Stay Alert!
Mark 13:14-23
Lesson #54
10-11-26

I. Jesus <u>alerted</u> the disciples about the abomination of desolation.

***Mark 13:14** *"When you see 'the abomination that causes desolation' standing where it does not belong —let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains."*

***Daniel 9:27** *"He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven' to the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple, he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."*

***2 Thessalonians 2:4** *"He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God."*

***Revelation 13:8** *"All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast – all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world."*

***Revelation 13:13** *"And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men."*

***Revelation 13:14** *"Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived."*

***Revelation 13:15** *"He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed."*

II. Jesus <u>advised</u> the Jews of that day to find a safe place.

A. They should <u>flee</u>!

***Mark 13:14b** *"… — let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains."*

B. They should <u>forgo</u> the retrieval of any personal belongings.

***Mark 13:15** "Let no one on the housetop go down or enter the house to take anything out."*

***Mark 13:16** "Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak."*

***Mark 13:17** "How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! [18] Pray that this will not take place in winter."*

III. Jesus <u>addressed</u> the horrific details of the Great Tribulation.

A. The Great Tribulation will be <u>worse</u> than anything ever known.

***Mark 13:19** "Because those will be days of distress unequaled from the beginning, when God created the world, until now—and never to be equaled again."*

***Zechariah 13:8** "In the whole land, "declares the LORD, "two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one third will be left in it."*

***Zechariah 13:9** "This third I will bring into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, "They are my people, and they will say, "The LORD is our God."*

1. The final two seals are <u>activated</u>.

2. The seven trumpet judgments are <u>administered</u>.

***Revelation 9:20b** "… they did not stop worshipping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood – idols that cannot see or hear or walk."*

***Revelation 9:21** "Nor did they repent of their murder, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts."*

3. The seven bowl judgments are <u>accelerated</u> against the world.

***Mark 13:20** "If the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, whom he has chosen, he has shortened them."*

B. The Lord <u>warned</u> believers of false messiah's & false prophets.

***Mark 13:21** "At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'Look, there he is!' do not believe it."*

***Mark 13:22** "For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect."*

***Mark 13:23** "So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time."*

<u>How can we take this lesson & apply it to our life</u>?

A. We should not <u>anchor</u> too deeply in this world.

***Mark 13:31** "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." … This same verse is in Matthew 24:35 & Luke 21:33.*

***2 Peter 2:10** "The Day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare."*

B. We should <u>abide</u> in Christ.

***2 Peter 2:11** "Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives."*

***Galatians 5:16** "So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature."*

C. We should <u>anticipate</u> the Lord's return.

***Philippians 3:20** "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."*

***I John 3:3** "Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as he is pure."*