

Chapter 13

To his Disciples (by occasion of Hierufalem and the Temples destruction) he foretelleth, 5. what things shal be before the confummation of the world, as specially the Churches ful preaching vnto al Nations. 14. Then, what shal be in the very confummation, to wit, Antichrift with his pafing great perfecution and feduction, but for a short time. 24. then incontinent the day of Iudgement, 28. to our great comfort in thofe miferies vnder Antichrift. 32. As for the moment, to vs it pertaineth not to knowe it. 33. but rather euery man to watch, that we be not vnprouided when he cometh to each one particularly by death.

*Mt. 24, 1.
Luc. 21, 5.*

And ^awhen he went out of the Temple, one of his Disciples faith to him: Maifter, behold what manner of ftones, and what kind of buildings. ² And IESVS anfwering, faid to him: Seeft thou al thefe great buildings? There fhall not be left a ftone vpon a ftone, that fhall not be deftroied.

³ And when he fate in Mount-oliuet againft the Temple, Peter and Iames and Iohn and Andrew asked him apart: ⁴ Tel vs, ^dwhen fhall thefe things be? and what fhall be the figne when al thefe things fhall begin to be confumate? ⁵ And IESVS anfwering began to fay to them, See, that no man feduce you. ⁶ For many fhall come in my name faying that ^dI am he; and they fhall feduce many. ⁷ ^bAnd when you fhall heare of warres and bruits of warres, feare not. For thefe things muft be, but the end is not yet. ⁸ For Nation shal rife againft Nation and Kingdom againft Kingdom, and there fhall be earth-quakes in places, & famines. ^cThefe things are the beginning of forowes. ⁹ But looke to your felues. For they fhall deliuer you vp in Councels, and in Synagogues fhall you be beaten, and you fhall ftand before

^a See the *Annotatiōs vpon S. Matthew. c. 24.*

^b Great warres toward the later end.

^c Much persecutiō of the faithful and Catholike men in the later end.

Prefidents and Kings for my sake, for a testimony vnto them. ¹⁰ And into al Nations first the Gospell must be preached. ¹¹ And when they shall lead you and deliuer you, be not careful before hand what you shall speake; but that which shall be giuen you in that houre, that speake ye. For it is not you that speake, but the Holy Ghost. ^{12 a)} And brother shall deliuer brother vnto death, and the father his sonne; and the children shall arise against the parents, and shall worke their death. ¹³ And you shall be odious to al men for my name. But he that shall endure vnto the end, he shall be saved.

Dan. 9, 27.
2. Theff. 2, 4.

^{14 b)} And when you shall see *the abomination of defolation*, standing where it ought not (he that readeth, let him vnderstand) then they that are in Iewrie, let them flee vnto the mountaines: ¹⁵ and he that is on the house-top, let him not goe downe into the house, not enter in to take any thing out of his house: ¹⁶ and he that shall be in the field, let him not returne back to take his garment. ¹⁷ And woe to them that are with-child and that giue suck in those daies. ¹⁸ But pray that the things chance not in the winter. ¹⁹ For those daies shall be such tribulations as were not from the beginning of the creation that God created vntil now, neither shall be. ²⁰ And vnles the Lord had shortned the dayes, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect which he hath elected, he hath shortned the daies. ²¹ And then if any man shall say vnto you, Loe, here is Christ, loe, there: doe not beleue. ²² For there shall rise vp false-Christes and false-Prophets, and they shall shew *signes and wonders*, to seduce (if it be possible) the elect also. ²³ You therefore take heed; behold I haue foretold you al things.

Ez. 31, 7.
Ioel. 3, 15.

²⁴ But in those daies after that tribulation the sunne shall be darkned, and the moone shall not giue her light, ²⁵ and the starres of Heauen shall be falling downe, and the powers that are in Heauen, shall be moued.

^a Great treacherie and many false brethren at the same time.
^b Constancie & perseuerance necessarie in time of persecution.
^c Antichrists reigne shall be but three yeres and a halfe, *Dan. 6.*
Apoc. 13.

Dan. 7, 13. ²⁶ And then they shal see the Sonne of man comming in the clouds, with much power and glorie. ²⁷ And then shal he send his Angels, and shal gather together his elect from the foure winds, from the vttermoſt part of the earth to the vttermoſt part of Heauen. ²⁸ And of the figtree learne ye a parable. When now the bough thereof is tender, and the leaues come forth, you know that former is very nigh. ²⁹ So you also when you shal see these things come to passe, know ye that it is very nigh, at the doores. ³⁰ Amen I say to you, that this Generation shal not passe, vntill all these things be done. ³¹ Heauē & earth shal passe, but my words shal not passe.

³² But of that day or houre no man knoweth, neither the Angels in Heauen, nor the ^aSonne, but the Father. ³³ Take heed, watch, and pray. For you know not when the time is. ³⁴ Euen as a man who being gone into a strange countrie, left his house; and gaue his seruants authoritie ouer each worke, and commanded the porter to watch. ³⁵ Watch ye therefore (for you know not when the Lord of the house commeth: at euen, or at midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning) ³⁶ left comming vpon a foden, he find you sleeping. ³⁷ And that which I say to you, I say to all, Watch.

ANNOTATIONS

4 When shal these things be?) The miseries which did fall before the destruction of the Temple and citie of Hierusalem, were a resemblance of the extreme calamitie that shal befall before the later day at the time of Antichrist: whereupon Christ speaketh indifferently of both.

Arch-heretikes be false-Christs and false-Prophets.

6 I am he) As before the destruction of Hierusalem, diuers Seducers arose, and called themselves Christes, promising the People deliuerance from the feares and dangers, they were in of forraigne fouldiars; so shal there come many towards the end of the world and make themselves Christs & Authours of Sects, and shal gaine many Disciples; as in plaine words foloweth in this chapter v. 22. *There shal rise vp False Christs, and False Prophets &c.*

^a Not as though himself knew not, as the Heretikes Agnoitæ held; but because he knew it not for to teach it others, as being not expedient. *Amb. de fide li. 5. c. 8.*

*Hypolyt. li.
de Antichristo.*

14 The abomination of defolation) No heresie doth so properly and purposely tend to this abomination of defolation which by Antichrist shall be achieved, as this Calvinisme, which taketh away with other Sacraments and external worship of God, the very sacrifice of Christes Body and blood, which being taken away (as S. Cyprian faith) no religion can remaine.

*Cypr. de Cæn.
Do. nu. 2.*

22 Signes and wonders) False-Christes and False-Prophets be seducers, who in the later day by the power of the Diuel shall seeme to worke wonders, and yet men must not beleue them; Much lesse these, which for their false faith can not shew so much as one false miracle.

Calvinisme tendeth to the abomination of defolation.