Identifying *þā*

- *þā* may be:
    - adverb "then"
    - conjunction "when"
    - pronoun "the, her, they, them"
        `-> relative pronoun "whom, which"

- In *þā ... þā* constructions, the adverb "then" is the one immediately followed by the verb; the other is the conjunction.
    Þā þā hē slēp ðā genam hē ān rib of his sīdan.

Identifying *þā*

- If followed immediately by a verb, it is an adverb "then", unless the verb is plural and no subject follows it, in which case it is the pronoun "they";

- if followed immediately by a pronoun, it is the conjunction "when" (in this function it is often duplicated as *þā þā*, especially in Ælfric); or occasionally the pronoun "they" or its relative "which, whom";

- if followed immediately by a noun or adjective, it is usually the demonstrative pronoun "the, that, those", unless the noun or adjective is an indefinite plural, in which case it is the conjunction "when"; "then" also occurs.

Identifying *þā*

- þā + verb is usually "then", never "when"

- þā + pronoun is "when" (or "they"), almost never "then"

- þā + noun/adjective is most commonly "the, that, those"

Identifying *þā*

- þā + verb = adverb "then":
  Þā <u>wæs</u> Sarran sār on mōde
  Þā <u>wǣron</u> þā Fīlisteī swīðe blīðe
  Samuhel ðā <u>ferde</u> be Godes hǣse tō Bethleem.
  Ðā <u>cōm</u> ōðer dæg, lēoht æfter þēostrum.
  Þā <u>gesāwon</u> hī þǣr twēgen englas.
  Þā <u>gesāwon</u> þæt his þegnas.
  Ðā <u>wendon</u> hī geond þæt land.
  Hī þā <u>ferdon</u> geond wegas.
  Þā <u>gebundon</u> hīe hine.

- þā + plural verb = demonstrative "they" (less common):
  Ðā <u>wǣron</u> Hlōðwiges sunu bēgen.
  Þā men ðe Iōhannes fullode, ðā <u>wǣron</u> eft gefullode on Cristes fulluhte.

Identifying *þā*

- *þā* + pronoun = conjunction "when":
  - Þā <u>hē</u> swilce ungewitt gehȳrde, hē wearð sārig on his mōde.
  - Sage mē hwǣr God sǣte þā <u>hē</u> geworhte heofonas and eorðan.
  - Ðā <u>hīe</u> þā Crist oferfangenne hǣfdon, þā gebundon hīe hine.
  - Þā <u>se</u> tȳma cōm þe God fōrescēawode. þā āsende hē his engel.
  - Þā <u>se</u> cyning ðæt ānfunde, þæt him mon geswicen hæfde, hē ðā hiene selfne forbærnde.

- *þā* + pronoun = demonstrative pronoun "her/they/them":
  - Hine lufiað þā <u>hē</u> clǣnsað.
  - Ofer ðā <u>hī</u> sculon ricsian.

- *þā* + pronoun = relative pronoun "which, whom":
  - Hī hæfdon ēac āne fēawa fixa, þā <u>hē</u> bletsode.

Identifying *þā*

- *þā* + noun/adjective = demonstrative pronoun "the, that, those":

    Þā <u>men</u> ðe Iōhannes fullode, ðā wǣron eft gefullode on Cristes fulluhte.

    Se dēofol him þā ābealh and þā <u>fǣmne</u> forswelgan wolde.

    Hwær synt þā <u>cyningas</u> þe gēo wǣron?

- *þā* + noun = adverb "then":

    Þā <u>Eadmund</u> clypode ǣnne bisceop þe him þā gehendost wæs.

    Ic ðā <u>Ælfred cyning</u> þās togædere gegaderode.