

20 End Times BIBSTU 10 ABOMINATION – Luke

ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION - LUKE

SLIDE 01: Grid

Dan 9:24-27												
	Anti-Christ	War	Famine	Death	Martyrdom	Wormwood 1 st Pass	Abomination of Desolation	Wormwood 2 nd Pass			Armageddon	2 nd Coming
Matt	24:4-5	24:6-7	24:7	24:9	24:9-13	24:8	24:15-21	22-51				
Mark	13:6	13:7-8	13:8	13:12	13:9-13		13:14 -19	20-37				
Luke	21:8	21:9-10	21:11	21:16	21:12-19	21:11	21:20-23,24	25-28, 29-36				
Rev	6:1-2 1 st Seal	6:3-4 2 nd Seal	6:5-6 3 rd Seal	6:7-8 4 th Seal	6:9-11 5 th Seal	6:12-17 6 th S-(Ch7)- 7 th Seal(8:1)						
						7:1-17 1.144 000 2.Multitude						14:1-5 144 000
						8: 7-12 1 st – 4 th Trumpet	9:1-12 5 th Trumpet	9:13-21 6 th Trumpet				11: 15-19 7 th Trumpet
							Rev 10 Rev 11 Rev 12 Rev 13 Rev 14 Rev 15					
								1 st Bowl				
1 Thess						5:3						
2 Thess							2 Thess 2:4					
Dan							8:13, 9:27, 11:31, 12 :1; 12:11					
Zech		1:7-17, 6:1-8										
Joel						2:10-11,30- 31	Joel 2:2				Joel 3	
Isaiah						2:10-11,19- 21, 13:8-13, 26:17-19, 34:4,8, 66:7-8	Isa 63:18					
Jer						30:6-8						
Ezek						32:7-8						
Hos						10:8						
Mic						4:9-10						

SLIDE 02:

Summary Table of Information: (Learn this)

I. Forms of Anti-Christ.

1. First of all, there are many antichrists.
2. Secondly, there is the Antichrist—one specific person.
3. Thirdly, is the spirit of antichrist.

II. Characteristics of the Anti-Christ

1. He is in association with God's people to start out with (WCC).
2. He denies that Jesus is the Messiah
3. He denies the Father and the Son.
4. He denies Jesus, the Messiah has come

III. The Titles of the Anti-Christ

1. the Antichrist,
2. the Man of Lawlessness,
3. the Son of Perdition (destruction).
4. the Beast
5. the Abomination of Desolation

IV. Actions and behaviours of the Anti-Christ

1. Comes in his own name
2. Exalts himself
3. Does his own will
4. Comes to destroy
5. Sets up an Abomination/rebellion where it does not belong
6. Breaks a Covenant with the Jews

LUKE

Luke 21:20-24 (AMP)

²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by [hostile] armies, then understand [with confident assurance] that her complete destruction is near. ²¹At that time, those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are inside the city (Jerusalem) must get out, and those who are [out] in the country must not enter the city; ²²for these are days of vengeance [of rendering full justice or satisfaction], so that all things which are written will be fulfilled. ²³Woe to those women who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For great trouble *and* anguish will be on the land, and wrath *and* retribution on this people [Israel]. ²⁴And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled (completed).

The emphasis in Luke's version of this important discourse concerning the future, the Olivet Discourse, is a warning and an encouragement to persevere. Jesus gave this teaching so His disciples would be ready for the coming of the kingdom (cf. vv. 34-36).

Luke had already written and recorded a lot of teachings about the future (12:35-48; 17:20-37). However some lessons bore repetition, such as the place of signs in signalling the end and the importance of faithful perseverance.

Luke 21

Jacob Prasch

Luke is a convert to Judaism before his conversion to Christ. He wrote from a more Greek perspective. We therefore see a more Greek linear version as opposed to Matthew Hebraic cyclical version.

Mark 13 is the most precise version of the Olivet discourse.

Matthew wrote to Jews who was trying to address issues that the Jews were having one being that they believed the Messiah would come only once, so here was Jesus speaking about His 2nd Coming.

