

# Mark 13:1-31

1. Jesus answers the disciples' question about when the temple would be destroyed. Jesus had already alluded to the rejection and destruction of Jerusalem during this week on the Temple Mount:
  - a. MONDAY – Cursing the fig tree (11:12-14)
  - b. MONDAY – Clearing the Temple (11:15-19)
  - c. TUESDAY – Parable of the tenants (12:1-12)
  - d. TUESDAY – Identified himself as the stone the builders rejected that was to become to cornerstone for a new and greater building (12:10-11)
  - e. TUESDAY – “And as he came out of the temple...Jesus said to him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.’”
2. The word *blepete* – “take heed” or “take care” is used at four points in chapter 13 which helps mark the arrangement of Jesus' answer:
  - a. 13:5 – “See (*blepete*) that no one leads you astray.
  - b. 13:9 – “But be on your guard (*blepete*).”  
Or, “Take heed (*blepete*) however you to yourselves they will betray...”
  - c. 13:23 – “But be on guard (*blepete*); I have told you all things beforehand.”  
Or, “You however take heed (*blepete*): I have foretold to you all things.”
  - d. 13:33 – “Be on guard (*blepete*), keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.”  
Or, “Take heed (*blepete*); watch; You know not for when the time is.”
3. The disciples (believers) will have to be faithful and endure.
4. The end is not yet, this is made clear. Time will pass. Work must be done.
  - a. Spiritual seeds must be sown so spiritual crops can be harvested.
  - b. Endurance will be required, not eschatological charts promising soon deliverance.
  - c. Deliverance will not come right away.
  - d. They will have to stand before councils, courts, kings and persecution to testify to the whole world and all nations.
  - e. The destruction of the temple will happen in this generation, but time for faithful endurance will go on much longer.
5. Deception is possible concerning:
  - a. False teachers
  - b. Misinterpreting “signs”
  - c. Failing to understand the length of time
  - d. Lack of endurance and compromise with the world
6. These verses include imperative exhortation (19 imperatives in 13:5-37), but Jesus' words also include indicative consolation.  
They must do these things, but there are also things that will happen.  
So, be strong, but also know some things will not change.
7. The purpose of Mark 13 is not primarily to reveal hidden information, but encourage faithfulness and endurance.
  - a. Jesus is demanding alertness and endurance, not eschatological calculations and charts.

- b. Jesus is preparing the disciples and their followers for the coming times of distress and upheaval which would include:
    - i. 30-70 AD,
    - ii. church history
    - iii. eschatological)
8. Disciples ask about “these things” – *tauta* – (from *houtos*, *haute*, *touto* meaning “this”.)
- a. When will these things: happen? What is the sign all these things will happen?
  - b. The disciples ask in 13:4,  
 “Tell us when these things (*tauta*) will be accomplished”, and  
 Jesus answers in 13:29-30 saying,  
 “when you see these things (*tauta*) happening...this generation will not pass away until all these things (*tauta panta*) take place.”  
 (and, also, 13:23, “I have told you ...all things (*panta* = “all” and *tauta* = “things”)
9. By the time Mark writes this chapter (64-65 AD) this information was already known, taught, written down and spread into Europe:
- a. **30 AD** - Jesus taught it in 30 AD to his disciples who did not forget it, but remembered and taught it in the following years
  - b. **(30-50 AD** – the disciples passed it on because Paul refers to it in written form in 51 AD)
  - c. **51 AD** - Paul refers to this record of information to the Thessalonians in Macedonia Europe in 51 AD:  
 “For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord (or, “by the word of the Lord”)” – 1 Thessalonians 4:15.  
 Then, in 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11 Paul builds on this to encourage the believers not to sleep, but to be awake and sober. They are to encourage and build each other up.
  - d. **Matthew** records it in Matthew 24 maybe as early as 48 AD (but, maybe later)
  - e. **57-60 AD** - Luke records it in Luke 21 between 57-60 AD.
  - f. **64-65 AD** – Mark writing Peters accounts records Mark 13 in Rome for the persecuted Christians around 64-65 AD
10. If this chapter is a typical written account of an apocalyptic revelation, it is missing these typical eschatological or apocalyptic features which means this longest uninterrupted account of Jesus teaching is to instruct his disciples on how he expects them to behave and to encourage them when their hopes seem to fade:
- a. Visions
  - b. Angelic revelations
  - c. Historical survey
  - d. Numbers to analyses or numerical calculations
  - e. Divisions of history into epochs
  - f. Revealing of esoteric secrets
  - g. Symbolism
  - h. Beasts
  - i. demonic powers
  - j. a final series of battles
  - k. destruction of the wicked final judgments
  - l. rewarding of the righteous

