

LUKE 21:5-19

REVIEW...

- **LUKE 19:28-48 - ENTERING JERUSALEM...**
 - Mt. of Olives - Jesus came in on a donkey - Palm Sunday - 'Even the stones will cry out'!
 - The cleansing of the Temple - they had made a house of prayer into a den of thieves!
- **LUKE 20:1-19 - THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS REJECTION OF JESUS...**
 - The leaders came to Jesus in the Temple and demanded to know by what authority...
 - The Campo - the motive of the religious leaders was to 'steal' the people from God...
 - The leaders knew Jesus was talking about them - they wanted to kill Him...
- **LUKE 20:20-21:4 - PLOTTING AGAINST JESUS - 3 CHALLENGES...**
 - The religious leaders tried to trap Jesus in His words - accuse Him before Rome...
 - Pharisees/Herodians - give to Caesar / but we should give ourselves to God...
 - Sadducees - whose wife in the resurrection - The Bible is relevant for today...
 - Scribe - greatest command - good works come from a relationship with God...
 - Jesus asked them a question - why does David call the Messiah Lord - Jesus is God!
 - Warned the people to beware of the religious leaders - only want praise and money...
 - Instead be like the widow - come to the Lord in sincerity with a loving heart!

END TIMES OUTLINE...

- **PROPHETIC TIMELINE REVIEW...**
 - In order to understand the teaching Jesus gives in **Luke 21**...
 - It is important to first review the timeline the Bible says occur in the 'Last days'...
 - 1st - Jesus 1st coming - the Death / Burial / and Resurrection - **John 3:16 / John 19:30**
 - The last words of Jesus on the Cross - 'It is Finished'!
 - The end of the Old Covenant - being right with God by the works of the Law...
 - The beginning of the New Covenant - Salvation by grace through faith!
 - 2nd - The Church Age - **Acts 2:1-4 / Revelation 2-3**
 - 50 days after Jesus' crucifixion - 10 days after Jesus' ascension - Pentecost...
 - From the day of Pentecost up to today - we have been living in the 'Church age'...
 - New Covenant of Grace - believing in Jesus Christ can save anyone!
 - 3rd - Destruction of Israel - **II Kings 18:11 / II Kings 25:21**
 - In 722 B.C. - Northern 10 tribes conquered - Assyria - beginning the Diaspora...
 - In 586 B.C. Southern Kingdom is conquered - Babylon - return after 70 years...
 - In 70 A.D. Jerusalem destroyed - Second Temple burnt down - Rome...
 - In 132 A.D. a failed revolt - expulsion of Jews - Israel renamed - 'Palestine'...
 - For 2000 years the remnant of Israel was scattered to the four winds...
 - 4th - Rebirth of the Nation of Israel - **Ezekiel 37:1-14**
 - May 14th, 1948 - God did the impossible - Israel became a nation again!
 - Since 1948 Jewish population in Israel has surged to roughly - 6 million...
 - Since 2006 - 1st time almost 2000 years - more Jews in Israel - any other nation...

- God has been faithful to bring back His people (*from the 4 winds*) to His land...
- o 5th - Magog invasion - **Ezekiel 38:1-13**
 - Either right before – or right after the rapture of the church...
 - God will cause Russia (*Magog*) to go to war with Israel...
 - Iran / Syria / Lebanon / Sudan / Libya / Turkey – will also join with Russia...
 - God will step in and miraculously save Israel – destroying the invading armies
- o 6th - The Rapture of the Church - **I Corinthians 15:51-53 / I Thessalonians 4:13-18**
 - Those who believe in Jesus – will be taken to heaven before the Tribulation...
 - Believers will be raptured (*harpazo*) snatched up by Jesus in the blink of an eye...
 - In heaven - celebrate the 7-year wedding feast – the bride & the Lamb of God!
- o 7th - The 7 years of Tribulation - **Revelation 6-18**
 - After the church is taken to heaven – God will pour out his wrath on the world...
 - In the first days of the tribulation – ¼ of all mankind will die...
 - It will be a tribulation like the world has never seen – or will ever see again...
- o 8th - The Great Tribulation - **Daniel 9:27 / Matthew 24:15**
 - The Anti-Christ will demand to be worshiped by the whole world (*Man of sin*)...
 - The world will embrace him as their savior – worship him as God...
 - This will mark the last 3-½ years of the tribulation – the Great Tribulation!
- o 9th - The 2nd coming of Jesus Christ - **Revelation 19:11-21**
 - Immediately after the 7 years of Tribulation – Jesus will return!
 - He will come riding in on a white horse – ‘King of Kings – and Lord of Lords’!
 - All those who were raptured will return with Him from heaven...
 - He will face off against the armies of the Anti-Christ – Valley of Armageddon...
 - With one word from his mouth He will destroy them all!
- o 10th - The Millennial reign (*1000 years*) of Jesus Christ - **Revelation 20:1-7**
 - Jesus will set up His kingdom here on earth – ruling as the King of Kings...
 - For 1000 years there will a righteous reign – with God ruling on earth...
 - Satan will be bound for the 1000 years – but set loose one last time at its end...
 - After one final rebellion of men – the Great White Throne...
- o 11th - The Great White Throne judgment - **Revelation 20:11-15, Matthew 25:31-46**
 - Two sets of books are brought out – the Book of life – and the books...
 - If you believe in Jesus – your name is in the Book of life – heaven...
 - If not – you are judged by your life – every action thought – from the books – hell...
- o 12th - The New Heaven and New Earth - **Revelation 21 & 22**
 - The old heaven and old earth will be destroyed by fire – **II Peter 3:10-13**
 - God will then create a – perfect – sinless – New Heaven and New Earth...
 - Where those who believe in Jesus will live with Him forever!

