

## FINAL STUDY NOTES - *LUKE Chapter 21* 5/26-27/2025

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### OPENING PRAYER

***LUKE – Chapter 21 - The Widow's Two Mites - (vs. 1-4); Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple – (vs. 5-6); The Signs of the Times and the Ends of the Age – (vs. 7-19); The Destruction of Jerusalem – (vs. 20-24); The Coming of the Son of Man – (vs. 25-28); The Parable of the Fig Tree – (vs. 29-33); The Importance of Watching – (vs. 34-38).***

**The Widow's Offering - (vs. 1-4)**

***Luk 21:1 And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury,***

- **In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, (*Mat 6:1*) "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Don't let your righteous actions be motivated by your desire to be praised by men. Do not draw attention to yourself in your giving. He said, (*Mat 6:3-4*) But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, [4] that your charitable deed may be in secret;**

and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly. Don't make a big show of it. Now He is watching, referring to people who did make very showy presentations unto the Lord.

**Luk 21:2 and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites.**

- Which would be worth about a quarter of a cent.

**Luk 21:3 So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all;**

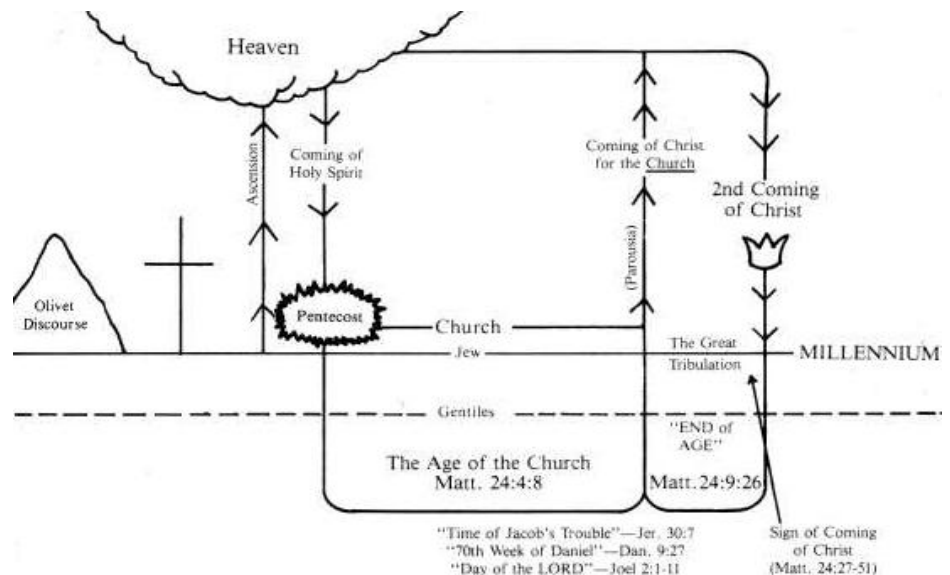
**Luk 21:4 for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."**

- She gave everything, all that she had! What they gave wasn't going to hurt them at all. They gave of their surplus, their abundance. But she gave of her living, her substance, that's all she had. God has an interesting bookkeeping system. It isn't really how much you have given but what kind of a sacrifice it was for you to give. God honors the sacrifices that we make for Him--the sacrificial giving. We see the portion of the gift. God see the proportion of the gift! We also see that every gift, given to God with the right heart, is significant, regardless of the amount!
- **As I look at my giving to the Lord, considering our Lord's comment of the widow giving more than all of the others, how close am I coming to giving my all to Him, in the areas of my heart, my soul, my strength? What is the portion? What is the proportion? Is it just out of my abundance?**

### Chart of Olivet Discourses (J. Vernon McGee) – Matthew 24 & Mark 13

*(Mat 24:3) Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"*

*(Mar 13:3-4) Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, [4] "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?"*