**Mark 13:1 – “And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!”**

2532 [e]	1607 [e]	846 [e]	1537 [e]	3588 [e]	2411 [e]	3004 [e]	846 [e]	1520 [e]	3588 [e]	3101 [e]	
Kai	ekporeuomenou	autou	ek	tou	hierou	legei	autō	heis	tōn	mathētōn	
<b>1</b>	Καὶ	ἐκπορευομένου	αὐτοῦ	ἐκ	τοῦ	ἱεροῦ	, λέγει	αὐτῷ	εἷς	τῶν	μαθητῶν
	And	going forth	of Him	out of	the	temple	says	to Him	one	of the	disciples
	Conj	V-PPMP/GMS	PPro-GM3S	Prep	Art-GNS	N-GNS	V-PIA-3S	PPro-DM3S	Adj-NMS	Art-GMP	N-GMP

846 [e]	1320 [e]	2400 [e]	4217 [e]	3037 [e]	2532 [e]	4217 [e]	3619 [e]
autou	Didaskale	ide	potapoi	lithoi	kai	potapai	oikodomai
αὐτοῦ	, Διδάσκαλε	, ἴδε	ποταποὶ	λίθοι	καὶ	ποταπαὶ	οἰκοδομαί !
of Him	Teacher	behold	what	stones	and	what	buildings
PPro-GM3S	N-VMS	V-AMA-2S	IPro-NMP	N-NMP	Conj	IPro-NFP	N-NFP

**13:2 “And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”**

2532 [e]	3588 [e]	2424 [e]	2036 [e]	846 [e]	991 [e]	3778 [e]	3588 [e]	3173 [e]	3619 [e]	3756 [e]	
Kai	ho	lēsous	eipen	autō	Blepeis	tautas	tas	megalas	oikodomas	ou	
<b>2</b>	Καὶ	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	εἶπεν	αὐτῷ	, βλέπεις	ταύτας	τὰς	μεγάλας	οἰκοδομάς ?	οὐ
	And	-	Jesus	said	to him	See you	these	-	great	buildings	No
	Conj	Art-NMS	N-NMS	V-AIA-3S	PPro-DM3S	V-PIA-2S	DPro-AFP	Art-AFP	Adj-AFP	N-AFP	Adv

3361 [e]	863 [e]	5602 [e]	3037 [e]	1909 [e]	3037 [e]	3739 [e]	3756 [e]	3361 [e]	2647 [e]
mē	aphethē	hōde	lithos	epi	lithon	hos	ou	mē	katalythē
μὴ	ἀφεθῆ	ἔωδε	λίθος	ἐπὶ	λίθον	, ὅς	οὐ	μὴ	καταλυθῆ .
not	shall be left	here	stone	upon	stone	which	no	not	shall be thrown down
Adv	V-ASP-3S	Adv	N-NMS	Prep	N-AMS	RelPro-NMS	Adv	Adv	V-ASP-3S

**13:3 And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,**

2532 [e]	2521 [e]	846 [e]	1519 [e]	3588 [e]	3735 [e]	3588 [e]	1636 [e]	2713 [e]	3588 [e]	2411 [e]	
Kai	kathēmenou	autou	eis	to	oros	tōn	Elaiōn	katenanti	tou	hierou	
<b>3</b>	Καὶ	καθημένου	αὐτοῦ	εἰς	τὸ	ὄρος	τῶν	Ἐλαιῶν	, κατέναντι	τοῦ	ἱεροῦ
	And	sitting	of Him	upon	the	Mount	-	of Olives	opposite	the	temple
	Conj	V-PPM/P-GMS	PPro-GM3S	Prep	Art-ANS	N-ANS	Art-GFP	N-GFP	Prep	Art-GNS	N-GNS

1905 [e]	846 [e]	2596 [e]	2398 [e]	4074 [e]	2532 [e]	2385 [e]	2532 [e]	2491 [e]	2532 [e]	406 [e]
epērōta	auton	kat'	idian	Petros	kai	Iakōbos	kai	Iōannēs	kai	Andreas
ἐπηρώτα	αὐτὸν	κατ'	ἰδίαν	Πέτρος	καὶ	Ἰάκωβος	καὶ	Ἰωάννης	καὶ	Ἄνδρέας
asked	Him	in	private	Peter	and	James	and	John	and	Andrew
V-IIA-3S	PPro-AM3S	Prep	Adj-AFS	N-NMS	Conj	N-NMS	Conj	N-NMS	Conj	N-NMS

