
Stand Firm

Matthew 24:1-35



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Matthew 24:1-35

1. Jesus said that he would return within a generation - he didn't - therefore he was wrong
2. Jesus said that he would return within a generation - he did - in 70 AD
3. Jesus was speaking about the fall of Jerusalem
4. Jesus was speaking about the fall of Jerusalem in some verses and about his return in others.

Matthew 23:37-39 NIV

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”



Matthew 24:1-3 NIV

Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. “Do you see all these things?” he asked. “Truly I tell you, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.” As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

Two Questions

1. When will this happen?
2. What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?

Two Questions

1. When will this happen?



Matthew 24:34

“Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.”

Two Questions

2. What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?

Matthew 24:36

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father”







Four kinds of calamities:

Matthew 24:4-12 NIV

Deception

Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

Devastation

Distress

Desertion

“Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold

Four kinds of calamities:

Deception

truth will become a rare commodity

Devastation

natural and human caused disasters

Distress

persecution

Desertion

love will grow cold

But.....

Matthew 24:13-14 NIV

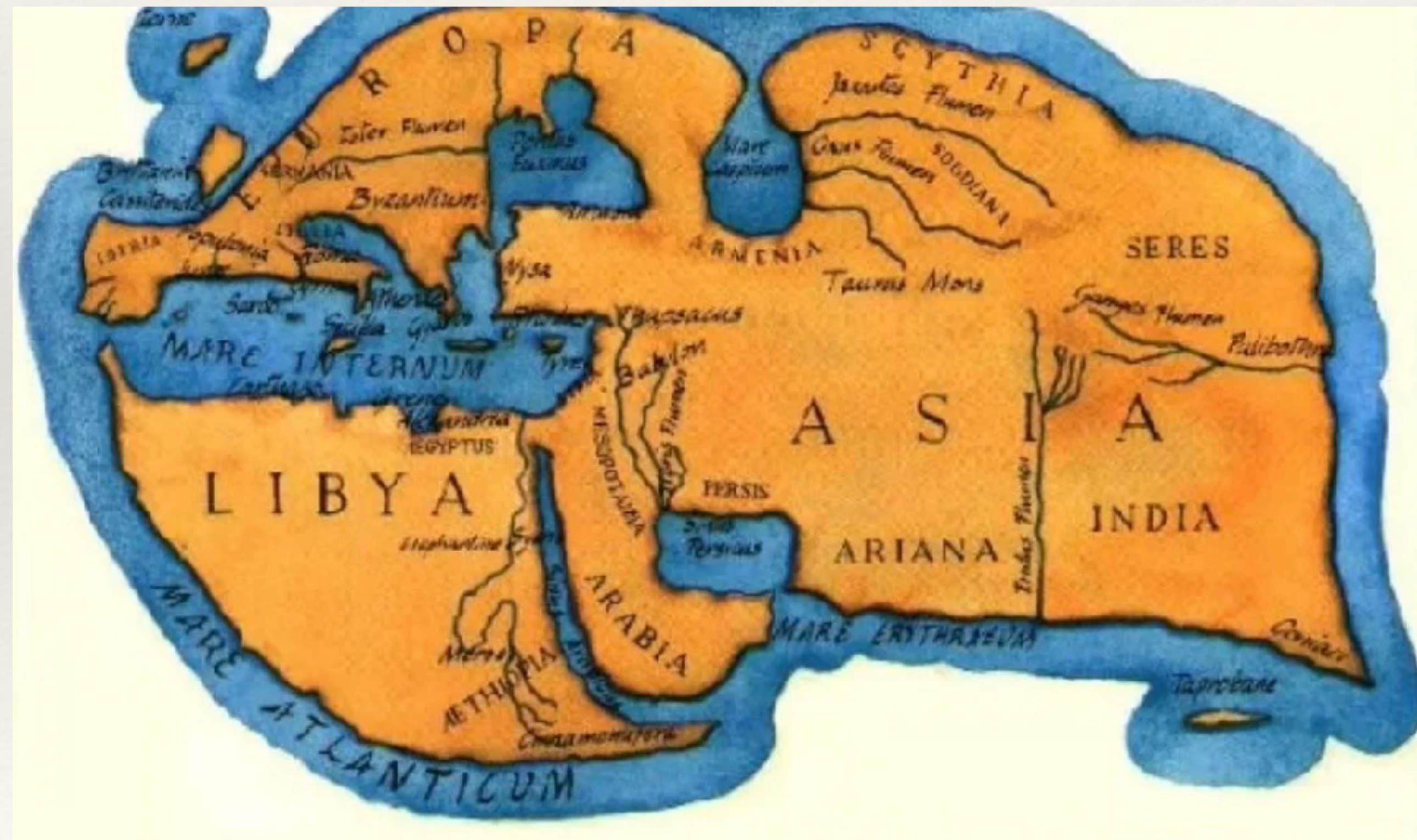
but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.



