

The Days Will Come

Part 1

(Luke 21:1-28)



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OPENING COMMENTS



- ❧ If I could do things over, following our Daniel Series I would have followed up with the Olivet Discourse Series taught by our Lord
- ❧ Both are extremely foundational to what we're trying to study and learn in this journey
- ❧ I would argue that out of all Scripture and apart from Revelation, Daniel's visions and the teachings of our Lord are the most comprehensive of all end times prophecy in both OT/NT, respectively
- ❧ So what we'll be doing today is kind of making up for not doing this in the beginning – meaning we'll be having a make-up study today
- ❧ I do have some Disclaimers...

DISCLAIMER



- ☞ Today's study will be a VERY HEAVY
- ☞ It will challenge us to pay attention and keep up
- ☞ It may even challenge certain view points we were taught
- ☞ I only ask of ONE thing of us, me included
 - ☞ That we exercise patience, have an open and teachable heart
- ☞ Our goal is to grow in our faith until we are joined with the rest of the redeemed and meet our Lord in the air
- ☞ We're taking those steps towards that goal – even more so now as we're taking this journey together in our study of Revelation

OUR STUDY TODAY



- ✧ That said, for our tangential study today, I'd like for us to look at the Olivet Discourse concerning the end times given by the Son of God Himself
- ✧ For our key passage today, we will be mainly using Luke's account (Lk 21), but I will also integrate Matthew's parallel account (Mt 24) as needed so that we have a complete picture of this Great Olivet Discourse
- ✧ Here is our goal for today's study...

GOAL



The goal for our study today is:

1) To see what our Lord meant when He said “the days will come” when the Temple will be destroyed

☞ Hence the title of this study, “The Days will Come”

2) Ascertain what Temple He referring to

3) Ascertain the sign He was pointing to

Then Lastly,

4) Where does that sign fall with respect to the breaking of the 1st Seal

Luke 21



Luke 21:1-9 (The Olivet Discourse)

1 And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury.

2 And He saw a poor widow putting in two small copper coins. 3 And He said, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of them; 4 for they all out of their surplus put into the offering; but she out of her poverty put in all that she had to live on."

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."

Luke 21



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?”

Before we get to our Lord’s response, I’d like to point out what Jesus said in the prior verse concerning the Temple...

“the days will come”



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.”

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✧ What is widely taught and accepted is that our Lord was foretelling and alluding to the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the 2nd Temple in 70AD under Titus

✧ This is a TRUE and HISTORICAL fact



“the days will come”



BUT was the destruction of the 2nd Temple what our Lord was referring to? From here on out we're going to investigate this and exposit our text further:

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?”

“these things” are plural. Anyone want to venture to guess what “these things” in context are referring to?

Hint: they were talking about it, looking at it and pointed them out to Jesus

“the days will come”



Matthew 24:1-3

1 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.”

☞ VERY IMPORTANT FACT: “these things” = “the temple buildings”

☞ Let's incorporate this in our key verse...

“the days will come”



Lk 21 (Original):

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Lk 21 (Amplified):

7 They questioned Him, saying, “Teacher, when therefore will **the destruction of the temple buildings** happen? And what will be the sign when **the destruction of the temple buildings** are about to take place?”

Let’s do the same thing for Matthew 24:3...

“the days will come”



Mt 24 (Original):

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?”

Mt 24 (Amplified):

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☞ Let’s pull both amplified verses side-by-side...

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Pretty straightforward and clear narrative:

- ✧ Jesus's disciples pointed out to Him the temple buildings that it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts
- ✧ Jesus in response spoke of its destruction
- ✧ The disciples asked Him privately when will the temple buildings be destroyed and what will be the sign of His coming and the end of the age are about to take place

CONJECTURE



- ❧ Here is what I'd like to point out : The destruction of the temple buildings our Lord spoke of is AFTER the sign He is about to give them
- ❧ Let me say it another way, a specific sign starts the prophetic clock signaling the destruction of the temple buildings, His glorious return and the end of the age are about to take place!
- ❧ Well what sign is that?
- ❧ To find out let's see our Lord's response in Luke 21:8 and following (I'll also integrate Matthew's account)

Disclaimer:

- ❧ Here is where we're going to get into some heaving lifting... I will be integrating both Lk 21/Mt 24 account and I'll try my best not to overwhelm you... it's going to get really heavy and challenging...

“the days will come”



Luke 21 (Original):

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.”

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.

✧ Now I’m going to amplify by labeling things (and integrate Matthew)

“the days will come”



Luke 21 (Amplified):

8 And He said, “See to it that you are not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ (I am the Christ-Mt 24:5) and, ‘The time is near.’ (SIGN #1) Do not go after them. 9 When you hear of wars and disturbances (wars and rumors of wars-Mt 24:6) (SIGN #2), do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately.”

10 Then He continued by saying to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom (SIGN #3), 11 and there will be great earthquakes (in various places-Mt 24:7) (SIGN #4), and in various places plagues and famines (SIGN #5); and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven (SIGN #6).

