



## 2024 3Q The Book of Mark Lesson 10 The Last Days

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### SABBATH

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The lesson focuses on the signs of the last days Jesus gave when He spoke of the destruction of the temple. This is recorded in Mark 13, Matthew 24, and Luke 21.

Do you believe we are nearing the final events that lead to the second coming of Christ?

What are the signs of the times you are seeing?

Here are some I am seeing:

#### 1. Scoffers

- First of all, you must understand that in the **last days scoffers will come**, scoffing and following their own evil desires. **They will say**, “**Where is this ‘coming’** he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation” (2 Peter 3:3, 4 NIV84, emphasis mine).

This sign was fulfilled in the late 18th and early 19th centuries during the Enlightenment, which directly opposed the Great Awakening. The Great Awakening was a religious movement that called people’s attention to the nearness of the second coming of Christ. But this movement was countered by the Enlightenment, in which godless scientific views and human reason replaced a belief in God, and godless evolutionism spread throughout the world.

In the wake of godless evolution came communism and other godless philosophies that scoff at the idea that Jesus is coming again.

Not only is the world today filled with scoffers, but the critics of God have come to dominate the scientific, educational, and media landscape, creating a societal attitude that those who continue to look for Christ’s return are less educated, ignorant, or foolish.

But those of us who know God and trust the Bible know, just as Peter prophesied nearly 2,000 years ago, that it is the scoffers who are failing to understand reality. So, our first sign, which also gives us a timeframe for when the end-times began, is the rise of godless evolutionism, with its scoffers that ridicule our expectation of Jesus’ return.

#### 2. Wars and rumors of wars

- But when you hear of **wars and rumors of wars**, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet. (Mark 13:7 NIV84, emphasis mine).

Jesus here refers to the never-ending regional struggles, tribal wars, crusades, and conflicts throughout the Dark and Middle Ages prior to the “end times,” which began in the 19th century with the Enlightenment. The end times come after these wars. Notice the shift from wars to nations and kingdoms rising against each other.

### 3. World wars, natural disasters, famines, pandemics

- For **nation** will rise against **nation**, and **kingdom** against **kingdom**. And there will be **earthquakes** in various places, and there will be **famines** and **troubles**. These are the **beginnings** of sorrows. (Mark 13:8 NIV84, emphasis mine).
- **Nation will rise against nation**, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great **earthquakes, famines and pestilences** in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven (Luke 21:10, 11 NIV84, emphasis mine).
- Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are **the beginning of birth pains** (Matthew 24:7, 8 NIV84, emphasis mine).

After the long history of wars and conflicts through the Dark and Middle Ages, after the Enlightenment and the rise of the scoffers, we enter the 20th century and experience WWI, WWII, nuclear weapons, wars in Vietnam, Korea, Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Syria, Ukraine, and terrorism around the world. The 20th century, with its two world wars and other military conflicts, saw more people killed by war than any other century in human history. And in the past fifty years, the world has seen massive famines, HIV, SARS, Swine Flu, COVID, and the increasing frequency of earthquakes, hurricanes, destructive storms, and other disasters. But all of this is *the beginning of the birth pains*.

When a woman goes into labor, the time of delivery has begun. In other words, she has entered the “end time” of her pregnancy – but the labor isn’t instantaneous. The pains get more frequent and more intense right up until delivery. We are now in the time of the end, the time of ever-increasing rapidity of events leading up to our Savior’s return!

Understand that no matter what we do, things on Earth are not going to get better until Jesus returns. And the worsening of conditions on Earth, the increasing labor pains as the Earth itself groans under the weight of sin, will be used by the scoffers to incite fear, turn minds away from God, and promote their godless solutions that will solidify power into a global coalition that persecutes the righteous. In other words, these events will fuel the rise of the beast of Revelation as people allow fear to dethrone reason and they support the beastly methods to make themselves feel safe. We saw this happening during COVID; I see it happening in the current election cycle with many being influenced by fear, propaganda, misinformation rather than evidence and facts.

Why are these things happening? Because of sin—God is the source of life, health, righteousness. He is the Creator and Sustainer of reality. One of His design laws is the law of liberty, genuine and true freedom—including if we choose it, freedom to separate from Him the source of truth, love, and life.