END TIMES PROPHECY...

● THE REASON FOR BIBLE PROPHECY...

- o 1/3 of the Bible is Prophecy – God telling us about the future before it happens...

- **Isaiah 46:9-10** – “Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning...”
- God uses prophecy to show us He – and He alone – is God almighty...
- The only one who sees the end from the beginning...
- Prophecy is how He validates His Word – it is His fingerprint on the Scriptures!
- o Jesus’ teaching on the End Times - His 2nd longest sermon in the Bible...
 - Jesus lays out the details of His 2nd coming – and the End of the Age of men...
 - **The question we are left to ask – why is it important...**
 - **We tend to think Jesus won’t come back in our lifetime – buas will be just like today...**
 - *** II Peter 3:3-4** – “First, I want to remind you that in the last days there will be scoffers who will laugh at the truth and do every evil thing they desire. This will be their argument: “Jesus promised to come back, did he? Then where is he?”
 - **We are in the last days – though many do question when – or if – Jesus will return...**
 - **The truth is the next prophetic event to occur – is the rapture of the Church...**
 - **It could happen next week – it could happen today – it could happen right now...**
 - **Are we ready – if Jesus came back today – what would He find us doing...**
 - **An important message – both as an encouragement and warning - I John 3:3**
 - **Jesus is coming – VERY soon – are we ready...**

THE OLIVET DISCOURSE...

- **THE BEAUTY OF THE TEMPLE... VS. 5-7**
 - o Having silenced the Religious leaders for the last time...
 - The disciples began to comment on the beauty of the stones of the Temple...
 - This was the 2nd Temple – built by Herod the Great (*1st Temple was built by Solomon*)
 - Ancient wonder - even today foundations stones 33m/3m/2m can still be seen!
 - Jesus answered the disciples – not one stone of the temple will remain on another!
 - o Crossing the Kidron valley Jesus sat down on the Mt. of Olives – full view of the Temple...
 - Peter / James / John / Andrew went to Jesus privately and ask Him - **Mark 13:3**
 - 1st - When will these things be – referring to the destruction of the Temple...
 - 2nd - What sign will there be these things are about to take place...
 - Jesus uses the questions as an opportunity to teach about the ‘Last days’...
 - He begins by answering the 2 questions – Olivet Discourse - **Mark 13 / Matthew 24**
- **1ST - WHEN WILL THE TEMPLE BE DESTROYED - THE FALL OF ISRAEL...**
 - o Literally fulfilled about 35 years later – 70AD – when Israel rebelled against Rome...
 - **Future Caesar - Titus Vespasian - responded with the 10th Roman legion...**
 - **He laid siege to Jerusalem killing over 1 million Jews – destroying the city...**
 - **He did not intend to destroy the Temple – but in the siege it caught fire...**
 - **The gold of the Temple melted between the stone blocks...**
 - **The Romans dismantled the Temple stone by stone to get the gold**
 - o Not one stone remained upon another – the ruins are still in Israel to this day...
 - **That this first prophecy was so specifically fulfilled should make us pay attention...**
 - **It shows us what Jesus says is going to happen – it proves its veracity!**