Colossians 1:6, 23 NIV

....the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world

...This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven



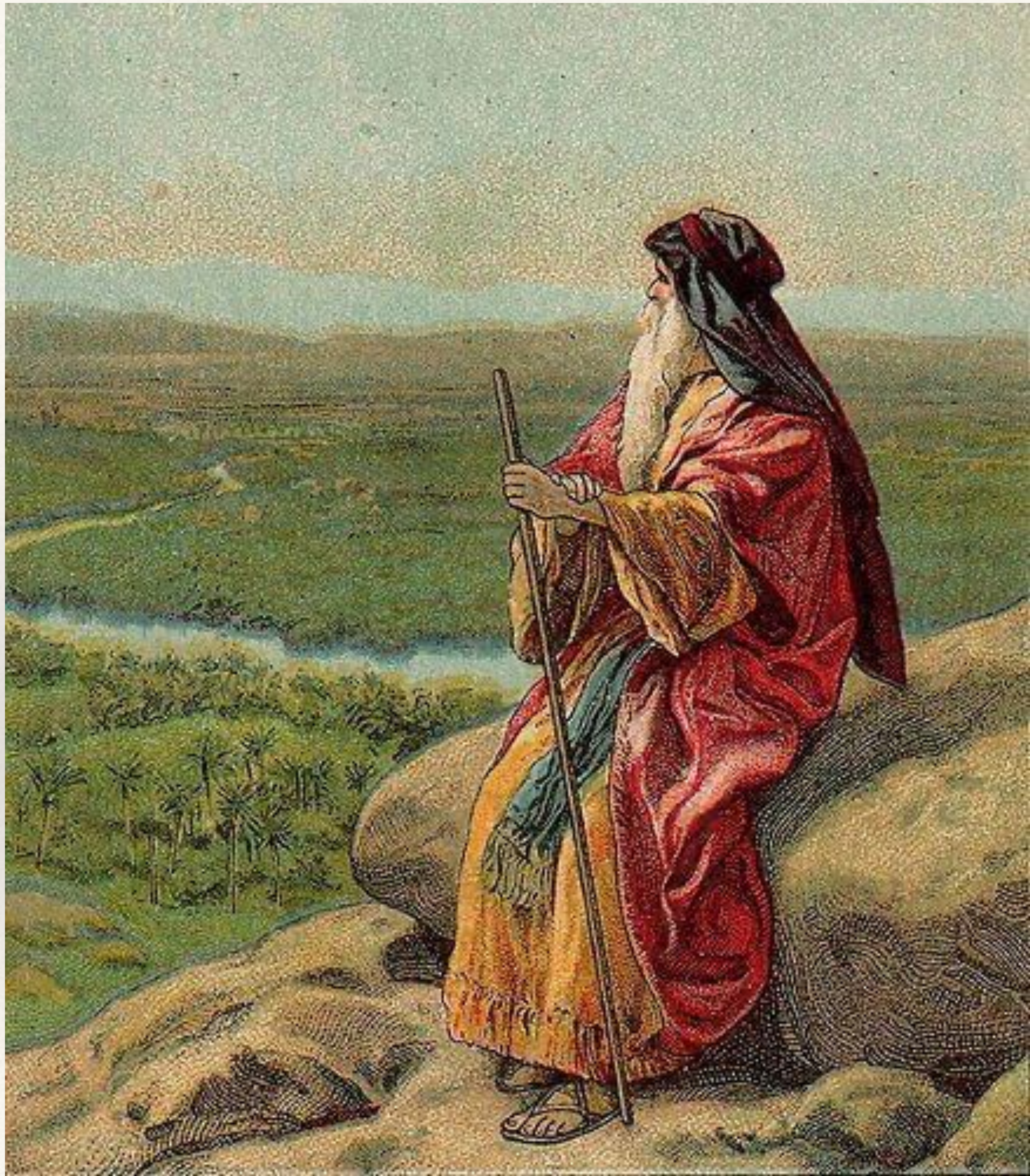
“the one who stands firm to the end will be saved”

Does **Endurance = Salvation?**

Luke 21:19 NIV

Stand firm, and you will win life







Matthew 24:15-22 NIV

“So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand — then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house. Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.

“If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

the abomination that causes desolation

Luke 21:20 NIV

When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near.

RUN!



