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# SEEKING CLARIFICATION



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#### Mark 13:3-4 (CSB)

"While he was sitting on the Mount of Olives across from the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?"

# WATCH OUT! DON'T BE DECEIVED!

#### Mark 13:5-8 (CSB)

Jesus told them, "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and they will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, don't be alarmed; these things must take place, but it is not yet the end. For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains."



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alert

#### Mark 13:3-4 (CSB)

Watch Out = blepō "Watch out, beware, pay attention to" Present / Active verb







#### Mark 13:22-23 (CSB)

"For false messiahs and false prophets will arise and will perform signs and wonders to lead astray, if possible, the elect. And you must watch! I have told you everything in advance."

- Does the teaching of this person align with scripture? (Galatians 1:8)
- 2) Does this person exhibit the fruit of the Spirit? (Galatians 5:22-25)
- 3) Does this person continually strive to be like Jesus? Watch out for those who always desire the seats of honor and want everyone to recognize them? (Mark 12:38-40)

# THE REALITY OF FOLLOWING CHRIST

#### Mark 13:9-13 (CSB)

"But you, be on your guard! They will hand you over to local courts, and you will be flogged in the synagogues. You will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a witness to them. And it is necessary that the gospel be preached to all nations."

#### Mark 13:9-13 (CSB)

"So when they arrest you and hand you over, don't worry beforehand what you will say, but say whatever is given to you at that time, for it isn't you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by everyone because of my name, but the one who endures to the end will be saved."



THE SOUTHERN PARTY ON BOARD THE "NIMBOD," LEFT TO RIGHT: WILD, SHACKLETON, MARSHALL, ADAMS



"Now I want to make clear for you, brothers and sisters, the gospel I preached to you, which you received, on which you have taken your stand and by which you are being saved, if you hold to the message I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve."

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"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation."

Romans 10:9-10 (CSB)

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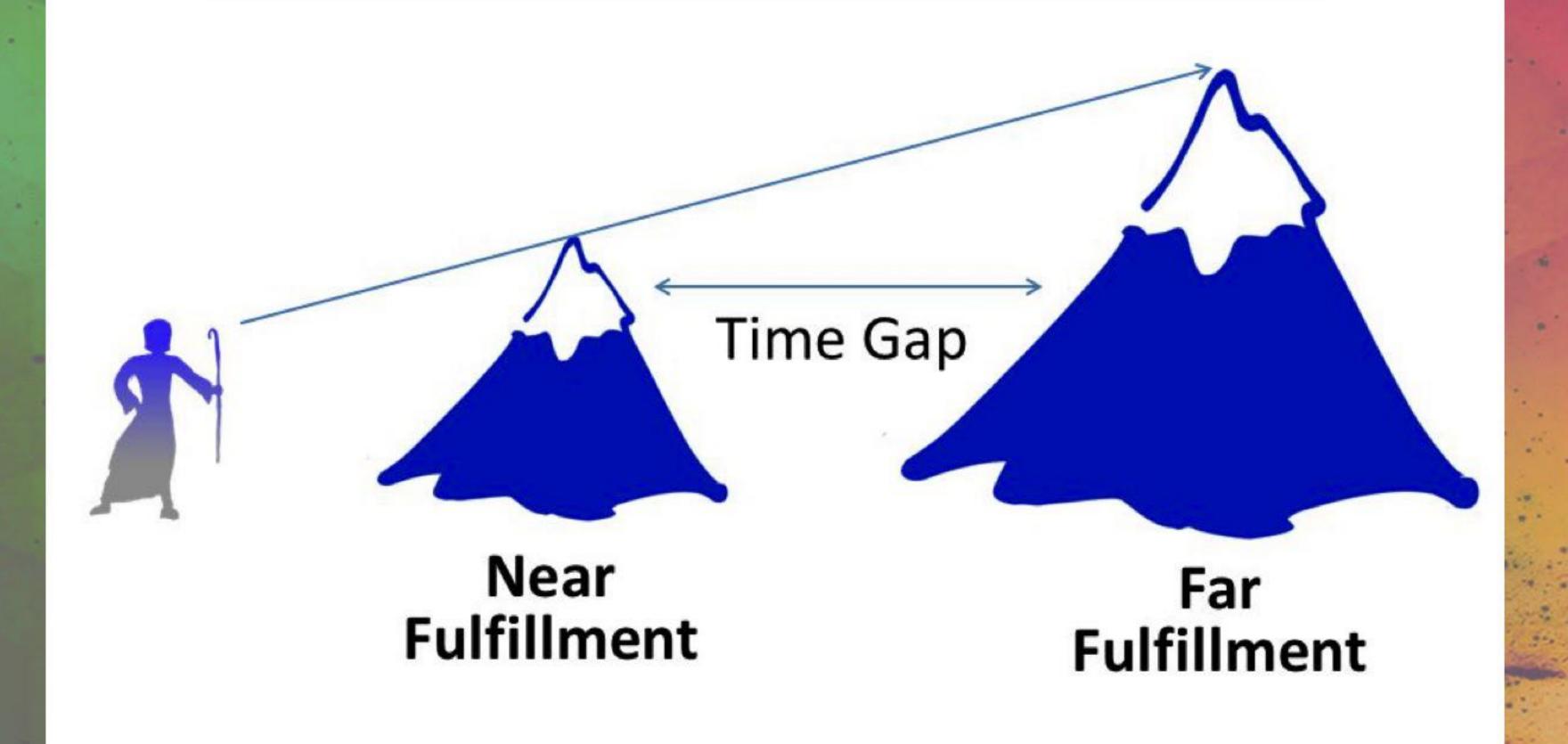
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### PROPHECY: NEAR AND FAR

# Prophetic Telescoping



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#### Daniel 11:31-32 (CSB)

"His forces will rise up and desecrate the temple fortress. They will abolish the regular sacrifice and set up the abomination of desolation. With flattery he will corrupt those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will be strong and take action."

#### Mark 13:14-17 (CSB)

"When you see the abomination of desolation standing where it should not be" (let the reader understand), "then those in Judea must flee to the mountains. A man on the housetop must not come down or go in to get anything out of his house, and a man in the field must not go back to get his coat. Woe to pregnant women and nursing mothers in those days!"

# WARNING HIS DISCIPLES

# 2 Extremes

- Distraction
  Apathy

# BE ALERT!

### Mark 13:30 (CSB)

"Truly I tell you, this **generation** will certainly not pass away until all these things take place."

### Mark 13:32 (CSB)

"Now concerning that day or hour no one knows—neither the angels in heaven nor the Son—but only the Father."

# Phillipians 2:6-7 (CSB)

"Who existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be exploited. Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity."

# John 5:19 (CSB)

"Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, the Son is not able to do anything on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, the Son likewise does these things."

"In essence Jesus is directing us to be mindful to continue to do the work of the Lord (so that when He returns He will find us at work). Knowing what is to come should act to motivate us to be more focused and diligent—especially in telling others about Jesus. We are not to "be alert" to protect ourselves—as in, "be alert, there is a wolf in the area." Rather, be alert and vigilant to be about disciple making, since the time will soon come when that will no longer be possible."

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### 1 Peter 4:7-11 (CSB)

The end of all things is near; therefore, be alert and sober-minded for prayer. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others.

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as good stewards of the varied grace of God. If anyone speaks, let it be as one who speaks God's words; if anyone serves, let it be from the strength God provides, so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.



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