- **2ND - THE SIGNS OF THE LAST DAYS... vs. 8-19 (3 THINGS)**
 - Be careful that you are not deceived (*planao*)... vs. 8
 - How does deception come – *planao* – where we get the word planet – the world...
 - If we are listening to – hanging out with – looking to the world...
 - Thinking about our plans are for the New Year / or where we will work tomorrow...
 - All the time forgetting this may be the day - Jesus could come return!
 - It's easy to get caught up in the cares of this life – forget that Jesus is coming!
 - 1st - Many shall come and claim to be the Christ - do not follow them... vs. 8
 - The world is full of false faiths posing to be from God – but denying the TRUE Jesus
 - They talk about a Jesus but they are cults – their Jesus is not THE Jesus of the Bible
 - Mormons believe Jesus is a created being - not God – but the brother of satan...
 - Jehovah witnesses – believe Jesus is Michael the arch angel – He is not God...
 - The best way to tell a lie - is to make it look as much like the truth as you can!
 - Just because someone says they go to church - does not make them a Christian...
 - Just because a man says he is a pastor - does not mean he is from Jesus
 - **I John 4:1** - “Don’t believe every spirit, but test the spirits...”
 - We need the discernment of God - to know what is truly from God!
 - Satan can and will imitate God – he looks like the real deal - **II Corinthians 11:14...**
 - Satan can come in pretty packages - sin / false teachings - can look really good...
 - But he will always contradict the Word - draw you from relationship with God!
 - 2nd - Wars / famines / diseases / and earthquakes / terrors... vs. 9-11
 - When you hear about wars and terrorism - do not be afraid...
 - There have been over 1500 armed conflicts in the world over the past 200 years
 - Nation will rise against nation (*Greek ~ ethnos – ethnic group*) - Genocide...
 - In the 20th century alone there were at least 7 acts of Genocide in the world...
 - Famine / disease / and earthquakes...
 - There have been over 120 major earthquakes (*1000+ dead*) – past 100 years
 - There are an estimated 842 million hungry people worldwide now...
 - The number rises by 4.5 million a year - 24,000 deaths a day caused by hunger...
 - Last hundred years 180 million died because of wars and famine caused by wars...
 - Terrifying sights - *Phobetron* - used only here in the Bible....
 - *Phoebe* - to cause fear / *tron* - a tool - machine - or technology...
 - A unique word that suggests technological innovations used for terrorism!
 - Technology has exploded over the past 100 year - creating terrifying weapons...
 - A backpack nuclear device (*1kt yield*) could wipe out a city the size of New York!

- Imagine the terror if terrorist group got a hold of one of these weapons!
- Terrorism on the rise - 10 documented acts of Terrorism in the world in 1970...
- There were over 334 terrorist attacks in 2011 - over a 3000% increase!
- Pick up a news paper - hear the news - a new war / disease / act of terrorism...
- All these are the beginning - the warning to us - the end is VERY close...
- 3rd - Believers in Jesus will be hated... vs. 12-19
 - In an attempt to silence the Gospel - Jesus warned men would persecute believers...
 - The list is progressive – counsels / governors / and finally kings - but don't worry...
 - You do not have to prepare your speech before hand - prepare your defense...
 - It is not you who will speak – but the Holy Spirit who will speak through you!
 - Because it is the Lord speaking through you - they will not be able to argue with you!
 - When others persecute us – challenge us - mock us – for our faith in Jesus...
 - Take it as an opportunity to share the love of Jesus with them...
 - Don't worry about what to say - just open your mouth - God will speak through you
 - Betrayed by parents / brothers / friends – to put to death!
 - Harder than standing before Kings - is standing up for Jesus in your family...
 - It is one thing to stand for Jesus in front of strangers or even neighbors...
 - But to stand up for Jesus in front of your family - that's really hard!
 - They know you – all your mistakes – all your flaws...
 - And they are quick to point them out – quick to question your faith...
 - Yet as we are bold to stand up for Jesus - He can use us to save those whom we love!
 - To sum it up you will be hated by all - for the sake of Jesus!
 - **John 15:18** - "If the world hates you, you know it hated Me before it hated you."
 - The world hates Jesus because he convicts the world of sin and righteousness...
 - If it weren't for Jesus men could do whatever they wanted without consequence...
 - Like a light shining in the darkness – Jesus reveals sin...
 - Because men LOVE sin they hate the light that reveals their sinfulness - **John 3:19**
 - We have Jesus in us – so as they hate the light – Jesus – they also hate us...
 - But we don't share Jesus out of some sense of obligation – or for some reward...
 - We share cause of the danger of Hell - the destination for any who reject Jesus...
 - Hell is not temporary – hell is the 2nd death – eternal separation from God...
 - Keeping people from Hell is worth a little ridicule – worth being made fun of...
 - We are talking about men's eternal destination – people are worth fighting for!
 - Not even one of your hairs will be lost...
 - Not many of us take the time to count the hairs on our head...
 - Though for some of us it would not take very long to do so...
 - God knows – something as seemingly trivial as hair – God knows...
 - Do not fear therefore – if God is watching after the hairs on our head...
 - How much more he is watching after us – so we have nothing to fear!
 - We are going to be hated by a lost world that does not like the light...

- But we are never alone – God is always watching out for us - always with us!

- **Look up...**

- All signs Jesus gave are happening – that means...
- We are in the ‘Last days’ and we are very close to the ‘End of the Age’...
- **Luke 21:28** - “So when all these things begin to happen, stand straight and look up, for your salvation is near!”
- If Jesus returned today – where would we be – what would He find us doing...
- If we knew Jesus was coming tomorrow – what would we change in our lives...
- Jesus is coming – VERY SOON – so what are we going to do about it...
- We can ignore the signs – live our life our way – fear the idea of Jesus return...
- Or we can choose to live our lives for Jesus – excited we get to see Him soon!