

Jesus Gives Serious Warnings

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Mark 13:1-37

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Introduction

- Longest discourse in Mark. Parallel Lk 21; Mt 24
- Disciples asked 2 questions when, what signs?
- History - the future is "His Story"
- History is going to end - but we don't know when
- We Must Come to the Text carefully & humbly
- God harshly judged those who missed His grace
- Jesus invites us to be connected to His work by faith

Jesus warned about the coming calamity 19

- The tragic events of 70A.D. were judgment on Israel
- Jesus told how to avoid the coming destruction 14 flee
- 70A.D. was for our instruction 1 Cor 10:11
- They are for our warning 1 Cor 10:12
- Don't trust your own abilities look in faith to Jesus!
- Isaiah warned Israel: Isaiah 1:1-2,9 and judged
- God graciously left a remnant

Consider the Picture of Israel

- God brought Israel out of Egypt, gave them land
- They didn't live in gratitude but chose other gods
- Prophet after prophet warned, finally exile 597B.C.
- Merciful Cyrus Edict 539B.C. allowed return to land
- God then sent Jesus Gal 4:4
- Our relationship with God depends upon faith in God's mercy, not our works or ability to please Him!

Paul shows us this Truth Romans 9

- Israel rejected²⁻⁵ Messiah, they had it all⁴
- Paul is heartbroken they rejected Jesus & cutoff
- God's Word didn't fail, it wasn't a national thing⁶⁻⁸
- Rather it was FAITH dependent upon God's mercy¹⁴⁻¹⁶
- Paul clarifies³⁰⁻³³ Salvation is by faith, not works!
- Israel stumbled over Jesus, the stumbling stone³³
- Jesus in Mark 12:10 quoted Ps118:22
- Let these events be a warning for us
- God has His people, be in His grace^{11:1-2;5-6}

After that Tribulation

- Jesus changes subject - Consummation of ages^{Lk21:24}
- Jesus is returning a 2nd time with great power & glory²⁶
- Will you be ready?
 - Be ready by believing Jesus is God's provision for your sin & righteousness before God