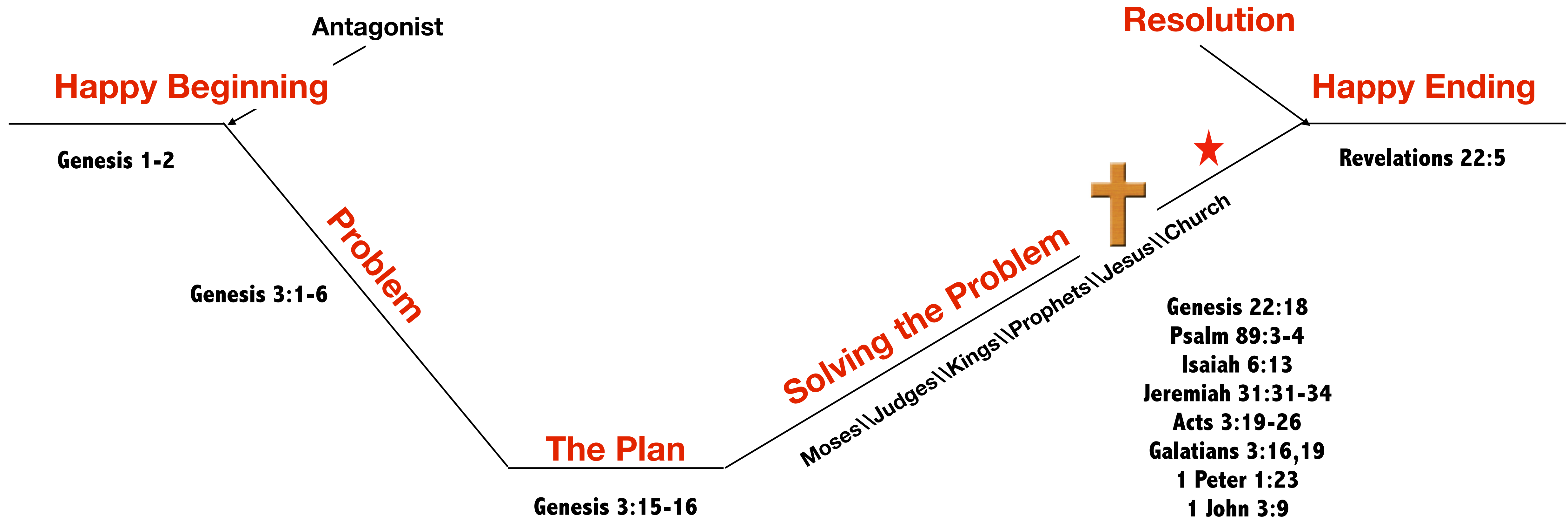


Crossroads Men's Bible Study

November 16th

Mark 11:1-13:37

The Story of the Bible



Significance of Mount of Olives

- **Ezekiel 11:22-23**
 - **Glory of the Lord leaving the Temple**
- **Ezekiel 43:1-4**
 - **Glory of the Lord returning**
- **Acts 1:9-12**
 - **Jesus Departs**
- **Zechariah 14:1-21**
 - **Jesus Returns**



Structure of Mark 11:1-13:37



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Fig Tree & Temple

Parable of Vineyards

**Greatest Commandment &
Tribulations**

2nd Coming: 13:26

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Fig Tree and Temple

- **Literary “Sandwich”:** The two capstone events interpret the middle
 - **Fig Tree (12-14)**
 - **Cleansing of Temple (15-18)**
 - **Fig Tree (19-26)**
- **Fig Tree Symbolism**
 - **Blessing of Promised Land: Deuteronomy 8:8**
 - **Safety/Prosperity: 1 Kings 4:25, Micah 4:4**
 - **Discipline for Sin: Jeremiah 8:1-13, Hosea 2:8-13**
 - **Israel: Hosea 9:10**
- **Cleansing of the Temple**
 - **Role of the Temple/Court of Gentiles**
 - **House of Prayer: Isaiah 56:7**
 - **Light to the Nations: 1 Kings 8:41-48**
 - **Israel not fulfilling its role to the nations (like a fig tree without fruit)**
 - **Den of Robbers: Jeremiah 7:11**
 - **Robbing Nations for opportunity to worship**
- **Withered Fig Tree**
 - **Fulfilled Prophecy: Isaiah 5:7 & 5:24**
 - **Teaching to Disciples: “Have Faith in God”**
 - **Faith that believes God will do what He says**
 - **Faith that prays**
 - **Faith that forgives**

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- **Problem (12:3-5)**
- **Plan (12:6-8)**
- **Resolution (12:9)**
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- **Happy Beginning (12:1-2)**
 - **Isaiah 5:1-2**—God makes the Vineyard
 - **Isaiah 5:7**—The Vineyard is Israel (also 18-24)
- **Problem (12:3-5)**
 - **Israel's treatment of God's prophets**
 - **2 Chronicles 36:15, Jer 25:4-6; 35:16; 44:4,**
 - **John the Baptist**
 - **Isaiah 5:18-23**—God's judgement
- **Plan (12:6-8)**
 - **Jesus 1st coming**
 - **"Seed"**
 - **Isaiah 42:1-9**
- **Resolution (12:9)**
 - **God's action**
 - **Isaiah 5:24**
 - **Isaiah 53 & Mark 8:31, 9:31, 10:33**
- **Happy Ending (12:10)**

