

Our Lord Come!

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Mark 13:1-37

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Temple & Age 5-8

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- signs of false Christs, wars & rumors, earthquakes...

Marching Orders 9-12

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- be encouraged you will be equipped with Holy Spirit

The Temple Destroyed 13-23

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- Those who fled survived, those who stayed died
- Temple not needed – Jesus inaugurated New Covenant

Near & Far Prophecy 1-23 <> 24-26

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- Jesus warns later disciples of His return
- Look for the perspective shift in text

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Difference between 1st & 2nd Advent of Christ

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- Christ returns in power & glory at 2nd; recognized by all

The Consummation

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- No need for temple again – righteousness by faith^{Rm9:30}
- Christ did it all^{Heb10:12-14} and fulfilled it all
- Its not race or national identity but being "in Christ"!

So When?

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- Live ready – look to Jesus' warnings
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