As individuals turn away from truth and love they become more deluded in their thinking and more selfish in their conduct, more willing to use the methods of this world to enforce their ways upon others.

As billions of people turn away from God and harden their hearts, they close the Holy Spirit out of their spirit temples and the Holy Spirit is slowly withdrawn from the Earth. As this happens human evil, chaos, societal disorder, violence, exploitation, abuse increases as the restraining influence of the Holy Spirit is withdrawn. The abuse of the planet, pollution, genetic modifications of foods, the numerous industrial chemicals in our water and food, and so much more has a destructive impact upon us and nature. As God's presence is withdrawn Satan and his forces gain more liberty to do their destructive work and we see more storms and earthquakes as a manifestation of his destructive power. God is not the source of pain, suffering, and death--He is the source of life. But when people reject God and choose life without Him, God sadly allows us to reap what we have chosen and this is what the world experiences before the second coming of Christ.

#### **4. The promise of an era of peace and safety**

Paul also used the metaphor of a woman going into labor when referring to the return of our Lord, adding an interesting detail:

- Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman,** and they will not escape. But you, brothers, **are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all sons of the light** and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled (1 Thessalonian 5:1–6 NIV84, emphasis mine).

When those who don't know God – the scoffers, the evolutionist, the humanists, the green earth worshipers, those who are desperately seeking to save themselves and "save the earth" – are saying, "This is the way we can have global peace and safety," sudden destruction will come, as labor pains on a pregnant woman.

They will be unaware that sudden destruction is coming, but why? Because they have given up a belief in God, they no longer trust Scripture, they have accepted the false narrative of godless evolution and secular humanism, and they believe peace and safety can be achieved through the implementation of their worldly agenda—through carbon controls and an ever increasing domineering and freedom destroying human government. This is the delusion of socialism, of globalism, of the Green movement – that we can save the planet. They claim, "We can create a new world order in which all nations come together to stop climate change, to stop the destruction of the environment, to eliminate poverty – all doable through a new globalism that we can create with new economic realities that will bring in a new era of peace and safety." But it is all a lie designed to get people to choose their own destruction.

Remember Satan cannot destroy a soul without the cooperation of that person. Thus he always works to deceive people into choosing him and his methods, often through the lie that they are doing good, doing right, even working for God. The only way to protect oneself is to know God and His design law methods for yourself.

But Jesus continues His warning:

### **5. Increased divisions in society, loss of faith, persecution of believers in Jesus**

- Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and **you will be hated by all nations because of me**. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will **betray and hate each other**, and many **false prophets will appear and deceive many people** (Matthew 24:9–11 NIV84, emphasis mine).

Then, at the time of the end, at the time after the scoffers arise, at the time when the labor pains have begun, after the nations have had global wars, after the increase in natural disasters and pestilence, *then* those loyal to Christ will be persecuted, some put to death, and hated of all nations. Then people will betray each other to find security for themselves.

And what do we see in the world today? Christians beheaded in some parts of the world. Christians ridiculed for resisting the new world order, scorned for standing against the restrictions of liberty, hated for holding to faith in Jesus, vilified for voicing value in God's design for marriage, in healthy godly parenting, and truth, in the Bible promise from God that the seasons will remain stable until the second coming of Christ, and in the hope in God and warning of Christ's soon return.

The governments of the world are becoming ever more dominated by global corporations in the West, communism in the East, and Islam in the Middle East – all of which are hostile to Christianity and all moving toward consolidation of power through globalism. See how COVID-19, a pestilence originating in a communist country, was used to incite fear, divide society, and increase governmental control. Note how big business and global media cooperated to advance a narrative to give more power to a few ruling elites, destroy small businesses, which makes individuals more dependent on either the state or big corporations.

Recognize the false prophets prophesying about global climate disaster and promoting actions that enrich the few and impoverish the many, that empower the few and enslave the many.

All of this undermines individual liberties. Governments and big tech censor speech, seeking to silence voices that oppose the formation of their global coalition. The signs of the nearness of Christ's return are everywhere!

### **6. Love of most will grow cold**

- Because of the increase of wickedness, the **love of most will grow cold** (Matthew 24:12 NIV84, emphasis mine).