**13:4 “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?”**

2036 [e]	1473 [e]	4219 [e]	3778 [e]	1510 [e]	2532 [e]	5101 [e]	3588 [e]	4592 [e]	3752 [e]	3195 [e]
Eipon	hēmin	pote	tauta	estai	kai	ti	to	sēmeion	hotan	mellē
4 Εἰπὼν	ἡμῖν	πότε	ταῦτα	ἔσται ?	καὶ	τί	τὸ	σημεῖον	ὅταν	μέλλῃ
Tell	us	when	these things	will be	And	what [will be]	the	sign	when	are going
V-AMA-2S	PPro-D1P	Conj	DPro-NNP	V-FIM-3S	Conj	IPro-ANS	Art-NNS	N-NNS	Conj	V-PSA-3S

3778 [e]	4931 [e]	3956 [e]
tauta	synteleisthai	panta
ταῦτα	συντελεῖσθαι	πάντα ?
these things	to be accomplished	all
DPro-NNP	V-PNM/P	Adj-NNP

13:5 And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray.

3588 [e]	1161 [e]	2424 [e]	756 [e]	3004 [e]	846 [e]	991 [e]	3361 [e]	5100 [e]	4771 [e]	4105 [e]
Ho	de	Iēsous	ērxato	legein	autois	Blepete	mē	tis	hymas	planēsē
5 Ὁ	δὲ	Ἰησοῦς	ἤρξατο	λέγειν	αὐτοῖς ,	Βλέπετε ,	μή	τις	ὑμᾶς	πλανήσῃ .
-	And	Jesus	began	to say	to them	Take heed	lest	anyone	you	mislead
Art-NMS	Conj	N-NMS	V-AIM-3S	V-PNA	PPro-DM3P	V-PMA-2P	Adv	IPro-NMS	PPro-A2P	V-ASA-3S

13:6 Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray.

4183 [e]	2064 [e]	1909 [e]	3588 [e]	3686 [e]	1473 [e]	3004 [e]	3754 [e]	1473 [e]	1510 [e]	2532 [e]	4183 [e]	4105 [e]
polloi	eleusontai	epi	tō	onomati	mou	legontes	hoti	Egō	eimi	kai	pollous	planēsousin
6 πολλοὶ	ἐλεύσονται	ἐπὶ	τῷ	ὀνόματί	μου ,	λέγοντες	ὅτι ,	Ἐγὼ	εἰμι ,	καὶ	πολλοὺς	πλανήσουσιν .
Many	will come	in	the	name	of Me	saying	-	I	am [He]	and	many	they will mislead
Adj-NMP	V-FIM-3P	Prep	Art-DNS	N-DNS	PPro-G1S	V-PPA-NMP	Conj	PPro-N1S	V-PIA-1S	Conj	Adj-AMP	V-FIA-3P

13:7 And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet.

3752 [e]	1161 [e]	191 [e]	4171 [e]	2532 [e]	189 [e]	4171 [e]	3361 [e]	2360 [e]	1163 [e]	1096 [e]
hotan	de	akousēte	polemous	kai	akoas	polemōn	mē	threisthe	dei	genesthai
7 ὅταν	δὲ	ἀκούσητε	πολέμους	καὶ	ἀκοὰς	πολέμων ,	μὴ	θροεῖσθε ;	δεῖ	γενέσθαι ,
When	then	you shall hear of	wars	and	rumors	of wars	not	be disturbed	it must	come to pass
Conj	Conj	V-ASA-2P	N-AMP	Conj	N-AFP	N-GMP	Adv	V-PMMP-2P	V-PIA-3S	V-ANM

235 [e]	3768 [e]	3588 [e]	5056 [e]
all'	oupō	to	telos
ἀλλ'	οὐπω	τὸ	τέλος .
but	not yet [is]	the	end
Conj	Adv	Art-NNS	N-NNS