☞ SIGNS #1-6 collectively “are merely the beginning of birth pangs”-Mt 24:8

“the days will come”



Luke 21 (Original)

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

“the days will come”



Luke 21 (Original)

20 “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. 21 Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city; 22 because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled. 23 Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people; 24 and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

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Luke 21 (Original)

25 “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, 26 men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

27 Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory. 28 But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

✎ Now let's amplify this passage and continue our labeling (integrate Matthew)

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20 “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near (Therefore when you see THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION- Mt 24:15) (SIGN #9). 21 Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city; 22 because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled. 23 Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people; 24 and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled (SIGN #10).

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27 Then (after that great tribulation) they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory (FINAL SIGN#12). 28 But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

☞ Folks that was a mouthful. Allow me to try and sum all of these signs/events

THE 12 “SIGNS”



- ❧ **SIGN #1:** Many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ (I am the Christ) and, ‘The time is near’
- ❧ **SIGN #2:** (Israel will hear of) wars and (rumors of wars or) disturbances
- ❧ **SIGN #3:** Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom
- ❧ **SIGN #4:** There will be great earthquakes in various places
- ❧ **SIGN #5:** There will be plagues and famines in various places
- ❧ **SIGN #6:** there will be terrors and great signs from heaven

- ❧ **SIGNS #1-6:** Are beginning of birth pangs (like contractions in labor)

THE 12 “SIGNS”



- ❧ **SIGN #7:** You (Israel) will be delivered to tribulation, betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends and they will put some of you to death. Many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another, and you will be hated by all nations because of My Name
- ❧ **SIGN #8:** Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many
- ❧ **SIGN #9:** Jerusalem surrounded by armies, THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION will be erected in the temple of God
- ❧ **SIGN #10:** Many (beginning in Judea) will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled
- ❧ **SIGN #11:** There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken

THE 12 “SIGNS”



And last but not least, the FINAL sign:

☞ **SIGN #12:** Every eye will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory

☞ Back to the disciples main question on hand...

“the days will come”



In the Great Olivet Discourse, the disciples asked our Lord a loaded end times question. They asked Him specifically when will the destruction of the temple buildings occur, and what will be the sign that its destruction, His coming and the end of the age are about to take place?

- ❧ The destruction of the Temple
- ❧ Jesus's coming
- ❧ The end of the age

What will be the sign that these things are about to take place?

❧ Well we just learned our Lord gave them not a single sign, but at least 12 distinctive signs and events. What gives?

“the days will come”



- ☞ TRUTH: “the sign” = the 12 SIGNS (our Lord’s entire response)!
- ☞ Talk about be careful what you ask for!
- ☞ The disciples asked Him, what sign signals that the destruction of the temple, His return, and the end of the age is about to occur, and He gave them not a single sign, but a sign – comprised of at least 12 distinct signs and events!
- ☞ Ok if “the sign” = all 12 SIGNS, then which of those signs will begin the prophetic clock leading to the destruction of the temple, our Lord’s return, and the end of the age?

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CASE IN POINT: When SIGN #1 takes place, the prophetic clock begins followed by SIGNS #2-12!

CASE IN POINT: When Jesus says **the days will come** in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down, He was not referring to the 2nd Temple destroyed in 70AD, He is speaking of the future temple (3rd Temple) that will alive and well and in Jerusalem in the end times! How can I say this with certainty?

“the days will come”



- ✧ Well for starters the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION (SIGN #9) is part of “the sign” and that alone places the destruction of the Temple not in 70AD, but in the end times!
- ✧ And this is consistent with what Daniel, Jesus, Paul and as we’ll soon find out John (here in Revelation) spoke of...

“the days will come”

Daniel	Jesus	Paul	John
<p>Daniel 11: 31 Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation. 32 By smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action.</p>	<p>Matthew 24:15 “Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.</p> <p>Luke 21:20 “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near.</p>	<p>2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it (the day of the LORD) will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.</p>	<p>Revelation ???</p>

IN CLOSING



The goal for our study today was:

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IN CLOSING



Here's the answer to the first 3 questions:

- ❧ When our Lord said “the days will come” when the Temple will be destroyed (not one stone will be left upon another) He was referring to the Temple that will be in Jerusalem in the last days, during the period of the Final Indignation!
 - ❧ When Israel's sin reaches its climax during their Apostasy!
- ❧ Meaning our Lord was NOT referring to the destruction of the Temple by the hands of Titus in AD70!
- ❧ When our Lord said “the days will come” it includes those days where the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION spoken by Daniel occurs in that Temple - which like the 2nd Temple - will too be destroyed (not one stone left upon another)!

IN CLOSING



How about the answer to our 4th and Final question:

4) Where does that sign fall with respect to the breaking of the 1st Seal?

- ❧ This turned out to be a loaded question
- ❧ Like the disciples, I too should be careful what I ask for
- ❧ Well “the sign” is not a single sign, but a list of at list 12 SIGNS
- ❧ So to even attempt answering this question, let’s put both “the sign” and the breaking of the 1st Seal side-by-side

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Revelation 6:2
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