Luke was trying to convey to non-Jews these concepts from a very Hebraic perspective.

Homework: Read and Study Matt 10 and Luke 12, 17 and apply them to your grid.

When the Holy Spirit inspired Luke to write, he had a different focus than Mark and Matthew. Luke was trying to show

how the events in the early church would be repeated in the life of the last days church.

He was showing that the events between the Ascension of Christ, and the events in 70AD where a picture of the events at the end.

The events of 70 AD, as prophesied by Daniel, that the Messiah would come and die before the destruction of the 2nd temple will be a picture of what will happen in the last days.

If you read Josephus' historical work on the "War of the Jews" you will see how accurate the prophecies of Jesus and Daniel were regarding this event.

What happened to the early church leading up to the events of 70AD are a picture of what will happen to THE Latter church leading up to the start of the Great Tribulation.

Just a quick warning.

I've spoken to you about the dangers of Preterism and Hyper Preterism.

These people say that those events in 70 AD were not a partial fulfillment of end time prophecy – it was the whole thing.

Don't worry about an Anti-Christ, a falling away, the book of Revelation has already happened etc.

This is a very dangerous error.

Jesus said that nothing as terrible as this has ever happened like this before

and will ever happen like this in the future again.

Daniel 12 is the same, this period of time will be unmatched in history past and future.

As bad as the events were in 70 AD,
 far worse events have happened to the Jewish people and the church since then.

- Bar copas revolt in the 2nd century was worse, in terms of numbers killed and Jews being scattered
- Under the Roman Emperors, there was worse persecution against the church than in 70AD

To help up understand what will happen, it will be good for us to understand what has happened.

What was the world like?

What was the world like for the Jews, the Church and for the Nations of the world?

Decline of Democracy

The known world at that time was the Roman Empire.

It had moved from a republic to an imperial dictatorship.

Their type of democracy had disappeared.

Governance was transferred from the Senate to the Emperor during times of war.

What do you see happening now?

In the Western Democracies, through the influence of terror,

more power is being transferred into the hands of the few.

There seems to be a perpetuation of a global wartime economy.

It seems as if we have been living in a world

that is constantly about to boil over into a full all out armed conflict.

There this seeming disconnect to common sense going on.

Due to the rise of the terror war,

we now surrender many of our freedoms for the sake of security and safety.

Yet there is this big push on the government and by government to bring in so called refugees

from these war zones, and we know that they are the terror army Trojan horse!

This also went on in the 1st Century.

The Democratic institutions of the Roman world began to break down.

In the English Speaking Democracies,

many forms of government were based on Judeo-Christian principles.

Think about this: Democracy can only work on men who are governed by God!

E.g. the early fathers of America, with all of their faults and mistakes

understood this principal when they wrote their document of Independence.

This is the same as the puritans in England.

Democracy can only work on men and woman who are firstly governed by God.

Why do you think the Devil is separating us from this,

Create the problem – provide the solution.

Put enough fear and violence into the system,

man will give up his eternal future for a bowel of porridge and safety.

Everybody knows that democracy is based on Scriptural principles,

now today we are told it is not.

Slide 03:

Nations	Israel	Church
Decline of Democracy		

Decline of the Church or the resurrection of Religion of Rome

As long as you recognised the Emperor you could practice your religion.

You could have a licence to practice religion, as long as you belonged

to the imperial, interfaith, multicultural religious system of pantheon of Rome.

If you did not accept the validity of all religions and the emperor as the Pontiff Maximus,

you were persecuted.

If you did not worship through the Pontifex Maximus you did not get a license.

Originally the church was protected by the Jews.

But once the Christians were excommunicated from the Synagogues,
they lost their licence and safety and protection – they became persecuted.

That is what will happen again.
Every religion will be OK, except for ours!

An Interesting point to think on

The emphasis here in Luke of this important discourse concerning the future,
the Olivet Discourse, is a warning and an encouragement to persevere.
Jesus gave this teaching so His disciples would be ready for the coming of the kingdom (cf. vv. 34-36).
I've already shared with you that Luke had recorded a lot of the teaching about the future (Chapters 12; 17).

