

Jesus Teaching/Gospels

Module 1 - 1A

- ⁸ And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹ And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

Jesus Foretells Wars and Persecution

- ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹² **But before all this** they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³ This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers^[c] and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives.

Jesus Foretells Destruction of Jerusalem

- ²⁰ “**But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies**, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²² for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³ Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴ They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, **until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**

Jesus’ Teachings about the End Times

Differences - Two Purposes

Matthew 24	Mark 13	Luke 21
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ And every day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he went out and lodged on the mount called Olivet.

Time of the Gentiles

Romans 11 ESV

- Times of the Gentiles
 - “25 Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.”
 - Then Christ will Return
 - “26 And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”; 27 “and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins.” 28 As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers.”
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- Luke 21 at Temple ► destruction of Temple in 70AD ► skips to Christ’s return
 - Matt 24/Mark 13 on Mount of Olives ► Christ’s return

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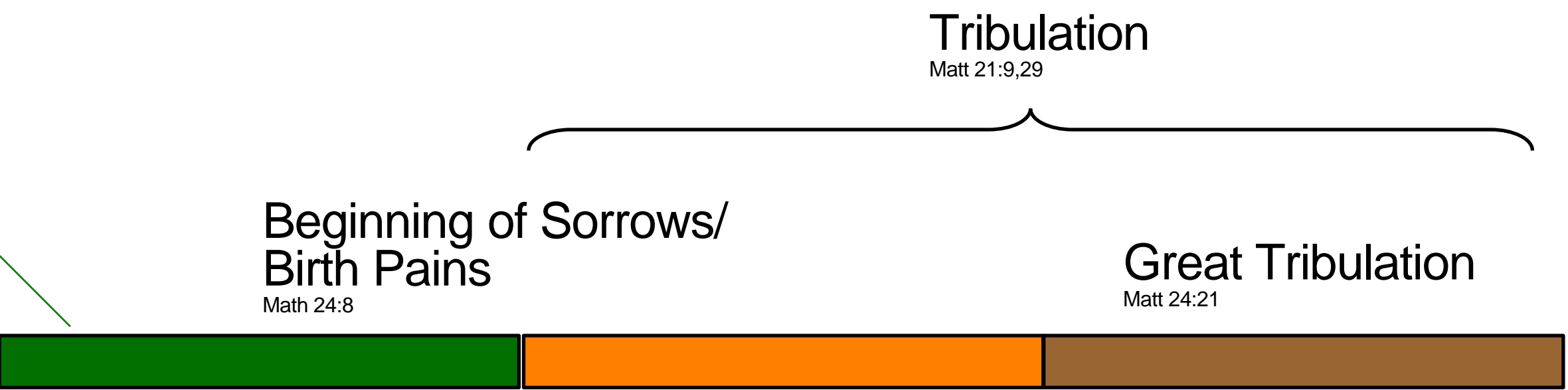
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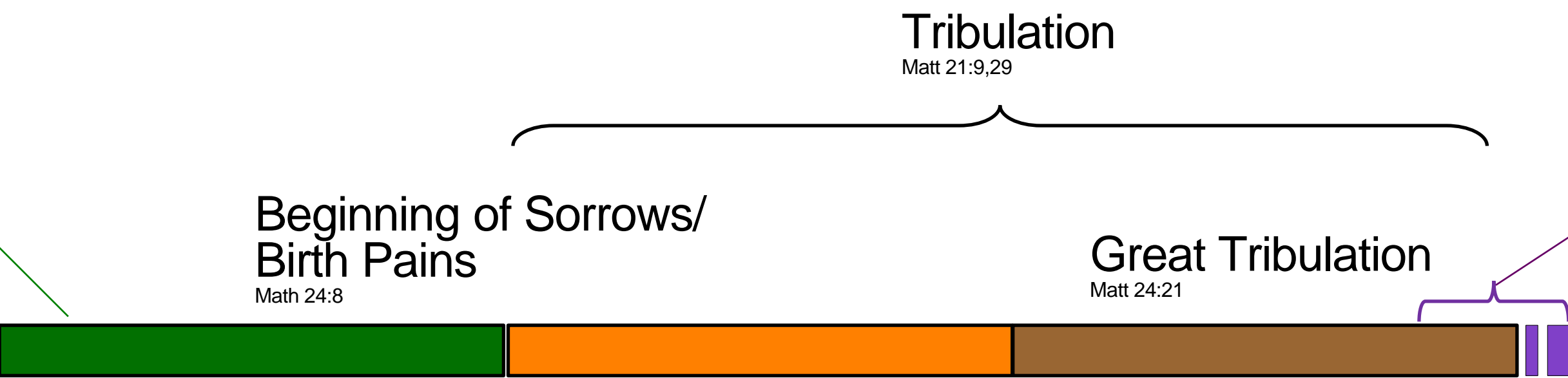
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Matthew 24: 29-31, Mark 13:24-27

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Takes the Seals of Revelation 6 and aligns them with the account of Matt 24

