

Are You 'On Guard'?

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Mark 13:1-37

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- Deals with the future from the disciple's perspective

The Setting

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- Majesty of Temple - impressive
- Jesus - 'it will be destroyed'² - astounding!
- Disciples question: When? What Signs?
- Jesus reply is prophetic – not simple & easy
- Prophecy like looking at mountains in distance...

History - the future is "His Story"

- All these words are about God's history
- Jesus is pastoral & comforting^{5,9,11,23,33,35,37}
- Be assured God is in control

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- God will Consummate history^{Heb9:27-28} all will be judged
- We can know sorta^{Mk13:28-32} by signs...
- But not to set a date, but that we might be ready^{Mk13:37}

We Must Come to the Text carefully & humbly

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- This whole chapter could be about 70A.D. - preterist
- Or it could be prophetic with dual applications
- Destruction of Jerusalem - Old Covenant people coming under judgment for rejection of Messiah
- What will be your fate if you reject Jesus as the Messiah when Christ returns again?^{Rev13-16}

A Gospel Reminder

- Don't take this passage in fear
- Rest in the fact God has provided what you need in Jesus – rest in His truth^{Mk13:31}
- God ordained the sending of His Son to redeem rebellious sinners like us^{Eph1:4} at just the right time^{Gal4:4} so look forward to Christ's return^{Rev22:20}

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