

## **Overview of Second Coming of Christ, End Times and You Mark 13:1–37 (NLT) (Matthew 24; Luke 21)**

### **I. A Question about Christ’s Second Coming and Future Events (13:1-4).**

<sup>1</sup>As Jesus was leaving the Temple that day, one of his disciples said, “Teacher, look at these magnificent buildings! Look at the impressive stones in the walls.” <sup>2</sup>Jesus replied, “Yes, look at these great buildings. But they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!” <sup>3</sup>Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives across the valley from the Temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew came to him privately and asked him, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will show us that these things are about to be fulfilled?”

### **II. Primary Phases of Christ’s Second Coming and Future Events (13:5-**

A. Tribulation and Deception - pressure from earth and heaven (13:5-8)..

**1. Deceptions (v. 6)**

**2. Destructions (vv. 7-8).**

**3. Disasters (v. 8).**

B. Persecution and Proclamation - Resistance from earth and hell (13:9-13)..

**1. Beatings (v. 9)**

**2. Bravery (vv. 10-11)**

**3. Betrayal (vv. 12-13)**

C. Abomination and Great Tribulation (13:14-25).

**1. Abomination (v. 14)**

**2. Anguish (v. 14-20)**

**3. Anti-Christ (21-22).**

**4. Apocalypse (23-25).**

D. Exaltation and Reunion

<sup>26</sup>Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds with great power and glory.

<sup>27</sup>And he will send out his angels to gather his chosen ones from all over the world—from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.

1. Glorious Sight (v. 26)
2. Gathering Saints (v. 27)

[Other Events - Taking Up / Earthly Millennium Reign / Great Rebellion / Eternal State]

### III. Illustration of Christ's Coming and Future Events (Mark 13:28-31).

<sup>28</sup>“Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>In the same way, when you see all these things taking place, you can know that his return is very near, right at the door. <sup>30</sup>I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene before all these things take place.

<sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.

- A. The Natural Meaning - Signs of Spring
- B. The Spiritual Meaning - Signs of End Times
- C. The Certainty of the Word - The Bible Stands.
  - Watch the signs to know it is near.

### IV. Application to the Teaching of Christ's Coming and Future Events (Mark 13:32-37).

- A. Caution - Keep Following Jesus (13:5; 21).
  - Keep studying and learning the truth.
- B. Clarification - Don't Set Dates (13:32).
  - Don't be idle.
- C. Command - Keep Watching and Working (13:34-37).

<sup>32</sup>“However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.

<sup>33</sup>And since you don't know when that time will come, be on guard! Stay alert!

<sup>34</sup>“The coming of the Son of Man can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. When he left home, he gave each of his slaves instructions about the work they were to do, and he told the gatekeeper to watch for his return.

<sup>35</sup>You, too, must keep watch! For you don’t know when the master of the household will return—in the evening, at midnight, before dawn, or at daybreak.

<sup>36</sup>Don’t let him find you sleeping when he arrives without warning.

<sup>37</sup>I say to you what I say to everyone: Watch for him!”

- Stay pure, watching and working.