



Chapter 13 – Part 1

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- Prediction of the Destruction of the Temple (70 AD)
- Interpretive Views and the Position of this teaching
- Summary of the Signs

Why is Prophecy Important?

- Prophecy is history written in advance – predictions of the future. The word Revelation means to reveal that which was hidden.
- We are living in the most significant and important time in Bible prophecy history – yet this is a time where there is the least amount of interest by the Church. **The Bible is coming to Life!**
- Jerusalem is God's time-clock, we know the nations, the leaders and signs that we are to watch for.
- God promises you will be blessed if you can understand it (Rev.1:3)
 1. It confirms or proves that God is real
 2. It confirms that the Bible is the Word of God
 3. It provides comfort to believers by preparing us for what to expect & to be ready upon Christ's return
 4. It protects us from future Deceptions
 5. It is the driving force behind Evangelism providing incentive to warn those without Christ

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The Olivet Discourse

End Times Prophecy & The Second Coming

1. Prediction of the Destruction of the Temple in 70 AD
2. General Interpretation Principles
3. Signs of the End Times – Mark only – Daniel’s 70th Week
4. The Jew in Prophecy
5. Abomination of Desolation
6. Great Tribulation
7. Day of the Lord – Second Coming of Christ – Overview
8. Timing of the Second Coming

Extra Topics to be Covered Outside Mark 13

1. War of Gog & Magog (Ezekiel 38)
2. Summary of All Signs of the End Times (whole Bible)
3. The Anti-Christ & The Trinity of Evil (Satan, Antichrist & False Prophet)
4. Day of the Lord – Second Coming of Christ – Details – (Zech. 14)
5. The Mystery of the Church Age; The Millennial Kingdom; & The Future Plan for Israel (Rom. 11)
6. The Kingdom of God on Earth

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The Olivet Discourse End Times Prophecy & The Second Coming

- Last day of Jesus' public ministry (Wed evening of Passion Week)
- Prophecy of things to come in the **Last Days & The Second Coming**
- Question by Disciples: **When is the Kingdom coming? What will be the signs of the End of the Age?** (When will judgement come and the establishment of the Messianic Kingdom occur?)
- Jesus has repeatedly told them He will die and rise, so they expect once He rises from the grave, He will establish the Kingdom
- Mark 13 Jesus summarizes with amazing clarity the complex prophecies of multiple bible books, including - Isaiah 9; Zech. 14; Daniel; Revelation; Ezekiel, Matt. 24 (and any more!)
- Before this though, Jesus predicts the Destruction of the Temple in 70AD, which came true 40 years after He predicted it.

Temple History

- **Isaac Sacrifice** – Gen. 22 – Abraham was told by God to go to Mount Moriah to offer Isaac, his only son who all his covenant promises depended on, as a sacrifice, but God provided a substitutionary lamb. Heb. 11:17-19 – Abraham did this in faith and obedience that God would raise Isaac from the dead.
- **Wilderness** – God met with Israel in a movable temple called a **tabernacle** (Ex. 25:22), but He said He would fix one special place in Canaan (Deut. 12:4-7; 16:16).
- **King David** – when he conquered Jerusalem, God promised him a “house”, a son who would reign eternally, and that his son would build a temple (2 Sam. 5:6-10, 7:1-16). In 998BC David purchased Mount Moriah for the temple site – 1 Chron. 21
- **First Temple - King Solomon** – built the first temple as a house of prayer for all nations (1 Kings 8:41-43) but was not the promised Son, and because of disobedience to God, the temple was destroyed at exile (1 Kings 11:11-13; 2 Kings 25:8-11; Jer. 7:1-29),
- **Second Temple - Babylon Destruction of the Temple, Exile Period & Rebuilding of Temple** – King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the temple in 586BC. Ezekiel prophesied a new temple (Ezek. 40-43) and a new David (Ezek. 37:24-27). But a second temple built at the return from exile in 515BC did not suffice (Ezra 3:12).
- **Antiochus Desecration of Temple** – 168BC - Greek ruler of part of Alexander the Great’s empire, who erected a statue of Zeus in the temple, desecrated the temple by sacrificing pigs.
- **Expansion of 2nd Temple** – 18 BC – Herod greatly expands the temple. 70 AD it was destroyed by Roman Emperor Titus and there has never been a temple in Jerusalem since.
- **New Covenant** – Church Age – we are the temple of God and His Spirit dwells in us. - Jer. 31:31-34
- **Third Temple** – Tribulation period – there will be a 3th temple to be desecrated by the Anti-Christ “abomination of desecration”.
- **Fourth Temple** – Millennial Kingdom – Ezekiel 43