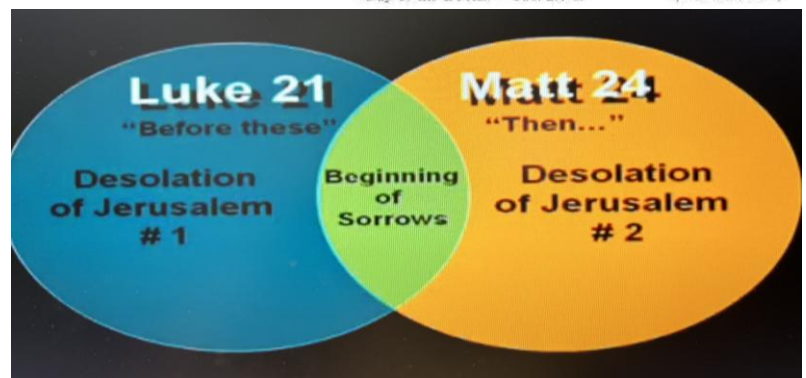


### Jesus Foretells Destruction of the Temple:

#1 -70AD; #2 End Times (Missler chart)

**Luk 21:5 Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He said,**

- Some of the disciples just began to talk about the huge stones from which the temple was built. Herod had a thing for big rocks.
- They were noticing these huge stones, remarking of them and also of the ornateness. The temple dome was covered with gold. It was just an extremely beautiful ornate building, something like twelve stories high. Just a marvellous bit of architecture. Something that would draw your attention.



***Luk 21:6 "These things which you see—the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down."***

- **Jesus made an interesting prediction**, that it would be destroyed deliberately. There would not a stone left standing upon another. When they went over to the mount of Olives as they were accustomed to do; in the daytime, Jesus would teach in the temple; at night, He would go over to the mount of Olives with His disciples.

**The Signs of the Times and the Ends of the Age – (vs. 7-19);**

***Luk 21:7 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?"***

- **Matthew tells us that they also asked Him, (Mat 24:3) Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"** They really thought that they were asking for one set of signs. In other words, they thought that when the temple was destroyed, it would be the end of the age. They thought it would be all over. When there is such destruction to the temple, that surely is the end. In reality, there was to be a space of time between the two events. We know that there has been over 1900 years so far. Jesus began to give to them signs, generally, and then He becomes specific.

***Luk 21:8 And He 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."***

- **There will be those who will come along.** They will claim that they are the Messiah, that they are ready to bring in the new world order. Jesus said don't go after them. That has been true. Jesus said not to go after them.

***Luk 21:9 But 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."***

- **There will be wars, you're going to hear of wars and commotions.** Throughout the history of man, we've had eighteen years of war to every one year of peace. It seems like always there is conflict going on somewhere in the world as men lusting for power gather men around them and they begin to fight against others. He said that these things are not signs. *These things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately.* It hasn't come yet. This isn't the signs of the end..

***Luk 21:10 Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom."***

- **There will be nations that will join together** in a confederacy, groups of nations that will be joined together against groups of nations. It won't be just internal type of civil wars. Groups of nations will combine to come against other groups of nations. A world war if you would. Of course, we have seen two such wars in this last century.

***Luk 21:11 And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven (identified as "the beginning of sorrows" in (Mat 24:8) *All these are the beginning of sorrows.* (Mar 13:8) *For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These are the beginnings of sorrows.****

- **We are now seeing a precursor to these.** What we see today in famines is just a preview, a small foreshadowing. During the great tribulation, there will be horrible famines upon the earth. In (Rev 6:6) *And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."* A quart of wheat for forty dollars. Three quarts of barley for forty dollars. Tremendously inflated prices because of the shortage of food!
- **We see increased pestilences.** We are coming up against some exotic germs. They have mutated to where they are resistant to the drugs that we have generally used in fighting them. But that's only a foreshadow of things to come. That is not really what Jesus is referring to.
- **The same with earthquakes.** You haven't seen anything yet, only relatively small shakes but nothing compared to what's going to come as the scripture does prophesy of some really horrendous earthquakes. Not localized, but earthquakes that will shake the whole world.

- These will occur simultaneously with signs in the heavens. We will get to that a little further as Jesus amplifies this.

