
MARK, CHAPTER 13

1. What did Jesus say about the beautiful buildings the disciples pointed out to Him?

* The temple was huge, built out over 3 slopes with gigantic retaining walls. Many of the huge stones are still visible today on the south and in the tunnel along the Western Wall. Herod enlarged the temple area to 1,035 feet by 1,536 feet on the northeast side and 912 x 1,590 feet on the southwest side. (The White House is 85 feet by 152 feet'. The temple could contain about 123 buildings the size of the White House!) The doors of the temple were between 60 and 100 feet tall. Columns 50 feet high divided the Royal Portico into 3 aisles, each 30 feet wide. The center aisle was 100 feet high. The facade of the sanctuary was covered with gold. There were 162 columns surrounding the outer court. Solomon's Porch rose from a great depth and was supported by a wall 400 cubits high (nearly 600 feet). In comparison, the White House stands 70 feet high. It was formed of immense stones, some 20 cubits in length (30 feet).

Men were impressed by the temple buildings and their huge proportions and splendor. Jesus apparently was unimpressed. Why would He be? He had hurled the planets into space and arrived on earth from heaven where the streets are paved with gold and the gates are made of one pearl. God calls the entire earth His footstool. Jesus looked at the buildings and stones that so impressed men and simply prophesied their destruction. How foolish the devil was to have offered Jesus the world. It is nothing compared to heaven and, like the temple of Jerusalem, will one day lie in ruins. Study prayerfully Isaiah 51:6, Hebrews 1:10-12, Matthew 24:35, Revelation 20:11, and II Peter 3:9-14.

2. Did Jesus say that **He** would throw down the massive stones? _____

* Yet this is what He was accused of saying. See Mark 14:58.

3. Where did Jesus sit when 4 disciples came to Him to learn? _____

4. What were the first 4 words of His answer? _____

5. What name will many deceivers use? _____

6. How should we react when we hear of wars and rumors of wars? _____

7. Why? _____

8. What 5 things did Jesus call the beginning of sorrows (verse 8)?

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

(4) _____ (5) _____

9. What would happen to the true followers of Jesus? (1) _____

(2) _____ (3) _____

10. What would the persecution of Christians be? _____

11. What must happen first? _____ Where? _____

* Read Mark 16:15, Acts 19:8-10, and Colossians 1:21-23.

12. Who did Jesus say would speak through His persecuted followers? _____

13. When would their words be given to them? _____

14. Who will betray one another and even cause them to be put to death?

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____