There is also new revelation.
Particularly the relationship of the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem
to Jesus' return was not clear before.
Jesus now clarified that these events would not occur together, but some time would elapse between them.
Keep in mind that this was a message given to Jews by a Jew (Jesus) about the future of the Jewish nation.
Though there are definite applications to God's people today,
the emphasis is on Jerusalem, the Jews, and the temple.
Our Lord was not discussing His coming for the church,
for that can occur at any time and no signs need precede it.

1 Corinthians 15:51-58 (NIV)

⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIV)

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

For the Jews require a sign; **1 Corinthians 1:22 (NIV)** ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,
the church looks for a Saviour.

Lk 21:5

Luke 21:5 (NIV)

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking
about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God...

Lk 21:6-8 – Deception and the ratification of the Anti-Christ

Luke 21:6-8 (NIV)

⁶ “As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another;
every one of them will be thrown down.”

⁷ “Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen?
And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

⁸ He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived.
For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them.

Luke's record of Jesus' reply is almost identical to what the other writers recorded. Jesus predicted the complete destruction of the temple (cf. 19:44; Mark 14:58; John 2:19; Acts 6:14). His following explanation shows that He was speaking of a destruction in the Tribulation primarily.

21:7

Jesus hearers—specifically Peter, James, John, and Andrew (Mark 13:3)—
then asked Him when the destruction would take place and what sign would precede it. They did not ask for a sign because they disbelieved Jesus but because they wanted a warning of the disaster. They knew the destruction of the temple would constitute the end of Judaism as they knew it. When the Babylonians destroyed the first temple in 586 B.C.,
the result was dispersion and disaster for the Jews.

Now Jesus announced that another similar catastrophe was coming. They associated this with the Lord's return and the end of the present age,
the present age being the age before the messianic kingdom (cf. Matt. 24:2-3).

Matthew 24:2-3 (AMPC)

² But He answered them, Do you see all these?
Truly I tell you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.
³ While He was seated on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately and said, Tell us, when will this take place, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end (the completion, the consummation) of the age?

Luke did not record the other questions they asked Him
about the sign of His coming and of the end of the age (Matt. 24:3).
Matthew and Mark concentrated on Jesus' answer to the question about Jesus' return,
but Luke dealt mainly with His answer to the question about the temple's destruction.

The destruction of the temple and Jesus' return would not coincide chronologically.

21:8-9

Luke 21:8-9 (NIV)

⁸ He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them.
⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

The Question:

What will be the sign of your coming and the end of the age?

Jesus proceeded immediately to warn His hearers about being misled
about the time of the temple's destruction. There would be false messiahs who would appear and predict the imminent destruction of the temple.

Acts 5:36 (NIV)

³⁶ Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing.

Acts 21:38 (AMPC)

³⁸ Are you not then [as I supposed] the Egyptian who not long ago stirred up a rebellion and led those 4,000 men who were cutthroats out into the wilderness (desert)?

They should not assume that wars and disturbances were signs of the coming destruction either. Those things would happen, but their occurrence would not signal the immediate destruction of the temple.

Many Christ's:

The Lord is speaking to the church. He first warns them of the coming deception.

‘I am he,’

This statement is that these Anti-Christ will come and they will claim to be divine.

E.G. Sun Yung Moon – Korean Cult Leader, Unification Church

- claimed to be the Lord of the Second Advent
- claimed his first wife who died was the Holy Spirit
- claimed in his book, The Divine Principle, he came to finish the work Jesus Failed to do
- His cult owned the Washington Times News Paper, a right wing aligned paper.
- Publicly embraced by Tim LeHay
- The late Jerry Fallwell claimed he was an unsung hero
- He donated 2.3 million dollars to Liberty Evangelical University, and how many so-called born again Christians sat their took the money from this anti-Christ and said nothing

Christian Leaders will step forward to endorse the claim of the Anti-Christ and begin preaching Romans 13

LaHaye’s association with Sun Myung Moon, for me is suspect!