**Luke Parenthetical, not included in the Matthew and Mark accounts – (vs. 12-24)**

***Luk 21:12 But before all these things (the beginning of sorrows), 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.***

- Contrast this with (Mat 24:4-10) *And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. [5] For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. [6] And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. [7] For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. [8] All these are the beginning of sorrows. [9] "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. [10] And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.*

***Luk 21:13 But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony.***

- It will give you an opportunity to testify, to bear witness. You are going to be arrested. You will be brought before the courts, standing before kings, but it'll give you an opportunity to witness for Me.
- It's interesting to look at the book of Acts. How that Stephen was brought before the religious court. But what a testimony he laid on those fellows. It was a powerful testimony. Paul was brought before various government officials, even before Nero.
- Paul used every opportunity as Jesus said. It will turn to you for a testimony. Whenever they were arrested and appeared in court, they consistently expressed their beliefs in Jesus Christ.

***Luk 21:14 Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer;***

- In other words, don't think, Oh boy, what will I say? And make up your little speeches in advance.

***Luk 21:15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.***

- I'll give you such wisdom that your adversaries won't be able to answer you. You'll have such a powerful witness. Read Stephen's defense before the Sanhedrin! That is exactly what happened. It was powerful. They could not refute his statements or the content of the scriptures. They were so upset that they stoned him! But it was a tremendous defense! What wisdom came from his mouth!

***Luk 21:16-17 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.***

- They're going to be arrested for His name's sake. They will be brought before the rulers and some of them will be put to death for His name's sake.
- It's interesting that when the disciples were arrested, beaten, and commanded not to speak any more in the name of Jesus, they went from those beatings rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer for Jesus Christ! They saw it as suffering for Him. Those that were martyred looked at it as dying for Him. And He said, *Dying for My name's sake.*

***Luk 21:18 But not a hair of your head shall be lost.***

- This was not a promise for the preservation of their physical lives, but a guarantee that they would suffer no eternal loss. God Himself sovereignly preserves His own. Your soul and spirit continue to exist. Thus, the Bible puts the emphasis upon the spiritual aspect of a man's being, rather than the physical aspect of a man's being.

***Luk 21:19 By your patience possess your souls.***

- Be patient. Be in control by being patient. We so often want to fly off, immediately responding! We want action. I want to see it now. But Jesus said to *possess your soul.* Control it! "By your patience possess your souls."

## **Jesus Foretells Destruction of Jerusalem, 70 A.D. – (vs. 20-24)**

***Luk 21:20 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.***

- **Continuing concerning the signs now**, coming back to the signs of the destruction of the temple. This sign of Jerusalem under siege was previewed in A.D. 70, but awaits its fulfillment in the future.
- **When you see the Roman troops setting the siege against Jerusalem**, when you see them camping on Mount Scopus and on the mount of Olives, when you see them surrounding the city and building their forts around the city, know that the destruction of the temple is drawing near.

***Luk 21:21 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.***

- **Don't come into Jerusalem but get out of here**. According to early tradition, of course, the main church was in Jerusalem. We know that the apostles escaped the destruction of Jerusalem. John lived on another twenty-some years after the destruction of Jerusalem.
- **In his book, *The Wars of the Jews*, Josephus gives graphic details of the siege** and of the slaughter of the people within the city, as they were fighting each other for food, killing each other for food. Gangs roamed the streets, going into houses, killing the people, and taking their food. Josephus said more Jews were killed by Jews than were killed by the Roman soldiers.
- **Early tradition declares that the church was gathered one evening in prayer** and the Spirit of God through prophecy warned them to flee out the east gate that night. They all fled that night out of the east gate and for some unknown reason, the Roman guard at the east gate was not posted. Thus, the church escaped that night as a result of direction and warning of the Holy Spirit!
- **We do know that they did escape**. Jesus is warning them here, that when you see the city encircled, you know that destruction is close. So, flee to the mountains and let them in the midst of the city depart, and those that are in the countryside were not to come in.

***Luk 21:22 For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.***

- **The vengeance of God against the nation who rejected His Son**, His promised Savior. They said, when Pilate washed his hands and said, "I'm innocent of this man's blood, see you to it." They said, His blood be upon us and our children. And here it was fulfilled.

***Luk 21:23 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.***

- **When the Romans took the city, they were ruthless!** They didn't spare the women, and the children, There was wholesale slaughter!

