

## Mark 13

### ASVh with Comments

**Summary.** During this time, the Lord Jesus was teaching every day in the temple in Jerusalem, but at night He went outside of the city and lodged on the Mount Olivet (See Luke 21:37-38). In this chapter, as Jesus was sitting with His disciples on the Mount of Olives, the Lord answered His disciples' questions about the temple buildings and the signs of His coming and the end of the age. The disciples at that time did not know when and what would happen to the temple buildings in Jerusalem. Now we know what happened to the temple buildings; the Lord prophesied about it, but we don't know the time yet, how the age will end, and when the Lord will return. Nobody knows this time, but the Lord gives us various signs to watch for and prepare for those times if we live in those times. The Lord gives us a few prominent signs and warnings in this chapter. 1) The destruction of the current temple of the Lord (the Bible) by changing the way to interpret the Bible because they will claim they found new original texts for translating the Bible, and many things will be changed to fit what they have found, and the fake bible will appear. 2) The way to build a new temple, according to the new fake bible, is to replace the old temple location; but that will not bring praises to God but will bring praises to men; the ones that will build it will claim they did it by their own intelligence (they used the fake new bible); no need for God's help to build the new temple for God, build God's temple but do not need God. 3) The abomination will start by replacing the true Bible and lifting up the new fake bible as the true one instead of the old one that the Lord has given to humans. What they will also change in the fake bible will be to fit the description of where and how to build the new temple; the way we have the Bible now will no longer be used, and the new fake bible will replace the true one throughout the world. 4) Other signs relate to people doing things with human intelligence and claiming that humans are more intelligent than God. Humans no longer need God to be in this world; this will be harder for humans who still hold on to the true Bible to accept. If the Lord wants to bring change, it will be a big war between humans; there will be two types of humans, the black and the white belief, not the color of skin referring here, but the color of the mind; will be the war, internal war in humans themselves.

**13**<sup>1</sup> And as **He** went [] out of the temple, one of **His** disciples saith unto **Him, Teacher**, behold, what manner of stones and what manner of buildings!

<sup>2</sup> And **Jesus** said to him, **See you** these great buildings? there shall not be left here one stone upon another, which shall not be thrown down.

**Comments Mark 13:1-2.** For Mark 13:1-2 see Comments Matthew 24:1-2 and Comments Luke 21:5-6.

**Q:** How do we explain the word differences between the Gospels? For example, Matthew 24:1-2 talks about the disciples coming to Jesus and Jesus answering them, while Mark 13:1-2 talks about one disciple talking to the Lord and the Lord answering him. **A:** Yes, it is true the Gospels tell differently, but remember as well, the disciples they go together in a group. One of them comes near to ask questions, and the rest are behind; when the Lord answers, He answers to the one that asks, but the rest of them that are there also are part of listening as well. Jesus talks to the one, but all understand, all are listening and are part of it at the same time; just the word is different, in some places, but the meaning did not change.

**Comments Mark 13:2.** In this place, the Lord has told what will happen with the temple, and it did happen, but later on, not right away in that time.

<sup>3</sup> And as **He** sat on the Mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked **Him** privately,

<sup>4</sup> Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when these things are all about to be accomplished?

<sup>5</sup> And **Jesus** began to say to them, Take heed that no **one** leads you astray.

<sup>6</sup> Many shall come in **My** name, saying, I am he; and shall lead many astray.

<sup>7</sup> And when **you** shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be not troubled: these things must needs come to pass; but the end is not yet.

<sup>8</sup> For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there shall be earthquakes in divers places; there shall be famines: these things are the beginning of travail.

<sup>9</sup> But take **you** heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in synagogues shall **you** be beaten; and before governors and kings shall **you** stand for **My** sake, for a testimony **to** them.

<sup>10</sup> And the gospel must first be preached **to** all the nations.

<sup>11</sup> And when they lead you to judgment, and deliver you up, be not anxious beforehand what **you** shall speak: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak **you**; for it is not **you** that speak, but the Holy Spirit.

<sup>12</sup> And brother shall deliver up brother to death, and the father his child; and children shall rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to death.

<sup>13</sup> And **you** shall be hated of all men for **My** name's sake: but he that **endures** to the end, the same shall be saved.

