

# Treasure Hunt

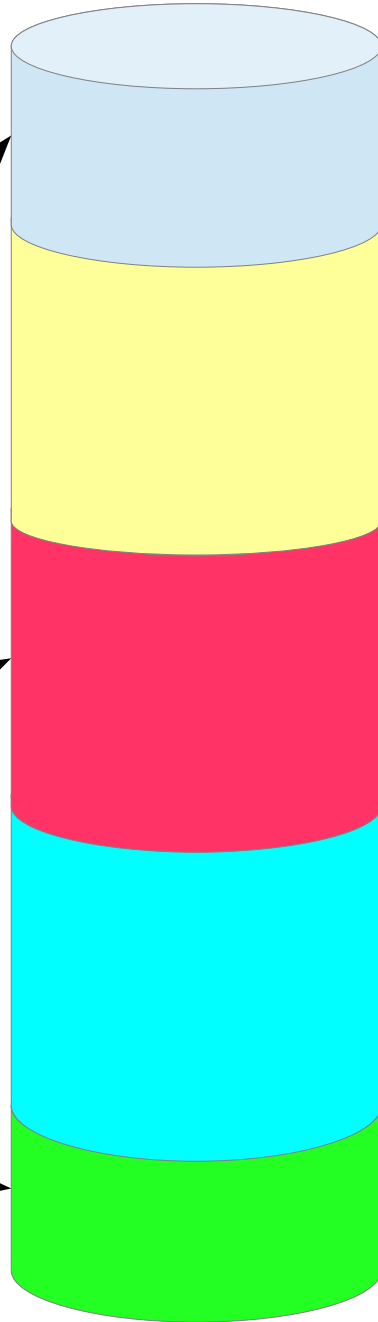
- What is the relation between the Beginning of Sorrows and the seals in Revelation 6? Point out the correspondences.
- Where else in the NT are we told to expect persecution and tribulation in this present age?
- What two reasons does the Lord give for believers to “be not troubled” (v. 6) in the face of these difficulties?
- What are the OT root and the NT branch of 24:7?
- What does it mean (v. 13) to “endure”?
- What does it mean to endure “unto the end”?
- How will those who endure “be saved”?

# “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.

# 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

# The Beginning of Sorrows and the First Five Seals

Matthew 24: Beginning of Sorrows	Revelation 6: Seals
5 For many shall come in my name, saying, <b>I am Christ</b> ; and shall deceive many.	1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, ... 2 ... behold a <b>white horse</b> : and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.
6 And ye shall hear of <b>wars and rumours of wars</b> : see that ye be not troubled: for all <i>these things</i> must come to pass, but the end is not yet.	3 And when he had opened the second seal, ... 4 ... there went out another horse <i>that was red</i> : and <i>power</i> was given to him that sat thereon to <b>take peace from the earth</b> , and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.
7 ...there shall be <b>famines</b> ...	5 And when he had opened the third seal, ... I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, <b>A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny</b> ; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.
7 For <b>nation shall rise against nation</b> , and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be <b>famines</b> , and <b>pestilences</b> , and <b>earthquakes</b> , in divers places. 8 All these <i>are</i> the beginning of sorrows.	7 And when he had opened the fourth seal,... 8 ...behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with <b>sword</b> , and with <b>hunger</b> , and with <b>death</b> , and with the beasts of the earth.
9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and <b>shall kill you</b> : and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.	9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of <b>them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held</b> : 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they <i>were</i> , should be fulfilled.

