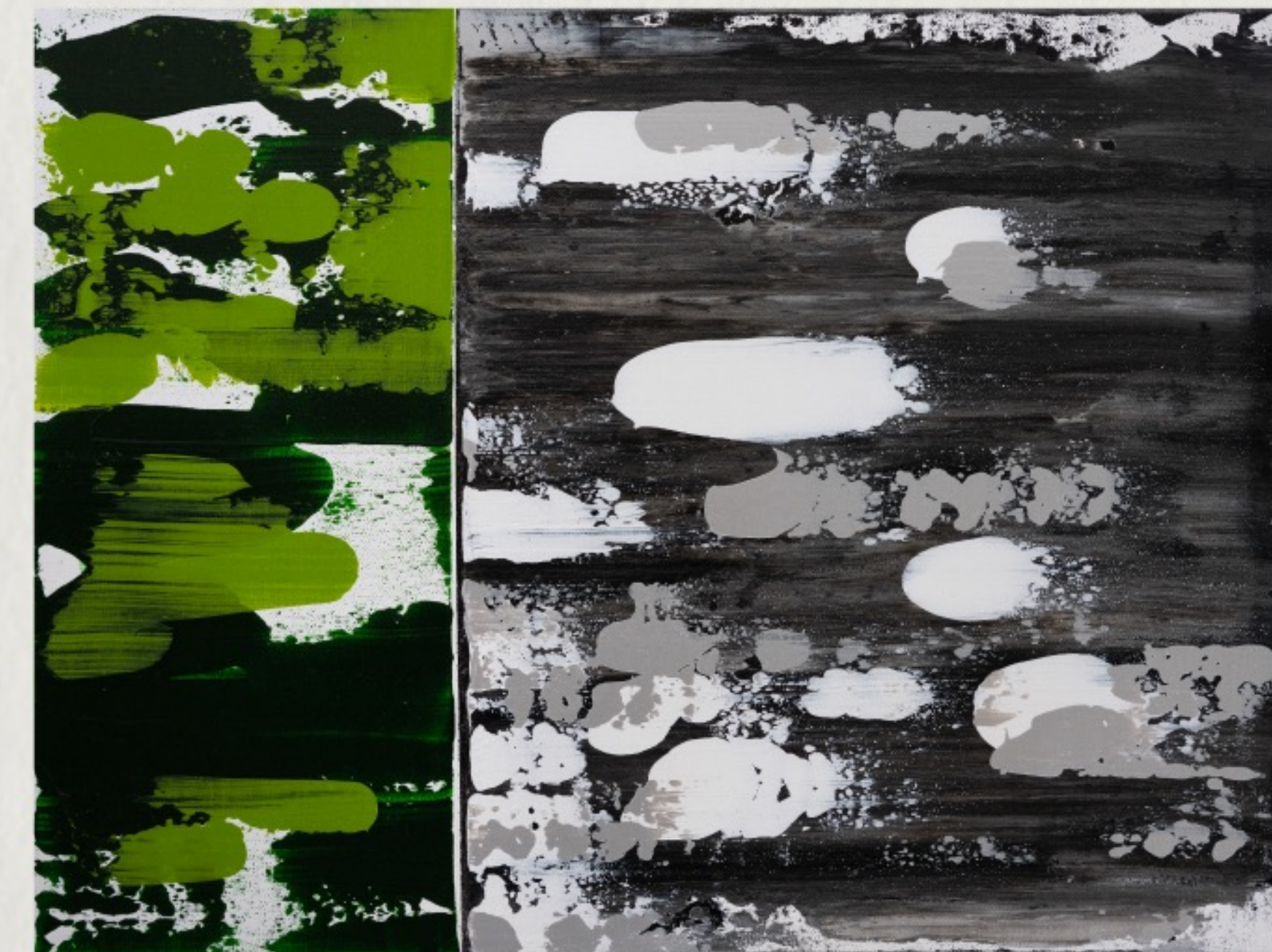


**13** THE KING'S  
RETURN

A STUDY OF  
**Mark**



“Tell us, **when will these things happen?** And **what will be the sign**  
that all these things are about to take place?”

