

# Treasure Hunt

- What common event in all three records of the discourse helps us align them with each other?
- How are the Days of Vengeance in Luke and the Great Tribulation in Matthew distinguished from each other?
- How does Paul understand the sections about the Great Tribulation? The Coming of the Son of Man?
- What is difficult to understand if the time of Great Tribulation and the Coming of the Son of Man are in the far distant future?
- Please explain the principle of Manifold Fulfillment. Where else do we find it in Matthew?
- What is the relation between the Beginning of Sorrows and the seals in Revelation 6?

# 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

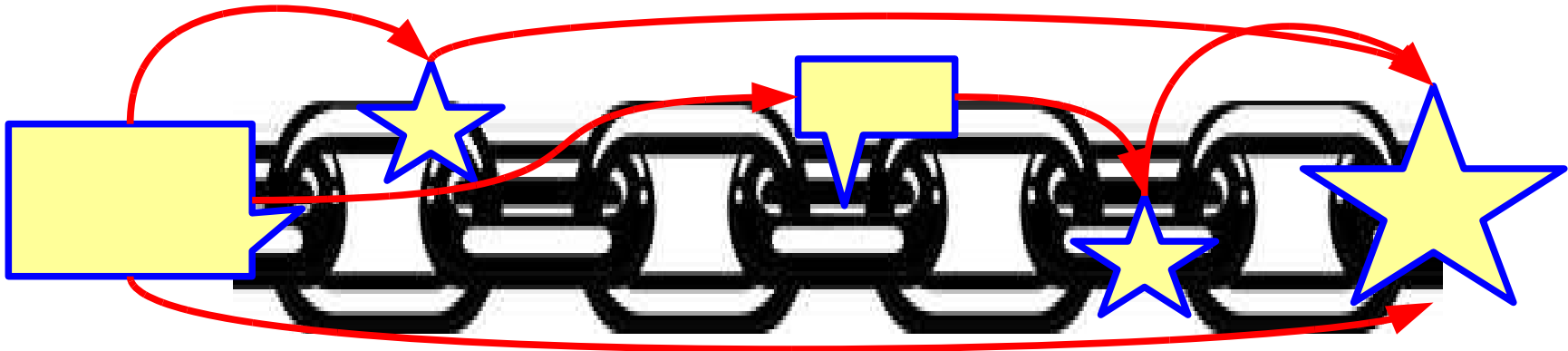
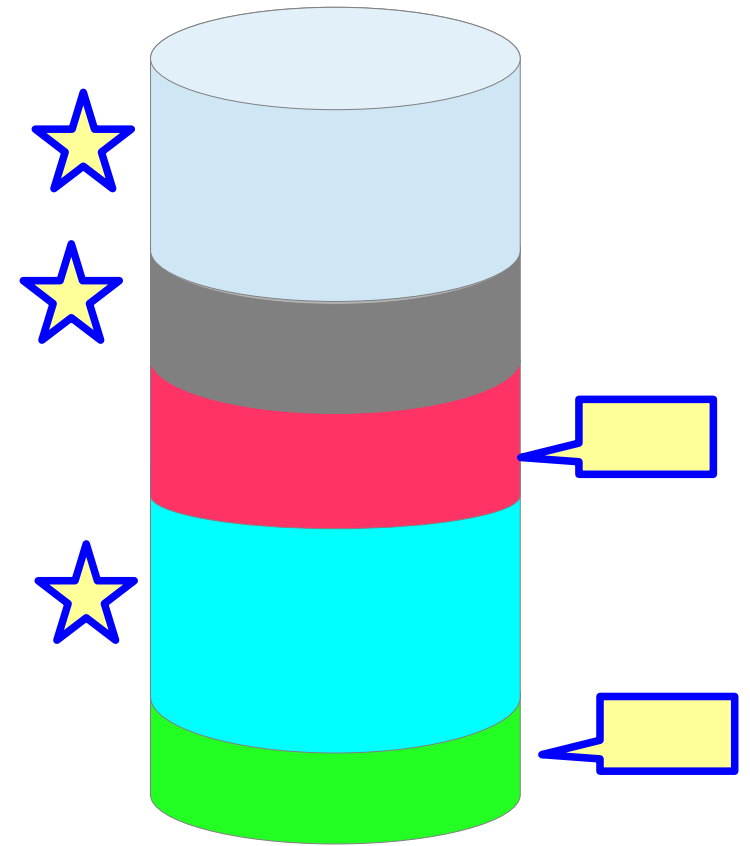
# Paul and the Olivet Discourse

Olivet Discourse	Paul
<p>Mat 24:6 see that ye be not <b>troubled</b> <b>θροεω</b>: ... <b>the end</b> is not yet. ...</p> <p>15 When ye therefore shall see the <b>abomination of desolation</b>, spoken of by Daniel the prophet,</p> <p><b>stand in the holy place,</b></p>	<p>2Th 2:1 Now we beseech you... 2 That ye be not ... <b>troubled θροεω</b>, ... as that <b>the day of Christ</b> is at hand.</p> <p>3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for <i>that day shall not come</i>, except there come a falling away first, and that <b>man of sin</b> be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth <b>in the temple of God</b>, shewing himself that he is God.</p>
<p>Mat 24:30 and they shall see the Son of man coming in the <b>clouds</b> of heaven 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</b> together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.</p>	<p>1Th 4:15 For this we say unto you <b>by the word of the Lord</b>, ... 16 ... the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the <b>archangel</b>, and with the <b>trump of God</b>: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive <i>and</i> remain shall be <b>caught up</b> together with them in the <b>clouds</b>, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.</p>

# Manifold Fulfillment\*

An initial prophecy may be **repeated** down through history,

- sometimes in **words** and 
  - sometimes in **events** that 
    - **foreshadow** or
    - **partially realize** the promise,
- until the time of the actual fulfillment.