As a man who has written so many books warning people about the Antichrist,

LaHaye is one of the last people one would expect to ally with a man who literally is a false Christ.

What’s going on?

The elect are warned of the coming Anti Christs.

Slide 04:

Nations	Israel	Church
Decline of Democracy		Warning against auto defying anti-Christ

Luke 21:8 – Immanency

Luke 21:8 (NIV)

⁸ He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived.

For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them.

Immanency

The Lord will come at any moment.

This is how we should live.

We could be ushered into His presence at any moment.

The doctrine of immanency does not depend on the timing of the rapture.

So again you have the above mentioned guys like Fallwell and LeHay teaching Immanency.

I don’t believe the Lord will return before the true church identifies the Anti-Christ

and the Whore of Babylon sets up beast worship.

Slide 05:

Nations	Israel	Church
Decline of Democracy		Warning against auto defying anti-Christ
		Immanency

Luke 21:9-10 – Ethnic violence

Luke 21:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened.

These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

¹⁰ Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

Luke's interruption of Jesus' teaching suggests a break of some kind in His thought.

It seems clear from what follows, in verse 11 especially,

that Jesus now broadened His perspective from the wars

that would precede the destruction of Jerusalem to include later wars.

He was referring specifically to the wars that would precede His return to the earth.

Later revelation gives us much more information about the wars, earthquakes, plagues,

famines, terrors, and great heavenly signs that will precede the Second Coming (Rev. 6—18).

The OT prophets had predicted this time of turmoil on the earth, namely, the Tribulation

(Isa. 13:10, 13; 34:4; Jer. 30:4-7; Ezek. 14:21; 32:7-8; Dan. 9:26-27; Amos 8:9; Hag. 2:6; et al.).

Gr. "Ethnon" – National

Watch out for the deliberate divisions along tribal and ethnic backgrounds.

It's going beyond race!

It's going to be ethnic, people rising up on the basis of ethnicity.

Pay attention to the ethnic riots taking place around the world.

Remember, only in Christ can people be made one!

Outside of Christ, in the last days, you are going to see the rise of ethnic violence.

It will become very bad!

Let's add to the table:

Slide 05:

Nations	Israel	Church
Decline of Democracy		Warning against auto defying anti-Christ
Ethnic hatred and violence		Immanency

Luke 21:11 - Earthquakes

Luke 21:11 (NIV)

¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

Look to the warnings about the increase in seismologic activity that is currently taking place.

The Roman Historian Tatisius wrote about the increase in seismic activity

throughout the Roman Empire at that time as well!

He said they were ominous and a supernatural sign

In Rome, 51 AD was hit by an earthquake as well as many other places.

Paul got released from prison – how –

Acts 16:26 (NIV)

²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken.

At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.

Joesphesius wrote about this as well.

Many cities in the Empire were destroyed.

Slide 06:

Nations	Israel	Church
Decline of Democracy		Warning against auto defying anti-Christ
Ethnic hatred and violence		Immanency
An increase in Seismic activity		

Luke breaks up the teachings of Jesus into different sections.

Here he is showing you what happened in the 1st century will happen in the last century.

NB: So read and study Acts, as this shows how the church functioned in an environment, that will be repeated during the last days church prior to the return of Christ.

Luke 21:11 - Famines and Plagues

Luke 21:11 (NIV)

¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

Food Shortages

Tacitus wrote that in Claudius reign food was so short, that in Rome,

they only had 15 days' worth of food in storage.

With the design of our modern supply and demand logistics, we only have 3 days' worth of food in storage.

In the 1st century there was a worldwide food storage.

This came about for two reasons:

1. Government policies were aggravating the situation – NOW/ Policies / Supermarket Logistics / GMO's
2. Drought

There is also going to be a shortage of the word of God.

Acts 11:27-29 (NIV)

²⁷ During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) ²⁹ The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea.

Those who are alert and are listening to the H/S, will have to help other Christians in need.

There will be believers who will rely on other believers.

