

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

I. **Birth Pangs (Matt. 24:4-8)**

II. ***the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION* (Matt. 24:15)**

III. **The Great Tribulation (Matt. 24:21)**

IV. **L_____ Fulfillment:**

- a. How did you come to your views on Eschatology?
- b. If you read the entire Bible with a consistent Literal, Historical, Grammatical Hermeneutic/Interpretation, then I contend you will eventually develop a Premillennial view.
- c. If Jesus fulfilled hundreds of Old Testament prophecies literally in His First Coming; why would we think that the prophecies regarding His Second Coming will not also be literally fulfilled?
 - i. Virgin Birth (Matt. 1:23; cf. Isa. 7:14; 9:6-7)
 - ii. Bethlehem (Matt. 2:6; Micah 5:2)
 - iii. Slaughtered Children (Matt. 2:18; Jer. 31:15)
 - iv. John the Baptist (Matt. 3:3; Isa. 40:3)
 - v. Minister in Galilee (Matt. 4:15-16; Isa. 9:1-2; 60:1-3)
 - vi. Great Healing Ministry (Matt. 8:17; Isa. 53:4)

V. **A G_____ Gospel Proclamation (v. 14)**

- a. ***"¹⁴ This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come."*** (Matt. 24:14)

b. **Three Views:**

i. **Fulfilled S_____ in the Past (70 AD)**

ii. **Fulfilled G_____ in the Present**

iii. **Fulfilled S_____ in the Future** (cf. Rev. 14:6-7)

VI. **This G_____ (vs. 32-34)**

- a. The Parable of the Fig Tree gives application to Jesus' previous prophecies regarding His Second Coming and the End of the Age
- b. **Two Views:**
 - i. **The A_____ Generation** (sees almost everything prophetic symbolically wrapped up in the Roman destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD; cf. Isa. 13:9-10; Ezek. 32:7-8; Joel 2:30-31)
 - ii. **The T_____ Generation** (sees a literal future generation that will live through the 70th week of Daniel; cf. Dan. 9:24-27; 12:1-12; Rev. 4-18)

VII. **C_____ Signs (v. 29)**

- a. ***"²⁹ But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken."*** (Matt. 24:29)
- b. **Two Views:**
 - i. **S_____**
 1. "The images used here are not to be taken literally. They are often employed by the sacred writers to denote 'any great calamities.'" (Barnes)
 2. "chiefly symbolize political revolutions, and changes in the ruling powers of the world...such as preceded the overthrow of the Jewish polity." (RC Sproul)
 - ii. **L_____** (cf. Dan. 12:1-12; 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)