

The Olivet Discourse—Part 2a
"Eight Proofs of Premillennialism"
Matthew 24:4-31

- I. **The B_____ P_____** (v. 8)
- a. When the intense pain of labor begins, it serves as a sign that childbirth is coming.
 - i. In the same way, the events of Matt. 24:4-8 serve as a painful sign that the Day of the Lord has begun and Jesus is coming soon!
 - b. Preterists believe all these events occurred in 70 AD, but there is so much from Jesus' prophecies left unfulfilled or spiritualized that it doesn't pass the test of Scripture
 - c. Historicists believe that these same events occur throughout church history, but if that's what Jesus is talking about, He really doesn't answer their questions about timing of His ***coming and the end of the age***
 - d. I believe these events from vs. 4-8 are more intense than mankind has ever experienced and they mark the FUTURE beginning of the Tribulation with the first 4 Seal Judgments (cf. Rev. 6:1-8)
- II. **The A_____ of D_____** (v. 15)
- a. If Jesus is speaking about events that have already occurred in our past, then where is this blasphemous event?
 - b. Daniel 9:24-27 records the Angel Gabriel's prophecy about Israel's Divine Timetable
 - i. 1 week = 7 years
 - ii. 70 weeks = 490 years
 - iii. 7 weeks = 49 years
 - iv. 62 weeks = 434 years
 - v. 69 weeks = 483 years
 - vi. The 70th week of years = The Tribulation
 - vii. *middle of the week* = the *abomination of desolation*

- c. The Apostle Paul comforted the Thessalonians' fears that they had missed the Rapture, by reminding them they had not seen specific, literal events like the rise of the Antichrist and the Abomination of Desolation described by Daniel and Jesus (cf. 2 Thess. 2:1-4ff)
- d. Israel has NOT been permanently replaced by the church!
"²⁵ For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;²⁶ and so all Israel will be saved;" (Rom. 11:25-26ff)
- e. Until this blasphemous event occurs and Israel is subsequently restored, the fulfillment of Jesus' prophecies must still be in the FUTURE.

- III. **The G_____ T_____ (Day of the Lord)**
 (v. 21)
- a. There is no doubt that the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple in 70 AD was horrific; but it is definitely NOT the greatest tribulation that ***has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.***
 - b. Until this tragic event actually occurs, we are left with the conclusion that Jesus' prophecies are still in the FUTURE
 - c. Jesus is referring to the Day of the Lord or the Time of Jacob's Distress; when God will both judge and deliver Israel and in turn the rest of the unbelieving world. (cf. Dan. 12:1-2; Isa. 13:6-11; 26:17; 66:7; Jer. 4:31; 6:24; 13:21; 30:3-7; Micah 4:9-10; Hos. 13:13; Matt. 19:28; 1 Thes. 5:1-33; Rom. 8:20-22)