

Luke 21 Pt 2

No Quarter for Deceit/Compromise

- **Jesus at Temple:** On week to Cross
- **Commends** Widow who gave two mites...

II. Destruction of Jerusalem Dual Prophecy

5 Then, as **some spoke of the temple**, how it was **adorned with beautiful stones** and donations...

- **Solomon's Temple** 960BC to 952BC
 - **Zerubbabel's Temple** 537BC to 516BC [No Ark] Temple replaced by...
 - **Herod's Temple...** 20BC to 64AD [Spoiler alert] Destroyed 6 years later
1. **Columns:** Solid White Marble
 2. **Roof:** Adorned w/Gold Shields shining like sun
 3. **Stones** weighing 180 Tons [36,000 lbs.]

King/Priest/Prophet: Gold/Frankincense/Myrrh
Jesus begins to Prophecy re. the Temple...

- **Prophecy**
 1. **Foretell** the Future
 2. **Forth tell** the Word... Jesus will do both

Revelation 19:10 ...the testimony of Jesus is the **spirit of prophecy**.

The true spirit of prophecy always shows itself in bearing witness to Jesus. Any teaching of prophecy that takes our minds and hearts away from Him is not being properly communicated [Hocking]

...prophecy at its very heart is designed to unfold the beauty and loveliness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." [Walvoord]

- **Dual Prophecy:** Prophecy with **both a near/distant fulfillment**

IOWs: Like seeing two mountains the same size...yet one is actually much bigger but a greater distance away. IOWs One prophesy speaking of two events/Two separate times

1. **Near** Destruction of Temple in 70 AD
2. **Distant** Destruction of future Temple in GT

70AD was a type/sneak preview of what will be totally fulfilled in the Great Tribulation
When is Jesus speaking of **70AD**, the **Great Tribulation** or **Both**

5b... [Jesus] said, 6 "These things which you see [Temple stones/adornments] — the **days will come** in which **not one stone** shall be left **upon another** that shall not be thrown down."

Luke 19:43.. days will come upon you when your enemies will **build an embankment around you, surround you** and close you in on every side, 44 and **level you, and your**

children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

At the fall of Jerusalem a fire that soon engulfed the whole entire temple. Ornate gold detail work in the roof melted down in the cracks between the stone walls of the temple. To retrieve the gold the Roman commander ordered that the temple be **dismantled stone by stone**. The destruction was so complete that today they **don't know exactly where the temple was**.

7 So they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, but **when will these things be?** And what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?"

1. **When will** ...the Temple be destroyed?
2. **What will** ...be the signs before it happens?

8 And [Jesus] said: "Take heed that **you not be deceived**. For many will come in My name, saying, '**I am He,**' and, '**The time has drawn near.**' Therefore **do not go after them**."

This passage refers, in the first place, the **siege of Jerusalem** and in its second and yet fuller meaning, to the **coming of the Lord**...Our Lord regarded the destruction of Jerusalem as "the beginning of the end," the great type and anticipation of all that will take place when He himself shall stand in the latter day upon the earth. [Spurgeon]

Written to all Generations...Stay Alert

- **Deceivers will come and...**
 1. **Claim to be Saviors**
 2. **Predict Specific Dates**

Don't listen to them **but...**

9 **...when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified;** for these things must come to pass first, but the **end will not come immediately.**"10 Then He said to them, "**Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.** 11 And there will be great **earthquakes** in various places, and **famines** and **pestilences...**

Daniel 12:4b "...shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

- **Sign of End Times:** Ability to instantly hear news of **worldwide** phenomenon
- **Internet/Satellite Communication:** New Tower of Babel ripe for judgment
 1. Instantly hear of Wars/Earthquakes
 2. Instantly hear of Famines/Disease [**not so** when Jesus spoke]

Also not so when He spoke: The thought of nation against nation
World at that time was dominated by Rome

- **Last Sign before Jesus Return:** Major Cosmic Disturbances

11b... fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

End Times will be characterized by Extreme Fear/Panic [c.f. v25]

Jeremiah 30:6 Ask now, and see, Whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man with his **hands on his loins Like a woman in labor**, And all faces turned pale? 7 Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; And it is the **time of Jacob's trouble, But he shall be saved out of it.**

12 But before all these things...

- **Before the distant prophecy of GT. That is...**
 1. **Before** ability to hear of world events **immediately**
 2. **Before** the possibility/thought of Nation against Nation

Jesus gives the following Description/Instructions
To those present with Him of what will happen in less than 40 years

12b... they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake.

