





# THE FUTURE ACCORDING TO JESUS

*Mark 13:3-37 (Pt.1)*

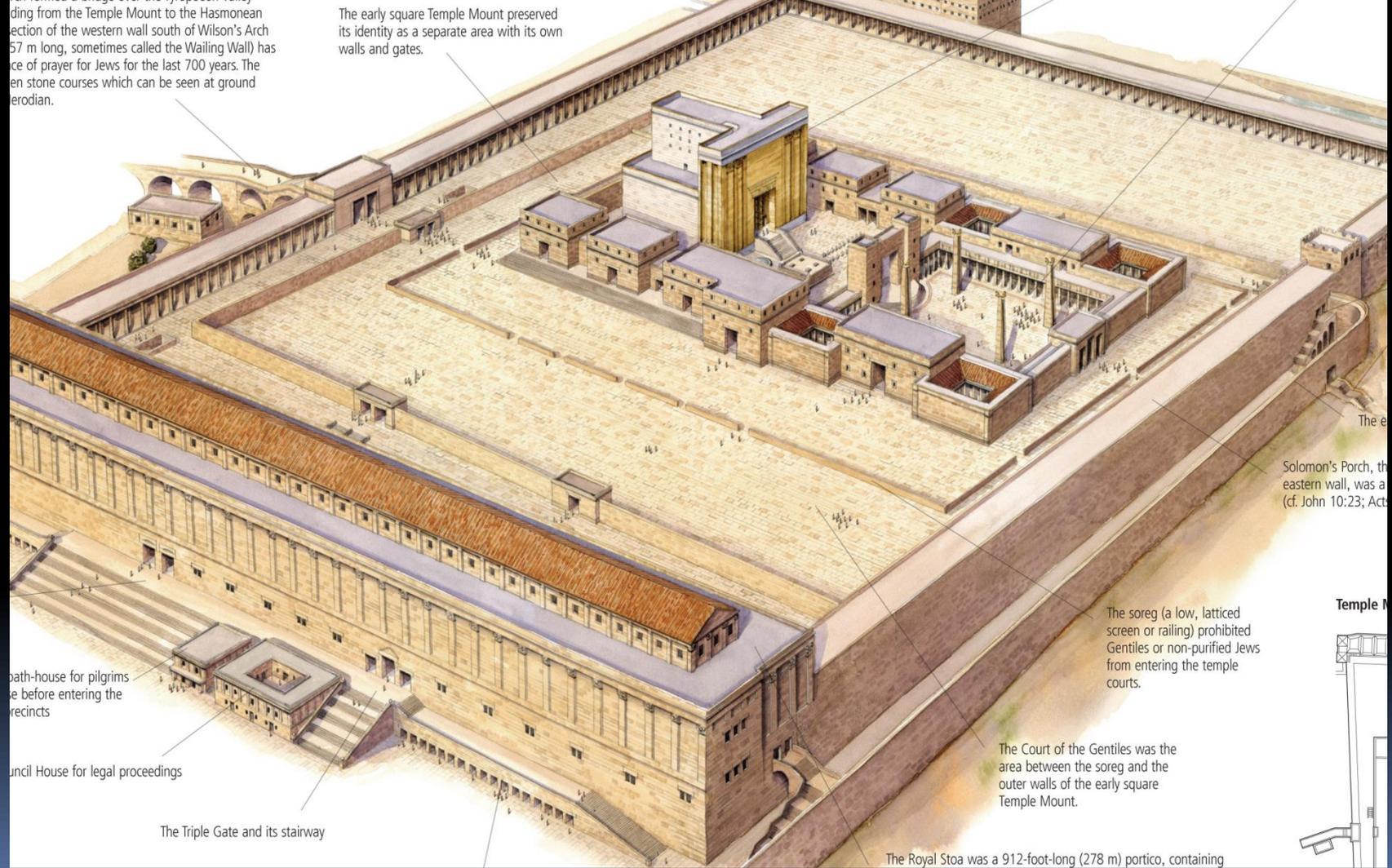
ding from the Temple Mount to the Hasmonean section of the western wall south of Wilson's Arch 57 m long, sometimes called the Wailing Wall) has a place of prayer for Jews for the last 700 years. The seven stone courses which can be seen at ground level are from the Herodian period.

The early square Temple Mount preserved its identity as a separate area with its own walls and gates.

Bath-house for pilgrims to wash before entering the precincts

Sanctuary House for legal proceedings

The Triple Gate and its stairway



Solomon's Porch, the eastern wall, was a... (cf. John 10:23; Act...

The soieg (a low, latticed screen or railing) prohibited Gentiles or non-purified Jews from entering the temple courts.

