

# LUKE 21 vs 20

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**20 And when you see Jerusalem encircled with armies** / this took place in 70AD... 6 years after the Temple complex was completely finished. Some of these people would still be alive,

Jesus says...**then know** / this word is: **ginosko**; to intimately know... passionately know. Having study vocal production at USC, here is an interesting aside: Look at the English, Spanish and Greek words: **know**; **conocer**; **ginosko**... though the words are spelled differently, the phonemes, the pronunciation and root meaning is the same! Interesting, isn't it?! In John's gospel, the night Jesus was betrayed, He uses this word 22 times... as He speaks one last time in great length to His disciples... obviously expressing what concerns Him most... before He went out to do some heavy lifting.

Jesus says...

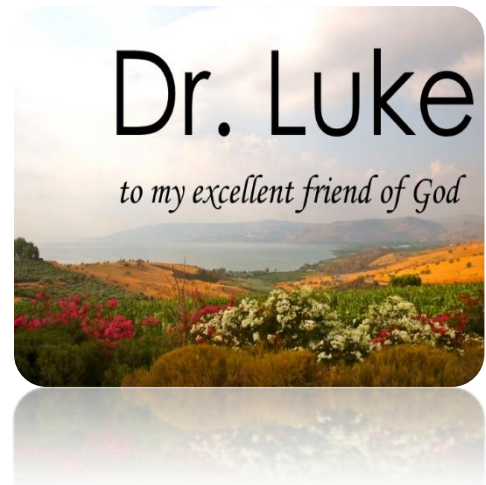
**then know the desolation of itself** / 3 Greek words: **xurao** ... **eremosis** ... **autos**; Jesus is talking about: **the... destruction... itself**. He is talking about: the very desolation that Daniel the prophet had spoken about centuries earlier...

**then know the desolation of itself is near.**

**21 Then** / at that time, **let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are in the midst of it depart out and do not let those who are in the countryside, enter into it** / in the terror, the panic; let them run away swiftly; those still in the city; leave quickly; don't return to the city for any reason... there's no time.

**22 For these are days of vengeance that all that is written is fulfilled** / DAYS of vengeance. And they were for the House of Judah... the Jewish people. These prophetic words were first fulfilled in September, 70AD. But we ought to learn from the **House of Judah**... as the Day of vengeance... the set time of the Lord; as that Day of tribulation comes. It will be equally profound... and all too terrible to imagine; this time has been recorded... repeatedly the prophets foretold in the Scriptures of judgment and ruin, but... in our brilliant 21<sup>st</sup> century... who reads the Scriptures anymore?

Jesus says...



<sup>23</sup> **But woe / how terrible it will be, for the pregnant mothers, and the mothers who are nursing their babies /** and it was terrible, but in the last days, will it be repeated... or something even worse?

**in those days there will be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people /** the days when the city of fell to the romans. Jesus is talking about **extreme... megas anxiety**, sorrow and pain. The real thing that didn't go away with a little aspirin. Read the accounts; they are shocking. There was great distress ... upon the Jewish people.

<sup>24</sup> **And they will fall by the edge of the sword /** and they did,

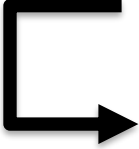
**and will be led away captive into all nations /** and they were:

**and Jerusalem will be trodden down by the Gentiles /** and it was,

**until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled /** also written in the Scriptures. In the book of Daniel, we learn about the time of the Gentiles **when we study: the handwriting on the wall**... that foretold the 2,520 years of bestial rule of world governments... starting with the time of Babylon and the fall of Jerusalem... and ending? Well, do the math... and you will come to 1917 -- **when General Allenby took back Jerusalem**... and 1967 -- Israel's Six-day war!

And now, we see there is a break in this prophecy of Jesus that fast-forwards us in time.



 <sup>25</sup> **And there will be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars /** plural marvelous indicators; verse 11 said, Fearful sights, great signs in the heavens;



**and upon the earth distress of nations and with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring /** this word is: **sunoche**; a narrowing; a **restricting** and **tightening**. Hmm? Perhaps a global govt agenda squeezing and clamping down... to control? plural, the squeezing and tightening of many nations is puzzling; with people wondering, what's going on? With puzzlement; this speaks of confusion and baffling times... people wondering what's going on?!; nations are roaring, **the sea of humanity** is making loud noises, thundering and booming! not only the sounds of war and battle, but as if a social or political tsunami hit them.

**and distress of nations** / the narrowing, squeezing and restricting of nations. Violent storms among the people like we see in Libya, Egypt, Yemen; Iran, Syria, Greece and Spain, to mention a few; but also approaching the nations of the west.