Because of the increase in wickedness – which is the violations of God’s design laws, methods, and principles – the love in the hearts of most people grows cold.

And wickedness is the violation of God’s design laws from any source. From the left, the king of the south, the violations are manifest in the denial of God and the rise of the lies of secularism, humanism, socialism, evolutionism; this results in the breakdown of families; because of the assault on our common heritage and community values, love is dying in the human heart.

From the right, the king of the north, the violations are manifest in the false theologies based in imposed law, the rule of law, that God’s government works like human governments, the god-king idea, with God as the source of legal oversight and inflicted punishments. This leads to all the abuses that occur under the name of God, inquisitions, crusades, and domestic violence. The design law of worship causes us to become like the god we admire and worship, worship a dictator god who is the source of inflicted punishment and one becomes like that god. And the epidemiological studies shows that domestic violence and child abuse is no different in so-called Christian homes than non-Christian homes. The god-king, imposer of punishments, false Christianity increases wickedness and the love of most grows cold.

## 7. So caught up in entertainment and living, people are unaware

- As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, **people were eating and drinking, marrying** and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and **they knew nothing about what would happen** until the flood came and took them all away. **That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man** (Matthew 24:37–39 NIV84, emphasis mine).

Incredible! The people before the Flood knew nothing about what was going to happen despite Noah preaching for 120 years and building a giant boat. How did they not know? Because they were consumed with pleasure-seeking, eating, drinking, marrying, and believing the false prophets of their day. They were too busy either being entertained or living their lives to be bothered with eternal realities.

This is exactly the state of the world today: It is caught up in ever increasing consumption of mind-altering substances, or leaving reality behind for their preferred fantasy world of video games, social media activity, TV shows, movies, sports, concerts, amusement parks, gender fluidity, animal-people, or anything else that denies objective reality and works to consume and distract the mind. This is the world today – ignoring the warnings of Jesus, ignoring the signs of the end all around, and living merely for the pleasures of the moment.

## 8. The good news about God’s kingdom of love lightens the world

- **But he who stands firm to the end will be saved.** And **this gospel of the kingdom** will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, **and then the end will come** (Matthew 24:13, 14 NIV84, emphasis mine).

But those who stand firm for the truth of God’s kingdom of love will be saved! We will be the ones who take the good news about God and His reality-based kingdom of love to the world.

- We will advance the cause of liberty, for love only exists in an atmosphere of freedom.
- We will stand for truth in a world of falsehood and propaganda.
- We will glorify God by revealing His character of love in how we treat our neighbors.
- We will call people back to the truth of our Creator by teaching people God’s design laws – the laws our Creator built reality to operate upon, demonstrating that harmony with God and His design laws are the only way to health and happiness.
- We will call people to glorify God for the hour of His judgment has come—the hour for people to stop worshiping the dictator and start worshiping the Creator whose laws are design laws.

The truth about God and His kingdom of love, in the face of a world consumed with greed and selfishness, a world using arbitrary laws and coercion of consciences, is the final message to lighten the world for Christ’s return. It is the final message of mercy, the message of hope, the message of God’s true character of love that Jesus revealed. It is the message that Satan hates because God’s truth destroys Satan’s lies and God’s love destroys the fear Satan works so hard to incite.

## **9. The Abomination that Causes Desolation (TUESDAY’s Lesson)**

In Matthew 24, Jesus and His disciples are leaving the temple in Jerusalem when the disciples call His attention to the temple’s beauty and grandness. Jesus, seeking to help them disconnect their faith from buildings and establish it in Him and His Father, tells them that the temple is going to be destroyed and not one stone would be left upon another.

The disciples, assuming that the destruction of the temple would occur only at the end of the world, ask Jesus, “When will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” (Matthew 24:3 NIV84).

Jesus responds with a prophecy that weaves together two events: the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 and His second coming at the end of the world, with the various elements we just unpacked.

Jesus wove these two events together because He not only wanted to warn first-century Christians about the coming destruction of Jerusalem, but He also wanted to warn His followers living today about the events preceding His second coming.

As part of Jesus’ warning He said,

- “So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. (Matthew 24:15-16 NIV84).

