

## The Signs of the Times Part 3

Mark 13:14-23

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## Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

- I. **When you see it, flee. Mark 13:14a**  
**Revelation 1:19 Write the things which you have \_\_\_\_\_, and the things which \_\_\_\_\_, and the things which will take place \_\_\_\_\_ this. NKJV**
  - "After" is the preposition *meta* which shows a sequence of events and refers to things that follow. In this usage, *meta tauta* can easily be interpreted as *after this age*, the \_\_\_\_\_.Planet earth is gearing up for a Great End Time storm where the \_\_\_\_\_ period described in **Revelation** and the **Book of Daniel** begins.
  - Today, the Mosque of Omar (the Dome of the Rock) is on Mount Moriah, but the Jews have always wanted their \_\_\_\_\_ rebuilt on that location; this is why the fight continues.One reason we know we are not in the Middle of the Tribulation is we don't have a New Temple. As John was receiving the vision in **Revelation**, he received a vision of the \_\_\_\_\_ Temple.
  - The Abomination of Desolation is when the Anti-Christ stands in the Holy of Holies in the rebuilt temple and places a statue of himself there and demands to be \_\_\_\_\_ as God.
- II. **A key to interpreting Mark 13. Mark 13:14b-20**  
These warnings are specifically addressed to Jews. The reference to house tops, as well as the reference to the Sabbath, all speak to a \_\_\_\_\_ audience. **Deuteronomy 22:8**
  - One of the reasons the Lord sends the Great Tribulation on to a Christ-rejecting world is for the evangelizing and \_\_\_\_\_ of God's people Israel, after the departure of the Church. **Luke 21:24**Once all of the 7-year judgments are complete, Jesus will return with His saints together with Him and then the battle of \_\_\_\_\_ ensues.
  - For the sake of the elect, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel, the Lord will shorten the number of days by intervening before the total annihilation of the world.
- III. **False Messiahs. Mark 13:21-23**  
Those who truly know God are the elect, and because they know His Word, they will be prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ all those deceptions.
  - In the midst of an unmistakable miracle from the Lord, Satan provided Pharaoh with a reason to \_\_\_\_\_, and Pharaoh seized on the doubt and hardened his heart. **Exodus 7:10-13**
- IV. **Practical Application.**  
The Great Tribulation is God's wrath poured out on a Christ-rejecting world; but the Great Tribulation is also meant to correct and \_\_\_\_\_ His chosen people, Israel. **Jeremiah 30:7**

1. What two ages did Rich say are happening now concurrently which will both come to an end before the Tribulation occurs? **Daniel 8:23, Daniel 9:26-27, Matthew 24:14-16, Luke 21:20-24, Romans 11:12, 11:25**
2. Read **Mark 13:14**. What is the "abomination of desolation"? Where is it seen? **Daniel 9:27, 11:31, and 12:11, 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4**
3. Read **Mark 13:14-16**. What two things within this passage tell us that this was a warning to the Jews? **Luke 21:24, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18, 1 Thessalonians 5:9**
4. Read **Mark 13:19-20**. The Abomination of Desolation marks the beginning of the last three-and-a-half-year period of the Tribulation. How does Jesus describe that period of time? What two reasons are given for those days being shortened?
5. In **Mark 13:21-23**, Jesus again warns of false christs coming on the scene during the Tribulation. What will the false christs begin showing? **2 Thessalonians 2:8-12, Revelation 13:13**
6. Discuss the question, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" When faced with persecution, what are the factors that make people turn back on their faith? When faced with persecution, what are the factors that make people stand firm even to their own death? **Exodus 14:14, Nehemiah 4:20, Mark 10:18, Romans 3:10, Romans 8:28-29, Ephesians 6:11-14**
7. Discuss the Practical Application of the sermon.