

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

Drawn from, "The God Who Judges," A Sermon on Mark 13

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1. Today's sermon text touches on what is often a hot topic among Christians: eschatology. Give a brief summary of your view on eschatology, explain how you came to hold that view, and briefly explain how it influences your understanding of current events.
2. In the sermon, Pastor Nicoletti argued that the events described in Mark 13 were fulfilled in AD 70. Itemize and evaluate the evidence and arguments he offered in support of this interpretation.
3. In the sermon, Pastor Nicoletti argued that one of the reasons we misinterpret Mark 13 is that we aren't familiar enough with the symbolism and imagery of the Old Testament. Look up the following verses (most of which he cited in the sermon manuscript) and discuss how they might influence our interpretation of Jesus' teaching in Mark 13: Gen 15:5, Gen 37:9, Judges 5:31, 2 Samuel 23:3-4, Psalm 18:9-11, Isaiah 13:6, 10-11, 19; Isaiah 14:4, 12-15; Isaiah 34:3-4; Isaiah 19:1, Eze 32:5-8, Daniel 7:13-14, Phil 2:15.
4. In a footnote to the sermon (on page 3), Pastor Nicoletti defined and described prophetic "foreshortening." In your own words, explain what this means and talk about how it might help us understand certain parts of the Bible.

