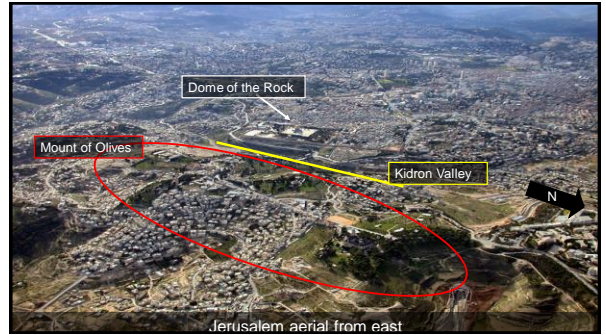


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- Cf. Matt. 24:3 - As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, 1) when will these things happen, and 2) what will be the sign of Your coming, and 3) of the end of the age?"
- Three Questions...
 - 1) When will the temple be destroyed?
 - 2) What are the signs of your coming?
 - 3) What are the signs of the end of the age?

"When Messiah Comes..."

- 1) A period of great tribulation before Messiah comes.
- 2) The return of Elijah as the forerunner.
- 3) The appearing of Messiah.
- 4) One final attack of hostile powers against God's people.
- 5) Messiah's destruction of those hostile powers.
- 6) The renovation of Israel, Jerusalem, and the temple.
- 7) A gathering of the dispersed Jews.
- 8) The Messianic kingdom in Palestine as the center of the world.
- 9) The renovation of the entire world.
- 10) The general resurrection of the dead.
- 11) The last judgment.

I. The Primary Interpretational Approaches

- A. The Amillennial Approach
 - 1) Full Preterism (or hyper-preterism)
 - The Olivet Discourse was completely fulfilled in 70 A.D. at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, including the Second Coming.
 - Cf. 2 Tim. 2:14-19
 - 2) Partial Preterism
 - The Olivet Discourse was completely fulfilled in 70 A.D. at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, except for the Second Coming.

I. The Primary Interpretational Approaches

- A. The Amillennial Approach
- B. The Postmillennial Approach
- C. The Liberal Approach
- D. The Premillennial Approach
 - Premillennialism believes that Jesus will establish a literal, geopolitical reign on the earth after the Second Coming.

Premillennialism—different approaches

- 1) The entire sermon is about the Great Tribulation and the Second Coming.
 - 1) Mark 13:5-23—the Tribulation.
 - 2) Mark 13:24-32—the Second Coming.
 - 3) Mark 13:33-37—be ready for the Second Coming.
- 2) The first part of the sermon is being fulfilled throughout this age, but the rest points to the future end time events.
 - a) Option 1
 - Mark 13:5-8—from the ascension until the end.
 - Mark 13:9-27—the Great Tribulation and the Second Coming.
 - b) Option 2
 - Mark 13:5-13—from the ascension until the end.
 - Mark 13:14-27—the Great Tribulation and the Second Coming.

II. The Basic Organizational Flow

- A. 13:5-13 — from Christ's ascension to the midpoint of the Tribulation
 - It would be a future time.
 - It will be a worsening time.
 - It will be a difficult time for believers.
 - It will be a time for the gospel to advance.
- Jesus disciples must beware of...
 - 1) False Christ's (5-6)
 - 2) False signs (7-8)
 - 3) False hopes of peace and acceptance (9-13)

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- **B. 13:14-23** – the Great Tribulation [from the midpoint of the Tribulation to the end]
- **C. 13:24-27** – the Second Coming
- **D. 13:28-37** – Exhortation to be alert and to be ready

III. The Key Practical Lessons

- A. God is in control of human history, and is directing all events to one predetermined end.
 - 8 – “Those things must take place!”
- B. When the world is in turmoil because of either natural or manmade disasters, we don't need to be afraid.
 - 8 – “When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened!”
- C. Jesus Christ is coming back to this earth in a way that no one will miss!
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