

"Something MORE Terrible This Way Comes" Mark 13:14-23 • Pastor Jim Lennon

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Introduction – *Jesus continues to answer the disciple's questions about future events.*

I. The Rise of the Antichrist.

- A. The fourth and final sign of the destruction coming to the earth before Messiah comes, is the rise of the Antichrist.
 - 1. He is referred to as "The Abomination of Desolation."
 - 2. This is a cue for the reader to look at the prophecy in the book of Daniel.
- B. The Antichrist is known by other names in the Bible.
- C. There are five events that will take place in order in Daniel 9.
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- D. Other Scriptures fill in more details.

(Daniel 11; Daniel 12)

(II Thessalonians 2)

(Revelation 13)

- E. The rise of the Antichrist will trigger the beginning of the Great Tribulation. (Mark 13:14-20)
- F. It is my strong conviction that the true church of Jesus Christ will be raptured before the Tribulation.

(c.f. Daniel 12:1-4; I Thess. 1:9-10; I Thess.4:13-18; I Thess. 5:1-11; Luke 17:22-35)

II. Important Things to Remember.

- A. Why is Jesus telling us about these things in advance?
 - 1. To help us see the "big picture."
 - 2. To give us hope and prepare us for His return.
- B. What is the "big picture?"
 - 1. This world . . .
 - 2. God's judgment . . .
 - 3. Deceivers . . .
 - 4. Persecution . . .
 - 5. Tribulation . . .
 - 6. The coming of Christ . . .
- C. Jesus urges His disciples to be ready!

Conclusion