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*The Gift of God*







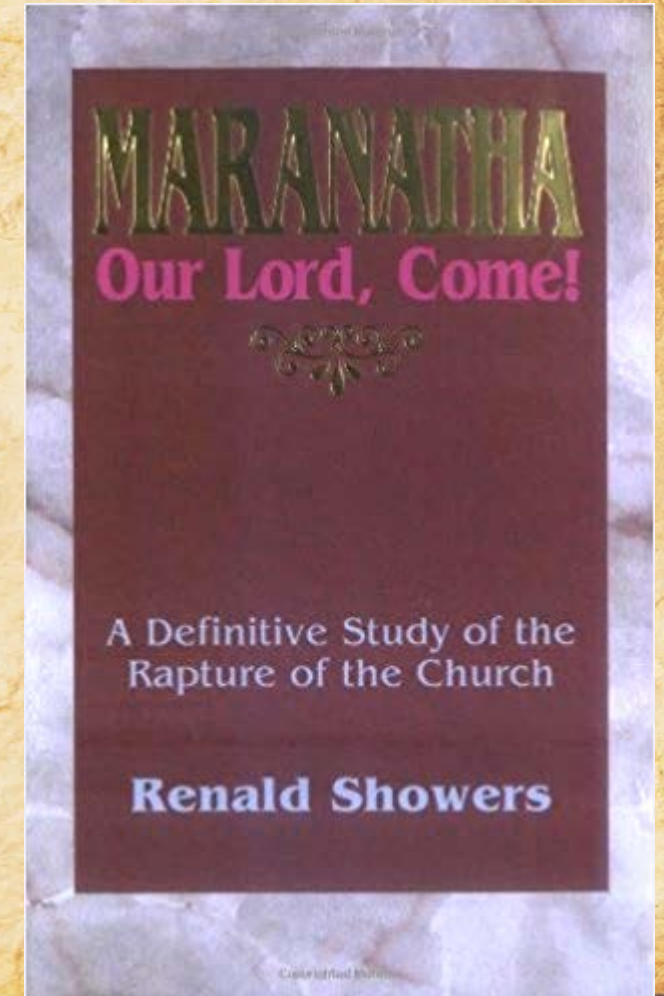
*The God Who  
Keeps His Promises*

Mark 13:1-37



## Regarding the *End Times*:

- There are several views
- My view:
  - Rapture before Tribulation
  - Trib. before Millennium
- If you would like to discuss, please read this first ->







**RAPTURE**

*The Day of the Lord*

**TRIBULATION**  
7 yrs.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COMING**

**MILLENNIUM**  
1,000 yrs.



# *Prolegomena*



- OT background: Isaiah; Jer. 30; Ezek. 28-39; Dan. 7, 9-12; Joel 2-3; Zech. 12-14; *et. al.*
- *Partial & ultimate; immediate & future*
  - For example: Isa. 9:6-7
  - Some *foreshadowing*; several partial fulfillments; but not all yet fully fulfilled



## *Prolegomena*



- The *Tribulation* is for Israel, not the Church (Dan. 9:24-27; 12:1 -> *your people*)
  - *Time of Jacob's distress/trouble* (Jer. 30:7)
  - The disciples did not understand *The Church* or the church age
- Jesus revealed *sequence* but not *timing*



## The Setting (1-4)



- What wonderful stones and buildings! (1)
  - Herod's Temple (recreated Solomon's)
    - Construction: 19 BC – AD 63
    - Some stones 37.5' l x 18' w x 12' h – weighed as much as 100 tons
    - Outside overlaid with gold





## The Setting (1-4)

- Not one stone will be left upon another (2)
- Disciples' question: *When* and *What sign*?
  - They still believed Jesus would set up His kingdom immediately (cf. Acts 1:6-7)
- Jesus' answer had both *near* and *far* implications



# Mark 13:1-37



## Characteristics of the End:

1. Deception (5-8)
2. Danger (9-13)
3. Destruction (14-23)
4. Darkness (24-25)
5. Disclosure (26-37)





# Characteristics of the End

## 1. Deception (5-8)

- False messiahs (6; Rev. 6:1-2)
  - *Many* will come in My name
  - *Many* will be led astray
    - *Apostasy* (2 Thess. 2); *fall away* (1 Tim. 4); *turn away* (2 Tim. 4:1-5)





