

“Jesus, Man of Action”

Mark 13:1-13:37

*Therefore, be on the alert,
for you do not know when the master of the house is coming,
whether in the evening, at midnight, at cockcrowing,
or in the morning, lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.*

And what I say to you I say to all,

“Be on the alert!”

Mark 13:35-37, NAS

The Outline

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The Words

Sign - σημεῖον - (1) basically, that which serves as a pointer to aid perception or insight: *sign, mark, distinguishing characteristic*; (2) that which distinguishes one person or thing from another: *sign, token, mark* (Luke 2:12; Romans 4:11); (3) a miraculous event contrary to the usual course of nature and intended as a pointer or means of confirmation, often used with τέρας (*wonder*): *sign* (Mark 13:22).

Woe - οὐαί - particle of interjection, expressing extreme displeasure and calling for retributive pain on someone or something: *woe, alas!* (Matthew 11:21); doubled or tripled for emphasis (Revelation 8:13; 18:10).

Tribulation - θλίψις - literally: *pressure, a pressing together*; used only figuratively in the New Testament of suffering brought on by outward circumstances: *affliction, oppression, trouble* (Romans 5:3); especially to be regarded as participation in the sufferings of Christ (Colossians 1:24); of sufferings of the end time: *tribulation, trouble, distress* (Mark 13:19); called ἡ μεγάλη θλίψις: *the great tribulation, the time of great trouble* (Matthew 24:21; Revelation 7:14).

Wonder - τέρας - portent; an unusual sign, especially one in the heavens, serving to foretell impending events. In ancient times a portent might consist of a particular arrangement of the planets, an unusual display of northern lights, a conspicuous comet, or a cluster of falling stars.

Generation - γενεά - strictly, *birth*, the circumstances relating to one’s origin, (1) literally those descended from a common ancestor: *race, clan, descendants* (Acts 8:33); as an ethnic group: *kind* (Luke 16:8); (2) generally all those living at the same time: *generation, contemporaries* (Matthew 12:41); (3) the time span of one generation: *age, generation, period* (Matthew 1:17).

The Quotations

And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.
- Daniel 9:27, NAS

For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not flash forth their light; The sun will be dark when it rises, and the moon will not shed its light.
- Isaiah 13:10, NAS

And all the host of heaven will wear away, and the sky will be rolled up like a scroll; all their hosts will also wither away as a leaf withers from the vine, or as *one* withers from the fig tree. - Isaiah 34:4, NAS

I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven ane like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. - Daniel 7:13, NAS

If your outcasts are at the ends of the earth, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you back.

- Deuteronomy 30:4, NAS