In AD 70, preceding the destruction of Jerusalem, the Roman army surrounded the city but then briefly pulled back. It then surrounded the city again and ultimately destroyed it. During the respite,

the Christians remembered Jesus' warning and fled the city; none of them were killed when Jerusalem was destroyed.

I believe that the world just went through the equivalent of the Roman armies surrounding Jerusalem, and we are right now experiencing the brief pullback, the respite before the final end-time assault of the beastly system of Revelation, which will seek to destroy the people of God. (If you would like more on the beastly system of Revelation, please see our [Unmasking the Beasts of Revelation 13 & 17: Discover Untold Truths to Prepare for What Comes Next](#) magazine. You can read it online, download the pdf, or order a print version at no cost to any US postal address).

What am I speaking about? The recent worldwide COVID lockdowns, mandates, and tactics used by the coalition of human governments to coerce the consciences of people to get them to choose to use ungodly methods in how they treat each other.

Consider the parallels:

- Jerusalem contained the temple of the old covenant with the ark and the law written upon stone.
- In the new covenant, the law is written in the heart and mind (Hebrews 8:10). In other words, the temple of the new covenant is the Spirit temple—the living hearts and minds of people who love and trust God, not a building made of stone.
- In AD 70, Rome, the power of the state, representing the kingdoms of this world, which are not Jesus', surrounded Jerusalem threatening its destruction.
- In 2020–22, a worldwide coalition of nations (which is not Jesus' kingdom) coordinated an assault on civil and religious liberty, restricting travel and assembly, closing houses of worship, censoring speech, terminating non-compliant people from employment, and coercing people to inject an experimental substance into their Spirit temples. The destruction of the resistant was threatened.
- In AD 70, the Roman army stepped back briefly and those who trusted Jesus fled the city; the Romans then returned and destroyed the city and the temple made of stone.
- Today, we are in the respite; the governments of the world are stepping back their mandates and coercive tactics. And the people of God are to recognize what just happened. We are to hear the warning of Christ and flee to safety. But today, we cannot flee geographically because the final assault of the beastly system will be worldwide; there will be nowhere to flee geographically. Yes, those in more rural areas will have it somewhat easier than those in the cities, but they will not fully escape the events to come. So, our flight is not primarily geographic, we flee today by leaving behind the organizations and systems that align with and practice the methods of the beast. We come out of Babylon. We sever our heart's affections, commitment, and support for the beastly systems of this world and align our hearts and minds

with God and His kingdom of truth, love, and liberty. We present truth in love while leaving others free in how we live and treat others. We will not be duped into embracing the methods of coercion and restriction of liberty in order to “save lives.” The righteous will not be dominated by fear, they will not seek to protect self, but they will overcome “by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they [will] not love their lives so much as to shrink from death” (Revelation 12:11 NIV84).

A worldwide warning has gone out. The armies of Satan have shown themselves, and the people of God are to wake up and come out of Babylon, out of the imperial-law systems of this world and all other organizations, including religious organizations, that practice and support the methods of the beast.

We are to live out the principles of God’s kingdom, and during COVID, the actions of the righteous were demonstrated by those people who presented the truth, as they understood it, in love, while always leaving others free. They refused to mandate, to restrict liberties, to silence, to censor, to terminate employment, to coerce in any way. They would rather lose their own life than to become like Satan in how they treat others.

We have a brief respite, but the forces of God’s enemy are reorganizing; the final worldwide beastly system of coercion is soon to return with some new justification for the use of ungodly methods upon others. It will be driven by fear but also by the claim that it is for the greater good, to “save lives.” It will be claimed that if we love others, we will comply, but it will be a lie, a trick to get good people to employ the methods of Satan in how they treat others, which causes them to become like Satan in character.

So what is the abomination that causes desolation? It is the abomination of satanic lies and methods that desolates the image of God in people. The lie that God’s law functions like human law, that leads people to believe God is the source of pain and suffering and death and causes people to accept as just the use of law and punishment, and they therefore are willing to use those methods on others, as long as they are persuaded it is for a righteous cause. It is how Satan sets himself up in God’s temple proclaiming himself to be God. Romanism, the idea that God runs His universe like Caesar runs Rome, is the abomination that causes desolation and the entire world is intoxicated on this maddening wine that such law and order is the way to justice.