**Comments Mark 13:3-13.** For Mark 13:3-13 see Comments Matthew 24:3-14 and Comments Luke 21:7-19.

#### Comparison Analysis

**Mark 13:3-4, Matthew 24:3.** See Comments Matthew 24:3. **Q:** In Mark, it looks that the disciples are asking about when the things will happen to the temple, and in Matthew, they are asking about the temple and the second coming of the Lord and the end of the age. **A:** In Mark, it did not give the whole question. Here in Mark, the disciples ask more about the time to happen, a more specific question, when it will happen, but the Lord will not tell the exact time. It is not for anyone to know the time; the persons in that time (when Jesus was on the earth and spoke to them) cannot know when it will happen, but now when we read, we can know; the time overlaps now with us (the time the Lord talked about came to pass, the destruction of the temple is history now for us). The time of the past (the time the Lord spoke about) and now time overlap each other (in the sense that it happened, and now we can know what happened, but for the persons that were in the past they did not have a chance to think the way we have now), but only now people can know what has happened. Still, the people in that time had no idea what the Lord was talking about. Also, the time of the past that the Lord has been crucified and the time of now expecting His return is overlapped for us. Now the overlap is clearer for us as well, think of that time they did not know that the Lord would be crucified, and now we don't know the time of the Lord's return; you can notice the overlap (we talk here about the overlap of the unknown, the times the Lord predicted). At that time, when the Lord spoke to them, they did not know about the destruction of the temple (that time was unknown for them), but at this time we know about the destruction of the temple, but we don't know about the second coming time (this time is unknown now for us), this unknown time could also be viewed as an overlap situation.

**See "Comments on the temple of the Lord" in Matthew 24:3.** Now, the Bible is the Living Word of God, so it is His temple; He dwells in the Living Word; people will try to change and destroy this temple (the Bible).

**When the Lord** was born on earth, the circle comes to completion; nothing that the Lord created will be wiped off completely; the Lord has already taken the part of the earth with Him when He rose. The Lord was in human flesh when He rose (He ate fish, and the disciples saw His nail-pierced hands); the Lord's glory covered that human body and carried that body up to heaven. The body of the Lord was transfigured (from inner to come out, His heavenly body from inside his human body covered the human body) not transformed (from out into inner; meaning that His human body did not change, but instead the inner body, the heavenly body, came out and covered the human body).

**The Lord's body** is from the earth; the connection (the Heavenly Spirit) between His body and earth is here, and the Lord is here; when He (the Holy Spirit) goes back, the earth will meltdown. In human's eyes, it takes a long time (from the departure of the Holy Spirit until the melting down), but it is not long at all in the Lord's eyes. Still, because of the mercy the Father has towards His created things, He has spared already the earth, His begotten Son has taken back with Him the part of the earth, imagine part of the earth is in the Lord Himself. Therefore, nothing will disappear completely; the Lord has already spared the earth.

**Mark 13:5-6, Matthew 24:4-5.** See Comments Matthew 24:4-5.

**Mark 13:7-8, Matthew 24:6-8.** The meaning of these verses of Scripture is the same. See Comments Matthew 24:6-8. Here we can add; also the war is not the physical war alone. Also, the war of the spiritual world will happen; how to take away the believers from the faith will startup, not just fighting physical but the fighting of mind will appear. That is why parents can put children to death, inside human beings will change, the selfishness will cover the eye of the heart, that's why family can betray each other. The Bible has already told about these disasters. The words cannot describe what will happen in those times.

**Mark 13:9, Matthew 24:9.** See Comments Matthew 24:9. Maybe these verses use the words differently, but they both have the same meaning.

**Mark 13:10, Matthew 24:14.** See Comments Matthew 24:14. Here is where we can notice that there is no copy between the Gospels of Mark and Matthew. The purpose of the Gospel is to be proclaimed all over the world. These days, there are still some places that have never heard about the name of the Lord yet. The second coming of the Lord is not yet here; this sign must be fulfilled first.

**Mark 13:11.** Because of the work of the Holy Spirit, the name of the Lord will spread all over. When everywhere humans have known about the Lord, this written here will happen.

**Mark 13:12, Matthew 24:10.** The meaning is straightforward. **Q:** Why does this happen? **A:** This verse shows the picture of things that will happen when people think of themselves only.

**Mark 13:13, Matthew 24:13.** "But he that endures to the end, the same shall be saved." In this verse, the Lord warns all humans to know, when the time is coming, no ones' fault but themselves because the Gospel has been proclaimed. Humans find an excuse to say that it is not their fault they are not saved, but the Bible has already been spread everywhere; the persons themselves walked by the Bible many times but never even looked at it. When the Word is spread all over, in some places will have resistance, but the end is not yet there; even family will fight each other, the end is not there yet. If inside your heart you are not moving accordingly to what you have seen happening to some people you know, you did not back off from the faith; those that can stand until the end will be saved.

**Q:** Can you lose salvation? **A:** If you do not stand to the end, you can lose salvation; you admit today the Lord, and troubles come next day, and you back off from the Lord, that is a betrayer action, and you will be cut off.