Mark 13: 1-2

Prediction of Destruction of Temple

- The greatest evidence that the Bible is the Word of God and that Jesus is God is that this incredible prediction came true! (in the league of accuracy with Daniel's 69 weeks)
- The destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD resulted in the scattering & persecution of Jews for 2,000 years as predicted by many of the OT prophets.
- The regathering of Israel in 1948 fulfilled the remaining prophecies of many scriptures, including the one Jesus Himself made which was fulfilled in 1948 (Luke 21:24)
- **Note:** the destruction of the temple was 40 years after Jesus (the Spiritual Redeemer) predicted it, and it was 40 years that the Israelites walked in the Wilderness after being redeemed from bondage in Egypt (by Moses).
- **70 AD – video** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dcn3M7EMKZ4> – Jesus' Prediction
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7585SotsXkY> – 70 AD history & Arch of Titus

Second Coming of Christ

When the King Returns!

- When Jesus returns to earth to pronounce judgement and make all wrongs right (Day of the Lord). **Second coming is a MAJOR BIBLE DOCTRINE**
- Will occur after the 7 year tribulation when Christ defeats the Dragon (Satan).
- Jesus gives us the “signs of the end times” in Mark 13, just prior to His return.
- **300 prophecies of the first coming** all came true, but most people don’t realize there are **1,845 references to the Second Coming** in the bible – and they will come true!
- In the Old Testament the Second Coming is mentioned in 17 books, and in the New Testament it is emphasized in 23 of the 27 books.
- In the New Testament, 7 out of 10 chapters mention it, and 1 in every 30 verses on average mention it! Jesus refers to His return 21 times! And dedicated 3 entire chapters to it – **so it’s VERY IMPORTANT!!**
- **Next to Atonement, the Return of Jesus Christ is the most prominent doctrine in the bible**
- **Revelation 19:15** (He will judge righteousness), **21:1, 5**: Rev. 6-19 is consistent with Jesus’ predictions of the tribulation.

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Overview

1. Temple Discussion - 3rd temple (Solomon, Cyrus; Herod)
2. Jesus Answers Questions
3. **Precursor Signs – Current Times** - False Messiahs; Wars; Earthquakes; Famines; Trials & Persecution of Saints.
4. **Signs of the End Times**
 - Gospel to all nations
 - Spirit Led Witness
 - Families Split
 - Christian Persecution
5. **Abomination of Desolation** - beginning of the Great Tribulation
 - Flee to the Hills - do not pack, or return, pregnant women
6. **Day of the Lord** - Lord's Return - OT Language Daniel 7:13, Angels gather the Elect
7. **Timing of His Coming** - Fig tree, present generation, no ones but the Father, our responsibility

The Disciples Questions

- Mark 13:4

1. “when will these things be?
2. And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?”

- Matthew 24: 3

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The Gospel – 2 Parts

1. Gospel of Grace

- Good news of salvation & eternal life. Jesus died on the Cross for the sins of the world, He was raised from the dead, and all who believe in Him are saved (justified) and given the gift of eternal life.

2. Gospel of the Kingdom

- **The good news that Christ (the Son of David) is returning to set up the Kingdom of God on Earth.** (Davidic covenant, 2 Samuel 7:16; Is. 9:6-7; Matt 9:35; 24:14).

