

MARK: GOSPEL TRUTH FOR A GROWING CHAOS

THE END OF THE BEGINNING (PART IV)

MARK 13:7 "But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet.8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These are the beginnings of sorrows."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.4Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.16For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

REVELATION 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?14And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

REVELATION 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

SIGNS OF HIS COMING

MARK 13:14 "So when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes."

SIGNS OF HIS COMING

MARK 13:17 "But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter."

MARK 13:19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. 20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

SIGNS OF HIS COMING

MARK 13:22 "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.23But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.24But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;25the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken."

THE RETURN OF CHRIST

MARK 13:26 "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven."

REVELATION 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.