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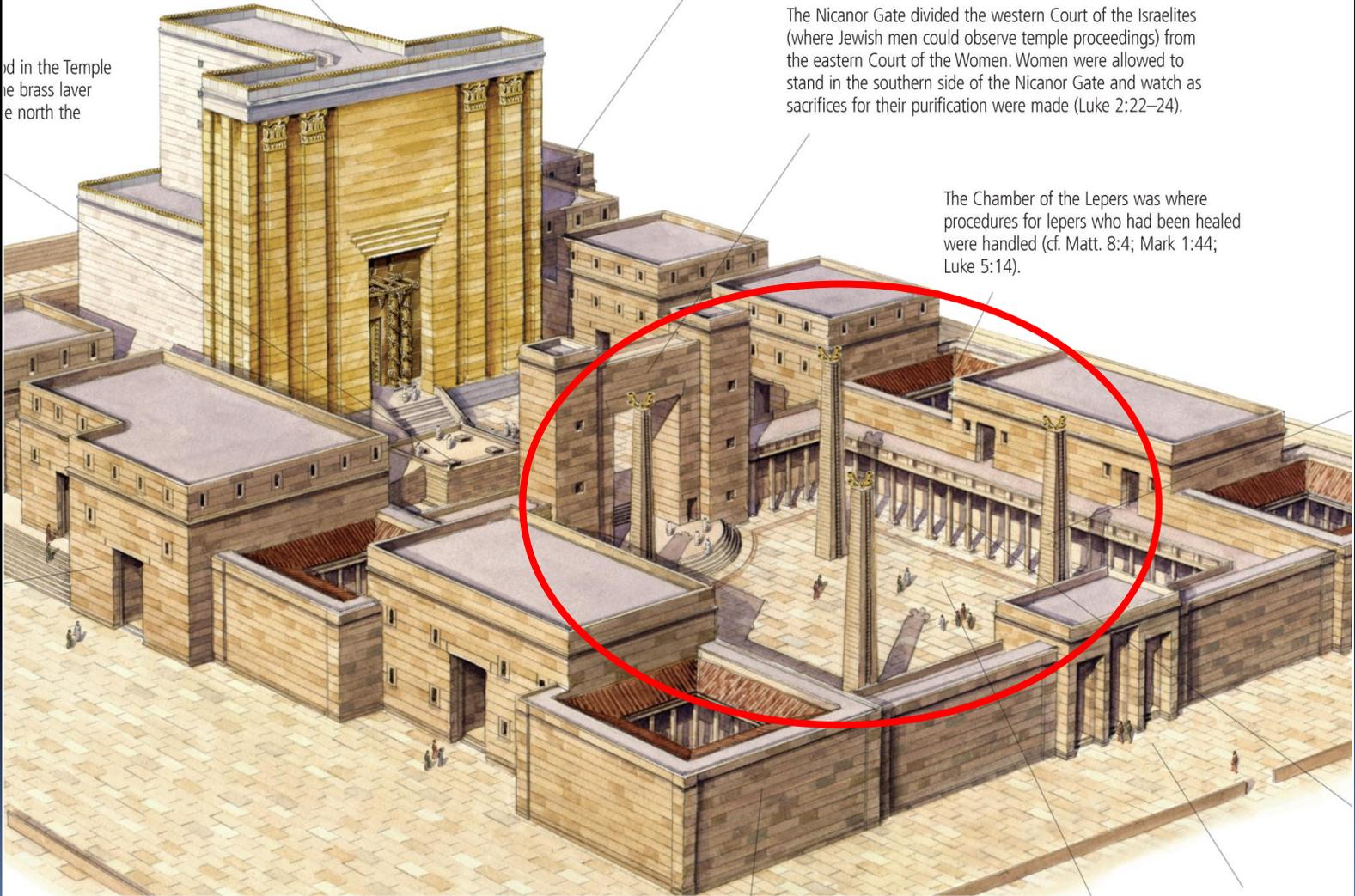
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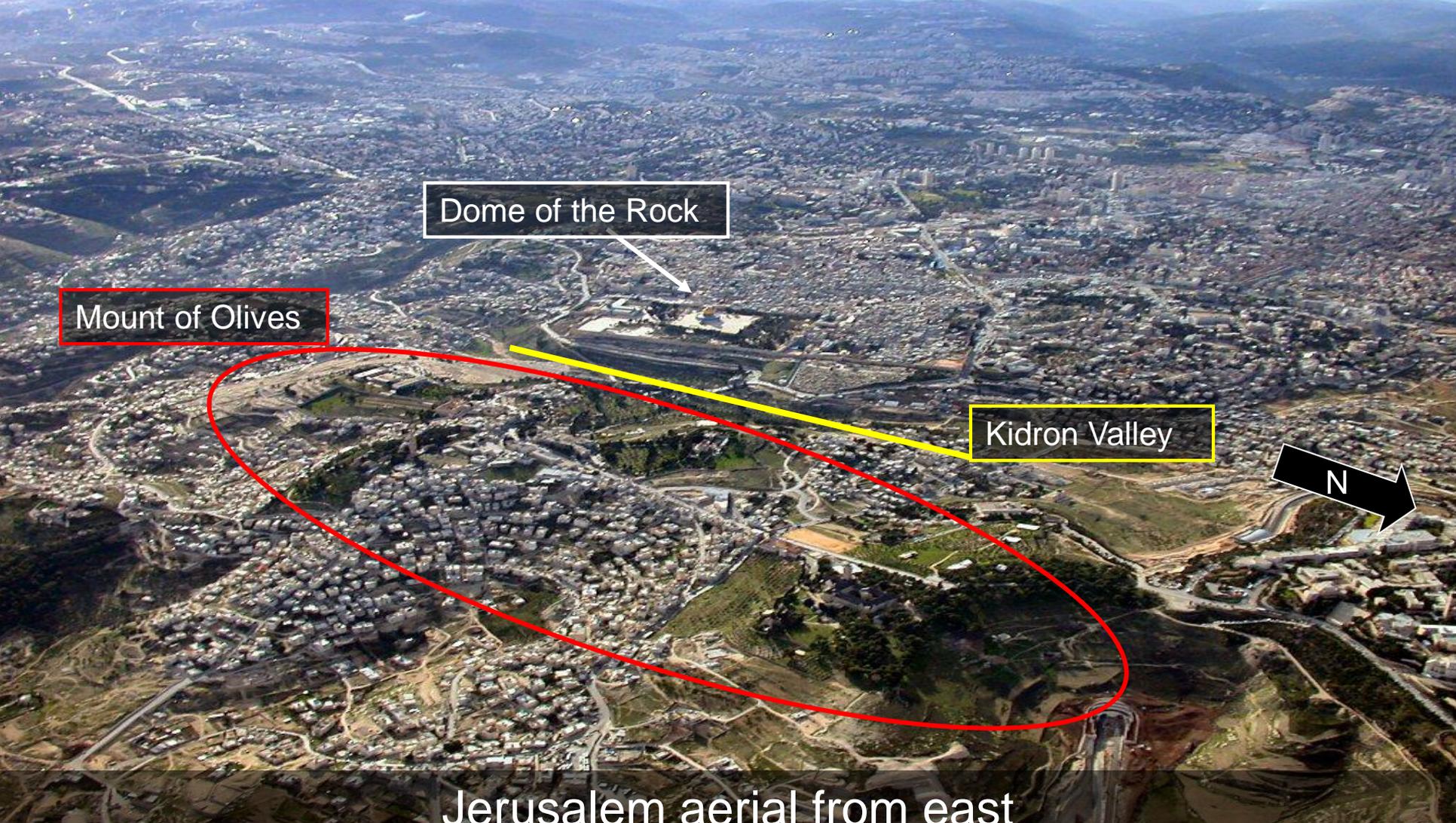


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The Nicanor Gate divided the western Court of the Israelites (where Jewish men could observe temple proceedings) from the eastern Court of the Women. Women were allowed to stand in the southern side of the Nicanor Gate and watch as sacrifices for their purification were made (Luke 2:22–24).

The Chamber of the Lepers was where procedures for lepers who had been healed were handled (cf. Matt. 8:4; Mark 1:44; Luke 5:14).