# Persecution and Tribulation in this Present Evil Age

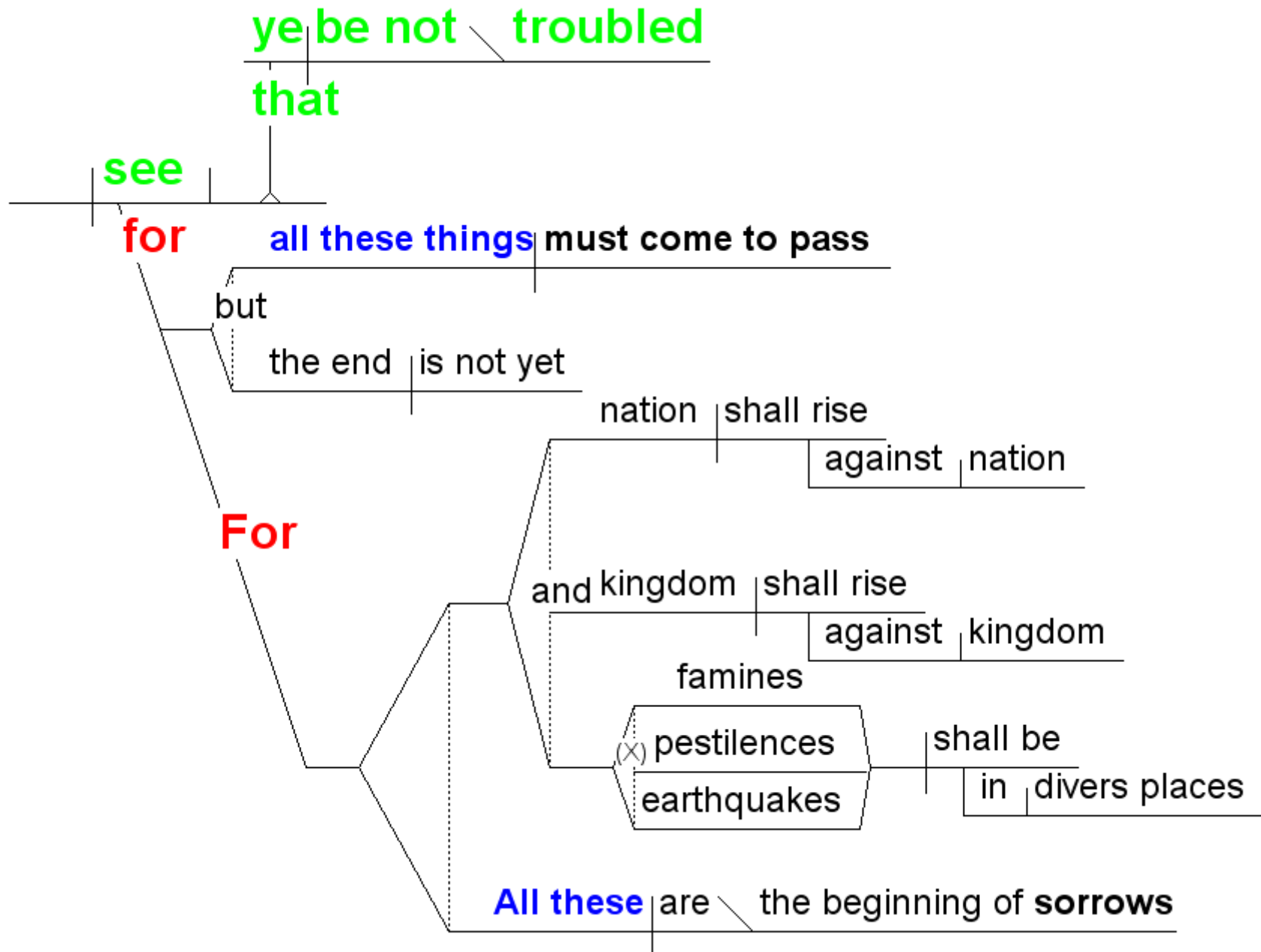
Joh 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. **If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you**; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

Joh 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. **In the world ye shall have tribulation**: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Act 14:21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, 22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, *and* exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that **we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God**.

2Th 1:4 we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your **persecutions and tribulations** that ye endure: 5 *Which is* a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

# Two Reasons Not to be Troubled



# The Root and Branch of 24:7

Eze 14:21 For thus saith the Lord GOD; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the **sword**, and the **famine**, and the noisome **beast**, and the **pestilence**, to cut off from it man and beast?

Matt 24:7 For **nation shall rise against nation**, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be **famines**, and **pestilences**, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Rev 6:8 And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with **sword**, and with **hunger**, and with **death**, and with the **beasts** of the earth.

# Persecution in Matthew 10 and 24

Matthew 10	Matthew 24
<p>16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. 17 But beware of men: for they will <b>deliver παραδιδωμι</b> you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; 18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for <b>a testimony against them and the Gentiles</b>. 19 But when they <b>deliver παραδιδωμι</b> you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. 20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. 21 And the brother shall <b>deliver up παραδιδωμι</b> the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against <i>their</i> parents, and cause them to be put to death. 22 <b>And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake:</b></p>	<p>9 Then shall they <b>deliver παραδιδωμι</b> you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: <b>and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake</b>. 10 And then shall many be offended, and shall <b>betray παραδιδωμι</b> one another, and shall hate one another. 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.</p>
<p>but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.</p>	<p>13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.</p>
<p>23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the <b>cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come</b>.</p>	<p>14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in <b>all the world</b> for <b>a witness unto all nations</b>; and then shall <b>the end</b> come.</p>



# 24:13 “endure υπομενω unto the end ... be saved”

Endure:

Luk 21:19 **In your patience υπομονη** possess ye your souls.

Rev 2:10 (Smyrna) be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

“unto the end” = “endure completely, steadfastly”

Luk 18:5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her **continual** coming she weary me.

Jos 10:20 LXX And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, **till they were consumed**, that the rest *which* remained of them entered into fenced cities.

“be saved”

Rev 2:10 ... I will give thee a **crown of life**.

Luk 21:19 **possess ye your souls ψυχη**.

Mat 16:25 For whosoever will **save** his life ψυχη shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life ψυχη for my sake shall find it. ~ 10:39

Mat 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul ψυχη: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.