18)

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

Discussion & Application:

1. 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?
2. What are you specifically doing to avoid being deceived? Are you deeply rooted in “sound doctrine” so you can identify false teaching and refute it? If not, what are you doing to grow in that area? Can you give biblical support for the following:
 - The Trinity (deity of God the Father, God the Son, God the Spirit) -
 - Inspiration & Inerrancy of Scripture -
 - Justification by grace alone through faith alone in the Person and finished work of Jesus Christ alone –
 - Coming judgment and eternal bliss or eternal suffering –
3. What frightens you the most? What are you doing to overcome fear? What specific Scriptures help you? (Ex: Mt. 6:25-34; 10:24-31; Ps. 27:1; Is. 41:10)
4. 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?
5. What does it mean in v. 13, “...but the one who endures to the end, he will be saved”?
6. 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: Disasters; Distress]