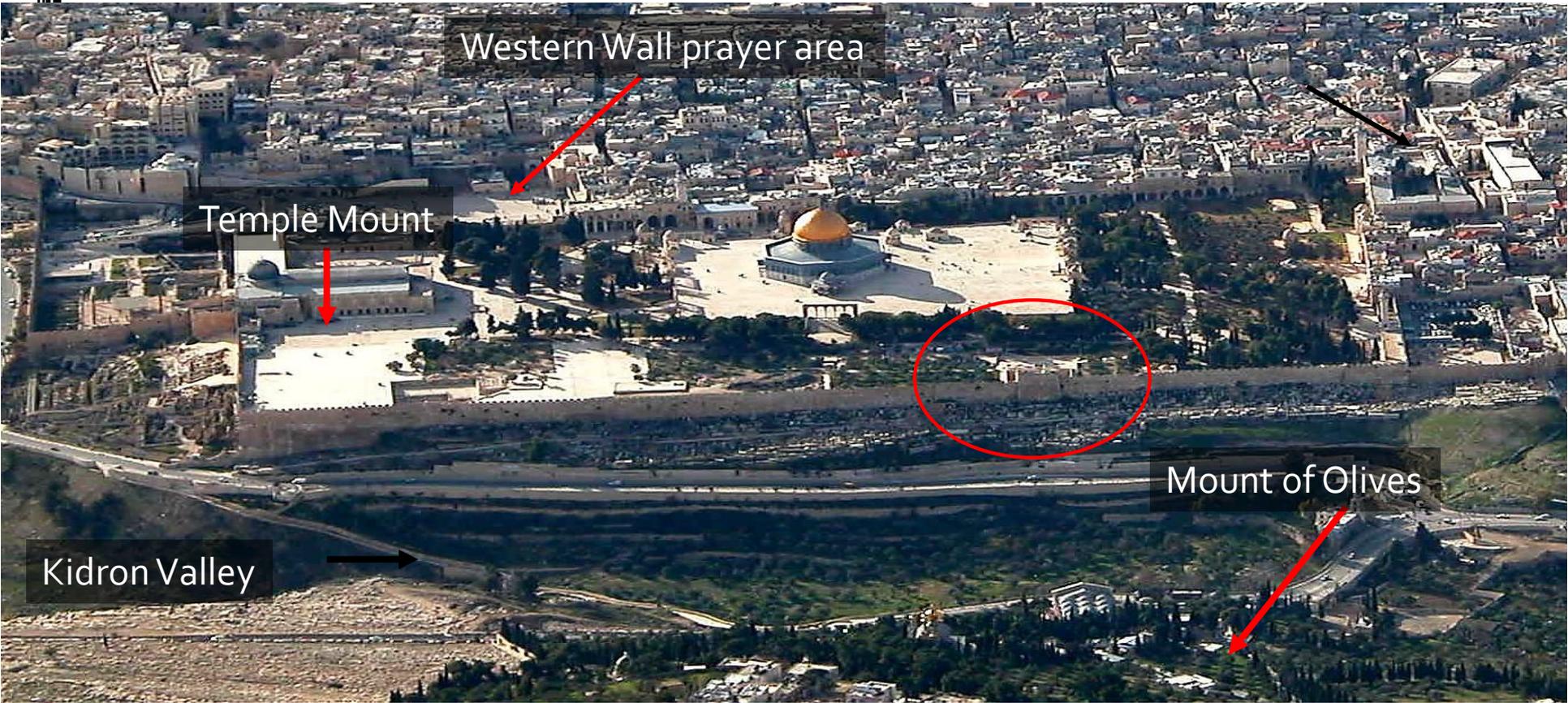
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- II. The Common View of the Future

# The OT on the Messiah

- Gen. 3:15 – the seed of the woman.
- Gen. 12ff – thru Abraham, then Isaac, then Jacob.
- Gen. 49 – in the tribe of Judah.
- 2 Samuel 7 – thru the family of David.
- Is. 9:6-7; 11:1-2
- Micah 5:2 – born in Bethlehem.

# The OT on the Messiah

- Jer. 23:5-6 - "Behold, *the* days are coming," declares the LORD, "When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> "In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, 'The LORD our righteousness.'

# 1<sup>st</sup> Century Anticipation of Messiah

- Matthew 2:4 – Herod understood that there was an expectation of a Messiah.
- Luke 1:68-75\* – the hymn of Zacharias
- Luke 2:38 – Anna spoke of Him “to all those who were looking for the redemption of Israel.”
- Luke 3:15 – people were excited and hopeful that John the Baptist was, in fact, the Christ.

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- John 1:19-25 – expectation among the people of the coming Messiah
- John 1:41 – Andrew & Peter as OT believers were looking for the coming of the Messiah.
- John 4:25, 29 – even the Samaritans were expecting the Messiah.
- John 7:25-53 (especially 26-27, 31, 41-42) – the people
- John 12:34 – “we have heard from the OT that the Christ endures forever.”



# Religious Documents Written Between the Two Testaments

- 1) The Apocrypha
  - 2) The Targums
  - 3) The Apocalyptic Writings
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# “When Messiah Comes...”

- Emil Schurer: *A History of the Jewish People in the Time of Jesus Christ*
  - The Jews of Jesus' time believed that the end of the world would unfold in a **series of events...**
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# The Lessons for us from their Question..

- **1)** Understanding how the story ends is important.
  - a) The Percentage of Revelation
  - b) The Priority in the Ministry of Jesus
- **2)** Understanding the end affects our lives now.
- **3)** Human history is controlled by the sovereign hand of God and is moving toward a predetermined end.



