

The Signs of the Times Part 1 (God's Timing)

Mark 13:1-8

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I. The destruction of the Temple. Mark 13:1-2

The original Temple was built by Solomon, but it was eventually _____ by Babylon as the Jewish people spent 70 years in captivity.

- Some predictions can be pretty vague, but **Mark 13:2** was a pretty incredible prediction by Jesus, saying that one _____ would not be left upon another on the Temple.

By 70 A.D. Rome breached Jerusalem's walls and began ransacking the city, and one soldier started a _____ in the Temple.

- God's delays should not be considered _____ that He does not intend to fulfill His purposes or His prophecies. **2 Peter 3:8-9**

II. When? Mark 13:3-4

Many people confuse the second coming of Jesus with the rapture, but they are two very different events within the Biblical _____.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

- The Tribulation period culminates with the second coming of Christ, when Jesus returns to defeat the Anti-Christ, destroys evil, and establishes His _____ kingdom.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God _____ appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, NKJV

III. The beginning of sorrows. Mark 13:5-8

Many false prophets, from the first century and even until today, have appeared claiming to be _____.

- Jesus was speaking about globalized wars happening at the same time and happening with increasing frequency and _____.

The occurrences described by Jesus in **Mark 13** are not the End, but they are creating the _____ for the End of the Age.

IV. Practical Application.

God often uses trials to strengthen our patience, allowing our Christian faith to mature and become _____. **James 1:2-4**

1. The proof of God's promises in His _____.
2. God's faithfulness in our _____.
3. God _____ the beginning and the end of all things.
4. When we learn to wait on God, we _____ in our faith.

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?

1. Read **Mark 13:1-2**. Jesus' disciples pointed out the buildings of the temple. *What about the temple were they showing Him?*
Luke 21:5-6
2. Read **1 Corinthians 15:51-52**. Discuss the statement Rich made, "Many people confuse the second coming of Jesus with the rapture of the church; but they are two very different events within the biblical timeline."
Isaiah 26:19-21, Matthew 24:30, Luke 21:36, 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, 1 Thessalonians 5:9, Revelation 3:10, Revelation 6:15-16
3. *What did Jesus say would become of the buildings of the temple? Why would this happen?*
1 Kings 9:7, Micah 3:12, Luke 19:44
4. *How long after Jesus predicted the destruction of the Temple did it come to pass? What does this tell us about God's timeline and faithfulness?*
Exodus 14:14, Isaiah 38:7, Isaiah 55:9, 2 Corinthians 1:20, 2 Peter 3:9-10
5. Discuss the four logical reasons for trusting the Lord given in point IV. of the sermon note sheet.
Psalms 3:3, Psalm 138:2, Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 40:28-31, Isaiah 46:9-10, Galatians 6:9, Hebrews 6:13-15, Hebrews 11:1