

## God's Servant Prophecies, Part 2

### Mark 13:14-37

**Main Idea:** Be ready for the Lord to return for His people! Let us wait for Him like a bride waits for her groom. For the coming of the Lord Jesus is at hand!

*“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill. I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”” (Psalm 2:6-9 [ESV](#))*

*“And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.” (Zechariah 14:9 [ESV](#))*

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.” (Isaiah 9:6-7 [ESV](#))*

*But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” (Isaiah 53:5-6 [ESV](#))*

**Jesus wants us to know that . . .**

#### **1. His faithful people will experience trouble.**

Question: What do I do when God’s kingdom plan is different from the kingdom plan that I have made for my life?

Truth: The life of a disciple is a life of courageous endurance. The one who endures these troubles in this world without forsaking Jesus will be saved!

#### **2. His chosen nation Israel will experience severe trouble.**

*Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate. He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.” (Daniel 11:31-32 [ESV](#))*

#### **3. His chosen nation Israel will receive Jesus and be saved.**

*“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and” (Zechariah 12:10 [NIV](#))*

Truth: God's story of human history is filled with drama, heartbreak, injustice and darkness. But God is leading us forward to a glorious end!

#### **4. His Son will be seen in glory by the whole world.**

*For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet— I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” (Psalm 22:16-18 [ESV](#))*

*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.” (Psalm 22:27-28 [ESV](#))*

*“Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.” (Revelation 1:7 [ESV](#))*

**Jesus wants us to respond to His return by . . .**

##### **1. Being on guard against false doctrines.**

The enemy will attack on two fronts:

Front #1: The world will be hostile to us. Be on your guard for that! Do not waver or retreat from Christ when you begin to suffer on Jesus' behalf!

Front #2: False prophets will try to deceive us by teaching doctrines contrary to the Gospel. Hold fast to the faith that has been once for all delivered to you!

##### **2. Staying awake in readiness.**

##### **3. Waiting for Jesus in hope.**

*In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.” (John 14:2-3 [ESV](#))*

*Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.” (1 John 3:2-3 [ESV](#))*

*Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.” (Romans 13:11-14 [ESV](#)).*