

Mark 13:1-4, 30-31

**God Will Be Faithful to Fulfill
Daniel's 70th Week**


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The Loaded Prediction and Question

Mark 13:1-4 As He was going out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, behold what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" 2 And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left upon another which will not be torn down." 3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew were questioning Him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when **all these things are going to be fulfilled?**"

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The Connection to Daniel's 70th Week

Mark 13:4 "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when **all these things are going to be fulfilled?**"

Daniel 12:7 **ESV** And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end **all these things would be finished.**

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Daniel 2:28b LXX ð He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar **the things that must take place in the last days** ð

Daniel 12:7b ð when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end **all these things would be finished.**

Mark 13:4 ð when will **these things be**, and what will be the sign when **all these things are going to be fulfilled?**+

Mark 13:8b ð **These things** are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

Mark 13:30 ð this generation will not pass away until **all these things take place.**

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Revelation 1:1a The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, **the things which must take place soon** ð

Revelation 22:20 He who testifies to **these things** says, **%es, I am coming soon.** +Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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God Is Faithful to His Promises

Mark 13:4 **%ell us**, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when **all these things are going to be fulfilled?**+

Mark 13:30-31 Truly I say to you, **this generation** will not pass away **until all these things take place.** 31 **%eaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.**

This Generation = A pejorative characterizing the unbelief of Jewish leadership that exists prior to the Messianic age (Mark 8:12; 8:38; 9:19).

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Applications

1. God will be faithful to bring about the 70th week of Daniel just as He promised.
2. We as Christians should be focused on the fulfillment of God's promises.

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1. God Will Bring About the 70th Week!

Daniel 9:24 Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place.

1. Finish the transgression
2. Make an end of sin
3. **Make atonement for iniquity**
4. Bring in everlasting righteousness
5. Seal up prophecy
6. Anoint the temple

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1. The Predicted Interlude

Daniel 9:26-27 Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. **And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.** 27 And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out

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1. The Predicted Interlude

If the sixty-nine sevens (483 years) conclude with Christ's first coming and the final seven (seven years) is terminated by Christ's return, there must be an interval of time between the end of the sixty-ninth and the beginning of the seventieth seven. The text also indicates that the seventieth seven would not follow the sixty-ninth immediately. For example, Christ's crucifixion (Anointed One cut off, +v. 26) and the subsequent destruction of Jerusalem in a.d. 70 (v. 26) would occur *after the sixty-ninth seven*, but not during the *seventieth seven* (v. 27), *revealing a gap between these sevens* (S. Miller, NAC).

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2. We Should Focus On God's Promises

Colossians 3:1-4 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 *Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.* 3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

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