<sup>14</sup> But when **you** see the abomination of desolation standing where he ought not (let him that **reads** understand), then let them that are in Judaea flee **to** the mountains:

<sup>15</sup> and let him that is on the housetop not go down, nor enter in, to take anything out his house:

<sup>16</sup> and let him that is in the field not return back to take his cloak.

<sup>17</sup> But woe **to** them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days!

<sup>18</sup> And pray **you** that it be not in the winter.

<sup>19</sup> For those days shall be tribulation, such as there **has** not been the like from the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never shall be.

<sup>20</sup> And except the **Lord** had shortened the days, no flesh would have been saved; but for the elect's sake, whom **He** chose, **He** shortened the days.

<sup>21</sup> And then if any **person** shall say **to** you, **Behold**, here is the Christ; or, **Behold**, there; believe it not:

<sup>22</sup> for there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show signs and wonders, that they may lead astray, if possible, the elect.

<sup>23</sup> But take **you** heed: behold, **I** have told you all things beforehand.

**Comments Mark 13:14-23.** For Mark 13:14-23 see Comments Matthew 24:15-28.

#### Passage Analysis

(For comments on the second coming of the Lord see: "Additional Notes on Timeline Events ..." in Comments Matthew 25:6b)

**Mark 13:14-20, Matthew 24:15-22.** See Comments Matthew 24:15 and Matthew 24:22.

"Abomination of desolation"; in this place, the abomination itself, a person that has covered themselves with the dark and pretends to be the holy son himself, will perform miracles by dark powers which will trick

many believers. But for the ones that keep reading the true Word, the eyes of the heart will be open to see and understand and will not fall into the trap of the dark side. A short period of time for the sake of the elect ones; as the Bible tells, the Lord has cut the time short because humans' eyes will see miracles performing, which will lead the heart away from the Lord. In those days, the ones that call themselves Christians will be the ones that go ahead and burn Bibles in front of people. Watch out, all humans, this will happen as the Bible has told, but when the eyes will see these things, it will look worse than written because all humans perform it, not the evil one alone. Keep the true Bible to your heart, and you will see the light. As the Bible has told, nations against nations, kingdom against kingdom, humans killing humans everywhere, but all evil still not ending yet by the hand of humans themselves.

**Mark 13:21-22; Matthew 24:23-24.** See Comments Matthew 24:3-5.

**Mark 13:23; Matthew 24:25.** The Bible has already told us clearly that people will come and read the Word and mixing words out and declare the time of the Lord return is not yet, but when the abomination has appeared, that is the first step of judgment; because of listening to the abomination, the Lord will start pouring His wrath on the earth. It will not be easy for humans in those times; the mind will be hard to think what is true and what is fake because the evil one has faked the bible for humans to read on. When you fake the bible and read on, the mind will not see the true light of the Word. The only way to be safe is to meditate on the Word and not follow humans who come and teach you and lead you astray; nothing can compare to the real Word.

<sup>24</sup> But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

<sup>25</sup> and the stars shall be falling from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens shall be shaken.

<sup>26</sup> And then shall they see the **Son of Man** coming in clouds with great power and glory.

<sup>27</sup> And then shall **He** send forth the angels, and shall gather together **His** elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

**Comments Mark 13:24-27.** For Mark 13:14-23 see Comments Matthew 24:29-31.

**Mark 13:24-25, Matthew 24:29.** See Comments Matthew 24:29.

#### **Additional Explanations to the Comments in Matthew**

**Q:** Two times in one, what does it mean? **A:** It is the same time, the same moment, but two worlds are sharing that time, the world as we see, and the parallel world which also shares this time, go parallel together, that why we used the term a gap of time (a gap between these two times). It is the same thing but two worlds that share but do not interfere with each other at all. There are two gaps of time because it is not the same world that shares the same time, same moment; they overlap each other, and in between, there is a gap of time which does not impact each other; one world one gap of time, the other world another gap of time. Notice the term used in this verse, the moon will not give its light, the stars falling down, but where do the stars fall down? They can't fall down on this earth; the earth will be destroyed; this is talking about another world; here in this verse, it tells clearly. The human world will have great trouble; it will be difficult for humans to survive; this is a gap of time of this world to go through all the difficult time; another world we cannot know about, they have their gap of time.

**Mark 13:26, Matthew 24:30.** See Comments Matthew 24:30. In Matthew, we explain that the majority will see the Son of Man coming in His glory as a vision, but the elect ones will see the Lord as He is.

**Mark 13:27, Matthew 24:31.** See Comments Matthew 24:31. The elect, these are the ones that will see Him as He is.

<sup>28</sup> Now from the fig tree learn her parable: when her branch is now become tender, and **puts out** its leaves, **you** know that the summer is **near**;

<sup>29</sup> even so **you** also, when **you** see these things coming to pass, know **you** that **He** is **near**, even at the doors.