***Luk 21:24 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.***

- **Thus, it happened. When the Romans took the city of Jerusalem**, those that survived the horrible slaughter were taken as slaves back to Rome. They had a big procession marching the slaves through the streets of Rome with the trophies that they had taken from Jerusalem. From that day, 70 A.D. to June of 1967 was trodden down by the Gentiles. It was under Gentile control.
- **The times of the Gentiles**. This is much different from **(Rom 11:25d)** *For I do not desire, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in*. The times of the Gentiles is a period of time that goes back to Nebuchadnezzar, taking the city of Jerusalem in 605 B.C. In 1967 when Jerusalem again came under the control of the nation of Israel, in a sense the times of the Gentiles was fulfilled, . We are in a small transition period between the times of the Gentiles and the establishing of the kingdom of God and the reign of Jesus Christ upon the earth.
- **There are these other events, this further cleansing of the earth**, the fiery judgment of God that's going to come in the purifying and in the sifting out. We are at the time of the end. There can be no question about that. The fact that Jerusalem is under the reign now of the nation of Israel, which was **established on May 14, 1948!** Of course, we know that that's one of the hot issues in the Middle East right now, especially since the activities of Hamas and the war with them.

## **The Coming of the Son of Man – (vs. 25-28) Continuing from (Luk 21:11)**

**Luk 21:25** "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity" (in agony and great distress), the sea and the waves roaring; **(Luk 21:11)** And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven (identified as "the beginning of sorrows" in (Mat 24:8) All these are the beginning of sorrows. (Mar 13:8) For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These are the beginnings of sorrows.

- **Now Jesus turns to the signs of His coming.** The end of the times of the Gentiles. The end of the Gentile world rule. The time of the end of man's rule over man. The governments of man. Coincident with the end of the age of man's governments, in the heavens, there are going to be signs.
- **Other scriptures speak of these signs that will take place in the heavens,** in the celestial heavens. In **(Rev 6:12-14)** I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. [13] And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. [14] Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.
- **Great cataclysmic events were taking place here on the earth.** The mountains were being moved. Islands were disappearing. New mountain ranges being thrust up. A total cataclysmic upheaval of the geographical surface of the earth.
- **(Rev 6:15-17)** And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, [16] and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! [17] For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" Notice the people are fearful for the things that are coming upon them!

**Luk 21:26** **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.**

- **Fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth.** In **(Isa 13:6-7)** Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. [7] Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man's heart will melt,
- **(Isaiah 13:8-11)** And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; Their faces will be like flames. [9] Behold, the day of the LORD comes. Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it. [10] For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine. [11] "I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. Notice the great tribulation is not against Christians, but against the wicked, the sinners, for their iniquity!
- **Powers of the heavens will be shaken.** **(Isa 13:13)** Therefore I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place, In the wrath of the LORD of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger. (Joe 2:10) The earthquakes before them, The heavens tremble; The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness. "
- **Hailstones, weighing ninety pounds, plummeting the earth. Just terrible devastation** during this time known as the great tribulation, also referred to as the day of His wrath has come. God's judgment because of a Christ-rejecting, rebellious world, who has refused to submit to God but has said, We want nothing to do with God, and we will live apart and without God.
- **Paul warns us (Rom 1:18-20)** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, [19] because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. [20] For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, God has left His signature all over the world. Every life form, God's left His mark, His signature. **It takes a fool to say**

there is no God. (**Psa 53:1**) The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and have done abominable iniquity; There is none who does good.

- (**Rom 1:21-32**) because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. [22] Professing to be wise, they became fools, [23] and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. [24] Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, [25] who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. [26] For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. [27] Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. [28] And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; [29] being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, [30] backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, [31] undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; [32] who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.
- **Taking pleasure in those that do them! That is the thing we need to heed!** How many of you love violence on TV, seeing adulterous love scenes? If you enjoy that, if you really love movies with all kinds of shootings and killing, you are taking pleasure in those that do such things. You say, I would never do that. But what's happening is that our minds are being callused against these things. It gets to where your mind gets so callused and hard that when it happens, you just pass it off.
- **The condition of our world today is a direct result of man not glorifying God as God.** Putting God out, not wanting God to be a part of their lives or of the national life! It's a rebellion against God. It's "worshipping and serving the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever more." Thus, God's wrath is one day very soon going to be poured out against those that do such things.
- **Jesus is speaking of these conditions here in Luke 21 of the cataclysmic judgment of God that is going to come against those that are doing such things.** He tells us that when there are these signs in the heavens; on the earth, He said, there will be *distress of nations with perplexity*, which means, national problems with no solutions!
- **As I consider our nation's problems with no solutions of lawlessness, drugs, run-away spending, trashing the sanctity of life, overall Godlessness; how does my life, especially my prayer life demonstrate my commitment to the Lord of not my will, but Thy will being done?**