Warning: there is a famine coming to the church. (of food and the Word)

Let's add to the table:

Slide 07:

Nations	Israel	Church
Decline of Democracy		Warning against auto defying anti-Christ
Ethnic hatred and violence		Immanency
An increase in Seismic activity		
A worldwide famine		

What happens in the physical will reflect what will happen in the spiritual.

Soon it will become illegal to preach the full Gospel.

It's already happening in the western world.

SLIDE 08 INSERT Article:

Russia's Newest Law: No Evangelizing Outside of Church

UPDATE: Putin signs new restrictions that limit where and how Christians share the gospel.

Kate Shellnutt [POSTED 7/8/2016 08:00AM]

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/gleanings/2016/june/no-evangelizing-outside-of-church-russia-proposes.html>

Remember what follows Famine and starvation. - Plagues

Acts 12:20 (NIV)

²⁰ He had been quarreling with the people of Tyre and Sidon; they now joined together and sought an audience with him. After securing the support of Blastus, a trusted personal servant of the king, they asked for peace, because they depended on the king's country for their food supply.

He who controls the food controls the world.

Implementation of Beast worship

The implementation of the Mark is going to have to do with in part with the supply of food.

Warning: Be careful of Christians who say that you can take the mark and still go to heaven.

Like John MacArthur

SLIDE 09:

Quote: John Mac Arthur Web site – Grace to you <http://www.gty.org/>

Bible Questions and Answers, Part 11

Selected Scriptures September 24, 1980 1301-I

<http://www.gty.org/resources/sermons/1301-I>

QUESTIONER: Oh, my question is in regard to the latter half of the Tribulation period, when...when men will be required to have the mark of the beast in order to buy or sell. My question is once the person takes the mark, is there possibility of Him coming to Christ?

JOHN:

Yes, I think, you know, in the seven-year Tribulation coming in the future, we're gonna get into this, so probably a week from Sunday night, maybe this Sunday night, maybe a week, I'm not sure. But the Tribulation is a seven-year period, right? The Rapture of the church, seven-year Tribulation, then Christ returns, sets up His Kingdom. Now, in that seven-year period, really two things happen. God begins to judge the world in...with a series of holocausts; and, at the same time, He begins to redeem His people Israel; and in the process of this, the antichrist establishes his rule; and in order to function in the economy of the antichrist, you have to take the mark of the beast. The mark being the number of a man, Revelation 13, 666. Six is the number of man, right? Seven is the number of perfection, and

man always falls short of perfection, 666, always sixes, never seven. So the number man, and apparently what's gonna happen, you take the mark on your hand or on your forehead; and we've talked a lot about that, you know, that...that that's kind of the computer situation. We're now moving fast toward the time when we're going to have to do everything we do by cards and by numbers and all of that, and those number...the thing about a card that's a problem is you lose it, and they've already devised systems to put the number on your hand and on your forehead, and you go through a scanner and, you know, that's how you buy and sell. It's automatically deducted from your bank account.

Now, the question is, if you're living in the Tribulation period, and you take this mark, in other words, you identify with the beast's empire, will you still be able to be redeemed? And I think the answer to that is yes. Yes, otherwise there would be no salvation of anybody in the end of the Tribulation; and you've got to have the salvation of folks in the end of the Tribulation. You're gonna have the Jews redeemed. You're gonna have, according to Revelation chapter 7, "An innumerable number of Gentiles redeemed, so many they can't even be counted across the face of the earth." So I don't think the fact that someone takes that is a sentence to...to permanency anymore than you being a part of this world system once in your life means you have to be a part of the system all your life. Well, especially when 144,000 don't start their ministry till the second half.

END QUOTE

Lk 21:12-19 - Persecution

Luke 21:12-19 (NIV)

¹²“But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name.¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹Stand firm, and you will win life.

Matthew emphasises the court system

Luke here emphasises the political system.

There will be a politically motivated persecution.

Today in certain countries, if you call a transgender man a “him” you can receive a fine of up to \$250 000.

You will not be able to preach a sermon clearly articulating sexual perversions

without running afoul of the law.