# Characteristics of the End

## 1. Deception (5-8)

- False messiahs (6; Rev. 6:1-2)
- Frightening news (7-8; Rev. 6:3-8)
  - Wars, earthquakes, famines
- *Beginning of birth pangs* (Jer. 30:6-7; Isa. 13:6-13; 1 Thess. 5:2-3)





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# Characteristics of the End

## 2. Danger (9-13)

- The apostles and martyrs (Rev. 6:9-11)
- Deliver to the *courts*, flog in the *synagogues*, stand before *kings*
  - E.g. - Acts 4:1-22; 2 Cor. 11:24
- Endure -> saved? (see Rev. 2:10)





## Characteristics of the End

### 3. Destruction (14-23)

- *Abomination of desolation* (Dan. 9:27; 11:31; 12:11; Matt. 24:15)
- *Defilement / profanation -> Antichrist*
  - E.g. - Antiochus Epiphanes, 167 BC
- Where it should not be – *Holy of Holies*





## Characteristics of the End

- Not one stone will be left upon another (2)
  - AD 66 – Jews rebelled against Rome
  - AD 70 – Titus (son of Emperor Vespasian) besieged and then destroyed Jerusalem
    - Temple was destroyed by fire; soldiers moved stones to collect melted gold





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## Characteristics of the End

### 3. Destruction (14-23)

- Flee! (AD 70 – 1.1 mil. killed in Jerusalem)
  - Future (19; Rev. 7:14; 12:6, 13-17)
- False Christs and prophets (22; Rev. 13)
  - Signs and wonders (Rev. 13:13-15)
  - Interesting parallels in Islam (12<sup>th</sup> *Imam*)



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## The Signs of the Reappearance of the Twelfth Imam (ajtf)

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The Signs of the Reappearance (Qiyam) of the (Imam) who undertakes the Office (al-Qa'im), Peace be on him, the Period of Time of his Appearance, an Explanation of his Life and an Extract of what is revealed about his State.

Traditions have been reported mentioning the signs for the time of the appearance of the Imam who will arise (qa'im), peace be on him, and the events which will take place before his appearance, together with the indications and features of it.

Among them are: The Sufyani will come out in revolt; the Hasanid will be killed; the Abbasids will dispute over worldly kingdom; there will be an eclipse of the sun in the middle of the month of Ramadan; there will be an eclipse of the moon at the end of that month in contrast to ordinary happenings; the land will be swallowed up at al-Bayda'; it will be swallowed in the east-it will be swallowed up in the west; the sun will stay still from the time of its decline to the middle of the time for the afternoon prayer.

It will rise from the west; a pure soul (nafs zakiyya) will be killed in the outskirts of Kufa with seventy righteous men; a Hashimite will be slaughtered between the corner (of the Ka'ba) and the station of Abraham); the wall of the mosque of Kufa will be destroyed;

