

JESUS' PROPHECY – PART 3

--MARK 13:24-37--

INTRODUCTION:

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been going through a passage of Scripture that has been entitled “The Olivet Discourse.” The return of Jesus Christ represents the apex of human history. Following the rapture will be the seven-year tribulation on the earth. After this time the Lord will return to this earth with His raptured and glorified saints, along with the angels, to destroy His enemies and to establish His promised kingdom.

In today’s Scripture passage, having surveyed the events leading up to His return, Jesus now focuses on His second coming entirely.

I. THE GLORIOUS RETURN (Mark 13:24-27)

- a. As Jesus began to give the _____ of His second coming, He spoke on four aspects of His return.
- b. Jesus first spoke of the sequence of the _____.
- c. Second, Mark records Jesus describing a _____ disturbance for history’s most climatic moment. (Luke 21:25-26)
- d. Third, against the pitch-black darkness, suddenly the Lord Jesus in power and _____ will be revealed from heaven.
- e. Just as Jesus Christ ascended more than 2000 years ago, He will one day _____ to the earth. (Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 19:11-21)
- f. Fourth, when the Lord Jesus returns, He will have with Him many _____ of holy ones, a heavenly army that will include both angels and glorified saints. (Deuteronomy 30:4)

II. THE PARABLE (Mark 13:28-30)

- a. The Lord Jesus then told a _____ to illustrate the appropriate response to His words. (Luke 21:29)
- b. Jesus then _____ His illustration and how it related to His second coming.
- c. Remember when Jesus was explaining the events of the second half of the tribulation, Mark had added the note: “let the _____ understand.” (Mark 13:14)

III. THE INFALLIBLE WORD (Mark 13:31)

- a. Jesus then makes a statement that highlights the absolute _____ of His prophetic word.
- b. The Bible is clear that this _____ is not a permanent planet. (2nd Peter 3:10-13; Revelation 20:11; 21:1)
- c. In contrast to the temporal nature of the world, the words of Christ will never _____ away.

IV. THE COMMAND FOR ALL (Mark 13:32-37)

- a. For those who have put their faith in Christ for salvation, the revelation of Scripture of the future events is _____ truth.
- b. Though it will be preceded by visible signs, the _____ moment of the second coming will not be revealed to anyone.
- c. Jesus continues addressing the disciples but the future readers as well, especially that generation that will _____ the signs when the future events begin to occur.
- d. Jesus illustrated the _____ of the second coming by explaining it this way, “*It is like a man away on a journey, who upon leaving his house and putting his slaves in charge, assigning to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay on the alert.*” (Mark 13:34, NASB95)
- e. Jesus ends His discourse by repeating His charge with urgency, He warned, “*What I say to you I say to all, ‘Be on the _____!’*” (Mark 13:37, NASB95) (Luke 21:34-36)

CONCLUSION:

The events predicted in the Olivet Discourse have either been fulfilled or are yet to be fulfilled in the future. The truths presented in Jesus’ words instructs every generation of believers. On the one hand, it serves as a vivid reminder that the things of this world are temporary, and that the redeemed are citizens of an eternal kingdom that is yet to be revealed on earth when the Lord Jesus returns in power and glory. On the other hand, the truth of Jesus’ words should provide a compelling motivation for believers to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who are perishing, so that they too might be saved from the coming judgment of God upon the ungodly.