**Luk 21:27** Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

- Immediately after the tribulation of those days, they'll see the Son of man coming in power and glory. So then shall they see,
- **Coming in a cloud.** Not necessarily meaning clouds in the sky, but that which is told in (**Heb 12:1a**) Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses. (**Jud 1:14b**) Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints. Paul said in (**Col 3:4**) When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. (**Rev 1:7a**) Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him.

**Luk 21:28** Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

- They have begun. No denial. They have begun to come to pass. We haven't seen the fullness yet, but they've begun. When these things begin to come to pass, Jesus said that is **close, your redemption is getting close.**
- It's time for us, the body of Christ, to begin to look up and lift up our head. It's getting close. The Lord is coming. Many believe that prior to the great tribulation, Jesus is going to take His church out of this world. That is why Jesus is saying here, when it begins to come to pass, you look up, you lift up your head,

- **The Bible tells us over and over that we have not been appointed unto wrath.** Isaiah tells us that this time is reserved for the wicked and for the sinners. The time of God's indignation against the ungodliness and the unrighteousness of man who have held the truth of God in unrighteousness.
- **Paul said, (1Co 15:51-52) Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—[52] in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**
- **We are told in (1Th 4:16-18) For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. [18] Therefore comfort one another with these words.**
- **When these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads!**

### **The Lesson of the Fig Tree - (vs. 29-33)**

**Luk 21:29 Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.**

**Luk 21:30 When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near.**

- When you see the trees beginning to bud, you know that summer is coming. Summer is close at hand.

**Luk 21:31 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.**

- When you start seeing these events!

**Luk 21:32 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place.**

- **This generation could refer to the Jews** and if that is so, it's true, they have not passed away. Miraculously they survived 2,000 years without a homeland. Or it could refer to the generation that sees the beginning of these things, such as, Jerusalem no longer trodden under the foot of the Gentiles.
- **The emphasis appears to be on the rapidity that these events transpire** rather than on the permanence of the nation of Israel, so the second explanation may be favored.

**Luk 21:33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.**

- **He's affirming the certainty of the things that He said.** It's interesting when Daniel gave his prophecies, he said, And the word is sure. He confirmed, these are the true sayings of God, and he affirms it. Jesus now is affirming. This is going to happen. "Heaven and earth may pass away, but my words will by no means pass away!" They are going to happen. They're going to be fulfilled.

### **Watch Yourself and Be Ready**

**Luk 21:34 "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day (the Rapture of the church) come on you unexpectedly.**

- **So now, warnings from Jesus and exhortation.**
- **Cares of this life!** The warning. Be careful that you don't get so caught up in the worldly things, in the world system, that you neglect your walk with the Lord. You get so involved in making a living that you begin to neglect your spiritual relationship with God!
- **That Day! The suddenness of the coming of "that Day"** can only be applied to the initial phase of Christ's second coming, or "the Rapture" of the church!

**Luk 21:35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.**

- **We can be trapped so easily into giving our attention, mind, and heart over to the physical things.** But you're going to pass away. So be careful that you don't get so deeply involved in the material things of the world. Paul writes in (1Co 7:29) *But this I say, brethren, the time is short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none.* Those that are married seek how they might please their wife. But those that aren't married seek to please God. He is



just saying, you need to seek to please God more than anything else! Let your every contact with the world be just as light as possible.