It will become worse.

It's politically motivated.

Behind politics is the Anti-Christ spirit.

Let's add to the table:

SLIDE 10:

Nations	Israel	Church
Decline of Democracy		Warning against auto defying anti-Christ
Ethnic hatred and violence		Immanency
An increase in Seismic activity		Politically motivated Persecution
A worldwide famine		

They would also experience betrayal by close relatives and friends.

Mark 13:12 (NIV)

¹²“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child.

Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death.

Some of them would die for their testimonies.

Hatred would descend on many more than would die (cf. Mark 13:13).

Mark 13:13 (NIV)

¹³Everyone will hate you because of me,

but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

21:19

By persevering faithfully when persecuted they would preserve their lives (Gr. ktesesthe tas psychas hymon).

That is, they would not die before it was God's will for them to die (v. 18).

Some interpreters believe that this verse simply restates in different terms

the principle that those who endure to the end will experience salvation (Matt. 24:13; Mark 13:13).

Matthew and Mark recorded a principle for disciples living just before the Lord's return.

Those who remained faithful to the end of the Tribulation would enter the kingdom without dying (Matt. 24:13; Mark 13:13).

However the differences in terminology in Luke argue for a different meaning here.

This verse seems to be an additional promise.

It cannot mean that martyrs can earn justification by remaining faithful rather than apostatizing since justification comes by faith, not works (cf. Rom. 2:7).

It may mean that perseverance will earn an eternal reward (cf. v. 36; Rev. 2:10).

Families are going to divide over Jesus Christ!

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Nations	Israel	Church
Decline of Democracy		Warning against auto defying anti-Christ's
Ethnic hatred and violence		Immanency
An increase in Seismic activity		Politically motivated Persecution
A worldwide famine		Divided families

Jesus describes the judgment coming on Jerusalem 21:20-24

21:20

Luke 21:20 (AMP)

²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by [hostile] armies, then understand [with confident assurance] that her complete destruction is near.

Jesus now returned to the subject of when the temple would suffer destruction (v. 7).

The similar passages in Matthew and Mark are sufficiently different

to alert you to the fact that they deal with a different incident from what Luke described.

Matthew 24:15-22 (NIV)

¹⁵“So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house. ¹⁸ Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. ¹⁹ How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! ²⁰ Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equalled again.

²²“If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

Mark 13:14-20 (NIV)

¹⁴“When you see ‘the abomination that causes desolation’ standing where it does not belong—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁵ Let no one on the housetop go down or enter the house to take anything out. ¹⁶ Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. ¹⁷ How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! ¹⁸ Pray that this will not take place in winter, ¹⁹ because those will be days of distress unequalled from the beginning, when God created the world, until now—and never to be equalled again.

²⁰“If the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, whom he has chosen, he has shortened them.

21:20

The sign that Jerusalem's destruction was imminent would be the presence of besieging armies (cf. v. 7).

This happened when Titus encircled the city with troops and put it under siege beginning in A.D. 68.

Remember this gives us a pattern of what will come.

21:21-22

Luke 21:21-24 (AMP)

²¹ At that time, those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are inside the city (Jerusalem) must get out, and those who are [out] in the country must not enter the city;²² for these are days of vengeance [of rendering full justice or satisfaction], so that all things which are written will be fulfilled.

Then the Jews should get away from the city.

Those in it should leave, those outside it should not enter it while it would be under siege,

and those living in the surrounding area should move farther from it.

God's vengeance on the city would descend shortly in fulfilment of prophecy (Dan. 9:26).

Daniel 9:26 (AMP)

²⁶ Then after the sixty-two weeks [of years] the Anointed One will be cut off [and denied His Messianic kingdom] and have nothing [and no one to defend Him], and the people of the [other] prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end *will come* with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

21:23-24

Luke 21:23-24 (AMP)

²³ Woe to those women who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For great trouble *and* anguish will be on the land, and wrath *and* retribution on this people [Israel]. ²⁴ And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled (completed).

The distress of pregnant women and nursing mothers then represents the trouble that all people in and around Jerusalem would face.