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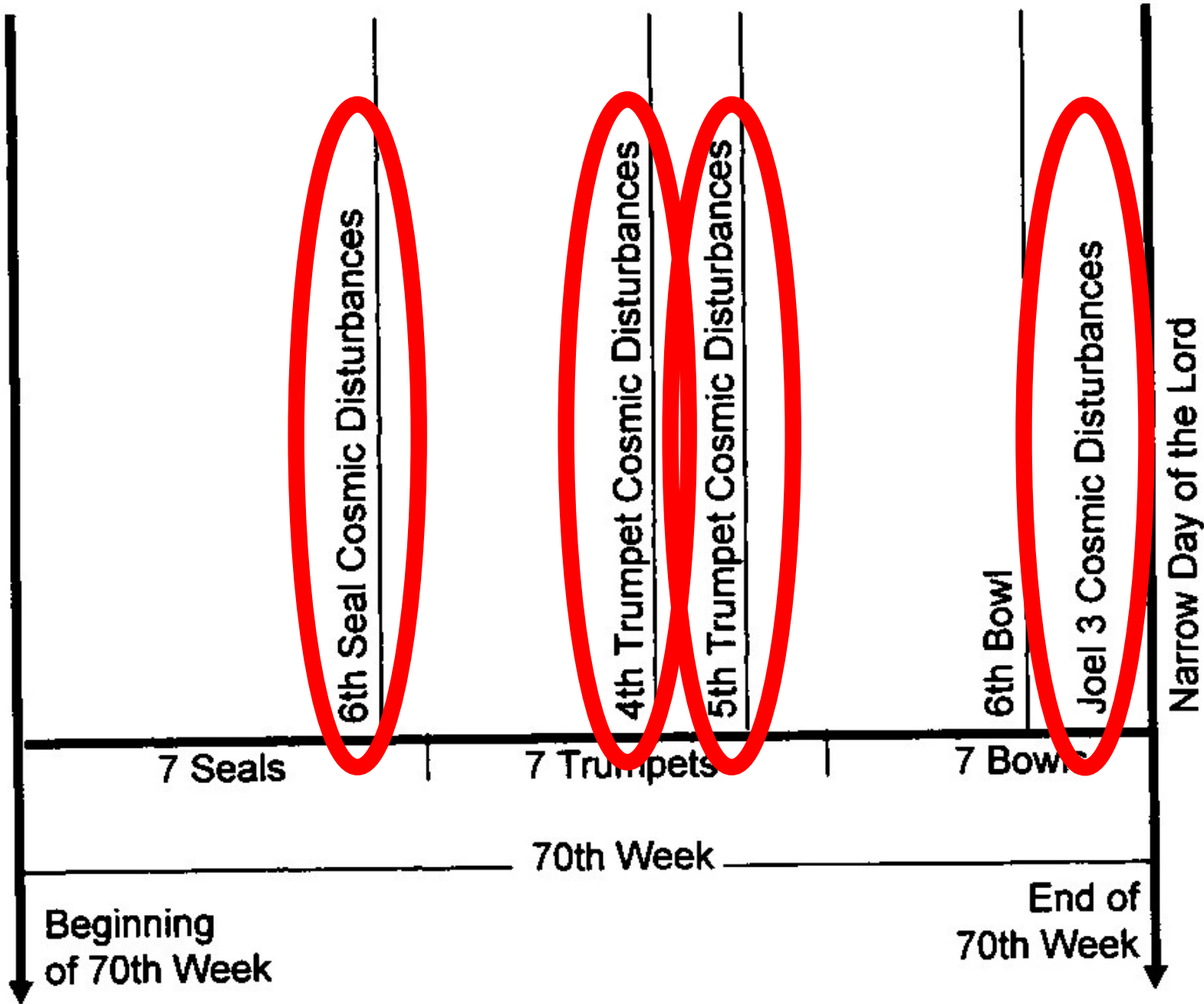
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# Cosmic Disturbances of the 70th Week







## Characteristics of the End

### 4. Darkness (24-25)

- Those days, after that tribulation (24->19)
  - Cosmic disturbances (multiple times)
- Some time interval before Second Coming
  - Fig tree (28-37; Matt. 25:1-13; cf. Rev. 7)
  - *These things* -> 24-25





# Characteristics of the End

## 5. Disclosure (26-27)

- Then they will see the Son of Man
  - *Second Coming* (Dan. 7:13; Zech. 12:10-14; 14:4; Acts 1:11)
  - *Armageddon* (Zech. 12:1-9; 14:1-5; Joel 3:9-17; Rev. 19:11-21)





## Characteristics of the End

- Gather His elect from the four winds (27)
  - Israel was God's elect (e.g. - Deut. 7:6)
    - Remnant within Israel (Isa. 65:7-25)
- God scattered Israel to the four winds (Ezek. 5:10, 12; 17:21; Zech. 2:6)
- Promised to gather (Isa. 11:11-12; 27:13)



# Summary



- Mark 13 points to the culmination of God's plan for Israel
  - God will fulfill His promises to Abraham (Gen. 15; 17; 22) and David (2 Sam. 7) (cf. Rom. 11:26-36)



## So What?



- God is sovereign over all human history
  - He declares the end from the beginning (Isa. 46:8-11)
  - We can rest in confident assurance that He is in control of all things!
  - He is worthy of our faith (2 Tim. 2:13)





## So What?

- We should look for Jesus' imminent return (1 Cor. 1:7; 15:51-52; Phil. 3:20; 1 Thess. 1:10; Titus 2:13; Rev. 3:11; 22:7, 12, 17, 20)
- And we should act accordingly (Matt. 28:19-20; James 5:7-9; 1 John 2:28)

***Even so, come, Lord Jesus!***