13:8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

1453 [e]	1063 [e]	1484 [e]	1909 [e]	1484 [e]	2532 [e]	932 [e]	1909 [e]	932 [e]	1510 [e]	4578 [e]
egerthēsetai	gar	ethnos	ep'	ethnos	kai	basileia	epi	basileian	esontai	seismoi
8 ἔγερθήσεται	γὰρ	ἔθνος	ἐπ'	ἔθνος	, καὶ	βασιλεία	ἐπὶ	βασιλείαν	. ἔσονται	σεισμοὶ
Will rise up	for	nation	against	nation	and	kingdom	against	kingdom	There will be	earthquakes
V-FIP-3S	Conj	N-NNS	Prep	N-ANS	Conj	N-NFS	Prep	N-AFS	V-FIM-3P	N-NMP

2596 [e]	5117 [e]	1510 [e]	3042 [e]	746 [e]	5604 [e]	3778 [e]
kata	topous	esontai	limoi	archē	ōdinōn	tauta
κατὰ	τόπους	; ἔσονται	λιμοί	. ἀρχὴ	ὠδίνων	ταῦτα
throughout	places	there will be	famines	[The] beginning	of birth pains [are]	these
Prep	N-AMP	V-FIM-3P	N-NFP	N-NFS	N-GFP	DPro-NNP

13:9 “But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them.

991 [e]	1161 [e]	4771 [e]	1438 [e]	3860 [e]	4771 [e]	1519 [e]	4892 [e]	2532 [e]	1519 [e]	4864 [e]
Blepete	de	hymeis	heautous	paradōsousin	hymas	eis	synedria	kai	eis	synagōgas
9 Βλέπετε	δὲ	ὑμεῖς	ἑαυτοὺς	; παραδώσουσιν	ὑμᾶς	εἰς	συνέδρια	καὶ	εἰς	συναγωγὰς
Take heed	however	you	to yourselves	they will betray	you	to	courts	and	in	synagogues
V-PMA-2P	Conj	PPro-N2P	RefPro-AM3P	V-FIA-3P	PPro-A2P	Prep	N-ANP	Conj	Prep	N-AFP

1194 [e]	2532 [e]	1909 [e]	2232 [e]	2532 [e]	935 [e]	2476 [e]	1752 [e]	1473 [e]	1519 [e]	3142 [e]	846 [e]
darēsethe	kai	epi	hēgemonōn	kai	basileōn	stathēsethe	heneken	emou	eis	martyrion	autois
δαρήσεσθε	, καὶ	ἐπὶ	ἡγεμόνων	καὶ	βασιλέων	σταθήσεσθε	ἐνεκεν	ἐμοῦ	, εἰς	μαρτύριον	αὐτοῖς
you will be beaten	and	before	governors	and	kings	you will stand	because	of Me	for	a testimony	to them
V-FIP-2P	Conj	Prep	N-GMP	Conj	N-GMP	V-FIP-2P	Prep	PPro-G1S	Prep	N-ANS	PPro-DM3P

13:10 And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations.

2532 [e]	1519 [e]	3956 [e]	3588 [e]	1484 [e]	4412 [e]	1163 [e]	2784 [e]	3588 [e]	2098 [e]
kai	eis	panta	ta	ethnē	prōton	dei	kērychthēnai	to	euangelion
10 καὶ	εἰς	πάντα	τὰ	ἔθνη	πρῶτον	δεῖ	κηρυχθῆναι	τὸ	εὐαγγέλιον
And	to	all	the	nations	first	it behooves	to proclaim	the	gospel
Conj	Prep	Adj-ANP	Art-ANP	N-ANP	Adv-S	V-PIA-3S	V-ANP	Art-ANS	N-ANS

13:11 And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

13:12 And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death.

13:13 And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

13:14 “But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where he ought not to be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