Mark 13:4 <sup>NET</sup>



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Mark 13:5-13

# During Our Present Suffering

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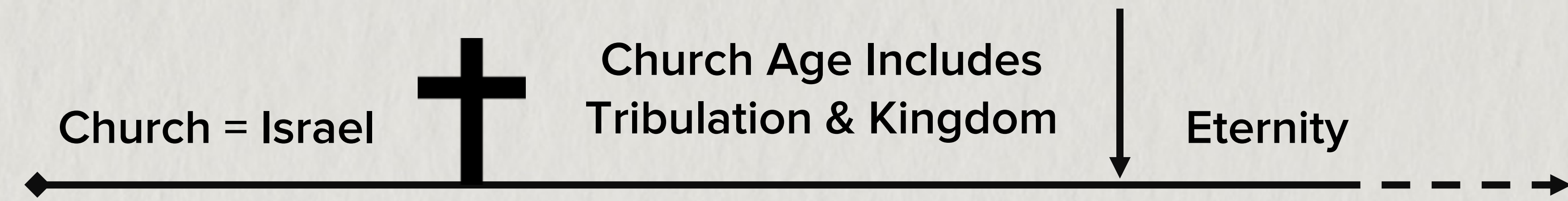
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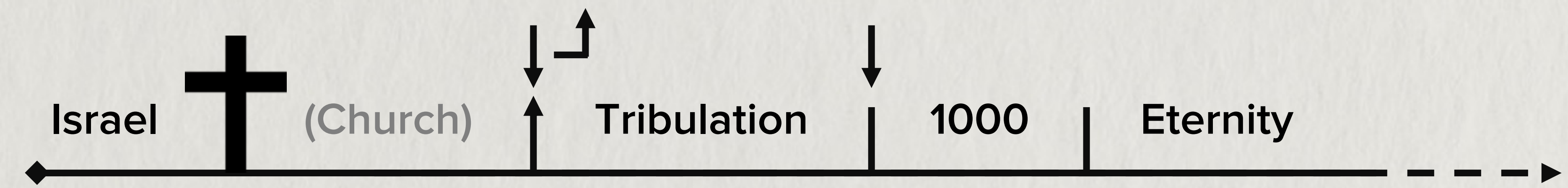
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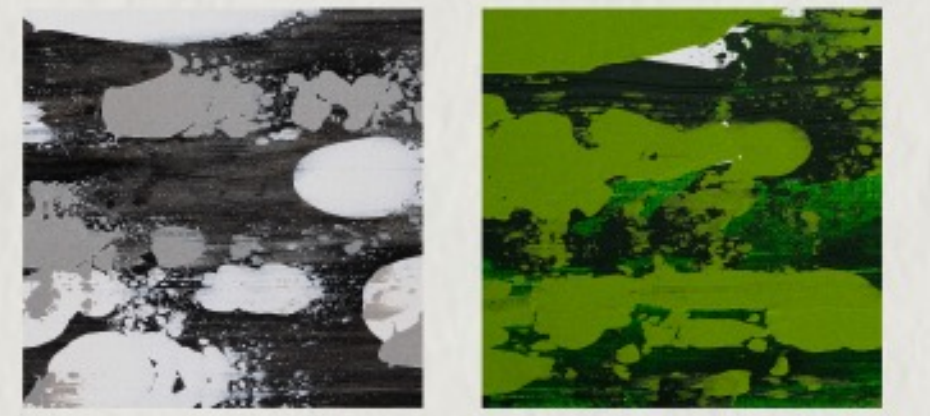
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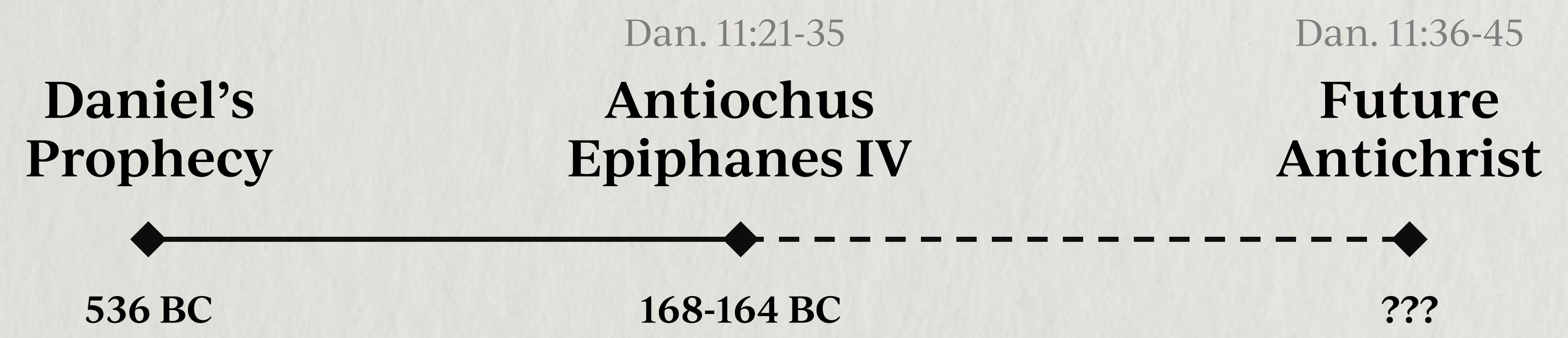
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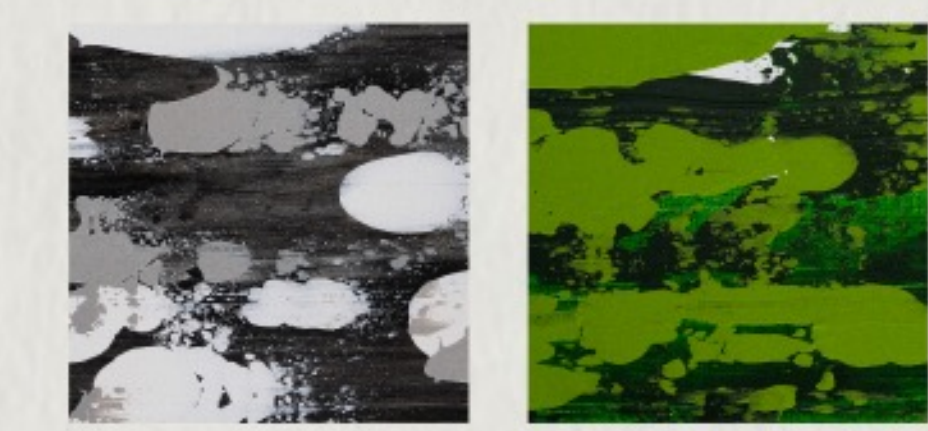
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“But when you see the **abomination of desolation** standing where it should not be (let the reader understand), then those in Judea must flee to the mountains. <sup>15</sup> The one on the roof must not come down or go inside to take anything out of his house. <sup>16</sup> The one in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. <sup>17</sup> Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing their babies in those days! <sup>18</sup> Pray that it may not be in winter. <sup>19</sup> For in those days there will be suffering unlike anything that has happened from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, or ever will happen.”