So, as you see the signs all around us, don’t let fear rule your heart; instead,

- “When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:28 NIV84).

## **SUNDAY**

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The lesson focuses our attention on the woman who gave her two small coins and Jesus’ recognition of this and confirmation that she gave more than all others because she gave with a sincere heart all that she had.



But the lesson uses this story in a very interesting way. I would like to hear your thoughts on why the lesson has decided to make this point from the story of this woman. The last three paragraphs read,

- This story contains a deep lesson about the management of resources. Giving to God’s cause does not depend on the actions of leaders to have validity. The religious leadership of the temple was corrupt, but Jesus did not thereby affirm withholding offerings. If ever there were corrupt religious leaders (Caiaphas? Annas?), those at this time were among the worst. And Jesus knew it too.

It is true that leaders have a sacred responsibility to use resources in accordance with the will of God, but even if they do not, those who give to the cause of God are still blessed in their giving, as this woman was.

On the other hand, withholding tithes or offerings when leaders do something displeasing means that the giving is tied to their actions instead of being made in thankfulness to God. However tempting it may be to do that, it’s wrong. (Adult SS Guide 3rd Q 2024, The Book of Mark p. 81).

What are they trying to say? What is the point they are making?

First let’s affirm that any individual giving from a heart that loves God and others, with the intention to advance God’s kingdom will be blessed of God, even if the parties to whom they are contributing use those funds to work against God—as long as the one donating doesn’t realize that. If the one donating does realize the parties are using the funds to work against God, then they become responsible for their support of the work against the gospel.

But what about the rest of the message? Is there something else being communicated?

Are they saying, that it really doesn’t matter whether the current church leadership is righteous or corrupt, you are required to give us your tithes and offerings and if you don’t you are wrong?

Hmmm... At the time of the woman who gave her two mites, before the crucifixion, was there any other organized program, movement, church, group, agency that a sincere person could give their tithes and offerings that would be fulfilling the gospel?

But what about after the crucifixion, just a few short months later. Do you think the Apostles in Acts would have directed the believers to continue to give their money to the Temple, which still existed? Why or why not?

And what if a message would have come from Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin that said, “withholding tithes or offerings even when leaders do something displeasing means that the giving is tied to their actions instead of being made in thankfulness to God. However tempting it may be to do that, it’s wrong.” Do you think the Apostles would have said, the Sanhedrin is right, let’s give our tithes and offerings to them?

The application from this story is extremely poor in my view. Rather than taking the Biblical principle that the tithes and offerings are to be used to support the gospel and mission of Jesus Christ—and therefore believers are to actively seek to return those funds to where God would have them given. The lesson seems to make the case that we are to return our tithes and offerings blindly to the organized system even when we know it is corrupt and working against Jesus.

Our view is that every person must prayerfully decide where God would have them return their tithes and offerings. If you have followed our ministry for any period of time, you will notice that we have never done a fund raiser; we don't solicit money from people. We leave people free to decide for themselves under the guidance of the Holy Spirit where they are to return their tithes and offerings.

Do you think we are wrong in this, that we should be telling people where they are to return tithes and offerings?

## WEDNESDAY

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The lesson is on the Great Tribulation, what are your thoughts, concerns, questions about this?

Is the Great Tribulation that of the Dark Ages church abusing people or is it yet future?

My view is that there are two tribulations—one which was perpetrated by Pagan and Papal Rome in persecuting the true followers of Christ. History well documents this time of tribulation; and a second time of tribulation when the image to the beast is formed before the second coming of Christ.

The lesson almost gets this right, in the last two paragraphs we read:

- Mark 13:20 speaks of persecution being shortened for the sake of God's people. Historically, the fires of **persecution did lessen after the rise of the Protestant Reformation**, shortening the time of distress. As the little horn's power waned, more people joined the reforms. But **the little horn would rise in power again**, as the prophecy of Revelation 13 indicates.

In Mark 13:21–23, Jesus warns of **another threat**: that of false prophets and false christs, who will arise before He comes back. Jesus warns His followers to beware of them. (Adult SS Guide 3rd Q 2024, The Book of Mark p. 84, emphasis mine).