**13:15 Let the one who is on the housetop not go down, nor enter his house, to take anything out,**

**13:16 and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak.**

**13:17 And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days!**

**13:18 Pray that it may not happen in winter.**

**13:19 For in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and never will be.**

**13:20 And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days.**

**13:21 And then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it.**

**13:22 For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect.**

**13:23 But be on guard; I have told you all things beforehand.**

**13:24 “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,**

**13:25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.**

**13:26 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.**

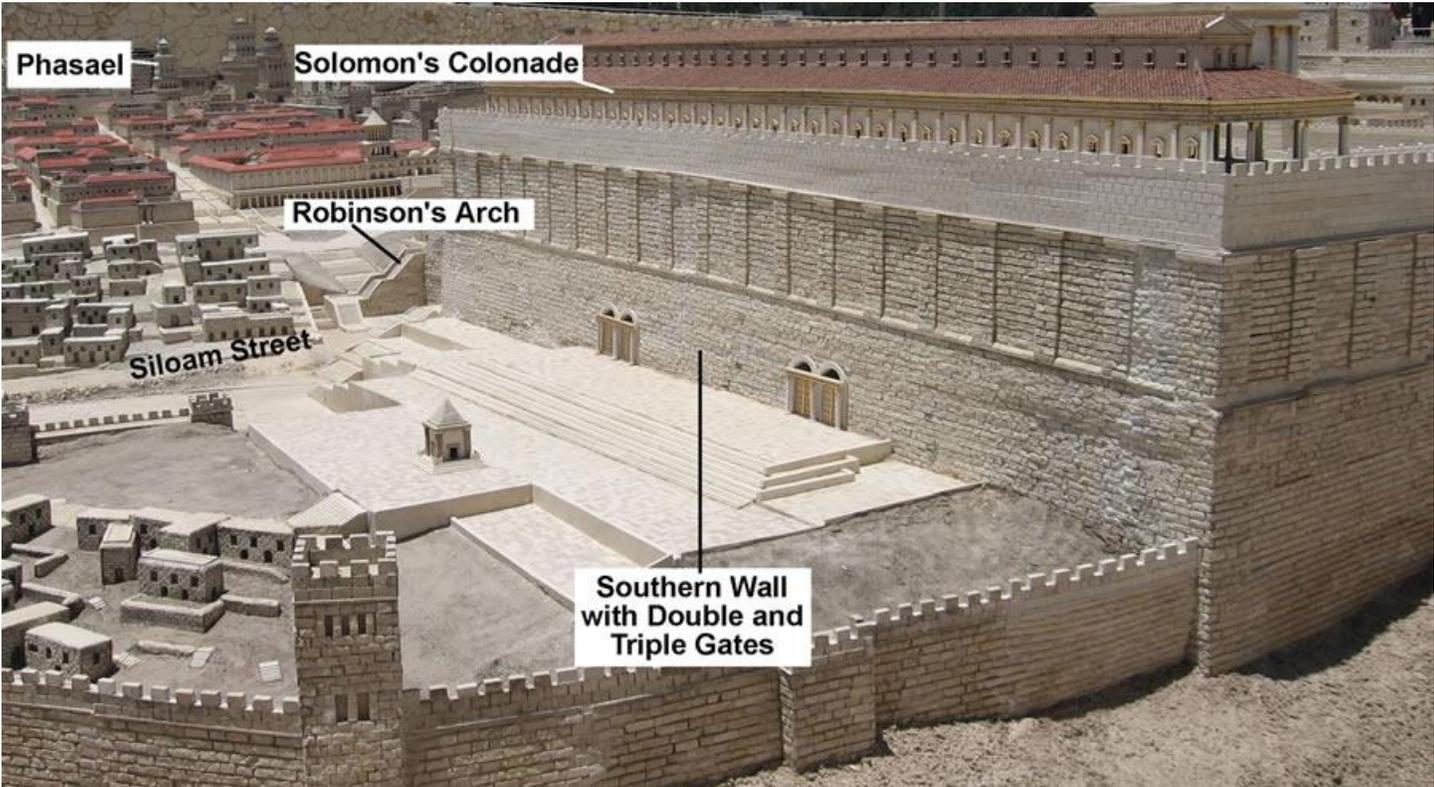
**13:27 And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.**