- **Be ready when the Lord comes.** Jesus said, *(Luk 12:43-44)* *Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.[44]* Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. So, the importance of not getting caught up in the material things of the world!
- **Jesus said, “take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day, the Rapture, come on you unexpectedly!” Am I really “taking heed?” What am I doing about it? Are the end times an effective part of my witness? Is there an urgency in love?**

***Luk 21:36 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.***

- **Now the exhortation of Jesus.** “Watch therefore, and pray always!” It is time for prayer! A time for watching! The Lord is coming soon! Watch and pray always! Praying what?
- **Praying that you’ll be accounted worthy to escape all these things that are going to come to pass.** Which are the things of the great tribulation, the cataclysmic judgments of God, the upheaval of the earth and the darkening of the skies and all. *(Rev 6:17)* *For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?* The answer is nobody. When God begins to judge, it’s going to fall on all. So, pray that you’ll be accounted worthy to escape!
- **Pray that when this happens down here, you’ll be up there in heaven** around the throne of God with the saints of God declaring, Worthy is the Lamb to take the scroll and loose the seals for He was slain and has redeemed us by His blood out of every nation, tribe, tongue and people and made us unto our God kings and priests. And we will reign with Him on the earth!
- **And I pray, Lord, thank You for the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanses me from all sin.** Thank you for the righteousness of Christ that You’ve imputed to me because of my simple faith and trust in Jesus. Thus, I know Lord by Your grace I will be accounted worthy and I’ll be standing there in that heavenly throng, singing with all my heart of the worthiness of the Lamb who loved me, who gave Himself for me that I might have eternal life.
- **Am I really living in expectancy? “watching?” “praying always?” “being counted worthy to stand before the Son of Man?” Are these just words to me? Or do I recognize and believe they are commanded by the Lord Jesus Himself! Oh, Lord, please help me!**

***Luk 21:37 And in the daytime He was teaching in the temple, but at night He went out and stayed on the mountain called Olivet.***

- Jesus had a place over there in the mount of Olives where He and His disciples would spend the night together. That is why Judas was able to lead the soldiers of the high priest to that place.

***Luk 21:38 Then early in the morning all the people came to Him in the temple to hear Him.***

- **He was teaching daily there in the temple many interesting things.** *(Heb 2:1-3)* *Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. [2] For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, [3] how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, You don’t have to go through the wrath of God! You don’t have to face the wrath of God against your sins! God is offering you pardon and forgiveness through Jesus Christ!*
- **But if you neglect that great salvation, there will be no escape for you.** We read in *(Heb 10:27)* *but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.*
- **Pray always!** Jesus said, ***“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.”***
- Jesus is coming soon! Even so, come!

## SUMMARY

- **As I look at my giving to the Lord, considering our Lord’s comment of the widow giving more than all of the others, how close am I coming to giving my all to Him, in the areas of**

**my heart, my soul, my strength? What is the portion? What is the proportion? Is it just out of my abundance? (Luke 21:4)**

- **As I consider our nation's problems with no solutions of lawlessness, drugs, run-away spending, trashing the sanctity of life, overall Godlessness; how does my life, especially my prayer life demonstrate my commitment to the Lord of not my will, but Thy will being done? (Luke 21:26)**
- **Jesus said, "take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day, the Rapture, come on you unexpectedly!" Am I really "taking heed?" What am I doing about it? Are the end times an effective part of my witness? Is there an urgency in love? (Luke 21:35)**
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**JESUS IS COMING SOON! EVEN SO COME** - Hillsong (3:54/3:57)

*All of creation All of the earth Make straight a highway A path for the Lord Jesus is coming soon Call back the sinner Wake up the saint Let every nation shout of Your fame Jesus is coming soon Like a bride waiting for her groom We'll be a Church ready for You Every heart longing for our King We sing "even so come" Lord Jesus, come Even so come Lord Jesus, come*

*There will be justice, all will be new Your name forever, faithful and true Jesus is coming soon Oh, like a bride waiting for her groom We'll be a Church ready for You Every heart longing for our King We sing "even so come" Lord Jesus, come Even so come Lord Jesus, come*

*So, we wait We wait for You God, we wait You're coming soon (2x)*

*Like a bride waiting for her groom We'll be at Church, ready for You Every heart longing for our King, we sing*

*Like a bride waiting for her groom We'll be at Church, we'll be ready for You Every heart longing for our King, we sing "even so come" Lord Jesus, come*

*Even so come Lord Jesus, come Even so come Lord Jesus, come Even so come Lord Jesus, come*

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

**NEXT WEEK: Read and study *Luke Chapter 22!***

**Sec of Defense Pete Hegseth Leads Christian Prayer Service in Pentagon:**

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