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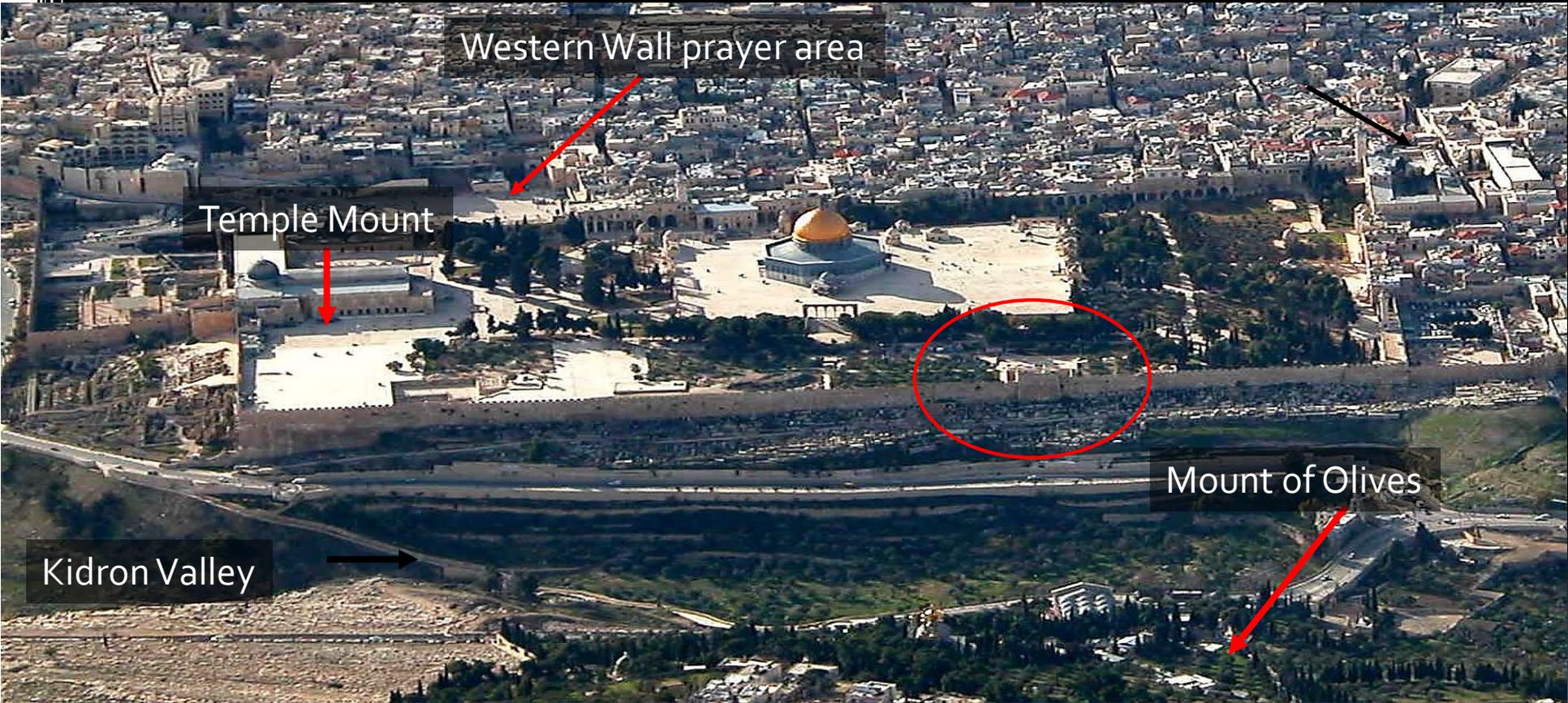
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- A. The Amillennial Approach
  - 1) Full Preterism (or hyper-preterism)
    - The Olivet Discourse was completely fulfilled in 70 A.D. at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, including the Second Coming.
    - Cf. 2 Tim. 2:14-19
  - 2) Partial Preterism
    - The Olivet Discourse was completely fulfilled in 70 A.D. at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, except for the Second Coming.

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- A. The Amillennial Approach
- B. The Postmillennial Approach
- C. The Liberal Approach
- D. The Premillennial Approach
  - Premillennialism believes that Jesus will establish a literal, geopolitical reign on the earth after the Second Coming.

# Premillennialism—different approaches

- **1)** The entire sermon is about the Great Tribulation and the Second Coming.
  - 1) Mark 13:5-23—the Tribulation.
  - 2) Mark 13:24-32—the Second Coming.
  - 3) Mark 13:33-37—be ready for the Second Coming.
- **2)** The first part of the sermon is being fulfilled throughout this age, but the rest points to the future end time events.
  - a) Option 1
    - Mark 13:5-8 – from the ascension until the end.
    - Mark 13:9-27 – the Great Tribulation and the Second Coming.
  - b) Option 2
    - Mark 13:5-13 – from the ascension until the end.
    - Mark 13:14-27 – the Great Tribulation and the Second Coming.

# II. The Basic Organizational Flow

- **A. 13:5-13** — from Christ's ascension to the midpoint of the Tribulation
  - It would be a future time.
  - It will be a worsening time.
  - It will be a difficult time for believers.
  - It will be a time for the gospel to advance.
  - Jesus disciples must beware of...
    - 1) False Christ's (5-6)
    - 2) False signs (7-8)
    - 3) False hopes of peace and acceptance (9-13)

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# III. The Key Practical Lessons

- A. God is in control of human history, and is directing all events to one predetermined end.
  - 8 – “Those things must take place!”
- B. When the world is in turmoil because of either natural or manmade disasters, we don't need to be afraid.
  - 8 – “When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened!”
- C. Jesus Christ is coming back to this earth in a way that no one will miss!
  - 24-27



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# Mark 13 did not happen in 70 AD.

- **1)** Jesus describes the tribulation as a time unparalleled in all of human history (19-20; cf. Matt. 24:21-22).
- **2)** The events of Mark 13 will be accompanied by extreme signs in the heavens (24-25; cf. Matt. 24:29; Luke 21:25-26).
- **3)** The events of Mark 13 will be followed immediately by the Second Coming (26-27; cf. Matt. 24:30-31; Luke 21:27).

# A Biblical *Ordo Eschatos*

Unknown duration	Event	7 Years	Event	1000 Years	Event	Eternity	
Death	Intermediate State	Rapture	Tribulation	2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming	Millennium	Great White Throne	Eternal State
Soul in Heaven Body in Grave	Resurrection	Heaven	Return to Earth	Earth	Present	New Heaven/ Earth	

# I. The Beginning of Birth Pangs (5-13)

- Jesus is comparing the flow of human history to contractions in childbirth.
  - 1) Contractions begin lighter and less frequent and gradually become increasingly intense and frequent.
  - 2) There are times of peace and calm between the contractions; but those times shorten near the end.
  - 3) The pain of the birth pangs promises a wonderful outcome.

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## ■ A. False Christs, Prophets, and Predictions (5-6)

### □ 1) False Christs

- Cf. Matt. 24:5 - "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many.

### □ 2) False Prophets

- Matt. 24:11 - "Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many.

### □ 3) False Predictions

- Luke 21:8 - And He said, "See to it that you are not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, 'I am *He*,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not go after them.

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- A. False Christs, Prophets, and Predictions (5-6)
- B. War (7-8a)
- C. Natural Disasters (8b-c)
  - Luke 21:11 - there will be...in various places plagues...
- D. Intense Persecution (9-13)



# Application...

- 1) Don't be surprised.
- 2) Don't be afraid.
- 3) Don't be deceived.
- 4) Don't be unprepared.