God's wrath and the wrath of Israel's enemy would also be great.

Some of the Jews would die in battle, and others would become captives and have to leave Israel.

Gentiles would dominate Jerusalem itself.

This would last until the end of "the times of the Gentiles."

This is a phrase that describes the period during which Gentiles rather than Jews would control the fate of Jerusalem (Dan. 2; 7).

It began when Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem in 586 B.C. and will continue until Jesus Christ returns at the Second Coming (cf. Dan. 2:34-35, 45; Rom. 11:25).

Daniel 2:34-35 (NIV)

³⁴ While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. ³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were all broken to pieces and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.

Daniel 2:45 (NIV)

⁴⁵ This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands—a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces.

“The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy.”

Throughout this entire long period of history, including the present,

Gentiles have controlled the fate of Jerusalem.

Again careful comparison with the similar passages in Matthew and Mark reveals that they were recording Jesus' prediction of the attack on Jerusalem just before His return (cf. Zech. 14:1-2).

Zechariah 14:1-2 (NIV)

¹ A day of the LORD is coming, Jerusalem, when your possessions will be plundered and divided up within your very walls.

² I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city.

Luke recorded His prediction of Jerusalem's destruction that happened in A.D. 70.

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Throughout this entire long period of history, including the present, up until 1968

Gentiles have controlled the fate of Jerusalem.

Lk21:34 – This Day should not catch us unprepared

Luke 21:34 (NIV)

³⁴“Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap.

In 70 AD after James was martyred, Simonian took over as Pastor of the church.

During this time, for some unknown reason, the Romans lifted their siege,

Simonian lead the church out of Jerusalem.

If you want to know what happened in the last days study what happened in the 1st century.

Warning: Don't let normalcy bias lead to cognitive discordance!

THE SECOND COMING OF THE SON OF MAN

Matt. 24:29-31; Mark 13:24-27, Luke 21:25-28

On your Grid in Slide 01,

you can see how I've set up the rest of Jesus words heading to His actual physical return.

Jesus was now speaking again of events that would precede His return to the earth (v. 27).

21:25-26

Tribulation conditions at the end of the times of the Gentiles are again in view (cf. vv. 10-11; Rev. 6—18).

The scope of these crises is global, not just in Judea (cf. vv. 20-21).

Global catastrophes will portend even greater trouble to come for those living on the earth in the Tribulation,
and they will fear greatly.

The universe will appear to be about to break up.

Remember what we've looked at thus far.

At this point in the 7 years, we'll have already traversed Wormwood's tails as it exited the Solar System
and we are now on top of the manifestation of the Anti-Christ
are about to traverse the tail of the systems inward trajectory.

When conditions are at their worst

people living on the earth then will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Daniel 7:13 (NIV)

¹³“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.

Luke 9:36 (NIV)

³⁶When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

2 Peter 1:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

He will come to set up the messianic kingdom and to reign on the earth for 1,000 years.

Daniel 7:14 (NIV)

¹⁴He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Revelation 20:1-6 (NIV)

¹ And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³ He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

⁴ I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵ (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

Luke 21:28

Luke 21:28 (NIV)

²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

These calamities should have the result that believers living then

will realize that the Second Coming is very near.

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Consequently they should prepare to meet the Lord.

The approach of our redemption refers to the approach of the final stage of our redemption,

namely, our entering the safety of the kingdom.

Psalms 111:9 (NIV)

⁹ He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever— holy and awesome is his name.

Isaiah 63:4 (NIV)

⁴ It was for me the day of vengeance; the year for me to redeem had come.

Daniel 4:34 (NIV)

³⁴ At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honoured and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

When Jesus returns, He will remove believers from the Tribulation by ending it.

This verse contains encouragement for believers.

Lifting up the head is symbolic of hope and rejoicing (cf. Judg. 8:28; Job 10:15; Ps. 24:7; 83:3).

The certainty of these events

Matthew 24:32-34 (NIV)

³² “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ³³ Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door.

³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Mark 13:28-31 (NIV)

²⁸ “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Luke 21:29-33 (NIV)

²⁹ He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees.