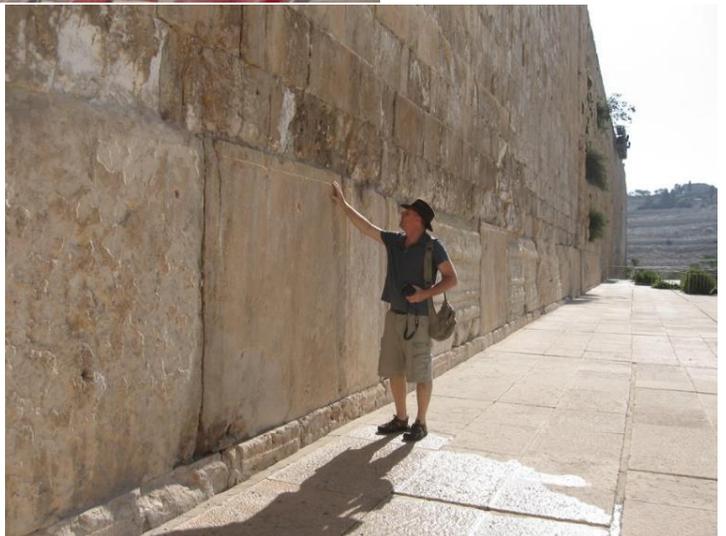
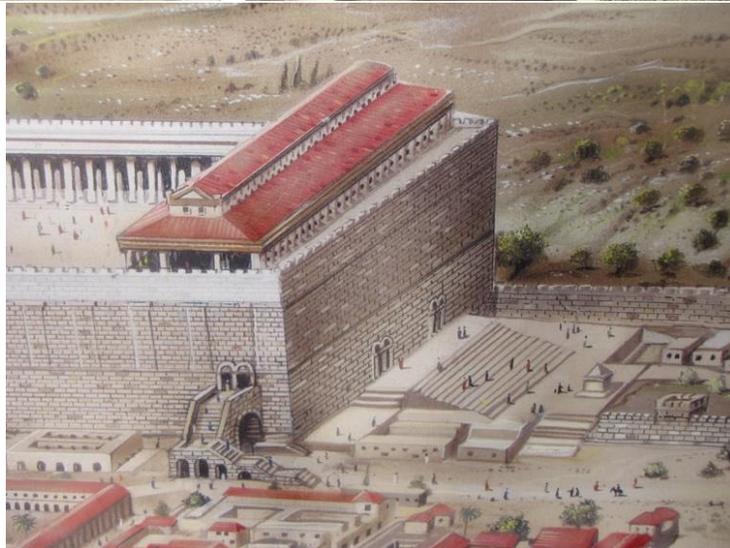
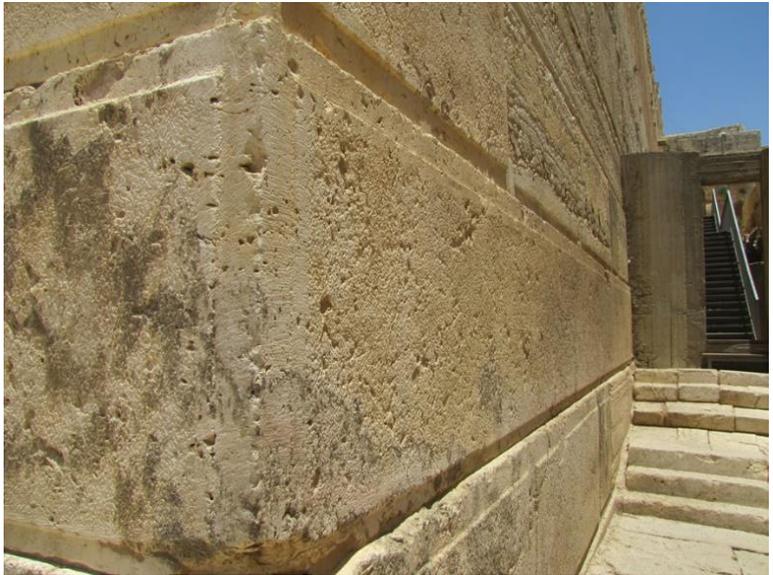
**13: 28 “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near.**

