

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Return Of Jesus Christ"
Luke 21:20-28
Study-88

Believers are to live in anticipation of The Second Coming 1 John 3:2-3
"Olivet Discourse" Mark 13:3 sitting on the Mount of Olives

Luke 21:20-28 is also recorded in **Matthew 24:15-31; Mark 13:21-27**

Bible Is Clear We Are Living In The Last Days! 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Matthew and **Mark** focus on the future tribulation, **Luke** on destruction of the temple.

The Thought Of Our Passage: "God's Revelation Of The Future Is Given To Encourage Us That He Both Knows And Is In Complete Control"

- 1. Verses 20-24 Temple Destruction:**
- 2. Verses 25-28 Jesus' Return:**

1. Verses 20-24 Temple Destruction:

Luke 21:20 "But Context – Jesus as He was leaving the temple on "*Controversy Tuesday*" of "*The Passion Week*" His disciples pointed out the beauty of the temple. Jesus noted that not one stone would be left upon another. Disciples asked when? **Luke 21:7**

"Teacher, when therefore will these things happen? And what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" Jesus is asked two questions:

- 1.** When will this be? (Destruction of the temple?)
- 2.** What will be the sign when it is going to happen? (Destruction of the temple?) **Verses 20-24**

The Sign That Jerusalem will be destroyed: when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, the word **armies**, same word used by Josephus for General Titus Roman Army.

then recognize that her desolation is near. Luke is writing this gospel to Gentiles there is no concern about the future desecration of the temple, and later by the antichrist. **Matthew 24:15** and **Mark 13:14** give details

The word **desolation** – "*abomination of desolation*"
Daniel 9:27; 11:31; 12:11

Mark 13:14 the abomination of desolation (Future rebuilt Temple)

That something would happen in the temple that would render the temple unworthy to worship in.

The complete fulfillment will take place under the Anti-Christ.

(Revelation 6) comes in peace and puts an end to the problems of the Middle East and ends these Israeli conflicts and allows Israel to rebuild the temple **(Revelation 13, 2 Thess. 2)**

Luke 21:21 Majority of believers were spared because they obeyed Jesus words of warning here!

“Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, “everyone run for cover” The readers of this prophecy in the latter days will know what to do: Get out of Judea! Flee to Petra (Jordan) Christians have been placing Bibles and tracts there.

Flight from danger may sometimes be the positive duty of a disciple of Jesus: Paul to Timothy “Flee Youthful Lust!”

and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, The cities were walled, and it was protection. Jesus said leave.

and those who are in the country must not enter the city; Common sense would say run to the city and seek protection from the enemy in the walled city. Jesus said don’t go into the city.

Luke 21:22 because these are days of vengeance, God is judging the sinful rejection of the offer of salvation through His son.

Dr. Graham Scroggie said, “Sin and Punishment Are Inseparable”

all things which are written will be fulfilled. Deuteronomy 28:64; Hosea 9:7; Zachariah 12:13 – Restoration. (Passed fall of Jerusalem Jeremiah 6:1-8; 26:1-9 Micah 3:12

Luke 21:23 Luke 23:28-30 Jesus warned on the way to the cross!

Luke 21:24 and they will fall by the edge of the sword, about a million people died

and will be led captive into all the nations; 100,000 Jewish prisoners.

until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. The period from the destruction of the temple until the second coming. Muslims have occupied the Temple Mount **637 AD**

2. Verses 25-28 Jesus’ Return:

**Luke 21:25 "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars,
Isaiah 13:10; Ezekiel 32:7; Joel 2:10, 31**

**Three Sets Of Judgments - Like a telescope of three rings:
Seven Seals Judgments Revelation 6:1-8:5 (Entire Period)
Seven Trumpet Judgments Revelation 8:6-11:19 (Middle)
Seven Bowl Judgements Revelation 16:1-19:21 (End)**

Revelation 6-19 Describes This Period Of Events.

**The Middle Of The Tribulation There Will Be Planetary Disorders:
#4 Trumpet Rev 8:12 - 1/3 Sun, Moon & Stars Darkened:
Revelation 8:12**

**The End Of The Tribulation - Bowl #5 Rev 16:10-11 Darkness:
Revelation 16:10-11**

Isaiah 13:10; Joel 2:31; Mark 13:25; Revelation 6:13-14

A World In Disorder: Isaiah 13:6-8

Mark 13:25 and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken.
*The power that holds the heavenly bodies in their place, in their orbit,
doing what they normally, predictably can continue to do will be altered.*

**Bowl #7 Revelation 16:17-21 The Last Earthquake: This 7th Bowl
Judgment brings the collapse of the world system: Revelation 17-18
"Parenthetical Chapters"**

Revelation 17-18 describes what Babylon the Great consists of:
Revelation 17 - Babylon The Religious System.
Revelation 18 - Babylon the Commercial System.
1 John 2:16

and on the earth dismay among nations, "distress, to be oppressed"

**in perplexity "amazement and horror can't understand" at the roaring of
the sea and the waves,** (Don't understand because they closed their ears
to the Bible)

Crime, violence, suffering and death. **Revelation 9, 16-18**

Mark 13:20

Luke 21:26 men fainting from fear People will be literally "*breathless*"

**and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world;
What's next?**

Luke 21:27 "Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD The sign is the Son of Man in full power and full glory. Matthew 24:30

Very important to note, this is "The Second Coming Of Jesus Christ!" Mark 13:24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, "The Rapture" has taken place before the Tribulation. 7 years earlier

The Rapture: This is the catching away to heaven of the Church by Jesus Christ. **Jesus does not come to earth He meets the believer in the sky.**

1 Thessalonians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:9; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

1 Thessalonians 4:17 caught - Is the Latin word "*Rapture*." Greek is the word "*Harpazo*" which means "*to seize, to catch up, snatch away.*"

Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:7; Acts 1:11

with power and great glory.

Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 19) - will take place, valley of Jezreel all the armies of the world will be set in battle array, and Jesus will appear.

Luke 21:28 straighten up and lift up your heads, look at the contrast of the believers verses the Christ rejectors - **Luke 21:26**

because your redemption is drawing near." New bodies Jesus our hope! **Titus 2:13**

Application:

- 1.** Jesus Foretold The Destruction Of Jerusalem. God Had Warned Israel That Their Sin Would Bring Judgment: Dr. Graham Scroggie said, "Sin And Punishment Are Inseparable."
- 2.** The Tribulation Is God Pouring Out His Wrath Upon A God Rejecting World. God Is Also Reaching Out To The Hardhearted So That They Might Be Saved.
- 3.** Jesus Will Return Literally In The Darkest Of Times. He Shall Appear in Glory and Majesty. **Luke 21:27**
- 4.** When Jesus Returns, He Shall Take Care Of His Believing People: **Luke 21:28**