

Sunday, April 15, 2012—Mark Dispensationally Considered—Mark 13:24

**Mark 13:24-27**

- **24) But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,**
- **25) And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.**
- **26) And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.**
- **27) And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.**
- Mark 13:24-25—is another time marker in the passage. The expression “after that tribulation” now takes us to the end of the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel. It is at this point, after the tribulation that there will cosmic disturbances in the sun, moon, and stars.
  - Matthew 24:27-29—“immediately after the tribulation of those days”
- Joel 2:31—during the DOTL Project conference this is why we said that the DOTL does not come to earth until after the tribulation. The DOTL begin in heaven with the war in heaven that occurs in the midst of Daniel 70<sup>th</sup> week. It then comes to earth at the second coming of Christ after the tribulation.
  - Isaiah 24:21
  - Isaiah 34:4-5
- Mark 13:26—“then” or after the cosmic disturbances in the sun, moon, and stars the people of the earth will “see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.”
  - Matthew 24:30—this is not the return of the Lord the catch away the church. This is the day of vengeance spoken of in the Old Testament. The people of the earth mourn as they see the Son of man coming.
  - Revelation 6:12-17—notice the connection here between the cosmic disturbances and the coming of the Son of man. Mankind is going try and hide themselves “from the face o him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:”
- Mark 13:27—“and then” or after they see the sign of the Son of man in heaven, the angels will gather together his elect. All of believing Israel will be regathered and assembled at the end of the 70<sup>th</sup> week.
  - Matthew 24:31—“his elect” in this case is referring to the nation of Israel.
  - Isaiah 10:20-21; 11:11-16

Mark 13:28-37

- **28) Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near:**
  - 29) So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, [even] at the doors.**
  - 30) Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.**
  - 31) Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.**
  - 32) But of that day and [that] hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.**
  - 33) Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.**
  - 34) [For the Son of man is] as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.**
  - 35) Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:**
  - 36) Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.**
  - 37) And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.**
- Mark 13:28-29—the point of the parable is clear. Just as you know that when the trees get leaves on them that summer is near in like manner when they “shall see these things come to pass,” they are to know that the end is near. Remember what the Apostles asked Christ and the beginning of the passage (Mark. 13:4)
    - Matthew 24:32-33—again consider the questions the Apostles originally asked Christ (Matt. 24:3). Just as leaves on the tree signify the nearness of summer, the signs explained in this passage signify the nearness of the end of the world.
  - Mark 13:30-31—according to all the information that has been make known up to this point Jesus fully intended that those of generation that was hearing his words would live to see all the things contained in the Olivet Discourse come to pass. In other words, Jesus in no way tips his hand with regard to the revelation of the mystery and the formation of the body of Christ.
    - Matthew 24:34-35
    - Acts 2:16-17, 44-45—the events on the day of Pentecost were not the birthday of the church by the commencement of the last days of prophecy made to the nation of Israel. They were living in accordance with what Christ had taught during his earthly ministry. A close comparison of Joel 2 and Acts 2 will reveal only a partial fulfillment. Israel rejected the offer of the kingdom so God set her aside, revealed the mystery concerning the body of Christ, which meant that the generation in Israel that was supposed to see Matthew 24/Mark 13 come to pass did not.
  - Mark 13:32—God the Father is the only one who knows the exact time of the Second Coming. As David Reid pointed out during the DOTL Project all of the relevant verses about the Lord’s

coming indicate that it is not possible to know the day or the hour. One can know the year and possibly the month.

- Zechariah 14:7
  - Matthew 24:36—day and hour
  - Matthew 24:39
  - Matthew 24:42—hour
  - Matthew 24:43—what watch (Mark 13:35, Matt. 14:25 – night has four watches)
  - Matthew 24:44—hour
  - Matthew 24:50—day, hour
  - Matthew 25:13—day, hour
  - Mark 13:32—day, hour
  - Luke 12:39-40—hour
  - Luke 12:46—day, hour
  - Revelation 3:3—hour
- Matthew 24:37—if you want to understand what the coming of the Son of man will be like Jesus says you need to understand what the days of Noah were like.
  - Matthew 24:38-39—life on earth continued as normal right up until the time that Noah entered the ark (Gen. 7:7-10 Noah was on the ark for 7 days before the flood water came.). When the flood came all those outside of the ark were taken away. Where were they taken? They were taken to destruction. So shall it be at the coming of the Son of man.
  - Matthew 24:40-41—at the coming of the Son of man one shall be taken and other left. What happens to those who are taken? What happened to them in the day of Noah? They will be taken to destruction. This passage is in no way talking about the rapture. Those who are taken are taken to destruction.
  - Matthew 24:42-44— it is not a surprise as a general matter that thieves come in the night. The issue of coming as a thief is the particular hour. Information that a thief will break in during the next three years is not actionable because it does not permit planning. Similarly, the vast majority of covert intelligence involves non-specific threats of harm, which are thus not actionable.
  - It is impossible to know the exact timing of the DOTL/2<sup>nd</sup> Coming because its timing is not specified in scripture, but it occurs sometime after the 70<sup>th</sup> week and after the sun is turned to darkness and the moon to blood (Matt. 24:29-31).
  - Mark 13: 33—Jesus warns the Apostles to “take heed, watch and pray” because they don’t know the exact time when these things will come to pass.
  - Mark 13:34-37—Christ offers the Apostles one last practical example of the type of watchful vigilance he expects from them. He does not want them to be caught sleeping when the master of the house returns.
    - Matthew 24:45-51