Dispensations & Covenants

| Dispensation | Linked with Covenant |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| LAW (Exodus 19:1) | Mosaic (Exodus 19:5) |
| Church (Acts 2:1) | New Covenant (Hebrews 8:8) |
| Kingdom (Revelation 20:4) | Davidic (2 Samuel 7:16) |

- **Davidic Covenant** (2 Sam. 7:8-17), promises the **future Kingdom of Christ** would be “born of the seed of David according to the flesh” (Rom. 1:3) (also Jer. 23:5; Is. 9:7, 11:1; Luke 1:32; Rev. 3:7). This is an unconditional covenant (promise/contract) made between God and David through which God promises David and Israel that the **Messiah (Jesus Christ) would come from the lineage of David and the tribe of Judah and would establish a kingdom that would endure forever.**
- **Abrahamic Covenant** (Genesis 12:1-3) promises unconditionally that: 1) Abraham is to be a great nation (**Israel**), 2) be personally blessed, and 3) receive a great name ‘so that he might be a blessing.’ And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who slights you I will curse; **And all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you.**” Romans 9-11, Acts 7:17; Rom 4:13, 14, 16, 20; Gal 3:16, 17, 18, 21, 29; 4:23; Heb 7:6; 11:9, 13, 17. Covenant won’t be fulfilled until the end of the age.

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Millennial Views & Interpretation

- **Eschatology** is the study of what the Bible teaches about the **End Times**. It considers the events that will take place related to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, prior to, during and following His return.
- **2 Views of Interpretation**
 1. **Pre-millennial** – believes Jesus Christ is returning before the millennium, and immediately after the 7 year tribulation.
 2. **Amillennial** – Jesus will not return for 1,000 after the tribulation.
- Your position on this will affect your theology of many other Bible doctrines (Covenants, Israel, Daniel, etc.) & is not minor.
- **Never spiritualize or allegorize a scripture if the plain meaning of the text is clear.** Unless the context of the passage gives compelling reason that the language is symbolic.

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Millennial Views & Interpretation

Pre-millennialist (LITERAL)

- Takes a more **literal interpretation** of the bible which would indicate that the 1,800 Old Testament prophecies of Christ returning to reign on David's throne will actually happen and according to **Rev. 20:1-6** will last for 1,000 years. Also interprets the prophecies of Mark 13, Matthew 24, Revelation and Daniel literally, using a common sense approach to interpretation.
- **Premillennialism** is the belief that Jesus Christ will return to earth in an event known as the Second Coming (consisting of two parts, the Rapture and the Lord's Return), following the Great Tribulation, which will be at the beginning of His thousand-year reign from Jerusalem.
- Does not believe the purpose of the church is to "make the world a better place" (**Social Gospel/Justice**) to usher in the this reign of peace for 1,000 years, but believes we are to "go preach the Gospel (**Evangelize**) in order for God to gather out "a people for His name".

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Amillennialism (Preterism)

- Amillennialism avoid interpreting the events of Mark 13/Rev. literally, and do not agree there will be a tribulation or a literal thousand-year reign of Jesus on the earth; rather, Jesus is said to have taken dominion over the earth right after His resurrection and now rules from heaven in our hearts.
- **Interprets the prophecies of end times as allegories (“spiritualizes” all meanings)** and believes the millennium is the **Spiritual** Reign of Jesus in the hearts of believers and began after Pentecost. **This view interprets the apocalyptic literature as using figurative language to refer to events that already occurred in history (70 AD).**
- Therefore they do not believe the book of Daniel or Revelation is literal (even though the first 69 week prophecy came true to the very day!),
- They believe in **Replacement Theology** that teaches that Israel was replaced by the church and the 1,000 year reference is figurative. This means that the unfulfilled prophecies promising peace and blessings to His people do not apply to Israel (**this would mean that the Abrahamic Covenant no longer applies**). They believe Israel's work in God's plan is finished and all unfulfilled prophecies have been transferred to the church (**Parable of the Vinedressers – Mark 12:1-9 is their main support**), and **they ignore Romans 9-11 (11:25-33)!**

Practical Differences Between a Pre-Millennialist & an Amillennialism

An Amillennialist may not tell you what they believe, but you will know them by their Fruits.

