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NOT A STONE LEFT STANDING

Mark 13:3-37 is called the Olivet Discourse. Jesus tells of the end time troubles, the Great Tribulation and the post-tribulation rapture (verses 24-27).

However, before He gives that discourse, another prophecy is given in verses 1 and 2. It reads, ***“As He went out of the temple, one of His disciples saith unto Him, ‘Master, see what manner of stones and what (strong) buildings are here!’ And Jesus answering said unto him, ‘Seest thou these great buildings? There shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.’”***

This was spoken by Jesus in about 29 A.D. (33 A.D. according to Usher). His prophetic words were fulfilled 40 years later in 70 A.D. when Rome destroyed Jerusalem. Rome totally demolished every building and the sturdy stone buildings were destroyed just as Jesus said they would be.

Jesus and his disciples then went to the Mount of Olives where he gave the end times discourse.

What about us in America? Don't we perceive our nation to be strong and sturdy like those stone buildings? Don't we have pride in it? (Our nation.)

Pride comes before a great fall. Is our nation immune to a fall? No. Just as those Jerusalem stone buildings fell, so America is lined up for a fall.

Many prophecies have a dual fulfillment; one for the near future, and one for a far distant future. The 70 A.D. prophecy about the stones in Jerusalem was the near future as to the listener's ears when Jesus spoke those words. Could America's fall be the distant future one? Could God have been speaking about our nation back then, warning us about pride coming before a fall?