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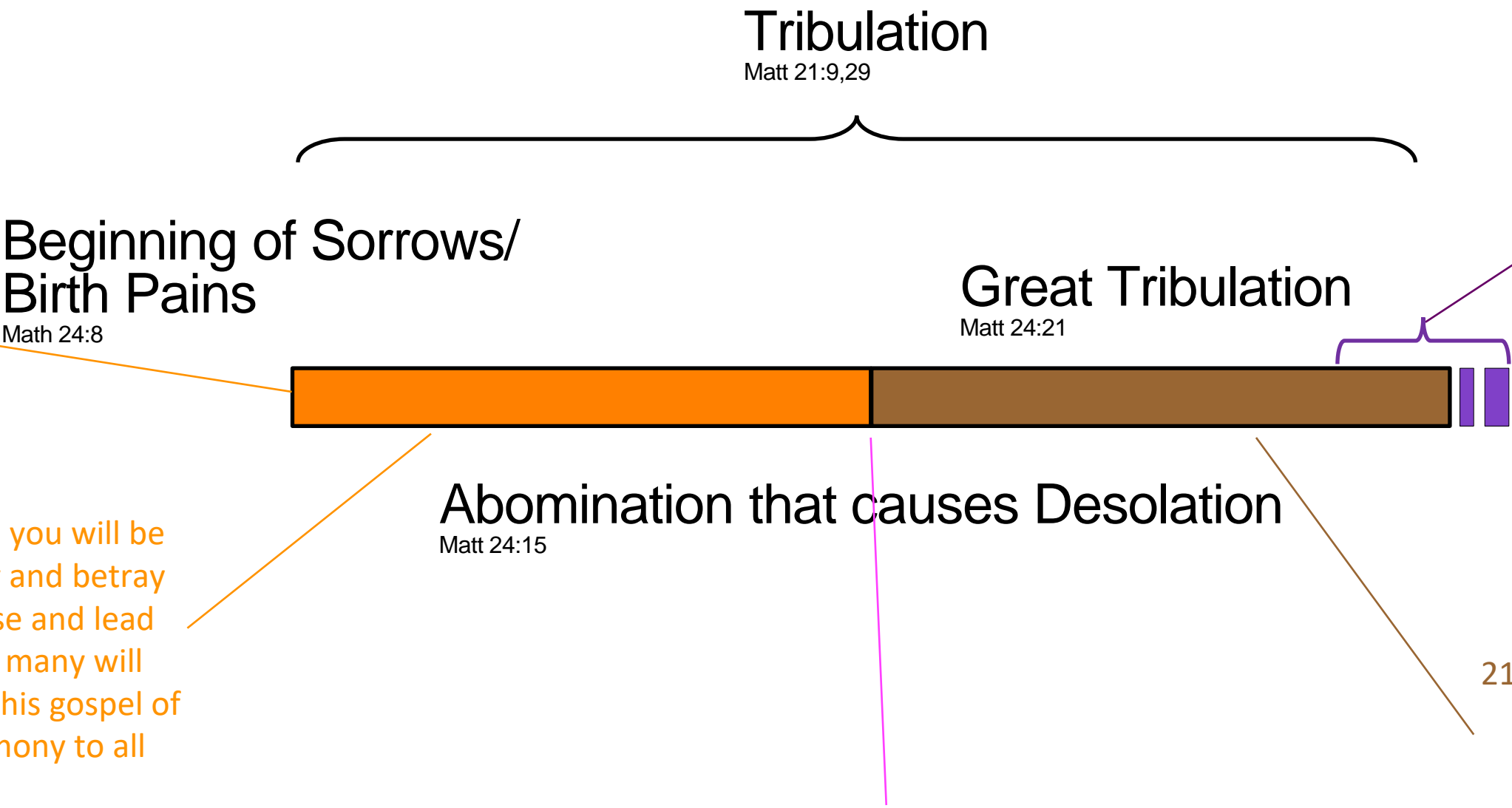
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Who are the Elect?

- **Jews: ROMANS 9:10-12 ESV**
 - 10 And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, 11 though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— 12 she was told, “The older will serve the younger.”
- **Gentiles: ROMANS 11:6-8, 27-29 ESV**
 - 6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace. 7 What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, 8 as it is written, “God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day.”
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- **Angels: 1 Tim 5:21 ESV**
 - 21 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality.

- Each of these groups are marked by having faith in God

What did the early Church teach? DIDACHE Chapter 16

- Watch over your life. Do not let your lamps be extinguished or your body unclothed, but be ready; for you do not know the hour in which our Lord comes.
- Assemble yourselves together frequently to seek the things that benefit your souls, for all the time of your faith will not profit you unless you are perfect at the last. For in the last days, false prophets and seducers will increase, turning the sheep into wolves; and love will be turned into hate. For lawlessness will increase and they will hate and persecute and betray one another. They will hate and persecute and betray one another. AND THEN The deceiver of the world will appear as though he were the Son of God, and he shall do signs and wonders and the earth shall be delivered into his hands; and he will commit immoralities which have never been done since the age began. Then shall the race of men come into the fire of proving trial and many shall be made to stumble and perish. But those who remain established in their faith shall be saved under the very curse. And then the signs of truth shall be revealed. First, a sign spread out in heaven; then a sign of the sound of a trumpet; and third, the resurrection of the dead, but not all of the dead. But as it was said, "the Lord shall come and all His Holy Ones with Him." Then the world shall see the Lord coming in the clouds of heaven."

Didachi – early Christian text on the fundamentals of the church; likely one of the earliest documents before the New Testament was in place. This account is consistent with Matthew and Mark

Dave - Confirm your Election

2 Pet 1: 3-11 ESV

- 3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. 10 Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, **for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.** 11 For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

The Parables

Module 1 - 1b

Homework

Parables to read

- The Parable of the Weeds Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43
- The Parable of the Net Matthew 13:47–50
- The Parable of the Tenants Matthew 21:33-44
- The Parable of the Wedding Banquet Matthew 22:1–14, Luke 14:16–24
- The Parable of the Fig Tree
- The Parable of the Ten Virgins Matthew 25:1–13
- The Parable of the Returning Owner Mark 13:32–37
- The Parable of the Watchful Servants Luke 12:35-40
- The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Servants Luke 12:42–48
- Right after: Parable of the Returning Owner & Parable of the Wise and Foolish Servants.
 - Not Peace but Division Luke 12:49-53
 - Interpreting the Times Luke 12:54-59

Question of the Day

- Does Jesus reveal anything about the end times in the parables?

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