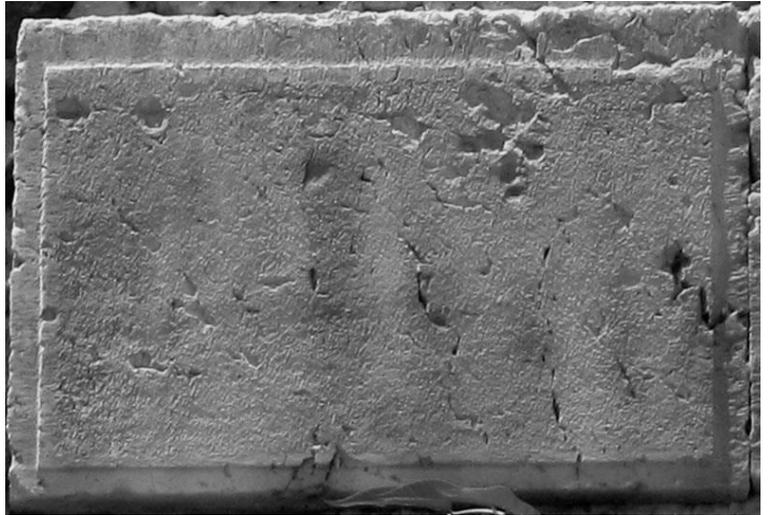
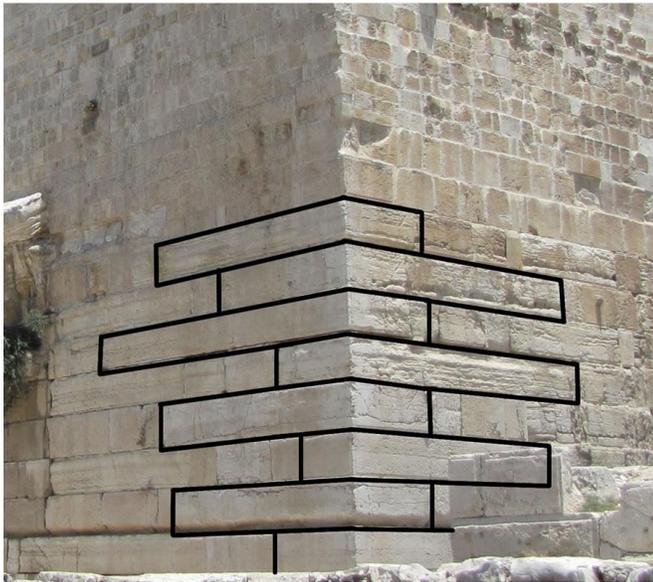
**13:29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.**

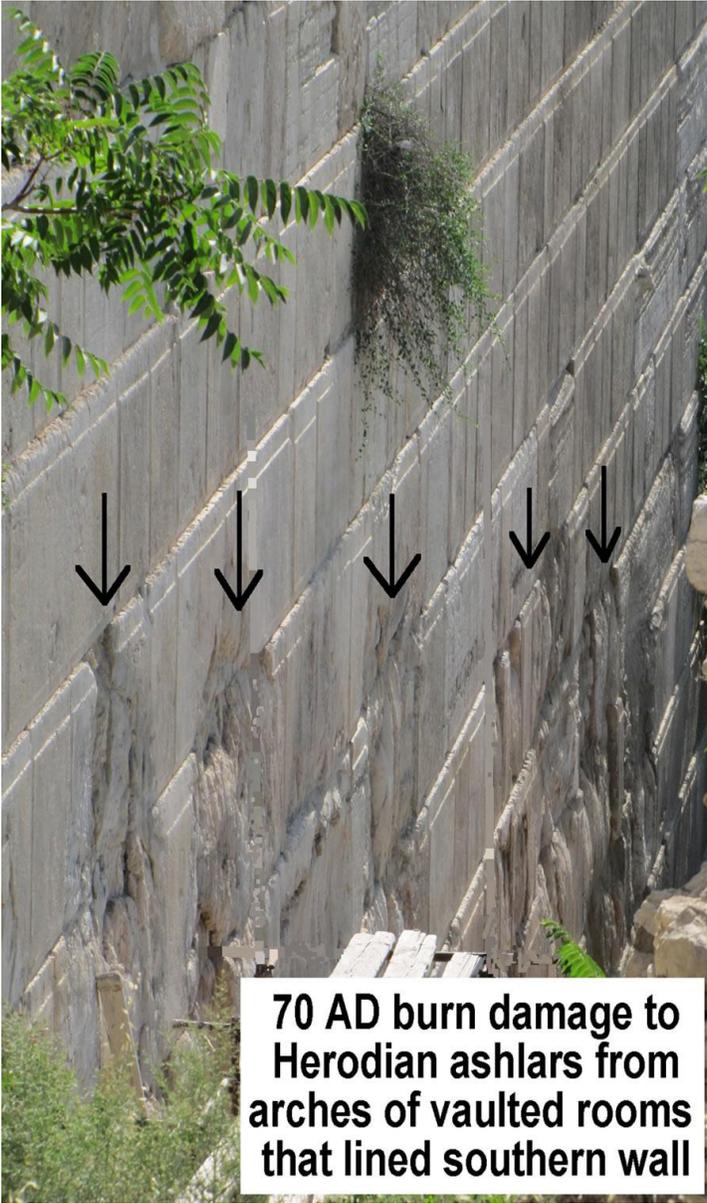
**13:30 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.**

**13:31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.**









**70 AD burn damage to Herodian ashlars from arches of vaulted rooms that lined southern wall**