They will lay hands on you?

Sadducees: Main culprits in persecuting God's people

- **Book of Acts:** Religious/Civil Persecution of Believers

13 But it will turn out for you as an **occasion for testimony.**

I've never seen an opportunity that did not first present itself as a problem
Persecution: Opportunity to Maximize God's Glory

- God uses persecution to **glorify Himself in us...**

Genesis 50:20 ...as for you, **you meant evil against me**; but God meant it for good...

- **Paul** witnessed to King Agrippa/Pilate/Probably Nero
- **Religious/Civil Persecution** is coming culminating in destruction

Ephesians 5:15 See then that you walk circumspectly, **not as fools** but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because **the days are evil**. 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but **understand what the will of the Lord is.**

14 Therefore **settle it in your hearts not to meditate** beforehand on what you will answer; 15 for **I will give you a mouth and wisdom** which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.

- **Don't Prepare** A speech. I will speak through you
- **Do Prepare** To be Hated/Slandered/Betrayed...

16 You will be betrayed even by **parents and brothers, relatives and friends** and they will put **some of you to death**. 17 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. 18 But not a hair of your head shall be lost. 19 By your patience possess your souls.

- **Put to death** yet not a hair lost: Hair in heaven is good news
- **Patience possess our souls:** gr. *hupomone*. Strong endurance, not passive waiting

Patience/Endurance do not save us but are evidence we are saved. [NJC]

Those who listened to Jesus were ready for what was coming

Romans 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall **tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?** 36 As it is written: For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." 37 Yet in all these things we are **more than conquerors** through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, **shall be able to separate us** from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

20 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.

Vv20-24 Dual Prophecy: Near/Distant w/Similar Descriptions

- **Destruction** of Temple 40 yrs. later in 70AD: Jerusalem surrounded by Roman Titus
- **Destruction** of Temple at end Great Tribulation: Surrounded by Neo Roman AC

21 Then **let those who are in Judea flee** to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her.

- **Near:** Flee Jerusalem from Titus
- **Distant:** Flee Jerusalem from AC

22 For these are the **days of vengeance**, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

Days of Whose Vengeance?

God's Vengeance for not accepting Jesus both 1st/ 2nd Coming

Isaiah 61:1 [Quoted by Jesus in Luke 4] "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, [Jesus stop short of quoting entire verse which states] **And the day of vengeance of our God...**

- **First Coming:** Lamb bringing salvation rejected
- **Second Coming:** Lion bringing vengeance causing every knee bow

Both Near/Distant Warning: Flee Jerusalem Now!

23 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath **upon this people**. 24 And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be **led away captive into all nations**. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the **times of the Gentiles are fulfilled**.

- **Near** As Titus approaches. Israel is dispersed till 1948
- **Distant** Jews flee from Jerusalem a AC approaches. **When to flee?**

Matthew 24:15 "...when you see the **'abomination of desolation,'** spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place", 16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains."

- **Mid Trib:**
 1. **2/3 Jews** Disobey and Stay/slaughtered
 2. **1/3 Jews** Obey and are Saved/turn to Jesus

Zechariah 13:9 I will bring the **one-third through the fire**, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, **'The Lord is my God.'**

- **Jerusalem will be trampled...70AD and Great Trib**

...Until the Times of the Gentiles are fulfilled

From Nebuchadnezzar to end of AC Kingdom [Last of man's kingdoms]

- **IOWs** the last trampling of Jerusalem will end the Time of the Gentiles at end of Trib
- Jesus judges AC/Restores/Rebuilds Temple/Sets up His 1000-year Kingdom on earth

Events Leading up to the Kingdom... All Nations come against Israel as led by AC

Zechariah 14:1 Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst. 2 For **I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem**; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

President Erdogan said Turkey and the United States are **increasingly agreeing** on more issues, pointing to a positive trend in relations as the sale of **F-16 fighter jets to Turkey moved forward**, Turkish media said on Thursday. [Jerusalem Post 2/15/2024]

Revelation 16:12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. 13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, **to gather them to the battle** of that great day of God Almighty.