1. Pre-millennialist

- Believes the purpose of the church is to **EVANGELIZE** or share the Gospel. Jesus and the Apostles did not try to institute social change or influence governments, but had one mission to **share the Gospel** (seek & save the lost)
- **Holy Living & dealing with Sin** are more important to a Pre-millennialist since the incentive to live a holy life is to be ready in the hope of the Second Coming. (Mark 13:33-37; Matt. 24:37-51; Luke 21:34-36)
- **Perseverance of the Saints** – a Christian will more willing to stand with Jesus, whatever the cost and be able to endure persecution if they have the comfort and knowledge of a literal interpretation of these prophetic passages with respect to what will happen.

2. Amillennial

- Believes the purpose of the church is to do **SOCIAL WORK**, improve the **ENVIRONMENT**, support **SOCIAL JUSTICE** initiatives and feed the poor.
- They typically do not evangelize or prioritize the sharing of the Gospel since they think they can make the world a better place by doing good “works”. The Bible says the world get worse and worse and end in destruction.
- **They never teach on PROPHECY of the End Times or the Second Coming.**

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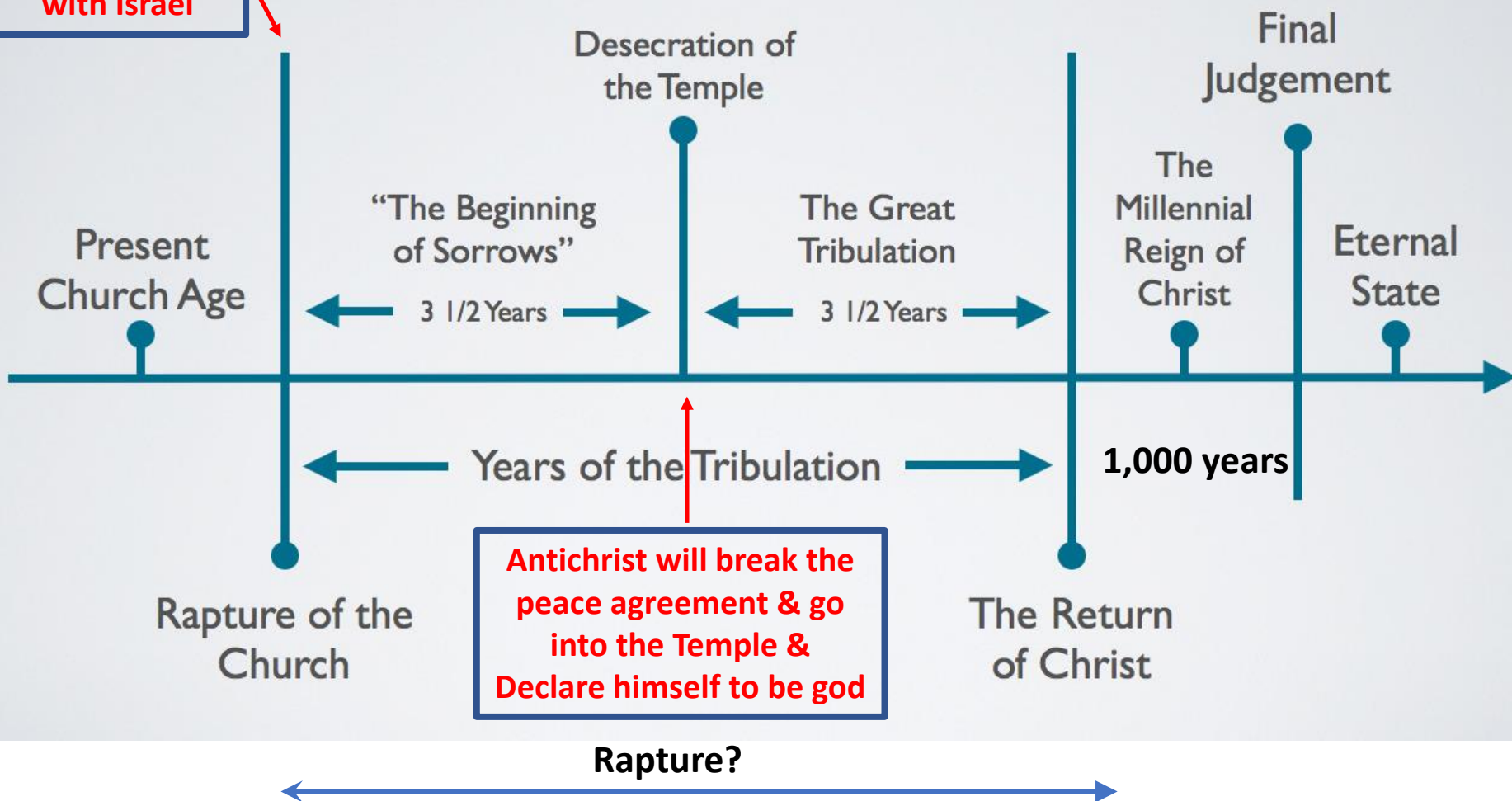
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Position of this Teaching – PRE-MILLENNIAL

