I. THE SETTING OF THE DISCOURSE.

A. The disciples remarked about the size and beauty of the Temple--13:1.

B. This was the Third Jewish Temple constructed in Jerusalem.
   
   1. Solomon built the first Temple around 950 B.C. and it was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 B.C.
   
   2. In 515 B.C. Zerubbabel led the returning Jewish Exiles to reconstruct the Second Temple.
   
   3. In around 20 B.C., Herod the Great, began a giant remodel of the Temple which didn’t end until 64 B.C.
   
   4. This Third Temple was utterly destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D.

C. This Third Temple complex encompassed 35-45 acres and was surrounded by a high and immense limestone retaining wall.

II. THE TEMPLE PROPHECY

A. Jesus predicted the Temple’s utter destruction--13:2.

B. This seemed unlikely to his disciples and all the Jews.

III. THE DISCIPLE’S QUESTIONS.

A. Jesus’ disciples asked two questions of Jesus--13:3-4.

B. What were these two questions?
   
   1. When will what he prophesied happen?
   
   2. What signs leading up to this event will occur?

C. People have always been interested in knowing about the future.

D. These two questions vary slightly in the three gospels.
Jerusalem’s holy sites

OLD CITY

MUSLIM QUARTER

JEWS QUARTER

Dome of the Rock

Temple Mount

Haram al-Sharif

al-Aqsa Mosque

Western Wall Tunnel

Western (Walling) Wall