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Parable of Vineyards: New Covenant

- **A new Nation**
 - **Ephesians 2:11-22**
- **Jesus as High Priest**
 - **Hebrews 4:14-16**
- **Believers are the new Priesthood**
 - **1 Peter 2:4-12**
- **We are the new Temple**
 - **1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19**
- **We are the new Ambassadors of Christ**
 - **2 Corinthians 5:20**

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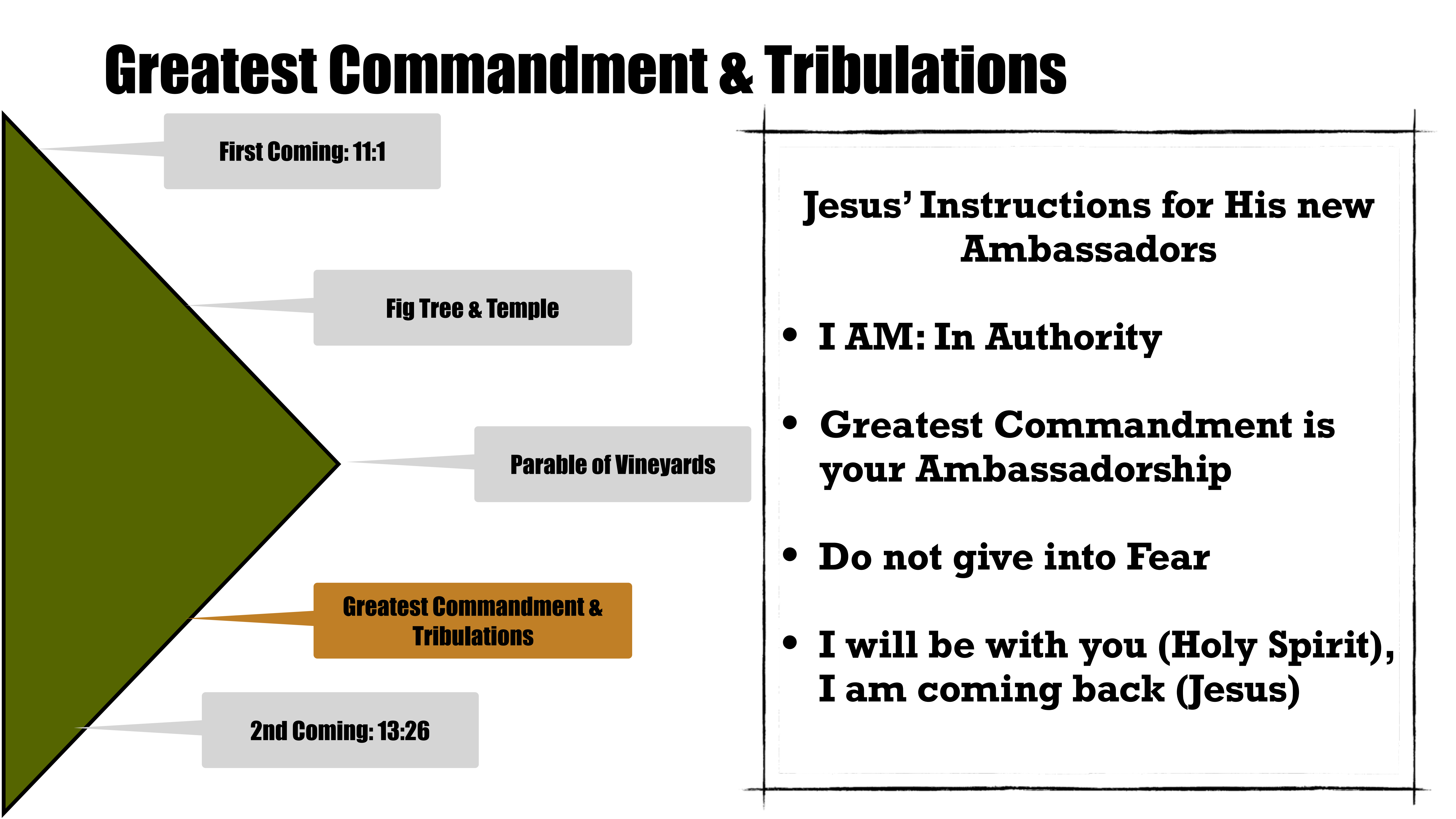
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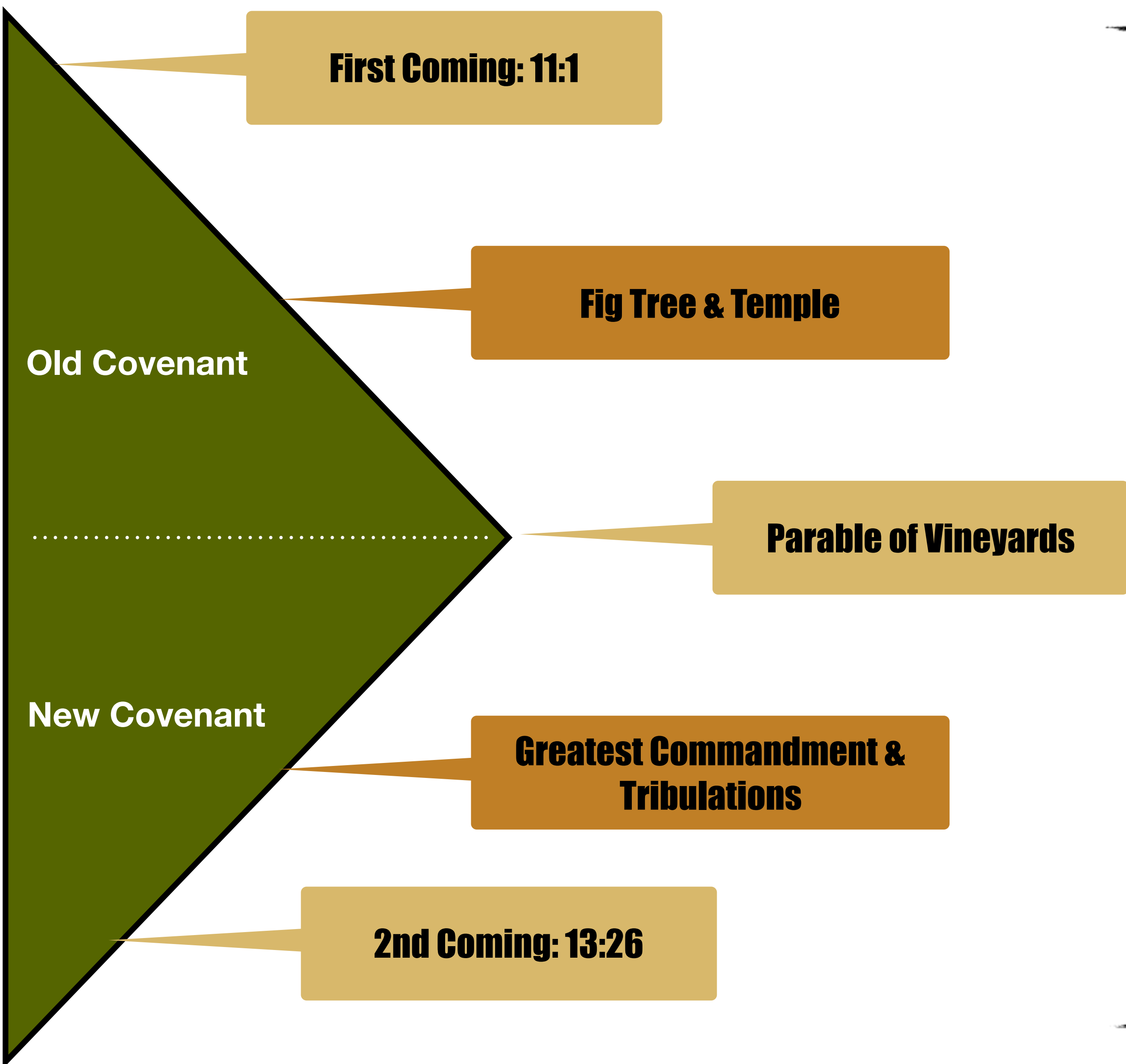
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- **Greatest Commandment is your Ambassadorship**
- **Do not give into Fear**
- **I will be with you (Holy Spirit), I am coming back (Jesus)**

Mark 11:1-13:37... Small Group Questions



General Questions:

1. Is it difficult for you to have the “Faith in God” from Mark 11:22 instead of what the Jewish leaders had faith in? (E
2. What do your relationships with others tell you about your closeness to God?
3. Which of the four areas do you need to focus most on right now?
4. Which instruction is most difficult to follow?

Jesus’ Instructions for His new Ambassadors

- **I AM: In Authority**
 - Over Human Government (12:15-17)
 - Of the Living, even after death (12:18-27)
 - Over the Law of Moses (12:29-32)
 - I AM (12:35-37)
- **Greatest Commandment is your Ambassadorship**
 - 12:30-31
 - First to God, then to others
 - 12:38-40
 - Connect right to Widows (James 1:27)
 - Leviticus 22:13, Deuteronomy 14:29, 16:11, 24:19-21, 25:12-13
- **Do not give into Fear (Ch 13)**
 - 9 Imperatives (meaning do this forever)
 - Do not believe false prophets/messiahs (5,21)
 - Do not be frightened (7,11)
 - Be on your guard (9,23,33,35,37)
- **I will be with you (Holy Spirit), I am coming back (Jesus)**
 - John 14:16-18, 16:5-13
 - Daniel 7:13-14