For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world **until now—and never to be equaled again.**

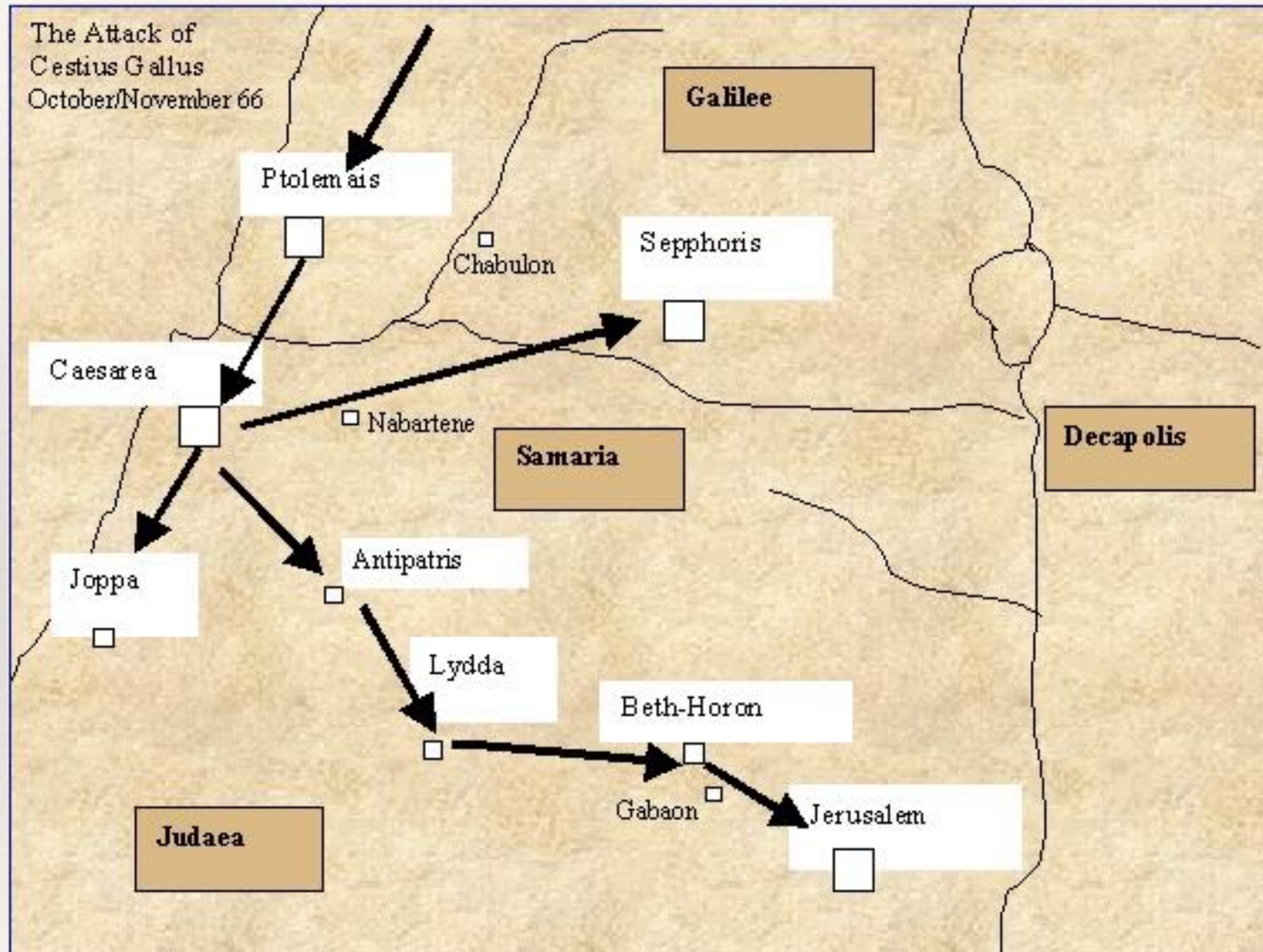
2 Kings 18:5 NIV

Hezekiah trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel. **There was no one like him** among all the kings of Judah, **either before him or after him.**

2 Kings 23:25 NIV

Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the LORD as he did

Cestius Gallus



Shimon bar Giora

Matthew 24:23-28 NIV

At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you ahead of time.

“So if anyone tells you, ‘There he is, out in the wilderness,’ do not go out; or, ‘Here he is, in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

Matthew 24:29 NIV

“Immediately after the
distress of those days

“the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its
light;

the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will
be shaken.’



Isaiah 13:1, 9-10, 13, 17-19 NIV

A prophecy against Babylon that Isaiah son of Amoz saw

See, the day of the LORD is coming
—a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger—
to make the land desolate
and destroy the sinners within it.
The stars of heaven and their constellations
will not show their light.
The rising sun will be darkened
and the moon will not give its light.

Therefore I will make the heavens tremble;
and the earth will shake from its place
at the wrath of the LORD Almighty,
in the day of his burning anger.