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# Mayan Long Count Calendar



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- Rev. 6:1-2; Mark 13:5-6; cf. Matt. 24:4-5
- The False Peace of Antichrist

## ■ 2<sup>nd</sup> Seal

- Rev. 6:3-4; Mark 13:7-8a; cf. Matt. 24:6-7
- World-wide War

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- **3<sup>rd</sup> Seal**

- Rev. 6:5-6; Mark 13:8b; cf. Matt. 24:7
- Scarcity of Food

- **4<sup>th</sup> Seal**

- Rev. 6:7-8; Mark 13:8b; cf. Matt. 24:7
- Earthquakes, Pestilence, & Death

# The 1<sup>st</sup> Five Seals (Rev. 6:1-11)

- 5<sup>th</sup> Seal

- Rev. 6:9-11; Mark 13:9-13; cf. Matt. 24:9
- Martyrs & Divine Judgment

# Application...

- **1) Expect persecution!**
  - Matt. 5:8-10; 2 Tim. 3:12
- **2) Pray and care for those Christian brothers who are experiencing persecution.**
  - Matt. 25:34-40; Heb. 13:3

# Application...

- 3) Don't mistake God's patience for indifference.
  - Rom. 2:4-5; 2 Pet. 3:7-10
- 4) Thank God that for every believer God's wrath has been completely satisfied!
  - 1 Th. 1:9-10



# THE FUTURE ACCORDING TO JESUS

*Mark 13:3-37 (Pt. 5)*

# Where Are We During the Tribulation?

- The Book of Revelation
  - 1-3 – the church is on earth; the word *church* occurs 19x
  - 4-5 – the elders, who represent the church, are already in heaven.
  - 19:1-10 – the marriage supper of the Lamb
  - 19:11-21 – the church returns with Christ at His Second Coming.



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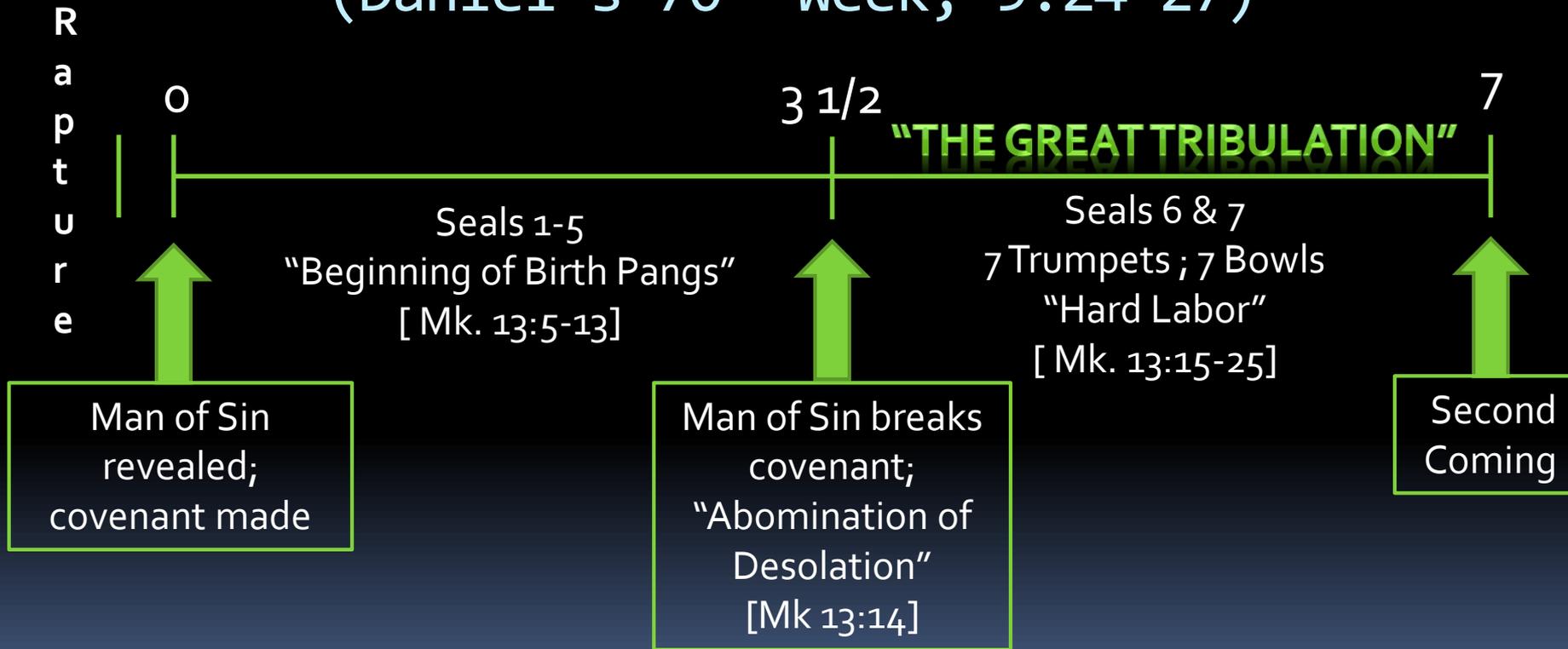
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# The Tribulation: Its Basic Structure

- 7 Years
- Beginning
  - Shortly after the Rapture
  - The Man of Sin Is Revealed (2 Th. 2:1ff)
- Mid-point (3 ½ years)
  - Some kind of significant event (Matt. 24:14-23)
  - Cf. Dan. 9:25; Rev. 11:2-3; 12:14; 13:5
  - Last 3 ½ years: “The Great Tribulation”
- End
  - The Return of Christ

# The 7-Year Tribulation

(Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week; 9:24-27)



## II. The Great Tribulation (14-23)

- **Cf. Matt. 24:15** - "Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand)
- Daniel 9:24-27

# Seventy Weeks

- Seventy sevens
- Context = 70 units of seven years (490 years):
  - 1) Daniel has been thinking about years (9:1-2).
  - 2) Daniel has been thinking about why 70 years of captivity.
    - 490 years when Israel did not observe the Sabbatical year
      - 2 Ch. 36:20-21- Those who had escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon; and they were servants to him and to his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days of its desolation it kept sabbath until seventy years were complete.
    - 70 years of exile
    - Another 490 years (or weeks of years), until the coming of Messiah the Prince.
  - 3) If you use 490 days or 490 weeks, it is impossible to fit the events described into that time frame.



