Mark

The **Gospel** of the **Servant of God**

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a. ***Predicting*** the **Destruction** of the **Temple** (13:1-2)

13 As **He** was going out of the **temple**, one of **His disciples** said to **Him**,
"Teacher, behold what **wonderful *stones*** and what **wonderful *buildings!***"

2 And **Jesus** said to him, "Do you **see** these **great buildings**?
***Not* one stone** will be left **upon another** which will **not** be **torn down**."

b. ***Predicting*** the **coming** of **False Messiahs** (13:3-6)

3 As **He** was sitting on the **Mount of Olives** opposite the **temple**,
Peter and James and John and Andrew were ***questioning* Him privately**,

4 "**Tell us**, ***when*** will **these things** be, and ***what*** *will be* the **sign**
when **all these things** are going to be **fulfilled**?"

5 And **Jesus** began to say to them, "See to it that no one **misleads you**.

6 **Many** will come in **My name**, saying, '**I am *He*!**' and will **mislead many**.

c. ***Predicting*** that **Wars** and **Calamities** will **come**, and ***Intensify*** in **end times** (13:7-8)

7 When you hear of **wars** and **rumors of wars**, do ***not*** be **frightened**;
those things must take place; but *that is* **not yet the end**.

8 For **nation** will **rise up *against* nation**, and **kingdom *against* kingdom**;
there will be **earthquakes** in various places; there will *also* be **famines**.
These things are *merely* the ***beginning*** of **birth pangs**.

d. ***Predicting*** the **Disciples' <u>Persecution</u>** and **<u>Power</u>** from the **Holy Spirit** in their **Testimony** (13:9-11)

[9] "But be **on your guard**; for they will **deliver you** to *the* **<u>courts</u>**,
and you will be **<u>flogged</u>** in *the* **synagogues,** and you will **stand** before
governors and **kings** for **My sake**, as a **<u>testimony</u>** to them.

[10] The **<u>gospel</u>** must ***first*** be **preached** to **all** the **nations**.

[11] When they **arrest you** and hand you over, **do not worry** beforehand
about **what** you are **to say**, but say whatever is **<u>given you</u>** in that **hour;**
for it is **not you** who **speak**, but *it is* the **<u>Holy Spirit</u>**.

e. ***Predicting*** **family <u>Betrayal</u>** and **widespread <u>Hatred</u>**, but the eventual **<u>Salvation</u>** of **those** who **endure** (13:12-13)

[12] **Brother** will **<u>betray</u> brother** to **death,** and a **father** *his* **child**;
and **children** will **rise up <u>against</u> parents** and have them put to **death.**

[13] You will be **<u>hated</u>** by ***all*** because of **My name**, but the **one**
who ***endures*** to the **end**, he will be **<u>saved</u>**.

f. ***Predicting*** a **time** of **<u>Great Tribulation</u>** in the **end time** (13:14-23)

1) The ***coming*** of the **<u>ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION</u>** (13:14a)
2) The ***command*** to **<u>flee</u> quickly** to the **mountains** (13:14b-16)
3) The ***concern*** for **pregnant women** and **winter weather** (13:17-18)
4) The ***commencement*** of **great <u>distress</u>** (13:19-20)
5) The ***cautious*** **warning** on the **rise** of **<u>false Messiahs</u>** (13:21-23)

[14] "But when you **see** the **<u>ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION</u>**
standing where it should **not be** (let the reader understand),
then **those** who are in **Judea** must **<u>flee</u>** to the **mountains**.

[15] The one who is on the **housetop** must **not** go down,
or **go in** to **get anything** out of his house;

[16] and the one who is in the **field** must **not turn back** to get his coat.

[17] But **woe** to those who are **pregnant**
and to those who are **nursing babies** in ***those days***!

[18] But **pray** that it may ***not*** **happen** in the **winter**.

[19] For **those days** will be a *time of* **<u>tribulation</u>** such as has **not** occurred since
the **beginning** of the creation which **God** created until now, and ***never will***.

[20] Unless **the Lord** had **<u>shortened</u>** ***those*** **days**, **<u>no life</u>** would have been **<u>saved</u>**;
but for the sake of the **<u>elect</u>**, whom **He chose**, **He <u>shortened</u>** the **days.**

[21] And then if anyone says to you, 'Behold**, here** is the **Messiah**'; or,
'Behold, *He is* **there**'; do **<u>not</u> believe** *him*;

[22] for ***false*** **Messiahs** and ***false*** **prophets** will arise, and will show **signs** and **wonders,** in order to **lead astray**, if possible, the **elect**.

[23] But **take heed**; behold, I have **told you** everything **in advance.**

Messiah's *Predictions* of End Time Events

A. Preliminary Predictions:

1. **Jesus predicts His suffering** and **death**, and **His resurrection** ***three*** **days later** (Matt. 16:21; Mark 10:33-44).