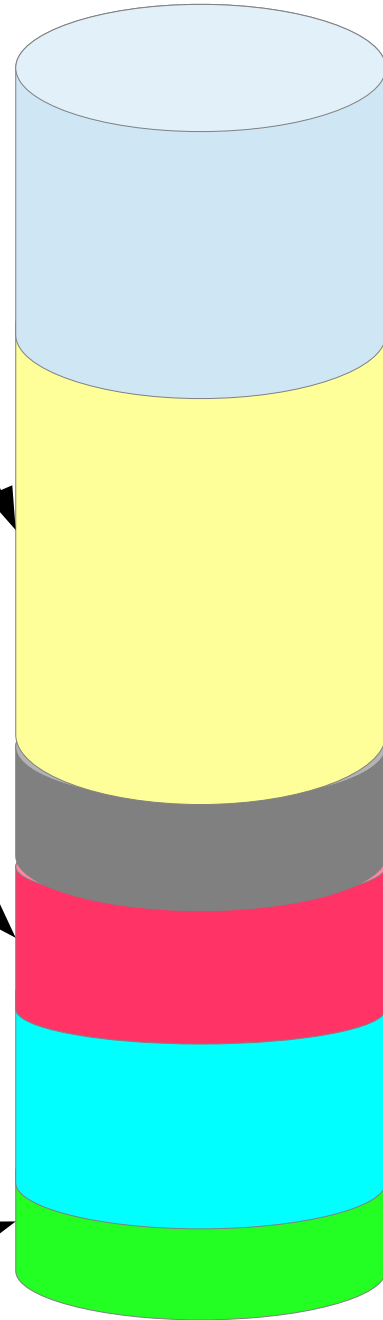
\*The term is due to Willis Judson Beecher, *The Prophets and the Promise*. Thomas Y. Crowell, 1905. The definition is my own, based on his discussion.

# “Filling up” the Return from Exile

Mat 2:14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: 15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, **Out of Egypt** have I called my son.

Isa 48:20 **Go ye forth of Babylon**, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it *even* to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob. 21 And they thirsted not *when* he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out.

Gen 12:7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, **Unto thy seed will I give this land:**



Isa 11:11 the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to **recover the remnant of his people**, which shall be left, **from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.** 12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah **from the four corners of the earth.**

Hos 11:1 When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son **out of Egypt.**

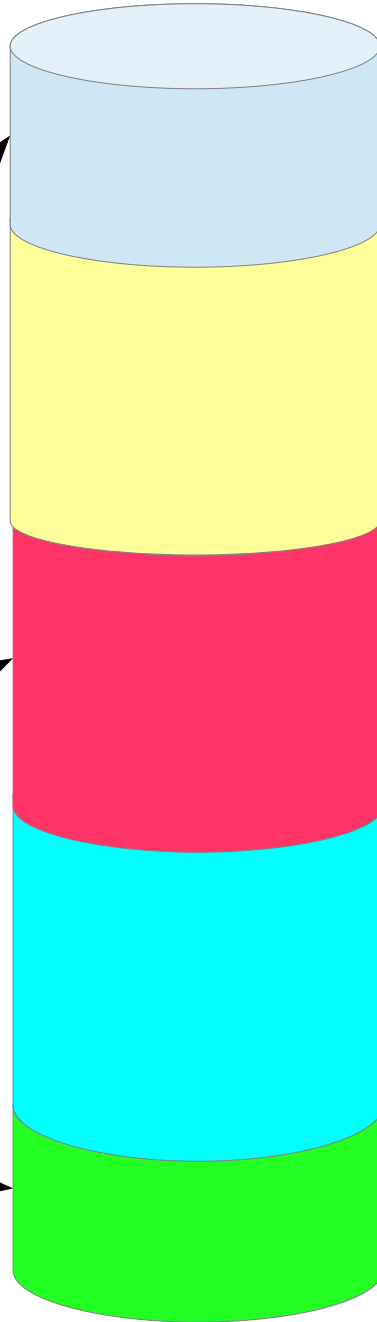
Deu 6:21 We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and **the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand:**

# “Filling up” the Gentile Oppression

Rev 13:15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and **cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.**

Jer 31:15 Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, *and* bitter weeping; **Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted** for her children, because they **were not.**

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.



Mat 2:17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, 18 In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping *for* her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

Gen 37:35 [Jacob] **refused to be comforted;** and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father **wept** for him. 42:36 And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: **Joseph is not,** and Simeon **is not,** and ye will take **Benjamin** away: all these things are against me.