# Six Results

- 1) To finish the transgression
- 2) To make an end of sin.
- 3) To make atonement for iniquity
- 4) To bring in everlasting righteousness
- 5) To seal up vision and prophecy
- 6) To anoint the most holy place

# Which Decree?

- Decree of Cyrus
  - 538 B.C. (Ezra 1:2-4; 6:3-5)
- Decree of Artaxerxes to Ezra
  - 458 B.C. (Ezra 7:11-26)
- Decree of Artaxerxes to Nehemiah
  - 444 B.C. (Neh. 2:5-8,17,18)



# The Threefold Division

- 7 weeks = 49 years
- 62 weeks = 434 years
- Total: 69 weeks = 483 years
- One final week = 7 years



# The Famous 70th Week

- Only two choices:
    - 1) The 70th week began immediately following the 69th week.
    - 2) The 70th week is still future.
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# The Future 70th Week

- Arguments for [from Hoehner]:
  - a) The six promises in 9:24 could not have all been fulfilled at Christ's death.
  - b) Messiah was killed not during the 69th week but after.
  - c) The person who confirms the covenant in 9:27 cannot be Christ.
  - d) Christ's death did not cause the sacrificial system to cease immediately.
  - e) The abomination of desolation has not yet occurred.
  - f) The person described in 9:27 corresponds well with the person in Rev. 12-13 who has not appeared and has not been judged as described in Rev. 19.

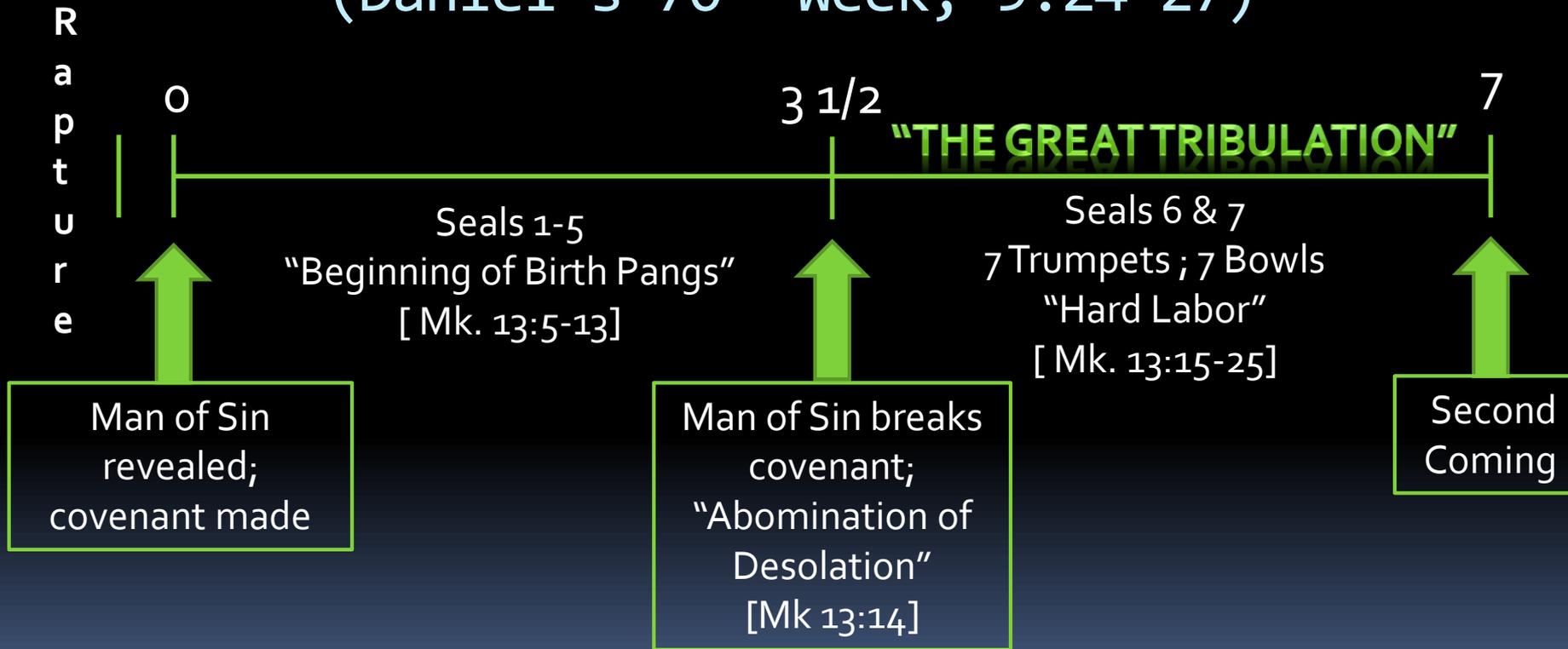


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  - Dan. 9:27; 11:31; 12:11
  - Cf. Dan. 9:26-27; 12:11-12; 2 Th. 2:3-4; Rev. 13: 14-15

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- B. Marked by the Persecution of Israel (14b-18)
  - Jer. 30:7 - 'Alas! for that day is great, There is none like it; And it is the time of Jacob's distress, But he will be saved from it.
  - Zech. 13:8-9; this describes events just prior to the 2nd coming (Zech. 14:4).
  - Rev. 7:9, 14 - After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands... "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
  - Rev. 13:7 – the beast is at "war with the saints."
  - Rev. 17:6 – the beast's religious system is described as a woman who is "drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."

## II. The Great Tribulation (14-23)

- C. Described as a Time of Unparalleled Tribulation (19)
  - Greek (*thlipsis*) literally means “a pressing together.”
  - Two times in the NT: “Great Tribulation.”
    - 1) Rev. 7:14
    - 2) Matt. 24:21— “For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.
    - Cf. Dan. 12:1: “Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands *guard* over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time.
  - During the final 3 1/2 years come the 6th and 7th Seals, the 7 Trumpets, and the 7 Bowls.

## II. The Great Tribulation (14-23)

- D. Shortened for the Elect (20)
- E. Filled with Spiritual Deception (21-22)
  - Cf. Matt. 24:26 - "if they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out, *or*, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe *them*."
  - Cf. 2 Th. 2:9 - the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,
  - Cf. Rev. 13 - the miracles of the false prophet.

# Application for Us...

- **1)** The justice of God demands that He judge sin!
- **2)** God has graciously chosen some sinners who deserve his judgment for salvation!
- **3)** Even as God judges the world for its rebellion, he will care for his own.



