Gospel of Mark - Chapter 13:20 Olivet Prophecy- False Prophets
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Details of the "Great Tribulation".

1. Utter destruction possible

Mar 13:20 KJV - And except that the Lord had shortened those days, **no flesh should be saved**: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

> Matthew 24:22 KJV - And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.
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> Malachi 4:6 KJV - And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.[H2764]
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> chêrem, khay'-rem; or (Zechariah 14:11) חֵרֶם cherem; from H2763; physical (as shutting in) a net (either literally or figuratively); usually a doomed object; abstractly extermination:—(ac-) curse(-d, -d thing), dedicated thing, things which should have been utterly destroyed, (appointed to) **utter destruction**, devoted (thing), net.

The Outline of Biblical Usage:

I. a thing devoted, thing dedicated, ban, devotion
II. a net, thing perforated
III. have been utterly destroyed, (appointed to) utter destruction

Who are the elect?

What are the elect?

Elect = G1588 = ἐκλεκτός eklektós, ek-lek-tos'; from G1586 (see below); select; by implication, favorite:—chosen, elect.
The KJV translates Strong's G1588 in the following manner: elect (16x), chosen (7x).

The Outline of Biblical Usage:

I. picked out, chosen
   A. chosen by God,
      1. to obtain salvation through Christ
         a) Christians are called "chosen or elect" of God

      2. the Messiah is called "elect", as appointed by God to the most exalted office conceivable

      3. choice, select, i.e. the best of its kind or class, excellence preeminent: applied to certain individual Christians

The elect are also chosen.. Chosen is the root word from which “elect” is derived:

Chosen = G1586 = ἐκλέγομαι eklégomai, ek-leg'-om-ahee; middle voice from G1537 and G3004 (in its primary sense); to select:—make choice, choose (out), chosen.

The Outline of Biblical Usage:

I. to pick out, choose, to pick or choose out for one's self
   A. choosing one out of many, i.e. Jesus choosing his disciples
   B. choosing one for an office
   C. of God choosing whom he judged fit to receive his favours and separated from the rest of mankind to be peculiarly his own and to be attended continually by his gracious oversight
      1. i.e. the Israelites
   D. of God the Father choosing Christians, as those whom he set apart from the irreligious multitude as dear unto himself, and whom he has rendered, through faith in Christ, citizens in the Messianic kingdom: (James 2:5) so that the ground of the choice lies in Christ and his merits only

Similar to the Greek word for church G1577:

ἐκκλησία ekklēsía, ek-klay-see'-ah; from a compound of G1537 and a derivative of G2564; a calling out, i.e. (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both):—assembly, church.

Mark 13:21 NKJV - "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, He is there!' do not believe it.

Mark 13:22 NKJV - "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

Mark 13:23 NKJV - "But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

NOTE that this is the second time this is mentioned. (Mark 13:6 NKJV - "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and will deceive many.) But this time probably more specific, and likely to refer to the abomination of desolation.

> Revelation 13:11 NKJV - Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.
> Revelation 13:12 NKJV - And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.
> Revelation 13:13 NKJV - **He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.**

Revelation 13:14 NKJV - And **he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs** which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.
Revelation 13:15 NKJV - He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Revelation 19:20 NKJV - Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which **he deceived** those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 NKJV - **Let no one deceive you by any means;** for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,
2 Thessalonians 2:4 NKJV - who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, **showing himself that he is God.**

2 Thessalonians 2:5 NKJV - Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?
2 Thessalonians 2:6 NKJV - And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time.
2 Thessalonians 2:7 NKJV - For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.
2 Thessalonians 2:8 NKJV - And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 NKJV - The coming of the lawless one is **according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and <u>lying wonders</u>**,

2 Thessalonians 2:10 NKJV - and with all <u>unrighteous deception</u> among those who perish, **because they did not receive the <u>love of the truth,</u>** that they might be saved.
2 Thessalonians 2:11 NKJV - And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,
2 Thessalonians 2:12 NKJV - that they all may be condemned **who did not believe the truth** but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Jesus warned us before time that this would happen.

Why? He doesn't want us to be deceived.. Or surprised that false prophets can do miracles, etc.

Some questions to ponder:

Do we love the truth (and tell the truth)?

Is love of the truth a hallmark of the end time?

Is there mis-information in the world? What is the source of it?
What is the source of truth?

How will we be able to discern the true ministry from the false?

Resources:

UCG Booklet/Study guide: “Who is the AntiChrist?”
https://www.ucg.org/bible-study-tools/booklets/who-is-the-antichrist-0

UCG Bible Questions & Answers: How Long Will the Great Tribulation Last?
https://www.ucg.org/bible-study-tools/bible-questions-and-answers/how-long-will-the-great-tribulation-mentioned-in-bible

https://www.ucg.org/bible-study-tools/booklets/who-is-the-antichrist/the-coming-abomination-of-desolation