

Mark Session 24
Altered Expectations
Chapter 13:1-23

• **Proverbs 16:3** Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and He will establish your plans.

I. _____ Expectations

A. Near/Far Prophecy: Prophecy that operates on two levels of fulfillment at the same time. On the first level, there is a "near" prediction relating to a soon-coming event. But on a second level, there is a corresponding "far" prediction that will be fulfilled at a later time, or in the events of the end times.

1. Increase in wars
2. Earthquakes
3. Famines

• **Hebrews 12:2** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,

B. Prophetic landmarks.

1. The abomination of _____.

• **Daniel 9:27** He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."

2. The Great _____.

Not seven years long.
Not the wrath of God.

II. Expectations of _____

A. Weakness or strength is a _____.

• **1Peter 4:12** Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.

• **John 16:33** In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

Present Expectations to hold onto:

- Expectations of the Lord's sustaining grace.
- Expectations of the Lord's bringing good from evil and suffering.
- Expectations of the Lord's continual Presence.
- Expectations of increased understanding and strength.