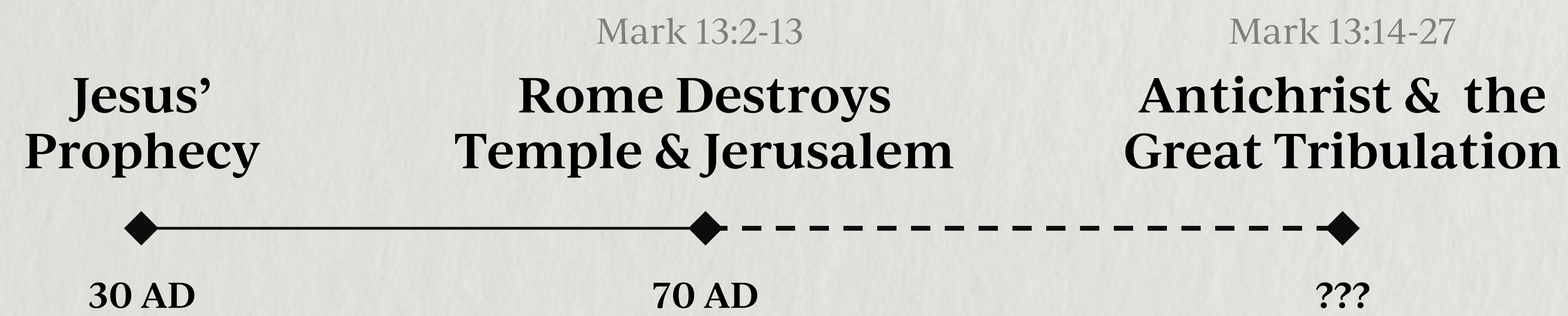




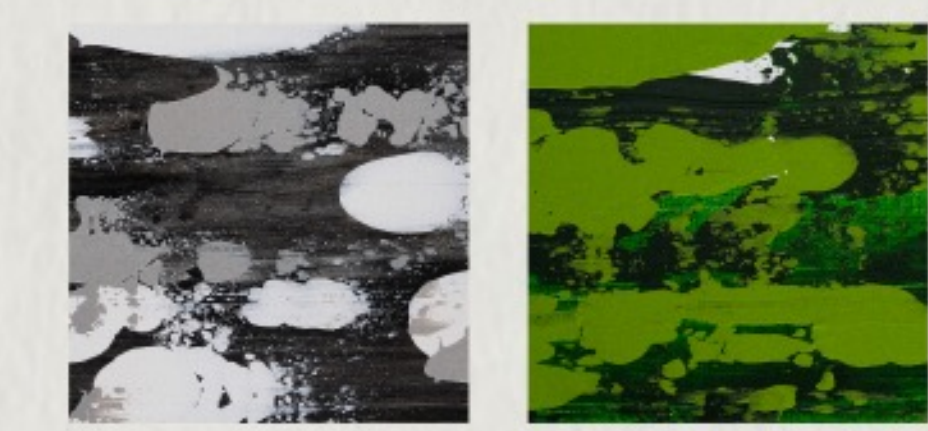
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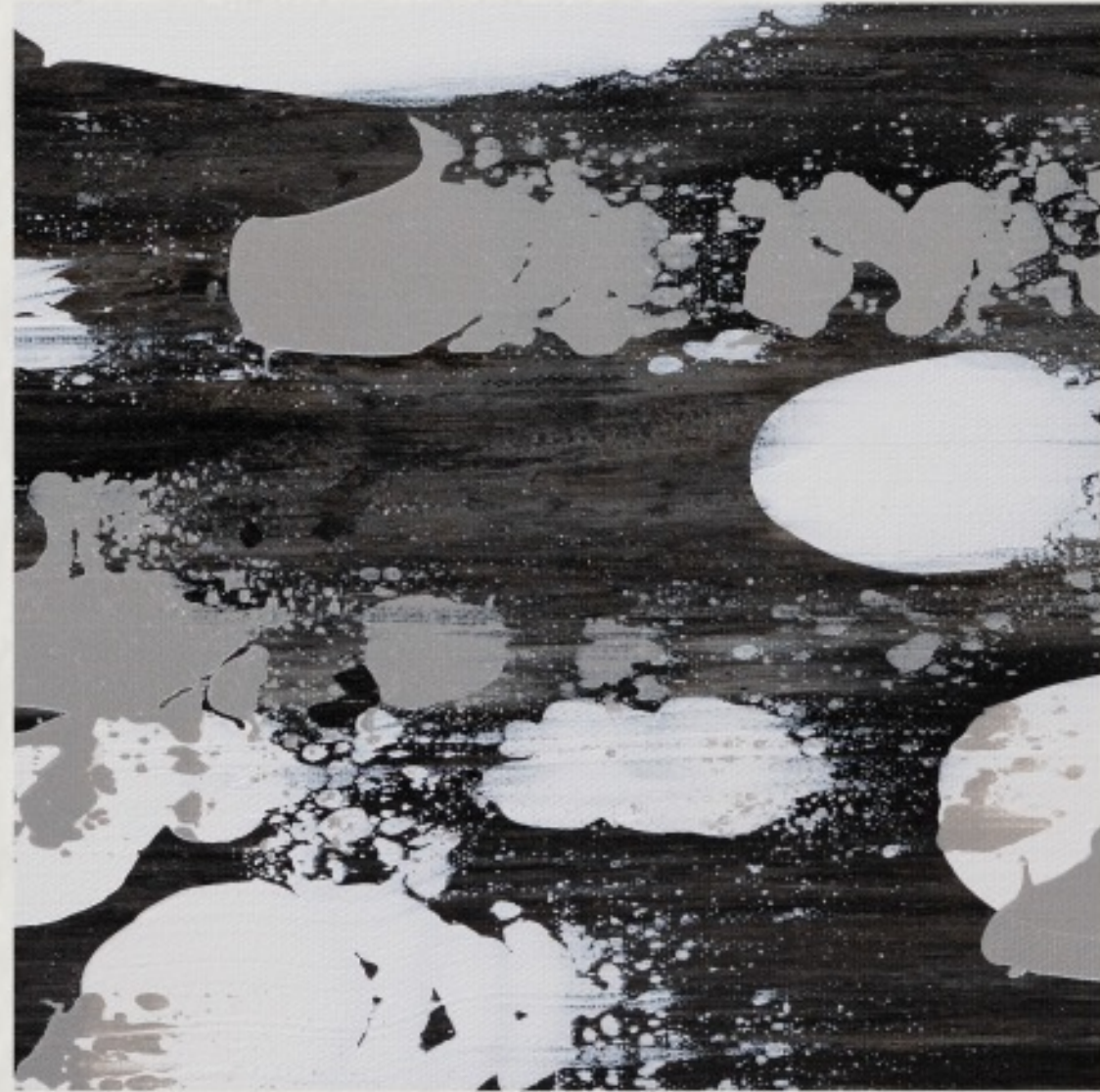
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<sup>21</sup> Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe him. <sup>22</sup> For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, the elect.  
<sup>23</sup> Be careful! I have told you everything ahead of time.”



