

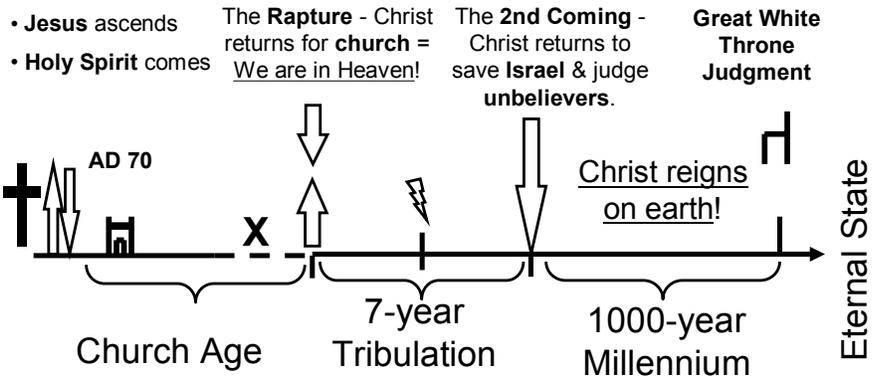
Following Christ when it's Hard

Mark 13:1-13

- I. Questions of the disciples that prompted Jesus' prophetic discussion (Mark 13:1-4)
 - A. A disciple commented to Jesus about the amazing temple Herod was building (13:1).
 - B. Jesus prophesied that the temple will be destroyed (13:2).
 - The temple Herod built was destroyed in AD 70 by the Romans, just 4 years after the 80+ required to build it.
 - Principle: God is not impressed by buildings and does not need them, though He may use them.
 - C. The disciples ask Jesus when this would happen and what signs would precede it (13:3-4).

- II. Warnings and Wisdom for believers in all ages in light of God's future plan (Mark 13:5-13)
 - Note: The "abomination of desolation" (Mark 13:14) occurs half-way through the 7-year Tribulation (Daniel 9:27; 11:31).
 - Note: Some Bible prophecies have double fulfillments – an event in one age, plus an ultimate fulfillment in a later age.
 - Mark 13:5-13 occur immediately to the disciples and ultimately in the 7 year Tribulation, but also generally today.
 - A. Be alert to deception by false Messiahs. (13:5-8).
 1. Don't be fooled by those claiming to be the Messiah (5-6).
 2. Don't assume the end is here just because there are wars and rumors of wars, earthquakes and famines (7-8).
 - Principle: God uses wars, natural disasters in His plan.
 - B. Be ready to face persecution by God's enemies (13:9-13).
 1. Followers of Christ are persecuted (9; John 16:32-17:9).
 2. The gospel will go to many nations (10; Matthew 28:18-20).
 3. God gives wisdom when believers must speak for Him (11).
 4. Believers may even be opposed by their families (12-13).

Bible Prophecy



X = present time

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