³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near.

³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Jesus told the parable of the fig tree to illustrate the certainty of what He had prophesied.

He then gave other assurances of fulfilment.

21:29-31

This parable illustrates the truth that the kingdom's appearing will follow the signs that Jesus just identified (vv. 10-11, 25-26).

It will follow as certainly as summer follows the budding of trees in the spring.

Jesus here connected the beginning of the kingdom with His return to the earth (v.27).

Luke is the only recorder of this teaching who included the phrase "and all the trees."

The fig tree was a symbol of Israel.

The budding of the fig tree could therefore be a figurative reference to Israel's revival

(cf. Isa. 27:12-13; Matt. 24:31; Mark 13:27).

Similarly the budding of all the trees may refer to the revival of other Gentile nations.

21:32

This verse begins Jesus' final word confirming the certainty of His prophecy. He introduced it with the solemn "Truly I say to you" or "I tell you the truth."

"This generation" refers to the unbelieving Jews who were alive when Jesus spoke, as it usually does in the Gospels (cf. 3:7; 7:31; 9:41; 11:29-32, 50-51; 17:25; Mark 11:14; Acts 2:40). Jesus probably meant that that generation would not disappear until the fulfillment of all that He had predicted had begun. The destruction of Jerusalem was the beginning of the fulfillment of what Jesus had predicted in this passage. Obviously all the things that He predicted here did not happen within the lifetime of His hearers. He regarded the beginning of fulfillment as a guarantee of complete fulfillment.

21:33

Jesus meant that the universe would someday end (cf. Rev. 21:1), but His Word would not end (cf. 16:17; Ps. 102:25-27; 119:160; Isa. 40:6-8; 51:6; Matt. 5:18). This is a strong way of affirming the certainty of what He had just predicted. It also implied that Jesus had divine authority.

The concluding exhortation to watchfulness

Matthew 24:42 (NIV)

⁴² "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

Mark 13:33-37 (NIV)

³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵ "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

Luke 21:34-36 (AMPC)

³⁴ But take heed to yourselves *and* be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened *and* depressed (weighed down) with the giddiness *and* headache *and* nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries *and* cares pertaining to [the business of] this life, and [lest] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap *or* a noose;

³⁵ For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth.

³⁶ Keep awake then *and* watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength *and* ability *and* be accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.

Luke concluded his account of the Olivet Discourse with Jesus' exhortation to remain ready for what He had predicted.

Jesus' words presupposed an interval before His coming, but He allowed that His coming might occur in the lifetime of His hearers. Nothing that He said precluded the passing of millennia before His coming.

21:34-35

"That day" is the day of His return, not the destruction of Jerusalem, since it would come on all earth-dwellers (v. 35). Jesus did not want His disciples to be unprepared for His return. He did not want them to be so self-indulgent and selfish that they disregarded His return. In that case it might catch them as a trap. Even though believers should be able to anticipate the Lord's return by the signs that precede it, they may become so entangled in the affairs of life that they lose sight of it.

Luke's original readers evidently lived after Pentecost and before the destruction of Jerusalem.

Most of them lived to witness the fulfillment of Jesus' prediction of Jerusalem's destruction.

This event would have encouraged them to believe His teaching about His return and to prepare for it.

They could have met the Lord anytime if the Rapture occurred during their lifetime.

As history has unfolded, we know that the Second Coming is still future.

The New Testament apostles gave the same warnings urging watchfulness and prayer

in view of the Rapture that Jesus gave in view of His second coming .

Romans 13:13 (NIV)

¹³Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.

Galatians 5:21 (NIV)

²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Ephesians 5:18 (NIV)

¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

1 Thessalonians 5:4-11 (NIV)

⁴But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5: (AMPC)

¹⁷Be unceasing in prayer [praying perseveringly];

Jesus' exhortation to be watchful is applicable to all disciples

regardless of when they may live before His second coming.

Vigilance is essential because the Lord's return is imminent

(i.e., impending, overhanging) regardless of when we live.