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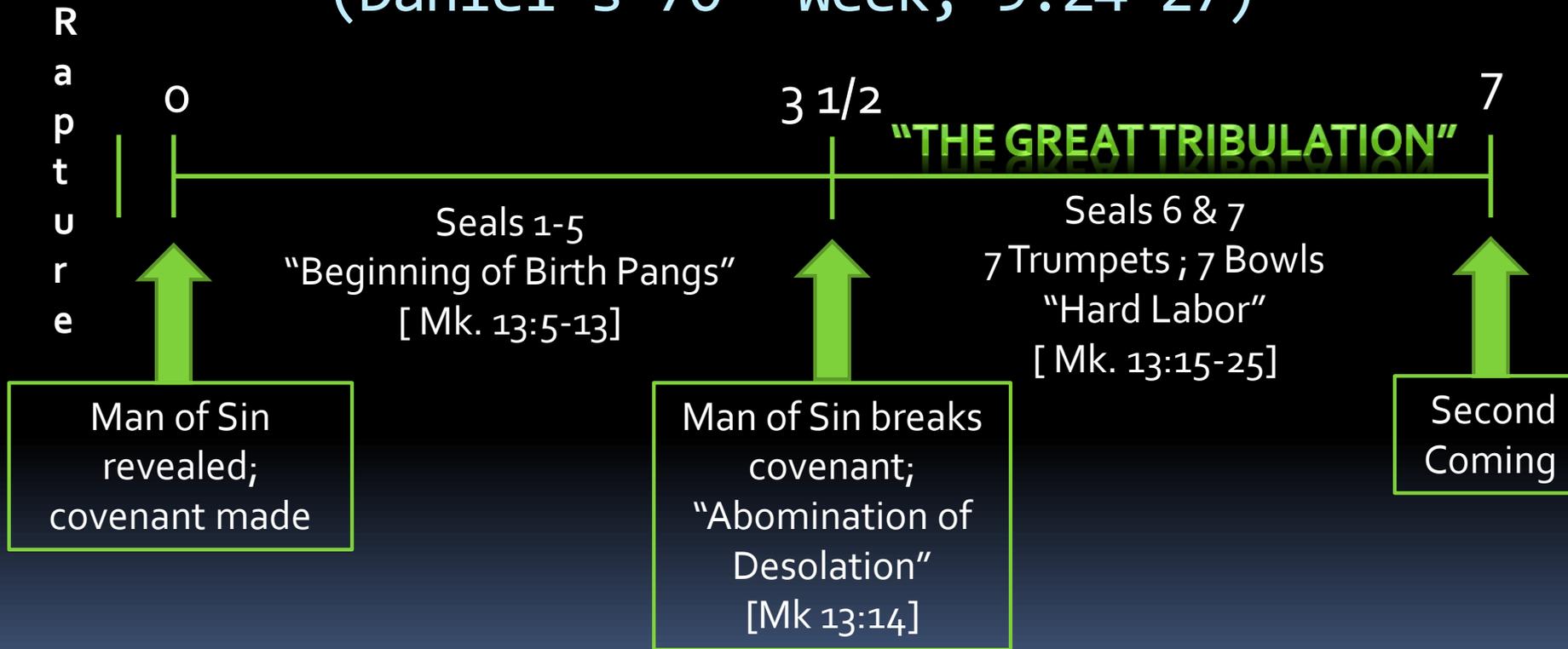
- *The Didache* (written shortly after 80 A.D.): "the Lord shall come and all his Saints with him. Then shall the world see the Lord coming upon the clouds of heaven."
  - Epistle of Barnabas (70-100 AD): "When His Son comes He will destroy...the wicked one, and will judge the godless, and will change the sun and the moon and the stars, and then He will truly rest..."
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# The Early Church

- Justin Martyr (100-165 AD): “hear, too, how He was to ascend into heaven according to prophecy... And how He should come again out of heaven with glory.”
- Irenaeus (130-200 AD): “when this Antichrist shall have devastated all things in this world, he will reign for three years and six months, and sit in the temple in Jerusalem; and then the Lord will come from heaven in the clouds, in the glory of the Father, sending this man and those who follow him into the lake of fire.”

# The 7-Year Tribulation

(Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week; 9:24-27)





## The Rapture

- No hint of judgment
- No warning signs precede
- Rapture of living believers
- Resurrection of dead believers
- Before the Tribulation
- Christ comes in the air
- For His saints
- To take the saints to heaven

## The Second Coming

- Emphasis on Judgment
- Dramatic signs precede
- No Rapture of living believers
- No Resurrection of dead believers
- After the Tribulation
- Christ returns to the earth
- With His saints
- To defeat His enemies/  
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- C. Described as a Time of Unparalleled Tribulation (19)
- D. Shortened for the Elect (20)
- E. Filled with Spiritual Deception (21-22)

# III. The Second Coming (24-27)

- **A. The Timing of the Second Coming (24 a)**
  - Matt. 24:36 - "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.
  - Acts 1:6-7 - So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;
  - Matt. 24:29 - "But immediately after the tribulation of those days...

# III. The Second Coming (24-27)

## ■ B. The Signs of the Second Coming (24b-25)

### □ 1) The Sun Darkened (24b)

- Is. 13:9-15; 12:9-11; 34:1-5 Ezek. 32:7; Joel 2:10, 30-31; 3:15.
- Cf. Rev. 6:12a - I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth *made* of hair.

### □ 2) The Moon Darkened (24c)

- Cf. Rev. 6:12b - the sun became black as sackcloth *made* of hair, and the whole moon became like blood;

# III. The Second Coming (24-27)

- B. The Signs of the Second Coming (24b-25)
  - 3) The Stars Fall (25a)



# Stars Will Fall?

- **The 6<sup>th</sup> Seal**
  - Stars will fall (6:13) ; Sky will be split apart (6:14)
- **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet**
  - Rev. 8:8-9
- **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet**
  - Rev. 8:10-11; freshwater made bitter

# III. The Second Coming (24-27)

- B. The Signs of the Second Coming (24b-25)
  - 3) The Stars Fall (25a)
  - 4) The Powers of Heaven Shaken (25b)



# Powers of Heaven Shaken?

- **The 4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet**
  - Rev. 8:13; 1/3 of sun, moon, and stars
- **The 4<sup>th</sup> Bowl**
  - Rev. 16:8-9; sun scorches men
- **The 5<sup>th</sup> Bowl**
  - Rev. 16:10-11; darkness & pain

# III. The Second Coming (24-27)

- A. The Timing of the Second Coming (24 a)
- B. The Signs of the Second Coming (24b-25)
- C. The Appearance of the Son (26)
  - Cf. Rev. 1:7 - BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.
  - Dan. 7:9-14
  - Zech. 14:1-4; Rev. 19:11-16

# The People of Earth Respond

- Matt. 24:30 - "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.
- Luke 21:25-26 - "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup> men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
- Rev. 1:7 - BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

# III. The Second Coming (24-27)

## ■ D. The Focus of the Son (27)

- Cf. Dan. 12:1 - "Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.
- Cf. Zech. 12:9-11; 13:1
- Rev. 7:9, 14 - After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands;... [one of the elders] said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

# When We Think of the Second Coming, It Should...

- 1) Confront us with the future judgment.
  - Matt. 16:27 - "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS."
  - Heb. 9:27 - it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment.
  - Acts 17:31 - because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

# When We Think of the Second Coming, It Should...

- 2) Strengthen our hope.
  - 2 Th. 1:7-10
- 3) Encourage our personal holiness.
  - 1 John 3:1-2
- 4) Remind us of Jesus' love for us.