Jews that stay/refuse to listen to God's Word will be massacred

Jesus Returns to Jerusalem/AC attacks

Revelation 19:19 And I saw the beast [AC] , the **kings of the earth**, and their armies, **gathered together** to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

Psalms 2:1 [At Jesus return] Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, **Against the Lord and against His Anointed**, saying, 3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us."... 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

God has His own reason for calling godless nations together to Armageddon

Zechariah 14:3 Then the Lord will go forth And fight **against those nations**, As He fights in the day of battle.

Revelation 19:19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. 20 Then the **beast was captured**, and with him the **false prophet** who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

- **Time of the Gentiles closes:** AC/FP become the first residence of Hell
- **Day of Jesus Christ begins:** 1000 Year Millennial Kingdom

V20-24 **Dual Prophecy:** Near/Distant Described alike
Now...Jesus leaves both Description/Instruction for **those in GT**

III. Second Coming Distant Only

25 "And there **will be** signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;

Signs: That which points to the imminent 2nd Coming of Jesus

- **In Heavens** Sun, Moon, Stars
- **On Earth** Distress of Nations/Perplexity/Sea raging

26 **men's hearts failing them from fear** and the expectation of those things which are **coming on the earth**, for the **powers of the heavens will be shaken.**

- **Signs in Heaven/Earth** leading to Fear
 1. **Fear of Judgment** ...as the *powers of heaven* shaken
 2. **Fear of Death** ...as *things which are coming on earth*
- Earth will wobble like a drunkard [Is. 24:20]

Jeremiah 30:7 Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; And it is the time of **Jacob's trouble** last 3.5 yrs.], But he [Jacob/Israel] shall be saved out of it.

27 Then **they will see the Son of Man** coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Zechariah 14:4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley...

28 Now when these things **begin to happen**, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

See What Things? Things pertaining to Israel

- **Prophetic Time clock for Church**

1. Jerusalem Destroyed	70AD	Check
2. Israel Dispersed in Nations	70AD	Check
3. Israel Returns to their Land	1948	Check

Rapture of the Church: Look up

- **Prophetic Time clock for Israel/Trib-Saints**

1. Israel Embraces AC	Begin Trib
2. Israel Builds Temple	Begin Trib
3. Israel Betrayed by AC	Mid Trib
4. Israel Embraces Jesus	Mid Trib
5. Jerusalem Attacked by AC/World	End Trib/Jesus Returns
6. Jerusalem Embraces King Jesus	Begin Millennium

- **Parable:** Story to illustrate **above spiritual truth...**

29 Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the **fig tree**, and all the trees. 30 When they are already **budding**, you see and know for yourselves that **summer is now near**. 31 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Assuredly, I say to you, **this generation will by no means pass away** till all things take place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Matthew 24:32 "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that **it is near—at the doors!** 34 Assuredly, I say to you, **this generation will by no means pass away** till all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

- **Fig Tree:** Nation of Israel
- **Budding:** Signs of Life to what was dead for 2000 years

When these things begin to happen
Look up...Jesus is coming soon/At the door

The Generation that witness Israel back in the Land is the last Generation of this age [w/in 120 yrs.?)

Be Ready

34 "But **take heed** to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. 35 For it [My return] will **come as a snare** on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

- Don't be "weighed down" lit. **overcharge**/burdened w/...addicted to/ deceived by...
 1. **Partying**
 2. **Worry** of life/Love of Money [also sin]

....or that judgment will fall on you unexpectedly. No second chances

36 **Watch** therefore, and pray **always** that you may be **counted worthy to escape** all these things that will come to pass, and **to stand before the Son of Man."**

- **Counted worthy to escape wrath:** Born again/Justified by His blood

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions [lit. dwellings]; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

Titus 2:12 [While we wait we are to be...] denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 **looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...**

- Reason for His appearing in the clouds?

1 Thessalonians 1:10 ... Jesus...**delivers us from the wrath to come.**

Romans 5:9 ... we shall be **saved from wrath through Him.**

Revelation 3:10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will **keep you from the hour of trial** which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

37 And in the daytime [Jesus] was teaching in the temple, but at night He went out and stayed on the **mountain called Olivet**. 38 Then early in the morning all the people came to Him in the temple to hear Him.

Acts 1:11 This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so **come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."** 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the **mount called Olivet**

- **Jesus on Mt of Olives where he will one day return**

Zechariah 14:4 And in that day **His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives**

Jesus will Judge His Enemies and the Kingdom will Begin!