

Hard times ahead (Luke 21:5-38) Part 2

Things that take endurance

Ultra marathon-100 miles ?!?!?

Parenting

Sitting through a sermon

Life

Specifically the Christian life -

Bible study

2 Timothy 1:18-20

¹⁸This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, ¹⁹holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith, ²⁰among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

4:9-11

⁹Do your best to come to me soon. ¹⁰For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.

The main take away is **faithful, hopeful, endurance.**

Matt 24:3 tells us this took place on the mount of olives

When and how will these things take place?

we've been working on this question for 1000s of years

Rev 20:1-3

20 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. **2** And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, **3** and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

4 Views of the end times

Amillennial

Notable Representatives: Augustine of Hippo, Martin Luther, John Calvin, Sam Storms, C. S. Lewis, R. C. Sproul.

PostMillennialism

Notable Representatives: Jonathan Edwards, B. B. Warfield, Greg Bahnsen, Loraine Boettner, Kenneth Gentry, Peter Leithart.⁵

PreMillennialism

Notable Representatives: Irenaeus, Wayne Grudem, Jim Hamilton, Robert Gundry, Ben Witherington III, Craig Blomberg.

Dispensationalism-1800s, popularized in 1909 by Scofield, New but very popular in America

Notable Representatives: Lewis S. Chafer, John Walvoord, Charles Ryrie, Hal Lindsey, Chuck Smith, John MacArthur.

Resources

Overview article: <https://www.logos.com/grow/what-is-eschatology/>

A debate with 3 of the major positions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4S0TQ2dXnms>

Words to speak Luke 12:11-12

There will be an end

It may take longer than you expect

Signs are just the beginning

Here is a list of notable wars that have occurred from AD 70 until the present day:

1. Jewish-Roman War (AD 66-73) - Including the Siege and Destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70.
2. Byzantine-Arab Wars (7th-11th centuries) - Series of conflicts between the Byzantine Empire and the Arab Caliphates.
3. Crusades (11th-13th centuries) - Series of religious wars initiated by European Christians against Muslims in the Holy Land.
4. Hundred Years' War (1337-1453) - A series of conflicts between the Kingdom of England and the Kingdom of France.
5. Wars of the Roses (1455-1487) - Civil war in England between the House of Lancaster and the House of York.

6. Thirty Years' War (1618-1648) - A religious and territorial conflict primarily fought in Central Europe.
7. American Revolutionary War (1775-1783) - War between Great Britain and thirteen of its North American colonies, leading to the formation of the United States.
8. Napoleonic Wars (1799-1815) - Series of conflicts led by Napoleon Bonaparte and involving many European powers.
9. American Civil War (1861-1865) - War fought between the United States and the Confederate States of America.
10. World War I (1914-1918) - Global conflict involving many nations and considered a major turning point in world history.
11. World War II (1939-1945) - Worldwide conflict fought between the Allies (led by the United States, United Kingdom, and Soviet Union) and the Axis powers (led by Germany, Italy, and Japan).
12. Korean War (1950-1953) - Conflict between North Korea (supported by China and the Soviet Union) and South Korea (supported by the United Nations and the United States).
13. Vietnam War (1955-1975) - Protracted conflict between North Vietnam (supported by the Soviet Union and China) and South Vietnam (supported by the United States and other allies).
14. Gulf War (1990-1991) - Conflict triggered by Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, resulting in an international coalition led by the United States to liberate Kuwait.
15. Afghanistan War (2001-present) - Ongoing war in Afghanistan following the September 11 attacks, involving NATO forces, the United States, and Afghan government forces against Taliban insurgents.

Here is a list of notable earthquakes starting from AD 70:

1. AD 70 - The Great Earthquake of Pompeii and Herculaneum (Italy)
2. 365 - Crete Earthquake (Greece)
3. 526 - Antioch Earthquake (Syria)
4. 856 - Damghan Earthquake (Iran)
5. 1138 - Aleppo Earthquake (Syria)
6. 1290 - Chihli Earthquake (China)
7. 1556 - Shaanxi Earthquake (China) - Deadliest earthquake in recorded history
8. 1693 - Sicily Earthquake (Italy)
9. 1755 - Lisbon Earthquake (Portugal) - Caused significant destruction and tsunami
10. 1811-1812 - New Madrid Earthquakes (United States)
11. 1906 - San Francisco Earthquake (United States)
12. 1960 - Valdivia Earthquake (Chile) - Strongest earthquake ever recorded
13. 1976 - Tangshan Earthquake (China) - One of the deadliest earthquakes in modern history
14. 2004 - Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami
15. 2010 - Haiti Earthquake
16. 2011 - Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami (Japan)
17. 2015 - Nepal Earthquake
18. 2019 - Ridgecrest Earthquakes (United States, California)