See, I will stir up against them the Medes,
who do not care for silver
and have no delight in gold.
Their bows will strike down the young men;
they will have no mercy on infants,
nor will they look with compassion on children.
Babylon, the jewel of kingdoms,
the pride and glory of the Babylonians,
will be overthrown by God

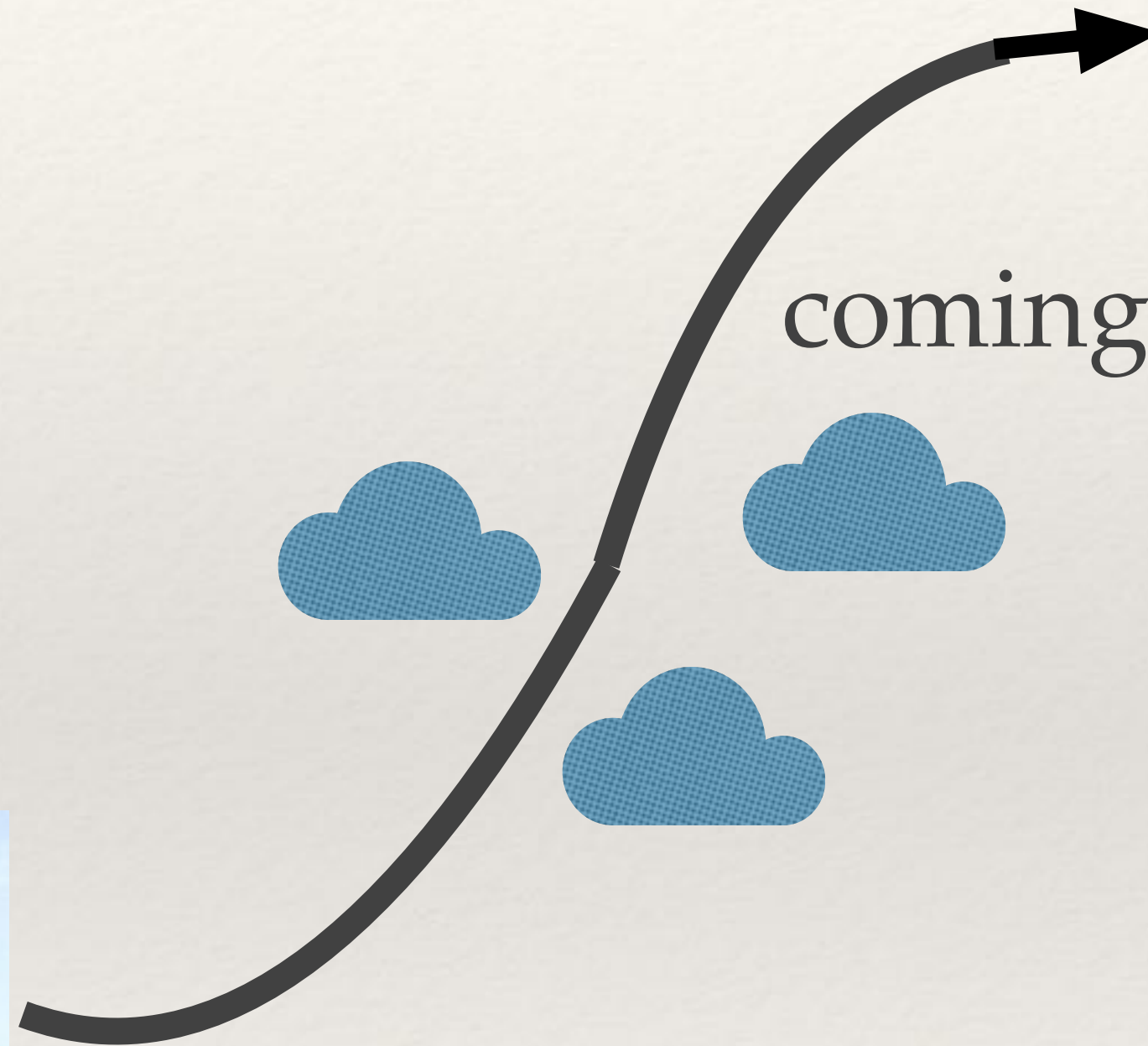
Matthew 24:30-31 NIV

“Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

Daniel 7:13-14 NIV

“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a **son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven**. He **approached** the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given **authority, glory** and sovereign **power**; all **nations** and **peoples of every language** worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Daniel 7



Greek words	(pros) (ex) <u>erchomai</u>	<u>parousia</u>	eimi	heko	ekphyo
Meaning	movement from one point to another, with focus on approach from the narrator's perspective	- presence - arrival	- be - in reference to location, persons, condition, or time	to be in a place as the result of movement	to give rise to something. by a physical process
Reference (Matt. 24 verses)	1, 3, 5, 27, 30	3, 27	6	14	32

Acts 7:55-56 NIV

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”



Matthew 24:32-35 NIV

“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Stand Firm

Deception

- Love God

Devastation

- Love your neighbour

Distress

Desertion

- Tell others about Jesus.