### Mark 13:24-27 NET

“But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light; <sup>25</sup> the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> **Then everyone will see the Son of Man arriving in the clouds with great power and glory.** <sup>27</sup> Then he will send angels and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.”





## 1<sup>st</sup> Advent

Quiet, obscure, humble, local

Suffering Servant - Mark 8-10

Defeat sin and death

*“Seek and save the lost”* - Mark 10:45

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent

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Saving Sovereign - Mark 13

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*“Gather His own”* - Mark 13:27



# What does this mean for us?

Recognize & Be Ready

## Mark 13:28-32 <sup>NET</sup>

“Learn this parable from the fig tree: Whenever its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also you, when you see these things happening, **know that he is near**, right at the door. <sup>30</sup> I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. <sup>32</sup> “But **as for that day or hour no one knows** it - neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son - except the Father.”



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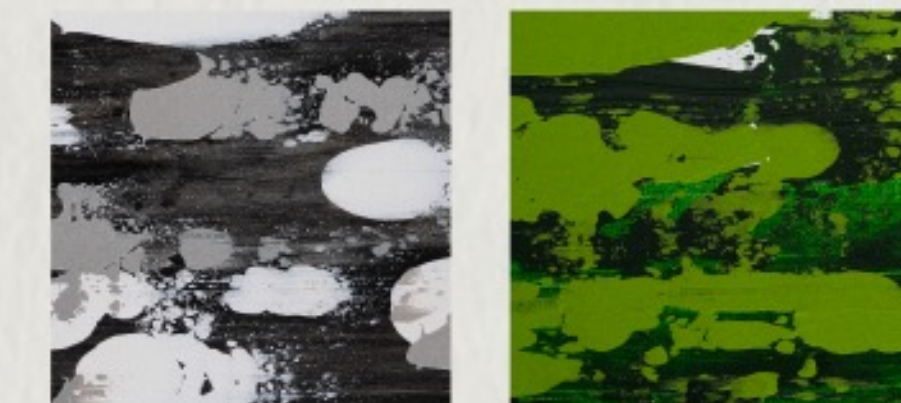
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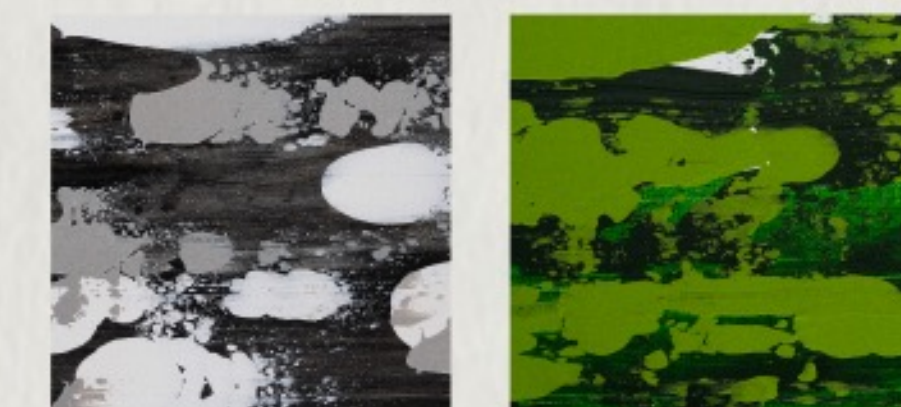
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**“I stay ready,  
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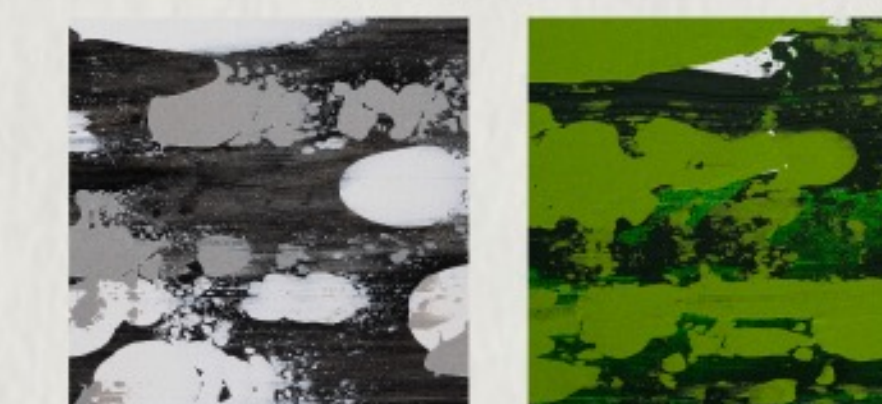


## 1 Thessalonians 5:4, 6, 8-11 <sup>NET</sup>

<sup>4</sup> But you, brothers and sisters, are not in the darkness for the day to overtake you like a thief would...

<sup>6</sup> So then **we must not sleep as the rest, but must stay alert and sober...**

<sup>8</sup> But since we are of the day, **we must stay sober by putting on the breastplate of faith and love and as a helmet our hope for salvation.** <sup>9</sup> For God did not destine us for wrath but for gaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> He died for us so that whether we are alert or asleep we will come to life together with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, just as you are in fact doing.





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