Here is a list of notable famines that have occurred from AD 70 until the present day:

1. Great Famine of 1315-1317 - Widespread famine in Europe caused by a combination of crop failures, extreme weather, and economic factors.
2. Great Famine of 1845-1852 (Ireland) - Potato crop failure and British policies resulted in widespread starvation and mass emigration in Ireland.
3. Russian Famine of 1891-1892 - Severe famine in the Russian Empire caused by crop failures, drought, and economic factors.
4. Bengal Famine of 1943 (India) - Famine during World War II caused by a combination of natural disasters, wartime policies, and food shortages.
5. Chinese Famine of 1959-1961 (Great Leap Forward) - One of the deadliest famines in history, caused by disastrous economic policies and collectivization in China.
6. Ethiopian Famine of 1983-1985 - Severe famine resulting from drought, civil war, and political instability in Ethiopia.
7. North Korean Famine of the 1990s - Famine in North Korea caused by economic mismanagement, natural disasters, and political factors.
8. Somalia Famine of 2011-2012 - Famine resulting from drought, conflict, and limited humanitarian access in Somalia.
9. South Sudan Famine of 2017 - Famine declared in parts of South Sudan due to armed conflict, economic instability, and food shortages.
10. Yemen Famine (ongoing) - Humanitarian crisis and famine conditions resulting from a protracted conflict, economic collapse, and limited access to food and resources.

Here is a list of notable plagues that have occurred from AD 70 until the present day:

1. Antonine Plague (165-180) - A pandemic that affected the Roman Empire, likely caused by smallpox or measles.
2. Plague of Justinian (541-542) - One of the deadliest pandemics in history, caused by the bacterium *Yersinia pestis* (responsible for bubonic and pneumonic plague).
3. Black Death (1347-1351) - A devastating pandemic caused by *Yersinia pestis*, resulting in the deaths of an estimated 75-200 million people across Europe, Asia, and Africa.
4. Great Plague of London (1665-1666) - Outbreak of the bubonic plague in London, England, resulting in a significant number of deaths.
5. Third Cholera Pandemic (1852-1860s) - A global outbreak of cholera that originated in India and spread to many parts of the world.
6. Spanish Flu (1918-1919) - An exceptionally deadly influenza pandemic caused by an H1N1 influenza A virus, infecting an estimated 500 million people and causing millions of deaths worldwide.
7. Asian Flu (1957-1958) - A pandemic caused by an H2N2 influenza A virus, resulting in significant illness and mortality worldwide.
8. Hong Kong Flu (1968-1969) - A pandemic caused by an H3N2 influenza A virus, resulting in global outbreaks and significant mortality.
9. HIV/AIDS pandemic (1981-present) - A global pandemic caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), resulting in millions of deaths and ongoing worldwide impact.

10. COVID-19 pandemic (2019-present) - A global pandemic caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, resulting in widespread illness, significant mortality, and worldwide disruptions.

Christ will is King and he will reign Lk 21:25-28

Daniel 7:9-14

⁹ "As I looked,

 thrones were placed,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
 his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
 his throne was fiery flames;
its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and came out from before him;
 a thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
 the court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹¹ "I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

The Son of Man Is Given Dominion

¹³ "I saw in the night visions,
 and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
 and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
 that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
 his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
 and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

What do we do while we wait?

A quick note:

Wesley:

"At four in the morning I have a meeting with the Society, and a meeting with the select Society at eight. In the afternoon I am to meet a class of poor, wretched, ragged people who are unable to read or write, in order to instruct them in the things of God."

A.W. Tozer

"If I knew that Jesus was coming back tomorrow, I would spend today in the same way that I always do - studying the Word, praying, and preaching the Gospel"

Hopeful Endurance

Hebrews 10:32-36

³² But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, ³³ sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. ³⁴ For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. ³⁵ Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. ³⁶ For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.

Witness

We will be redeemed Luke 21:28