

Sunday, April 1, 2012—Mark Dispensationally Considered—Mark 13:15-23: The Second Exodus

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- **15) And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter [therein], to take any thing out of his house:**
- 16) And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.**
- 17) But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!**
- 18) And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.**
- 19) For [in] those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.**
- 20) And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.**
- 21) And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here [is] Christ; or, lo, [he is] there; believe [him] not:**
- 22) For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if [it were] possible, even the elect.**
- 23) But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.**

- Mark 13:14—last week we studied in great detail the events surrounding the abomination of desolation. When Israel sees the abomination of desolation then they are to flee to the mountains.
 - Matthew 24:16

- Mark 13:15-18—this flight into the mountains is to be immediate and without any preparation. No personal belongings are to be gathered and taken. Those working in the field are not supposed to go back home to gather their belongings.
 - Matthew 24:16-20

- Mark 13:19—the reason why Israel is supposed to flee to the mountains in this fashion is because the abomination of desolation signifies the beginning of a time of great tribulation and affliction unlike any other that has ever been seen since the beginning of creation or will be seen again.
 - Matthew 24:21—the entire 70th Week of Daniel is a time of tribulation (Matt. 24:4-8). The second half of Daniel's 70th Week is described as “great tribulation” because the intensity is increased because of the presence of Satan on earth.
 - Revelation 12:12—the wrath associated with the presence of Satan himself is what makes the 2nd half of the Daniel's 70th Week worse than the first. This passages also explains why Israel is supposed to flee into the mountains when they see the abomination of desolation occur.

- Revelation 12:13-14—when Satan is cast to the earth he will persecute the women, i.e., Israel. To the women (Israel) will be “given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness into her place.” The wings of the eagle speak to God’s supernatural protection that he will offer to the believing remnant in those days.
 - Exodus 19:4
 - Isaiah 40:31
- Revelation 12:14—notice that Israel has a place in the wilderness where she will be supernaturally nourished for a time, and times, and half time.” The wilderness will, as old, afford a refuge for Israel; for the coming Exodus is to be like the first.
 - Isaiah 11:16
 - Ezekiel 20:35-38
 - Hosea 2:14-15—the events of the Exodus were a dress rehearsals for the passage we are studying this morning. If you want to understand how God will protect Israel from the face of the serpent study how he provided and protected them the last time there were in the wilderness.
- Mark 13:14, 18—“flee to the mountains,” “pray that your flight be not in the winter,” so it was told to Pharaoh in Exodus 14:5 that the people fled. Just as that was a literal flight so too will this one be.
 - Lamentations 4:19
 - Zephaniah 2:3
- Revelation 12:15—at the first Exodus it was the sea through which she (Israel) went into the wilderness. It is “a flood” which drives her into the wilderness for 3.5 years. The delivering form the sea was miraculous; so will be the deliverance from this “flood.” Why should not one be as literal as the other?
- Revelation 12:16—the sea helped the woman when it swallowed upon the armies of Pharaoh, and why should not the earth help the woman again. It is to be again as it was at the Exodus. The earth once opened to swallow the host of Dathan and Abiram (Num. 16:32).
 - Micah 7:15
- Mark 13:20—the tribulation during these days is going to be so intense that unless the Lord shortened these days no flesh would survive.
 - Matthew 24:22—refers to God returning prior to the natural course of events playing itself out entirely, which would have destroyed all flesh on the earth.

- Psalm 102:23-24—to shorten the days of a man’s life is to cause his life to come to a premature end (Psalm 89:45)
- This explains how the tribulation is worse than the Flood (Matt. 24:21). The Flood ran its natural course, and eight people were, nevertheless, able to survive. If the tribulation were to run its natural course, no one would survive.
- Mark 13:21-22—the Apostles are once again warned not to pay attention to men claiming to be Christ. They are warned that false Christs and prophets shall arise and shew signs and wonders with the goal of seducing the elect.
 - Matthew 24:23-26
 - II Thessalonians 2:9—“power and signs and lying wonders”
 - Revelation 13:11-18
- Mark 13:23—the Apostles are supposed to take heed because Christ has foretold what will transpire on earth leading up to the end.