



Mark 13:32-37 - Stay Awake!

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Text: Mark 13:32-37

- Our Lord is not a false prophet! ☺
- I hope and pray that from Mark 13:1 through now you have seen the truth of Christ's Words and now have an even greater trust in the veracity (truth!) of Holy Scripture. The Word of God is TRUE!

Joh 17:15-17 ESV I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. (16) They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. (17) Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

Psa 19:7-10 ESV The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; (8) the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; (9) the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. (10) More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

2Ti 3:14-17 ESV But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it (15) and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (16) All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, (17) that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

- AMEN!

A note about Fore, Far, and Future Prophetic Interpretations

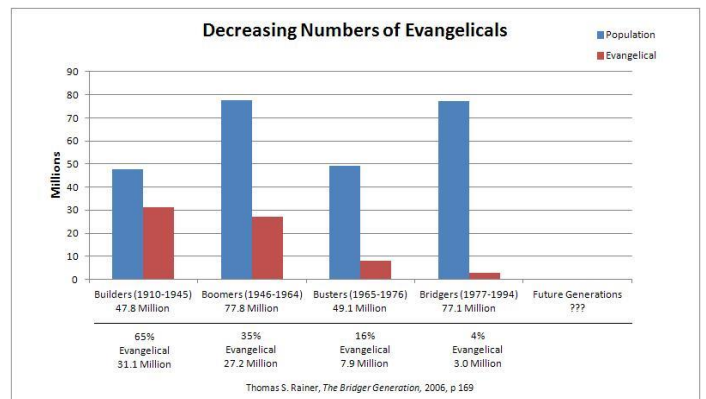
1. Let us not make the mistake of assuming that prophetic imagery is totally exhausted in each _____ and in each _____.
2. What I mean is that just as Jerusalem's destruction is obviously what Christ was referring to in most of the Olivet Discourse, that same destruction can be a "type" for tribulations Christians have faced throughout the centuries.
3. As an example of how this works:
 - a. Consider the Passover meal. Instituted by God under Moses, it represents God's deliverance of the children of Israel from Egypt. But it was just a "type" of an "anti-type" that would be fulfilled in Christ...
 - b. It gave way to the Lord's Supper. Christ instituted it with His disciples to demonstrate a GREATER rest and deliverance...not from physical bondage, but from _____; not just rest in a Land, but rest in the Lord!
 - c. But it too is a "type" with a greater anti-type yet to come....

Rev 19:7-9 ESV Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; (8) it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"-- for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. (9) And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

- d. A GREATER MEAL is yet ahead! The _____ fulfillment of the Passover AND the Lord's Supper is coming! It is the Marriage Supper of the Lamb! Praise God!!!!
- So then we are careful to stay in context to know what the Text means, but with prophecy we must allow for fulfillments sometimes in the far, but certainly in the final future at the return of Christ.
 - _____ is normally unwarranted and damaging when it comes to prophetic passages, and I want to make it clear that that isn't our intention. ☺
 - Today's text provides us with a good example as well....

