

Sunday, March 25, 2012—Mark Dispensationally Considered—Mark 13:11-14: The Abomination of Desolation

Mark 13:11-13

- **11) But when they shall lead [you], and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.**
12) Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against [their] parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.
13) And ye shall be hated of all [men] for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.
- Mark 13:11-12—the Apostles are instructed not to worry about what they will say when they are delivered up to the councils, because the Holy Spirit will speak through them. In verse 12 we read that this will be a time when even family bonds will be broken as families betray their own members to be put to death.
 - Micah 7:1-6—“a man’s enemies are the men of his own house.”
 - Matthew 24:10-12
- Mark 13:13—for the name of Christ, the Apostles are told that they will be hated of all men. Jesus then tells them that the persons who endures to the end of all this will be saved.
 - Matthew 24:13—this verse is often used out of its context and made to mean that if one endures faithful until his death, holds on to the end, he will finally get to heaven; otherwise he will be lost. But what is the “end” which is the subject of this context? It is plainly the end of the age. Jesus is talking about those who endure through the period of great tribulation who will be saved to enter the Millennial Kingdom. There will be severe persecutions, many false prophets and delusions, none being able to buy or sell without the mark of the beast (Rev. 13:17). (Baker, 236)
 - Matthew 6:9-13—the prayer to be delivered from the evil one and to be given daily bread will have real meaning in that day.

Mark 13:14

- **But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:**

- Mark 13:14—Jesus interpreted the Bible literally and told the Apostles that the abomination of desolation was future from where they stood. It was something that they themselves would “see” occur and would serve as a sign for believing Israel to flee to the mountains.
 - Matthew 24:15—many Bible commentators teach that the abomination of desolation occurred during the 400 years of silence when the Greek Antiochus Epiphanes slaughter a pig upon the altar of the Jewish temple and entered into the holy of holies. Once again this cannot be since Jesus tells the Apostles that the events predicted by Daniel have not occurred yet and that they themselves will see it occur. It is true, however, as we shall see that the abomination of desolation does occur in the holy place.
 - Daniel 9:27—says that the overspreading of abominations that make the temple desolate will occur in the midst of the week, i.e., in the middle of the 70th week of Daniel. The word “he” occurs three times in verse and in the context refers back to “the prince that shall come” in verse 26. It is this prince (i.e., Anti-Christ) that signs the covenant, causes the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and is responsible for the abomination of desolation.
 - Daniel 11:12—again the daily sacrifice will be taken away and replaced with the “abomination that maketh desolate.”
- II Thessalonians 2:2-4—before the day of Christ can come to earth there are three things that need to happen: 1) a falling away first, 2) the revelation of the man of sin, 3) the son of perdition. Notice that in verse 4 it is the Son of Perdition “who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.” Here we see the culmination of the Satanic policy of evil where the worship of God is replaced with the worship of Satan.
 - The man of sin becomes the Son of Perdition who commits the abomination of desolation in the temple and replaces the worship of God with the worship of the dragon, i.e., Satan.
- Revelation 12:7-12—around the middle of the 70th Week of Daniel there is war in heaven between Michael and his angels and Satan and his angles. Satan and his angles lose and are kicked out of the heavenly places and are sent down to earth. Therefore, by the end of Revelation 12 Satan, i.e., the dragon is on earth and persecuting Israel.
- Revelation 13:1-3—one of the heads on the beast is “wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed,” i.e., he is killed and then resurrected from the dead. Does this sound like anyone else you have ever heard of? Remember that the Anti-Christ will seek to mimic Christ in every way.
- Revelation 13:4—who is the dragon? The Devil and Satan (Rev. 12:9). The world by witnessing the resurrection of the man of sin is persuaded the worship dragon, i.e., Satan who gave power unto the beast.

- Revelation 13:5-8—it is this person who speaks great things against the most high and goes into the temple as God and shows himself to be God (II Thess. 2:4).
- John 17:12—who is the only one that was given to Christ that end up lost? The son of perdition that the Scriptures might be fulfilled.
 - Luke 22:1-3—Satan literally entered into Judas to betray Christ over the chief priests and scribes.
 - In the midst of the week after Satan and his angels are kicked out of heaven the man of sin dies and three days later is raised from the dead as the son of perdition, literally Satan incarnate in human flesh. The son of perdition than goes into the temple says I am God worship me and thereby exchanges the worship of God for the worship of Satan.
- Revelation 13:11-18—an image to the beast is then erected and only those who worship the beast and his image and take his mark will be able to buy and sell.
- Mark 13:14/Matthew 24:15-16—now you understand why Christ tells the Apostles to flee to the mountains when they see the abomination of desolation. Satan through the instrumentally of the Son of Perdition is going to seek to destroy believing Israel.
 - Revelation 12:12-17
 - Revelation 13:7-10