The lesson correctly describes that tribulation occurred during the Dark Ages under the persecution of the little horn power, the first beast of Revelation 13. And it rightly indicates a future threat that will bring tribulation, but suggests the persecution of the future comes from the same little horn power that persecuted in the Dark Ages, or perhaps the false christs.

But isn't the future persecution worldwide, not regional? Don't we anticipate that things escalate to the point that Satan impersonates Christ and thus it won't be multiple false christs that are deceiving in the end, but the world solidifies behind the great deceiver, all be the elect?

We can clear this up by correctly identifying the symbols God has provided us in the prophetic record.

The first beast of Revelation 13 with 10 horns and 7 heads is a chameleon beast representing the seven false religious systems of the world wielding the ten power of Satan to persecute the saints.

The ten horns represent the ten powers of Satan which are:

1. Lies (John 8:44)
2. Imposed laws (Ecclesiastes 5:8; Daniel 7:25; Jeremiah 8:8)
3. Police & prosecution /accusation (Zechariah 3:1; Revelation 12:10)
4. Judicial power/rulings (Matthew 27:19-26)
5. Economics (Matthew 6:24; 27:17-21)
6. War (Daniel 7:21; Revelation 13:11)
7. Death (Hebrews 2:14)
8. Education/Indoctrination (Acts 7:21; Daniel 1:5)
9. Ownership/usurped authority/pride (Genesis 47:16, Isaiah 14:13,14)
10. Fear (Genesis 3:10)

The seven heads represent the seven false religions systems that dominate the world. It is in the head that we worship. The head directs the actions. Thus the seven heads represent the seven false religions philosophies of the world, only one of which received a deadly wound that was healed. The seven false religious philosophies are:

1. Paganism
2. Godlessness
3. Eastern mysticism
4. Islam
5. Judaism
6. Christianity that became Romanism
7. False Protestantism (the Protestantism of imposed law that will join with the end-time beast and use the power of the state to pursue “justice”)

In different places and times in the world a different head is in charge of this beastly system to persecute the saints. During the Dark Ages it was the Roman Catholic head that controlled the ten powers of Satan to persecute the saints. And the Bible focuses are attention on that manifestation in Revelation 13:1 because the theme of the Bible is the promise of Genesis 3:15, the promised Messiah to fulfill God's plan of salvation. So in OT times the entire Bible narrative focuses on the branch of the human family through whom Jesus would come. After Jesus' life the rest of the Bible record and prophecy that extends into the future focuses on those who are carrying the gospel forward to complete the plan of salvation. Thus, the prophetic record of the beast in Revelation 13:1 focusing on the wounded head manifestation.

So, the beast with seven heads is a chameleon beast that uses the ten powers of Satan to persecute the saints. In some places and times in history—like when Israel was taken captive by Babylon—the beast was controlled by the pagan head, in communist lands the same ten powers are wielded by the godless head to persecute the saints, in Islamic lands the same ten powers are wielded by the Islamic head to oppose and persecute the saints, and in the Middle and Dark Ages Europe it was the Roman church that controlled the ten powers to persecute the saints.

Revelation 13 focuses on those who are advancing the gospel on earth moving us toward the final events on the planet.

It is the second beast of Revelation 13 with lamblike horns that will arise and create a third beast, the image of the first beast, which is the beast of Revelation 17. That new beast is a worldwide coalition of false religions and nations that bring the final tribulation.

You can read more about this in great detail with references in our magazine [Unmasking the Beasts of Revelation 13 and 17](#)

## THURSDAY

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The lesson focuses our attention on the following verses:

- “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this **generation** will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. (Mark 13:28-31 NIV84, emphasis mine).

And the lesson asks how do we understand the words that this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened?

What are the options?

From the Remedy:

- "Learn from what a fig tree can teach you: When it buds, and leaves appear, you know by this sign that summer is near. Likewise, when you see the events I have described take place, know that the end is near, right at the door. Truly, this sinful race will not pass away before all these things have happened. Earth and its atmosphere will one day pass away, but my words will never fail to happen. (Mark 13:28-31 REM).