

November 22, 2015
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Mark 13:14-23

“The Tribulation – Part 3”

- 3) Tribulation (13:1-27)
 - a) The Prophecy (1-2)
 - b) The Private Questions (3-4) – “Tell us, when will these things be, and what *will be* the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?”
 - c) The Pastoral Answer (5-27)
 - i. First Half of the Tribulation (5-13)
 - Deception (5-6)
 - Disasters (7-8)
 - Distress (9-13)

ii. Middle of the Tribulation (14-18)

“Abomination of Desolation” (cf. Dan. 9:27; 11:31; 12:11; Mt. 24:15)

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

Discussion & Application:

1. What changes have taken place in your thoughts, attitudes, and actions since our study last week in Mark 13? Are you prepared to live and to die (if necessary) for Jesus Christ?
2. What is the Tribulation? How long does it last? What other Scriptures refer to this time?
3. What is the “Abomination of Desolation”? What other Scriptures refer to this? Does it happen more than once in human history?
4. If the “Abomination of Desolation” does not happen in our lifetime, how can this passage still have application for us? How can we “take heed” and be prepared for whatever form of persecution may come our way?
5. Are you ready for Jesus to return? Do you know for sure you would be with Him forever? If He came back today would you have any shame over something currently in your lifestyle? If so, what steps will you take this week to repent of those things?
6. Sometimes things aren’t inherently bad or evil but they aren’t the best for us. It takes discernment to choose between good, better, and best. Does your current lifestyle (commitment of time, talents, and treasures) demonstrate to a watching world that you believe in the imminent return of Jesus for His people? What are some specific things you could change to move from things that are “good” to things that are “better” or “best”?
7. As we move into a holiday season (Thanksgiving & Christmas), what are you planning to do to tell your family, neighbors, co-workers, etc., about Jesus? What creative things could you do to point them to the Savior? Who will you invite to come to some special events, concerts, etc., at the church so they can learn about God’s love and grace?