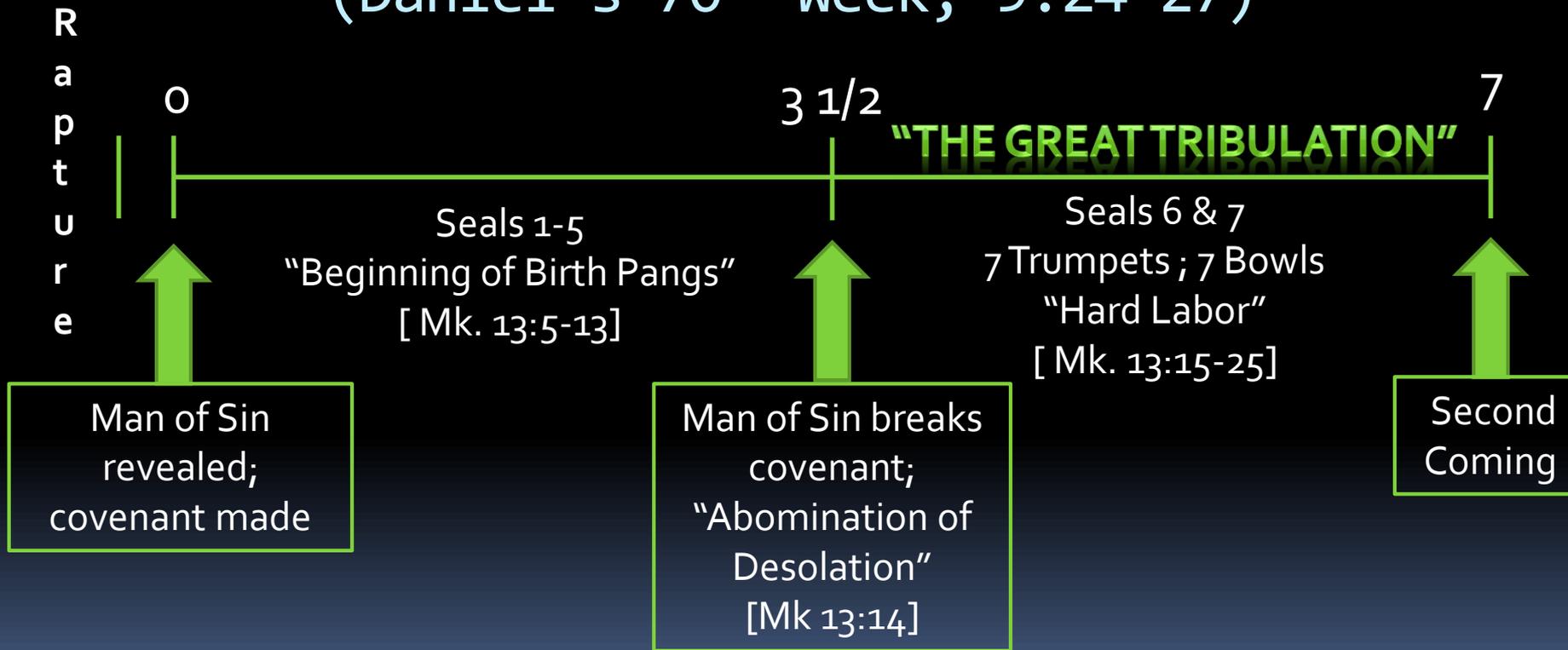


# THE FUTURE ACCORDING TO JESUS

*Mark 13:3-37 (Pt. 8)*

# The 7-Year Tribulation

(Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week; 9:24-27)





# The Olivet Discourse

- I. The Beginning of Birth Pangs (5-13)
- II. The Great Tribulation (14-23)
- III. The Second Coming (24-27)
- IV. The Exhortation to His Disciples (28-37)

# The Exhortation

- **1)** The Parable the Fig Tree (Matt., Mark, Luke)
- **2)** Five Parables
  - a) The Doorkeeper
  - b) The Thief
  - c) The Slave in Charge of His Masters Possessions
  - d) The Ten Virgins
  - e) The Talents
- **3)** The Judgment of the Sheep and the Goats



## IV. The Exhortation to His Disciples (38-37)

- A. Understand the Timing of the End (28-30)
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# Fig Tree Near Jerusalem



## IV. The Exhortation to His Disciples (38-37)

- A. Understand the Timing of the End (28-30)
  - Luke 21:31 - "So you also, when you see these things happening, recognize that the kingdom of God is near."

# “This Generation..”

- 1) "This generation" is better translated as "this race", meaning the Jewish race.
- 2) "This generation" refers solely to those who were alive when Jesus spoke these words.
- 3) "This generation" has a double fulfillment.
  - 70 AD
  - Second Coming
- 4) "This generation" refers solely to the generation that will be alive when the signs mentioned actually occur.

## IV. The Exhortation to His Disciples (38-37)

- A. Understand the Timing of the End (28-30)
- B. Trust Jesus' Prediction of the End (31)
  - Cf. Rev. 21:1 - Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea.
  - Cf. Is. 40:8 - The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.

## IV. The Exhortation to His Disciples (38-37)

- C. Accept the Mystery surrounding the End (32)
  - Cf. Matt. 24:36-37 - "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.<sup>37</sup> For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah..."
  - Acts 1:6-7 - So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"<sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;

## IV. The Exhortation to His Disciples (38-37)

- D. Be Alert to the End (33-37)
  - Four Roman Watches of the Night...
    - "In the evening" – 6-9 PM; the first watch.
    - "At midnight" – 9-12 AM; the second watch.
    - "When the rooster crows" — 12-3 AM; the third watch.
    - "In the morning" – 3-6 AM; the fourth watch.
  - Cf. Matt. 24:44 -"For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think *He will*.

## IV. The Exhortation to His Disciples (38-37)

- D. Be Alert to the End (33-37)
  - 1) Keep watching.
  - 2) Keep working.
    - a) To carry out the specific task Jesus has assigned each of us within his own household.
    - b) To make disciples of Jesus Christ.
      - Cf. Matt. 28:16-20

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