- **Jesus specifically tells us in Mark 13 to understand what the prophet Daniel said**, therefore it would seem that Jesus takes a literal view of Daniel, because Daniel cannot be “understood” clearly and objectively by taking a subjective/spiritual/allegory approach to interpreting the timelines and events.
- While not essential doctrine to salvation, the idea that Jesus could be coming back at any time to take us to heaven to be with Him is a blessed hope (Titus:2:12-13; 1 John 3:2; 1 Cor. 15:51-58; 1 Thess. 4:16) and can affect how we live our lives.
- It would not seem reasonable that Jesus would allocate 3 entire NT Chapters and entire books of Revelation and Daniel to His return if He didn't mean what He said. This is about the fulfillment of God's covenant promises (Abrahamic & Davidic Covenants) and whether you believe the Word of God is true or not.
- **This teaching assumes a literal and common sense interpretation of Mark 13, in other words, PRE-MILLENNIAL.**

Tribulation is Triggered by a 7 year Peace Agreement with Israel

Timeline of the End Times



General Guidelines before Reading

- Disciples Ask Two Questions

- Matthew 24: 3

1. “when will these things be?”

2. And what will be the **sign of Your coming**, and of the **end of the age**?”

- The First Question relates only to the Destruction of Jerusalem (Mark 13:2) and this is answered in Luke 21 and not in Matthew and Mark at all. This is a **critical error** that **amillennialists** make in incorrectly interpreting Matthew 24 and Mark 13 to refer to 70AD.
- Matthew 24:9 (“**then** they will deliver you up”) & Luke 21:12 (“**before** all these things”) is the key difference!!

General Guidelines before Reading

- Jesus tells us that **no one will know the time of His return**, but we can know the season.
- The word “world” does not appear in the Greek – the disciples did not ask “What shall be the signs of the end of the world?” but “**end of the AGE**” (end of the Church Age). The world will continue for another 1,000 years (Millennial Age), but the Church Age will end with the second coming (advent).
- The questions the disciples asked are linked together by the word “**AND**” - **Second Coming AND** the **End of Age** are linked.
- Jesus not only accepts their question, but encourages them to watch for the signs and even names them in chronological order.
- **Period Jesus describes is the 70th week of Daniel, the End of the Age (Church Age), or the last 7 years of the current dispensation.**
- Chapter 13 is in 2 parts – Signs of the End times, during the first 3.5 years of the tribulation, marked by a definite, special sign that will mark the beginning of the final 3.5 years (**Abomination of Desolation**).

10 Signs Precede the 7 Year Tribulation

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1. False Christs
2. Wars
3. Famines
4. Earthquakes
5. Persecution
6. False Prophets
7. World Evangelism

Mark 13:8 “**Birth/Labour Pains**” or “Beginning of Sorrows” describe that these events **will increase in frequency and intensity in the end times.**

Matthew 24

1. False Christs (v. 4-5; Rev. 6:1-2)
2. Wars (v.6-7; Rev. 6:3-4)
3. Famines (v.7; Rev. 6:5-6)
4. **Pestilences** (v.7; Rev. 7-8)
5. Earthquakes (v.7; Rev. 6:12)
6. Persecution (9-10)
7. False Prophets (v.11)
8. **Iniquity Abounding** (v.12)
9. **Coldness in Religion** (v.12)
10. World-Evangelism (v.14)