

Back to the Future, Part 1 Mark 13:1-13

The BIG Idea ... The One who holds the _____ is holding _____.

Eschatology—the doctrine of last things

It isn't _____ truth; it's _____ truth that calls us not to fear the future.

- The future is _____; it's certain. It isn't some open-ended set of infinite _____.
- God is moving this world toward the end that He's already written—toward the _____ that He's already _____, all the way into the foreverness of eternity.

Mark 13—the Olivet Discourse ... Three categories in this chapter ...

- Events that are _____ (verses 1-2).
- Events that are _____ (verses 3-13).
- Events that are _____ (verses 14-27).

"The destruction of the _____ in your day is a picture of what's going to happen to the entire _____ someday."

The Temple ... A Disciple: "Jesus, look at all the wonderful stones and wonderful buildings!"

- It has been under renovation for nearly _____ years.
- It now covers _____ acres—1/6th of the city.
- Much of its structure is lined with _____—its present-day value exceeds \$1 _____.
- It is the _____ of Jewish life.

The Tragedy ... Jesus: "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

- Jesus isn't coming to _____ from the Temple; He's coming to _____ the temple—by _____ what the Temple symbolized.
- He is God's presence and God's power—He is God _____.
- When Jesus gives His life _____, the Temple must come _____. Matthew 12:6, "I tell you, something greater than the temple is here."

Can I trust what Jesus says?

Forty years later, in AD _____, what Jesus said would happen, does happen. The temple is _____ by the Romans—as Jesus describes in verse 14; and then, the Temple is _____ by the Romans—as Jesus says in verse 2.

The Takeaways ... Three ways to fight the temptation to fear the future:

1. Fill your _____ with God's _____ (Isaiah 26:3-4).
2. Find your _____ in God's _____ (Isaiah 46:10).
3. Hang your _____ on God's _____ (Isaiah 41:10).

Revelation 22:4-5, "We will see His face, and his name will be on our foreheads. And night will be no more. We will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be our light, and we will reign forever and ever."