

Bible Study Questions

He Protects His People – Mark 13:14-27

Focus

As history moves towards its climactic end there will be a time of great tribulation before Jesus returns. And yet despite the many trials and difficulties, God's people can rest in knowing that the Lord will protect them for eternity.

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[Mark 13:14-27](#)

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As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Some Questions for Study and Reflection

1. Remind each other of some of the matters that were covered in the initial overview of this entire chapter from three weeks ago:
 - What is the setting?
 - What do the questions of verse 4 reveal about what the disciples understand Jesus to mean by the destruction of the temple?
 - In what way is Jesus trying to help them not conflate the final judgment of God at the end of the world with the destruction of the temple?
 - In what way does biblical prophecy often have both near and far fulfillments? How does that relate to this chapter?
 - In what way is the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple a 'preview of coming attractions' – i.e., of the final judgment of God at the end of the world?
2. Review the prophecies of verses 5-13. What kinds of things was Jesus telling His disciples they would need to endure?
3. Looking at verses 14-23, what kinds of things is Jesus now telling His people they will need to endure?
4. Sunday's sermon discussed this mysterious 'abomination of desolation'.
 - How was this prophecy, originally from Daniel (see Daniel 9:27, 11:31, 12:11), initially fulfilled in history before Jesus' day?
 - How was it fulfilled in the decades immediately after Jesus spoke it?

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- How will it be fulfilled at the end of time (see the similarities in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12)?
- 5. Looking at verses 24-27, when will Jesus return and what will His second coming be like?
- 6. What does this passage say about 'the elect'?

Closing Reflection and Application

- 7. For many people, including even some Christians, they find this kind of teaching about the end times and this talk about a great tribulation and the second coming of Jesus to be more like the stuff of movies and comic books than real life. What's your response to the kind of teaching that Jesus gives in this passage?
- 8. Why do you think Jesus told us all of this 'beforehand'? In other words, what are we supposed to do with it; how should we apply it?
- 9. What role should our understanding of the end times play in our daily life and thinking as Christians?
- 10. How does a Christian prepare for the second coming of Jesus?
- 11. As you consider the different ways that this passage notes the protection and care that God has for His people, what do you find most helpful right now?
- 12. Would you say that you have fled to Jesus for salvation? What does that actually look like?