

## JESUS' PROPHECY – PART 2

--MARK 13:14-23--

### INTRODUCTION:

Last Sunday, we looked at Jesus' answer to the third question first and the sign that would indicate the end of this age was beginning. This morning, we are going to take a little side trip into Luke and look at Jesus response to the first question concerning the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple. Then we will be in Matthew and Mark as Jesus begins to answer the second question concerning the time of the second coming and the sign that would herald it was about to occur.

#### I. QUESTION ONE–THE FALL OF JERUSALEM (Lu. 21:20-24)

- a. We are going to go into Luke 21 for a few minutes since Luke is the only one who recorded Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ to the disciples first question. (Luke 21:20-24)
- b. In answer to the first question, the Lord Jesus gave them the sign that would mark the fact that Jerusalem was about to be destroyed. The sign was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the City of Jerusalem by armies.
- c. This prophecy was \_\_\_\_\_ in a very interesting way.
- d. In the year A.D. 66, the first Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ broke out against the Romans.
- e. And in the year A.D. 70 Titus gained \_\_\_\_\_ into Jerusalem, and the city and the Temple were destroyed.

#### II. QUESTION TWO – FIRST HALF OF THE TRIBULATION (Matthew 24:9-14)

- a. In preparation for answering the second question concerning the sign of the Messiah's \_\_\_\_\_ coming, Jesus turned to the Tribulation. (Matthew 24:9-14)
- b. These verses are very similar to the \_\_\_\_\_ we looked at last week recorded in Mark 13:9-13.
- c. In this passage of Matthew, Jesus pointed out \_\_\_\_\_ events that will occur during the first half of the Tribulation.

- d. First, there will be tremendous persecution of the \_\_\_\_\_ (those saved after the Rapture of the church), this is in Matthew 24:9-10.
- e. Second, the first half of the Tribulation will be characterized by the rise of many \_\_\_\_\_ prophets (Matthew 24:11).
- f. Third, there will be a tremendous \_\_\_\_\_ of sin and iniquity (Matthew 24:12).
- g. Fourth, the Jews who \_\_\_\_\_ to the end will be saved (Matthew 24:13).
- h. The fifth event of the first half of the Tribulation will be the worldwide preaching of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 24:14).

#### III. QUESTION TWO – SECOND HALF OF THE TRIBULATION (Mark 13:14-23; Matthew 24:15-28)

- a. Having given some events of the first half of the Tribulation, the Lord Jesus next turned to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the second half.
- b. First, the Messiah dealt with a specific event that will mark the \_\_\_\_\_ of the second half of the Tribulation. (Matthew 24:15; Daniel 9:27; 11:31; 12:11)
- c. But the desecration of the temple by Antiochus IV was only a foreshadowing of the Antichrist's \_\_\_\_\_ perversion. (2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:3-10; Revelation 13:11-15; Daniel 12:11)
- d. Second, the Abomination of Desolation will be the signal for the Jews to \_\_\_\_\_ out of the Land, to flee to the mountains (Mark 13:14-18; Revelation 12:13-17).
- e. Third, the reason for the \_\_\_\_\_ is because at this time world-wide anti-Semitism will break out in all its fierceness.
- f. Fourth, Israel will \_\_\_\_\_ this terrible period, though greatly reduced in number (Mark 13:20).
- g. Fifth, the second half of the Tribulation will be characterized by false \_\_\_\_\_, especially one who is known in Scripture as the Antichrist (Matthew 24:23).
- h. Sixth, the latter half of the Tribulation will be characterized by false signs, miracles, and wonders, for the purpose of worldwide \_\_\_\_\_. (2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:8-10; Revelation 13:11-15)

- i. Seventh, the Lord Jesus warned that there will be people saying that the \_\_\_\_\_ has returned here or that He has returned there, that the Second coming has secretly occurred (Matthew 24:25-27)

### CONCLUSION:

What can we take from this passage of Scripture? First, I want you to look back to verse 14, Mark has added his own little footnote, he writes, “let the reader understand.” Jesus was answering the questions asked by the disciples, but His answers were not intended for the Twelve specifically but for believers who will be alive at the end of the age when these things occur, and Mark’s note reinforces this fact. This was not for the listening disciples but for future readers of Scripture, especially those saved during the first half of the Tribulation. In the years immediately prior to the second coming, people will read Jesus’ words and, realizing they are in the midst of the final tribulation, be equipped to understand and endure the trials of that unparalleled time of trouble. Secondly, at the beginning of this message I began by clarifying the difference between the rapture and the second coming. If you are a believer, if you have agreed with God that you are a sinner and that you are helpless to do anything to make yourself acceptable to God, but you believe that Jesus Christ died for your sin, taking the punishment you deserve for your sin, being your substitute and after His death God raised Him from the dead then you are a believer and the truth of the rapture is our blessed hope. This event as I said earlier could take place at any time when Christ will descend with the spirits of those who have died before us, their glorified bodies will be resurrected from the dead and be rejoined with their spirits and we who are still alive will be caught up together with those resurrected to meet the Lord Jesus in the air and to be with Him always for the rest of eternity. This will take place before the awful events described today that will happen during the Tribulation. We will be in heaven with our Savior and escape that wrath that is to come. The truth of what we learned today should compel us to tell others about the Savior so they too can escape the wrath to come.