

Insights from Luke

#83: “God’s Judgment – A Sure Thing!”
Luke 21:5-19

When the End Comes

Habakkuk 3:16

“¹⁶ I heard and my inward parts trembled, at the sound my lips quivered. Decay enters my bones, and in my place I tremble. Because I must wait quietly for the day of distress, for the people to arise who will invade us.”

“Olivet Discourse”

Also recorded in
Mark 13 and Matthew 24.

Matthew 24:1-3

“²⁴ Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. ² And He said to them, ‘Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.’ ³ As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, ‘Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?’”





Luke 21:5-6

“⁵ And while some were talking about the temple, that it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts, He said, ⁶ ‘As for these things which you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down.’”

Matthew 26:59-61

“⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death. ⁶⁰ They did not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward, ⁶¹ and said, ‘This man stated, “I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it in three days.”’”

Matthew 27:39-40

“³⁹ And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, ‘You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.’”

Acts 6:13-14

“¹³ They put forward false witnesses who said, ‘This man incessantly speaks against this holy place and the Law; ¹⁴ for we have heard him say that this Nazarene, Jesus, will destroy this place and alter the customs which Moses handed down to us.’”

I Kings 9:6-9

“⁶ But if you or your sons indeed turn away from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them, ⁷ then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them, and the house which I have consecrated for My name, I will cast out of My sight. So Israel will become a proverb and a byword among all peoples. ⁸ And this house will become a heap of ruins; everyone who passes by will be astonished and hiss and say, ‘Why has the Lord done thus to this land and to this house?’ ⁹ And they will say, ‘Because they forsook the Lord their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and adopted other gods and worshiped them and served them, therefore the Lord has brought all this adversity on them.’”

Luke 21:7

“⁷ They questioned Him, saying, ‘Teacher, when therefore will these things happen? And what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?’”

Matthew 24:3

“³ As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, ‘Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?’”

Luke 21:8-9

“⁸ And He said, ‘See to it that you are not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, “I am He,” and, “The time is near.” Do not go after them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately.’”

II Peter 3:7

“⁷ But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.”

II Peter 3:10

“¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.”

Jesus indicates that certain things must take place before “the end,” but He does not indicate when “the end” will be. In fact, He does not specify what “end” he is speaking of. Is it the end of the old covenant age or the end of redemptive history? He is not specific.

Luke 21:10-11

“¹⁰ Then He continued by saying to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, ¹¹ and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.’”

Nation rose against nation

Earthquakes

Famine

Signs in the Heavens

Luke 21:12-17

“¹² But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name’s sake. ¹³ It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; ¹⁵ for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute. ¹⁶ But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, ¹⁷ and you will be hated by all because of My name.”

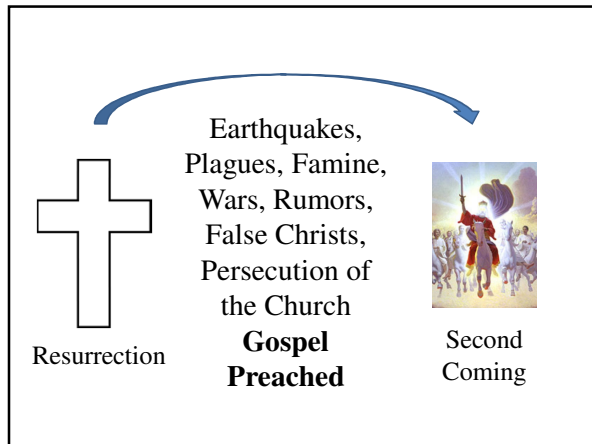
Luke 21:13

“¹³ It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony.”

Luke 21:18-19

“¹⁸ Yet not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives.”

When Matthew and Luke’s accounts are compared, it becomes clear that certain aspects of travail will be apparent between the first and second advent.



**Calamities involving human tragedy
are used by the Holy Spirit
as trumpets that beckon people
to stop, think, and repent.**

Revelation 9:20-21

“²⁰ The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; ²¹ and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.”

“America, America,
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.”

Spending

Sex

Births out of wedlock

Sexually transmitted diseases

Food Consumption

Marriage

**The faithful are reminded
to not fear and to prepare
by being busy about your
Father's work.**