

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 ^a)when he went out of the Temple, one of his Disciples faith to him: Maifter, behold what manner of ftone, 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, ⁴)when 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 ⁴)I am he; and they fhall feduce many. ⁷ ^b)And 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. ^c)Thefe things are the beginning of forowes. ⁹ But looke to your felues.

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

^b Great warres toward the later end.

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

For they fhall deliuer you vp in Councils, and in Synagogues fhall you be beaten, and you fhall ftand before Prefidents and Kings for my fake, for a teftimonie vnto them. ¹⁰ And into al Nations firft the Ghofpel muft be preached. ¹¹ And when they fhall lead you and deliuer you, be not careful before hand what you fhall fpeake; but that which fhall be giuen you in that houre, that fpeake ye. For it is not you that fpeake, but the Holy Ghoft. ¹² ^{a)} And brother fhall deliuer brother vnto death, and the father his fonne; and the children fhall arife againft the parents, and fhall worke their death. ¹³ And you fhall be odious to al men for my name. But he that fhall endure vnto the end, he fhall be faued.

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

¹⁴ ^{b)} And when you fhall fee *the abomination of defolation*, ftanding where it ought not (he that readeth, let him vnderftand) then they that are in Iewrie, let them flee vnto the mountaines: ¹⁵ and he that is on the houfe-top, let him not goe downe into the houfe, not enter in to take any thing out of his houfe: ¹⁶ and he that fhall 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 fuck in thofe daies. ¹⁸ But pray that the things chance not in the winter. ¹⁹ For thofe daies fhall be fuch tribulations as were not from the beginning of the creation that God created vntil now, neither fhall be. ²⁰ And vnles the Lord had fhortned the dayes, no flefh fhould be faued: but for the elect which he hath elected, he hath ^{c)} fhortned the daies. ²¹ And then if any man fhall fay vnto you, Loe, here is Chrif, loe, there: doe not beleue. ²² For there fhall rife vp falfe-Chrifts and falfe-Prophets, and they fhall fhew *figures* and wonders, to feduce (if it be poffible) the elect alfo. ²³ You therefore take heed; behold I haue foretold you al things.

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

²⁴ But in thofe daies after that tribulation the funne fhall be darkned, and the moone fhall not giue her

^a Great treacherie and many falfe brethren at the fame time.

^b Conftancie & perfeuerance neceffarie in time of perfecution.

^c Antichrifts reigne fhall be but three yeres and a halfe, *Dan. 6.*
Apoc. 13.

light, ²⁵ and the starres of Heauen shal be falling downe, and the powers that are in Heauen, shal be moued. *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, vntil al 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 ^a)Sonne, 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 coming vpon a foden, he find you sleeping. ³⁷ And that which I say to you, I say to al, 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 Christs, promising the People deliuerance from the feares and dangers, they were in of forraine fouldiars; so shal there come many towards the end of the

^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.*

world and make themfelues Chrifts & Authours of Sects, and fhall gaine many Difciples; as in plaine words foloweth in this chapter v. 22. *There fhall rife vp Falfe Chrifts, and Falfe Prophets &c.*

*Hypolyt. li.
de Antichrifto.*

14 The abomination of defolation) No herefie doth fo properly and purpofely tend to this abomination of defolation which by Antichrift fhall be atchieued, as this Caluinifme, which taketh away with other Sacraments and external worship of God, the very facrifice of Chriftes Body and bloud, which being taken away (as S. Cyprian faith) no religion can remaine.

*Cypr. de Cœn.
Do. nu. 2.*

22 Signes and wonders) Falfe-Chriftes and Falfe-Prophets be feducers, who in the later day by the power of the Diuel fhall feeme to worke wonders, and yet men muft not beleeeue them; Much leffe thefe, which for their falfe faith can not shew fo much as one falfe miracle.

Caluinifme tendeth to the abomination of defolation.