

**From the Destruction  
of Jerusalem to the  
End of the Age**

Luke 21:20 – 36

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
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**Jesus predicts the destruction of  
Jerusalem**

■ **Luke 21:20, 21**

But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city;

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
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**Jesus declares God's wrath on Jerusalem**

■ **Luke 21:22, 23**

because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled. Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people;

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The times of the Gentiles lasts an unspecified amount of time

■ **Luke 21:24**

and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

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The times of the Gentiles

■ **Romans 11:25, 26**

For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery so that you will not be wise in your own estimation that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob."

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Eschatological signs

■ **Luke 21:25, 26**

There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

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The return of Christ

■ **Luke 21:27**

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

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The return of Christ

■ **Acts 1:9 - 11**

And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was departing, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them; and they also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

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The signs of judgment on the world are signs of salvation for God's people

■ **Luke 21:28**

"But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

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The parable of the fig tree

- **Luke 21:29 - 31**

And He told them a parable: “Behold the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they put forth leaves, you see it and know for yourselves that summer is now near. Even so you, too, when you see these things happening, recognize that the kingdom of God is near.”

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“This generation” refers to the rebellious Jewish leadership

- **Luke 21:32**

Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all things take place.

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Jesus’ words are infallible

- **Luke 21:33**

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

- **Isaiah 40:8**

The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.

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**Christians must pay attention to the signs of the times**

■ **Luke 21:34, 35**

Be on guard, so that your hearts will not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly like a trap; for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of all the earth.

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**Christians must always be alert**

■ **Luke 21:36**

But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.

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**Applications and Implications**

- 1) We should study Bible prophecy and pay attention to the signs of the times
- 2) We should be alert Christians who do not fall asleep spiritually
- 3) We should be committed to prayer

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1) We should study Bible prophecy and pay attention to the signs of the times

■ **Matthew 24:38, 39**

For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

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1) We should study Bible prophecy and pay attention to the signs of the times

■ **Luke 12:36, 37**

Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master will find on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them.

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1) We should study Bible prophecy and pay attention to the signs of the times

■ **Luke 12:45, 46**

But if that slave says in his heart, "My master will be a long time in coming," and begins to beat the slaves, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk; the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

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2) We should be alert Christians who do not fall asleep spiritually

- **1Corinthians 16:13**  
Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.
- **2Timothy 3:1**  
But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

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3) We should be committed to prayer

- **Romans 12:11, 12**  
not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,

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3) We should be committed to prayer

- **1Peter 4:7**  
The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.

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