

# Treasure Hunt

- Why will the heavenly bodies be darkened in the day of the Lord?
- When has this happened in the past?
- What does the expression “all the tribes of the earth” mean in the OT?
- How does Paul understand the promise of Matt 24:30-31?
- For what purpose does God come to people in the OT?
- Compare and contrast Matt 24:30 with Dan 7:13-14.
- What is the significance of the Lord’s coming with power δυναμις?

# Overview of the Olivet Discourse

Period	Mt 24,25	Mk 13	Lk 21	Description
1. Beginning of Sorrows (Mt 24:8)	3-13	5-13	8-19	The NT period, before the fall of Jerusalem. Corresponds to the first four seals of Rev 6.
2. Days of Vengeance (Lk 21:22)	(Lacking)		20-24a	Desolation of Jerusalem under Titus, AD 70.
3. Times of the Gentiles (Lk 21:24)	14	10	24b	Jerusalem is subdued by the Gentiles (Luke) and the gospel goes forth throughout all the world (Matthew).
4. Great Tribulation (Mt 24:21)	15-28	14-23	(Lacking)	“The abomination of desolation” (Dan 9:27), at the middle of Daniel’s seventieth week.
5. Coming of Son of Man (Mt 24:30)	29-31	24-27	25-28	Cosmic signs, return of Christ in glory, gathering of his saints
(6. Interlude)	24:32-25:30	28-37	29-36	Parables about, and exhortations to, watchfulness
7. Separation	25:31-46	(Lacking)		Final Judgment

# Cosmic Disturbances

Exo 10:21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be **darkness** over the land of Egypt, even darkness *which* may be felt. 22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a **thick darkness** in all the land of Egypt three days:

Isa 13:9 Behold, the **day of the LORD** cometh, ... 10 For **the stars of heaven** and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the **sun** shall be darkened in his going forth, and the **moon** shall not cause her light to shine.

Joel 2:10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: **the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:** ... 2:31 The sun **shall** be turned into darkness, and the **moon** into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. ... 3:15 The **sun** and the **moon** shall be darkened, and the **stars** shall withdraw their shining.

Isa 24:23 Then **the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed**, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

Luk 23:44 And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a **darkness** over all the earth until the ninth hour. 45 And **the sun was darkened**, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

Act 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; ... 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: 19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: 20 **The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood**, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

Rev 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and **the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;** 13 **And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth**, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. ... 17 **For the great day of his wrath is come;** and who shall be able to stand?

# 30 All the tribes of the earth

Not “all the tribes [of Israel] in the land”

Gen. 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall **all families of the earth** be blessed.

Gen. 28:14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall **all the families of the earth** be blessed.

Ps. 72:17 His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and *men* shall be blessed in him: **all nations** shall call him blessed.

Amos 3:2 You only have I known of **all the families of the earth**: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

Zech. 14:17 And it shall be, *that* whoso will not come up of **all the families of the earth** unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. *LXX makes “all” explicit*

Rev. 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and **all kindreds of the earth** shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

# Paul's Understanding of Matt 24:30-31

Matthew 24	1 Thessalonians 4
<p>4 And <b>Jesus answered and said</b> unto them,</p>	<p>15 For this we say unto you <b>by the word of the Lord, ...</b></p>
<p>30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man <b>in heaven</b>: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming <b>in the clouds</b> of <b>heaven</b> with power and great glory. 31 And he shall send his <b>angels</b> with a great sound of a <b>trumpet</b>, and they shall <b>gather together</b> his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.</p>	<p>16 For the Lord himself shall descend <b>from heaven</b> with a shout, with the voice of the <b>archangel</b>, and with the <b>trump</b> of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive <i>and</i> remain shall be <b>caught up together</b> with them <b>in the clouds, to meet</b> the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.</p>

# The Coming of God in the OT

## Announcement of Judgment

Amo 4:12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: *and* because I will do this unto thee, prepare to **meet** thy God, O Israel.

Hos 13:6 ... they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me. 7 Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I observe *them*: 8 I will **meet** them as a bear *that is bereaved of her whelps*, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them.

## Isaiah's day of the Lord:

Isa 40:3 Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a **highway** for our God.

Isa 62:11 Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation [LXX thy savior] **cometh**; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

Isa 63:1 Who *is* this that **cometh** from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this *that is* glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. 2 Wherefore *art thou* red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? 3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the peoples *there was* none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. 4 For the day of vengeance *is* in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. 5 And I looked, and *there was* none to help; and I wondered that *there was* none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. 6 And I will tread down the peoples in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

## Focused on pollution in the temple:

Mal 3:1 ... the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly **come** to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall **come**, saith the LORD of hosts. 2 But who may abide the day of his **coming**? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he *is* like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: 3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

# Distinguishing Matt 24:30 and Dan 7:13-14

Matthew	Dan 7:13-14
<p>24:30 and <b>they shall see</b> the <b>Son of man coming</b> in <b>the clouds of heaven</b> with <b>power δυναμις</b> and great <b>glory</b>.</p>	<p>13 I saw in the night <b>visions</b>, and, behold, <i>one</i> like the <b>Son of man came</b> with <b>the clouds of heaven</b>, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him</p>
<p>28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All <b>power [authority, εξουσια]</b> is given unto me in heaven and in earth.</p>	<p><b>dominion εξουσια</b>, and <b>glory δοξα</b>, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his <b>dominion εξουσια</b> is an everlasting <b>dominion εξουσια</b>, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom <i>that</i> which shall not be destroyed.</p>

Note: power δυναμις is not the same as dominion εξουσια.

- He received εξουσια before the ascension.
- He has not yet demonstrated δυναμις among the nations.

# What's special about δυναμις?

δυναμις in Daniel: Nebuchadnezzar (3:20), Darius (6:24), and the king of Syria (11:7).

Part of “principality” (αρχη) and power (δυναμις)

→ Describes **earthly authority**.

At the Lord's return:

2Th 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his **mighty** angels [angels of his power], 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his **power ισχυς**; 10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

Rev 19:1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and **power**, unto the Lord our God:

Rev 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and **power** δυναμις: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Rev 5:12 Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive **power** δυναμις, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. 13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and **power**, κρατος be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.