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When And What? 1/3/4 #2

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MARK 13:14-23

Intro. A. Before Jesus went to cross He went to the Temple.

1. It had been perverted, changed from its intended purpose, It was to be a house of prayer but it had become a den of thieves.

2. Jesus did not change anything...

B. Jesus left the temple.

Luke 21:37-38 1. He would enter it again to teach.

2. It would last only another 35 years.

3. Its offerings would cease, thousands would be slain or die of hunger and disease.

4. All of its stones would be tumbled one from another.

C. Jesus revealed coming events to His disciples.

1. Many would come saying, "I am".

2. There would be WARS and RUMOURS of wars.

3. There would be EARTHQUAKES, FAMINES, etc.

4. The Apostles would be persecuted and would appear before rulers. Thus the truth would be proclaimed to all nations.

5. They were to allow the gifts to guide them.

6. Families would disintegrate.

7. They would be hated for His name's sake.

8. They should "endure" = ὑπομένω = to hold one's ground, bear up bravely while suffering, and be "saved" = σωθῶ. They must not ruin their testimony by denouncing their faith but "save" their lives by losing them.

~~14~~ This had reference to Roman soldiers coming into <sup>(2)</sup> the city of Jerusalem and into outer parts of the Temple. They carried ensigns and images of the emperor of Rome. Also the eagles carried in front of the armies. These were considered to be of divine origins and deserved worship.

[6. The admonition, (let him that readeth understand) is more the foundation for apology than for rejoicing on the part of this poor disciple. I ask the listeners forgiveness. And from our Lord His mercy.

## VI. The Desperation of The Moment.

### A. Practical instructions

Vs. 14d 1. Those who live in Judaea.

Vs. 15 2. Those on the housetop.

Vs. 16 3. Those in the field.

Vs. 17 4. Those who are pregnant are who have small children.

Vs. 18 5. The weather, a matter of prayer.

### B. A vivid description.

Vs. 19 1. "affliction" = θλίψις = pressure, or distress and persecution. Never before or ever again.

Vs. 20 2. "shortened" = κολοβόω = to mutilate, In N.T., of time, to cut off a portion. God would shorten His, "time of vengeance". Elect = Jews.

### C. These horrors will create false claims.

Vs. 21 1. These are false John the Baptists.

Vs. 22 2. These are false Christs. "Seduce" = ἀποπλανάω = to make to wander away from.

Vs. 23 3. God's people must be alert.  
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