<sup>30</sup> **Truly I** say **to** you, This generation shall not pass away, until all these things be accomplished.

<sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth shall pass away: but **My** words shall not pass away.

**Comments Mark 13:28-31.** For Mark 13:28-31 see Comments Matthew 24:32-35.

<sup>32</sup> But of that day or that hour **knows** no one, not even the angels in heaven, neither the **Son**, but the **Father**.

<sup>33</sup> Take **you** heed, watch and pray: for **you** know not when the time is.

<sup>34</sup> It is as when a man, sojourning in another country, having left his house, and given authority to his servants, to each one his work, commanded also the porter to watch.

<sup>35</sup> Watch therefore: for **you** know not when the lord of the house **comes**, whether at **evening**, or at midnight, or at cockcrowing, or in the morning;

<sup>36</sup> lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

<sup>37</sup> And what **I** say **to you** **I** say **to all**, Watch.

**Comments Mark 13:32-37.** For Mark 13:32-37 see Comments Matthew 24:36-51, however the parable given here in Mark is unique in its own.

#### Passage Analysis

(For comments on the second coming of the Lord see: “Additional Notes on Timeline Events ...” in Comments Matthew 25:6b)

**Mark 13:32, Matthew 24:36.** See Comments Matthew 24:36.

**Mark 13:32-33.** The verses tell clearly that no one knows that day. The Holy Spirit gives the message about the judgment day from the Father when the Father Himself will judge all souls; nobody knows when the Father wants to do that. As the Bible has told, even the beloved Son does not know, how can the things created know? Watch out for those who claim to know when the judgment day will come; you can say that day will come, but no one can say when. There is only one way to be safe in this time, do not try to impersonate the power on high to know, just stay in prayer and read the Word. The Father has already given way out for all humans to be saved; meditate and read the Word, and the heart will be open for all; no need to be guessing when or how it will happen. All things will happen in their own time; no one can say, as the Bible has told, noontime or dinner time, the Bible tells clearly no one knows the time.

**Mark 13:34-35.** The meaning here is, in general, the Lord has given authority to His servants. A servant is a person that is willing from deep within his soul to do the work for the Lord, to cut off from all the things of this world, to keep the eyes of the soul to the Lord and the ear of the soul listening to the order to go out and tell human beings the time has come, be aware, but it will not tell what will happen. The servant’s duty is to warn people about the time is coming and stir up people’s hearts to be ready and turn to the Word to seek advice and direction. But, if the people stay thinking in their own mind without asking the Holy Spirit to guide their thought about that day to come, the mind will bring about what others around are talking about, and they will be confused. Those concerned about that day will have to be different and will have to meditate at all times.

The person (this person here refers to the persons that the servants ministered to) won’t understand how he can continue the work of the Lord; he feels in his heart that he needs to do something, but he does not know what he needs to do, because he did not meditate in the Word, but just reading; to meditate includes to follow as well what the Lord has told in their heart what they have to do. The Word already tells how to follow; if you meditate but don’t follow, you will not walk through the troubles until the end. Also, remember this time is the hardest time on earth.

In this place, **the porter** is the person whom the Lord has called deep in their soul to do the work to guide the heart of the chosen ones, it will become a burden in their heart to do the work, and they can’t stop until they do the work. When the work is complete, in their heart and soul, they will find the peace of the Lord flowing through their soul. “To watch” is a warning to the porter to be watching and be alert as well.

**The servant** has the duty, but think of the house, who else could be there, there will be more people; each servant will do their own duty, and people around, not only the Jews now, all over the world will have that chance, but only if they open the ear and the heart of their soul to accept the Word and accept the authority above them, and humble themselves, and come to the Lord. The Lord never rejects anyone if sincerely they humble to Him.

**Mark 13:36.** Here is talking about those people who think they believe, but lack in their way, today they are meditating, the next day stop, and the day after meditating again, that is why the Bible tells find you sleeping; you need to be all the time alert.

**Mark 13:37.** This verse tells everyone, not only to the believers, all over the world, all have the same chance to be watchful, doing, and be saved.

**Life and Faith Applications.** 1) The Bible is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Treasure the Bible and choose a good Bible translation that holds to the original text. For every Bible we want to treasure, make sure we pray about it first, the Bible will touch the heart, and you will feel inside of you if that is the right one for you. If you find one, treasure it more than life and don't trade it for anything else; not the Bible look is that counts, it counts if that Bible talks to your heart. Make sure to let your family know that the Bible is important to you. 2) No one knows the time of the Lord's return, do not listen to anyone who claims to know that time; just meditate on the Word, and the Lord will speak to you about everything. 3) Be watchful and always meditate in the Word.