<sup>26</sup> **Mankind's heart failing them for fear; and for looking after those things which come on the earth** / **anthropos**; Jesus is talking about **men and women**; things beyond man's control... causing anxiety, and they are fearful, but not for God's people who are encouraged to fix our minds on things above; **there are 3 days still on His calendar!**

**for the powers of heaven will be shaken** / the administrative powers of heaven, **saleuo**; will once again shake it. not a pretty sight! What is planned will be a spectacular catastrophe.

<sup>27</sup> **and then** / 2 little Greek words: **kai... tote...** meaning: **at that time**,

**at that time... they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud, with power and great glory** / the Son of all Mankind; with His administrative power; now, that sounds like an end-point; **the End-point**; and Jesus makes it clear... nobody will miss it. Daniel says, Messiah will come to smash the kingdom of this world. And the kingdom of this world becomes the Kingdom of our Lord... and of HIS Christ. We're learning about: GOD's deliverance... NO God-damned government's deliverance!

And it is as if Jesus backs up a little and says...

<sup>28</sup> **And when these begin to happen then look up, and lift up your heads for your redemption draws nigh** / The Savior is near, when these signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars... as well as the distressing and perplexing of nations: get up! stand up! Look up! He is very near; the ransom payment is not only paid in full... but it is about to be fully realized!

<sup>29</sup> **And He spoke to them a parable** / Jesus gives a familiar illustration and its heavenly purpose. He's not just filling up pointless pages in a book. This is an earthy parable telling a heavenly truth,

**Look / pay attention – the fig tree, and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> when they shoot forth, you see it and know for yourselves summer is near** / when all the trees sprout... you know... summer is coming, very soon.



<sup>31</sup> **So likewise, when you see these things happen / know that the kingdom of God is very near** / ginomai; the birth will happen. Jesus says when we see these events He described, we can equally know, the kingdom of God it's near! Look at your hand, it's that near! Get ready!

<sup>32</sup> **Amen I say to you, This generation will not pass away, till all is fulfilled** / those who saw the budding of the fig tree -- 1948...so some of those living before 1948 will not all pass away before they see Him coming in power and great glory, and all the trees - those in all the different nations... perplexed, wondering what's going on... and making noise, as the world is narrowing... and being restricted. / Jesus says, you can be certain of what I say; all this will happen.

<sup>33</sup> **Heaven and earth will pass away:**

**but My words will not pass away.**

/ what Jesus said, what He has promised will happen;

<sup>34</sup> **And you yourselves be warned, lest at any time your hearts be overloaded with excess and drunkenness, and the worries of this life** / with a glut of things... with an endless accumulation of thingamajigs and gadgets and gizmos... and dust collecting junk! While boozing and stumbling around all day and night.

**and so that day come upon you unaware** / previously Jesus told us about the DAY of His official coming again when He comes with power and great glory; and He mentioned a DAY when heaven and earth will pass away. Of the **7 great WorkDays belonging to the Lord**; 4 are fulfilled by Jesus Christ. 3 remain on His calendar... the next, **The Day of Trumpets** celebrated in September. Paul says these 7 Days are shadows of things to come: fulfilled by something Jesus Christ does; without Jesus, **The Day of Trumpets: Gathering the Harvest** has NO meaning!

Paul says: I would not have you ignorant: the dead in Christ rise first, then His Church, **the love of His life** will join them as the harvest is gathered up. Along with Paul... Jesus would not have us ignorant; Jesus wants us to know and eagerly anticipate **that 5<sup>th</sup> great Day... The Day of Trumpets**... because He told us about the **terrible day** of wrath that follows / that **6<sup>th</sup> great Day of the Lord**, designated by some business He has with the whole world, and it suddenly and unexpectedly... catch you by surprise...

<sup>35</sup> **as a snare for it will come on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth** / as a trap, with a noose.

<sup>36</sup> **But watch** / all of you, keep your eyes open! **and pray always** / keep praying, talk to God regularly; in Jesus' world: none of this... close your eyes and cross your fingers, and then talk to God stuff is necessary,

**watch, and pray always, that you are able to escape all these things, that will happen and to stand before the Son of Man** / again the word is: **ginomai**; all this will happen! But His people are not appointed unto wrath, but unto salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. That is the goal, isn't it? to be invited into His presence; that's what Luke recorded for our benefit; that's what Jesus told us. Be watchful about those coming in His name... and know the Father's love. There is a beautiful verse in 2 Esdras 9:13: **Do not continue to be curious about how the ungodly will be punished: but, inquire how the righteous will be saved.**

This chapter closes...

<sup>37</sup> **And in the daytime, He was teaching in the temple; and at night He went out, and abode in the mount that is called the Mount of Olives** / and what a view... where HE could see old Abraham who willingly offered his son in faith... 1000s of years earlier; and in the future, where HE will one day come again. No wonder, we read...

<sup>38</sup> **And all the people came early in the morning to Him at the temple, to hear Him.**

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