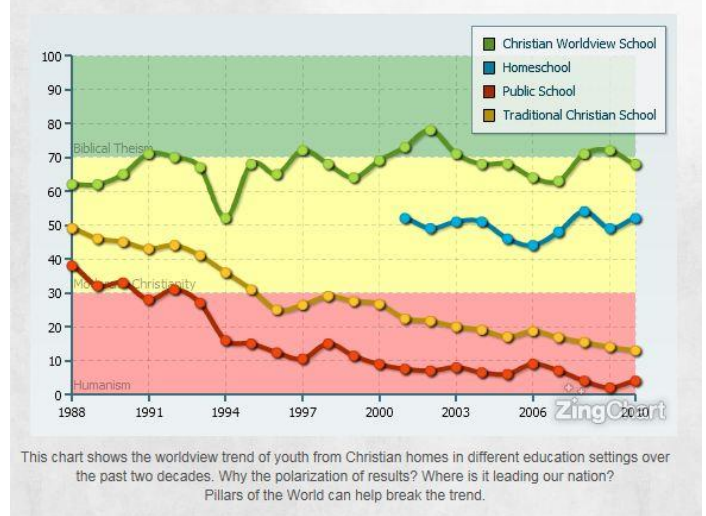
Stay Awake: the Fore Future

- "No one knows the day or the hour!" We hear and say this all the time! But now you know that the fore-future fulfillment was in 70AD.
- I want you to know that our Lord's declaration that He "didn't know either" in verse 32 does not mitigate against His _____. Remember orthodox Christology....
 - Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, who took upon Himself human flesh through the miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary. He who is true God became true man, uniting two natures in one person forever. Christ lived a perfect, sinless life, died on the cross as an atoning sacrifice for our sins, rose bodily from the dead, and ascended into Heaven where He now serves as our High Priest, our only Mediator. He will return bodily and visibly to the earth as King of kings and will judge every human being who has ever lived. (Jn 1:1-3)*
- So then Christ had to be speaking in His humanity, this problem is solved. He had every human attribute except sin. So don't let anyone (like uh maybe a Jehovah's Witness? ☺) use this verse against you!
- Now please look at verses 33-37:
 - The saints were to live "on _____." (v33)
 - The saints were to live as if they had been given an "accountable _____." (vv34-36)
 - And in case they forgot, they were to **Stay Awake!**
- Remember the death and carnage of 70AD. Only by remembering the signs given by Christ would any of them escape. Thank the Lord many "fled to the mountains..." literally.



Stay Awake: The Far Future...

- Do these verses apply today? YES! YES! YES!
- Now that we know their meaning, can you see that we too need to be awake? That if we "fall asleep at the switch" _____ might come upon our culture and generations? Has it?
- YES!!! Church....WAKE UP. SERIOUSLY. WAKE UP. _____ →
- Since our Lord uttered these wonderful words, the church has gone through many seasons.



Right now, PLEASE understand the season we are in. We are being pushed....HARD.

5. Let me read you an example from a recent article...
 - <http://radio.foxnews.com/toddstarnes/top-stories/students-who-refuse-to-affirm-transgender-classmates-face-punishment.html>
 - Friends, this season is one of devastation spiritually, and it isn't getting better. We must preach repentance. We must preach the Law of God. We must preach the WHOLE Gospel!

Stay Awake: The Final Future....

1. Just as the disciples didn't know the "day or hour" the Lord would "come" in judgment on Jerusalem, we DO NOT know the day or hour when He will come in a final judgment....
2. Either we will go to Him (in death) or He will come to us (the Second Coming)....
 - a. *2Co 5:9-11 ESV - So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. (10) **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.** (11) *Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.**
 - b. *Rev 20:11-15 ESV Then I saw a **great white throne** and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. (12) And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. (13) And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. (14) Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. (15) **And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.***
 - c. *Rev 21:6-8 ESV And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. (7) The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. (8) **But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.**"*
3. Oh dear friends....STAY AWAKE! In the words of the Apostle Paul...

Eph 5:11-16 ESV Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. (12) For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. (13) But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, (14) for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.**" (15) **Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, (16) making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.**
4. Let's all of us AWAKE to:
 - a. The call to _____ God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength!
 - b. The plight of SO MANY _____ and undisciplined people around us!
 - c. Our OWN _____ and what the enemy is busily doing to YET ANOTHER generation!
 - d. The call to worship and obedience! Let's us obey, love, and fear our KING!
 - e. The joy of fellowship!
 - f. The diligent study of Scripture!
 - g. The honor of _____!

h. Jurisdictional authority (home, church, state) and call out the abuses therein!

Oh Church...WAKE UP! ☺

*Isa 52:1 ESV **Awake, awake**, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for there shall no more come into you the uncircumcised and the unclean.*

*Rom 13:11-12 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. (12) 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.*

*1Co 15:33-34 ESV Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." (34) **Wake up** from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.*

*1Th 5:6-9 ESV **So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober**. (7) For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. (8) But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. (9) For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ...*

Amen Lord Jesus. Amen.