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### SIGNS OF THE TIMES (Mk. 13:1-13)

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**TEXT—Mk. 13:1-13**

**MAIN IDEA**—The Lord promised certain events would happen before His imminent return. The accuracy of His word provides encouragement to believers, warning to the world, and glory to Christ.

**MEMORY VERSE—Prov. 30:5**

**THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE (Mk. 13:1-2)—**

While leaving the temple, one of the disciples admired the size and beauty of the temple with its surrounding buildings and Jesus made a surprising statement about it. He declared '*Not one stone (of this great building) will be left upon another which will not be torn down.*'

**Lk. 19:41-44**

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**THE DISCIPLE'S QUESTIONS (MK. 13:3-4)**—The disciple's questions were directly related to the Lord's prophecy about the destruction of the temple. They wondered when the temple would be destroyed and additionally what sign to look for as clues about the end of the age and the Lord's future return [**See Mt. 24:3**].

**THE DECEPTION OF MANY (Mk. 13:5-8)**—Jesus lists three signs that are indicators of 'the beginning of birth pangs.' Birth pains happen at the end of a pregnancy and increase in frequency just before a birth occurs. Likewise, Jesus predicted an acceleration of 'these things' the closer history moves towards the Lord's return.

>Jesus warned of False Messiahs (**V5-6**)--History is filled with false messiah's and false prophets. The Lord Jesus (**Mt. 7:15-20**), the Apostle Paul (**Acts**

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**20:28-31**), and the Apostle John (**1 Jn. 4:1-6**) warned against false prophets.

### **1 Jn. 4:1-6**

>Jesus also warns the disciples not to be disturbed by political conflicts among the nations (**See V7-8a**).

>Jesus also told the disciples that there would be an increase in natural disasters (**V8b**). War often leaves behind famine. Famine can be caused by man's abuse of the environment or by God as judgment.

***Kim Riddlebarger--These signs...were given to comfort the disciples and the church, which would soon be born, so that even in the difficult and perplexing times that were about to begin, God's people could rest assured that He was in control. The signs of the end are not matters about which to speculate, nor are they indicators that God's world is out of control. They are signs of the certainty of Jesus Christ's second coming.***

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**Ps. 115:3; Lk. 21:28**

### **THE DISTRESS OF PERSECUTION (Mk. 13:9-13a)—**

Jesus also warned believers to guard their hearts as they would face persecution and opposition from both official sources (*courts /synagogues*) and personal (*brother will betray brother...*).

**2 Tim. 4:16-17**

**Lk. 12:51-53; 2 Tim. 3:12**

### **THE DELIVERANCE OF BELIEVERS (Mk. 13:13b)—**

Obviously Jesus, isn't suddenly teaching salvation by works. He's emphasizing the reality of Christian faith is proven in Christian living that endures, even through trial and persecution.

**2 Tim. 2:12**

**1 Thess. 5:1-11**