2. **Jesus declared** that **He** did **not** come to **be served**, but **to serve**, and to **give His life** a **ransom** for **many** (Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45).

Note→ The **Messiah's suffering** and **death** were **predicted** in the **Old Testament** (Psa. 22:16-18; Isa. 53:5-9; Dan. 9:25-26), along with **His resurrection** (Psa. 16:10; Acts 13:33-35)

3. **Jesus revealed** to **His disciples** that **He** would be **leaving them**, but that **He** would **come again** and **receive them** to **Himself** (John 13:33; 14:2-3). **He** also promised that **His Father** would send then ***another*** **"Helper,"** the **Holy Spirit**, who would **abide in them** and **teach them** all things (John 14:16-17, 26).

B. Messiah's Olivet Discourse:

1. During **His final week** of ministry, **Jesus predicted** to **His disciples** that the **great temple** that they were **admiring** would be **completely destroyed** (Matthew 24:1-2; Mark 13:1-2; Luke 21:5-6).

Note→ Approximately **forty years** after **Messiah's prediction**, the **temple** was **destroyed** by the **Romans** in **A.D. 70**. This was in **fulfillment** of **Daniel's prophecy** concerning the **Messiah's first coming** (Daniel 9:24-26):

Then after the **sixty-two weeks** the **Messiah** will be **cut off** (killed) and **have nothing**, and the **people** of the ***prince*** who is **to come** will ***destroy*** the **city** and the **sanctuary**. And its **end** *will come* with a **flood**; even to the **end** there will be **war**; **desolations** are **determined**. (Daniel 9:26)

As **Jesus** was sitting on the **Mount of Olives** opposite the **temple**, several of **His disciples** came to **Him privately** and asked, "...***when*** will **these things** happen, and ***what*** *will be* the **sign** of **Your coming**, and of the **end** of the **age** (Matt. 24:3b)?" **Jesus responded** with a number of **future predictions** that became known as the **Olivet Discourse**—

1. **Jesus began** by **warning His disciples** to **not** be **misled,** for **many** would come in **His name**, saying, "**I am** the **Messiah**, and will **mislead many**" (Matthew 24:3-4; Mark 13:5-6; Luke 21:8).

2. **Jesus predicted** that they would be hearing of "**wars** and **rumors of wars**," but that they should **not** be **frightened**, for these things must take place. However, this would **not** be the **end** (Matthew 24:6; Mark 13:7; Luke 21:9).

For **nation** will **rise** ***against*** **nation**, and **kingdom** ***against*** **kingdom**, and there will be **famines, plagues** and **earthquakes** in various places. But *these* things are merely the **beginning** of **birth pangs** (Matthew 24:7-9; Mark13:8; Luke 21:10-11)

3. **Jesus** then **declared** to **His disciples**, both **present** and in the **future**, that they would be **arrested, persecuted** in the **synagogues**, and be **forced** to give **testimony** before **governors** and **kings** (Mark 24:9). **He** also exhorted them **not** to worry **what to say** as they give **testimony**, for the **Holy Spirit** would give to them **utterance** and **wisdom** (Mark 13:11; Luke 21:14-15).

4. **Jesus predicted** that they would **suffer tribulation**, be **killed,** and be **hated** by **all nations** because of **His name** (Matthew 24:9, Mark 13:13a; Luke 21:17). During these days many would **fall away** and **betray one another**. There would be **betrayal** even within **families** (Matthew 24:10; Mark 13:12; Luke 21:16). **Lawlessness** would **increase**, and most people's **love** will **"grow cold"** (Matthew 24:12).

5. **Jesus** then **promised His disciples** that those who **endured** would be **saved** (Matthews 24:13; Mark 13:13b; Luke 21:18-19)

6. **Jesus declared** that the **gospel** of the **kingdom** would be **preached** in the **whole world** for a **witness** to **all nations** *before* the **time** of the **end** (Matthew 24:14; Mark 13:10). This would be the **fulfillment** of **Jesus' command** to **His disciples** that they would be **witnesses** of **His gospel** to **all** the **nations** (Acts 1:8).

7. **Jesus** then **predicted** that when they see the **ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION,** which was spoken of by **Daniel** the **prophet** (Daniel 9:27), **standing** in the **holy place** then those who are in **Judea** must **flee hastily** to the **mountains**. For there will be **"great tribulation,"** such has not occurred since the **beginning** of the **world**, nor **ever will**. In fact, unless **the Lord** had ***shortened*** **these days**, **no life** would have been **saved** (Matthew 24:15-22; Mark 13:14-20; Luke 21:20-24).

Note→ Since we see a **future ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** standing in the **holy place** (the **temple**), we anticipate a **future rebuilding** of the **temple**.

Closing Comments