

"Stones Thrown Down"

After Jesus tells His disciples about the destruction of the Jewish Temple, He turns His attention to the end times. His concern for His people (believing Jews and Gentiles) in verses 8 - 19 is threefold:

- I. **Religious Delusion:** ⁸And he <Jesus> said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ <I am God's chosen leader>; and the time draweth near <and this will happen soon>: go ye not therefore after them.
- II. **Distress of Nations:** ⁹But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by. ¹⁰Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: ¹¹And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.
 - A. Wars: "...Nation shall rise against nation..." meaning real wars (Ukraine and Russia) and threatened wars (China and Taiwan). Israel is involved in a war with well-armed militia groups (Hamas and Hezbollah) that are not controlled by their host nations.
 - B. Commotions: "...and kingdom (shall rise against) against kingdom..." This encompasses everything from civil wars to riots, including insurrections, coups, assassinations, and rebellions.
 - C. Earthquakes
 - D. Famines: Not enough food to feed people. This could be lack of food or distribution problems. Many African nations are known to withhold food from populations they want to exterminate.
 - E. Pestilences: Sickesses and bug infestations (COVID) - Epidemics, pandemics
 - F. Fearful Sights (Reserved until the Tribulation period)
 - G. Great Signs from Heaven (Reserved until the Tribulation period)
- III. **Religious Persecution**
 - A. Official (government) Religious Persecution: ¹²But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you <arrest>, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. ¹³And it shall turn to you <shall be your turn> for a testimony. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate <decide, rehearse> before what ye shall answer: ¹⁵For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries <police, prosecutors, judges> shall not be able to gainsay <contradict, respond to> nor resist.
 - B. Personal Religious Persecution: ¹⁶And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks <relatives>, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. ¹⁷And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake ¹⁸But there shall not an hair of your head perish. ¹⁹In your patience <endurance, courage> possess ye your souls.
- IV. How does Jesus want us to respond?: ²⁸And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Matthew

Mark

Luke

| Matthew 24 (Jewish perspective) | Mark 13 (Jewish perspective) | Luke 21 (Gentile perspective) |
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| <p>¹And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.</p> | <p>¹And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!</p> | <p>⁵And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,</p> |
| <p>²And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, <u>There shall not be left here one stone upon another</u>, that shall not be thrown down.</p> | <p>²And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? <u>there shall not be left one stone upon another</u>, that shall not be thrown down.</p> | <p>⁶As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which <u>there shall not be left one stone upon another</u>, that shall not be thrown down.</p> |
| <p>³And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and <u>what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?</u></p> | <p>³And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴Tell us, when shall these things be? and <u>what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?</u></p> | <p>⁷And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and <u>what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?</u></p> |
| <p>⁴And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.</p> | <p>⁵And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you:</p> | <p>⁸And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.</p> |
| <p>⁵For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.</p> | <p>⁶For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.</p> | |
| <p>⁶And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.</p> | <p>⁷And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet.</p> | <p>⁹But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by.</p> |
| <p>⁷For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. ⁸All these are the beginning of sorrows.</p> | <p>⁸For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.</p> | <p>¹⁰Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: ¹¹And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.</p> |

Prophecy
Temple
will be
destroyed

Middle of Tribulation - Dan 8:9-10 Little horn
 - Rev 13:1-8 Anti Christ
 - Rev 13:11-15, 14:20
 False Prophet
 - Dan 9:15-27 Sacrifice stop
 - 2 Thess 2:3-4
 Son of Perdition

| Matthew 24 (Jewish perspective) | Mark 13 (Jewish perspective) | Luke 21 (Gentile perspective) |
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| <p>¹⁵When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)</p> <p>¹⁶Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:</p> <p>¹⁷Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:</p> <p>¹⁸Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. ¹⁹And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!</p> <p>²⁰But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: ²¹For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²²And <u>except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved</u>: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. <i>great Tribulation 7 yrs</i></p> | <p>¹⁴But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: ¹⁵And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house: ¹⁶And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment. ¹⁷But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! ¹⁸And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter. ¹⁹For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. ²⁰And <u>except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved</u>: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days. - <i>Great Tribulation</i></p> | <p>²⁰And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. ²¹Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. ²²For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. ²³But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. ²⁴And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and <u>Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled</u>.</p> |
| <p>↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑</p> <p>Note the Jewish perspective is concerned with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kingdom of the Messiah • The Jewish Nation • Worship (Temple desecration) • Prophecy (Knowing future events) <p><u>Israel as nation</u> Ezek 36:24 bring you into your land Ezek 36:35 as the Garden of Edens</p> | <p>→→→→→→→→→→→→→→→→</p> <p>Note the Gentile perspective (recorded by Dr. Luke) is concerned with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Things that will happen in the lifetimes of his readers • The times of the Gentiles • God's future relationship with the nation and people of Israel <p>Nation of Israel formed May 14, 1948</p> | <p>^{19:41}And when he <Jesus> was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, ⁴²Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto <are needed for> thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. ⁴³For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round <surround you>, and keep thee in on every side, ⁴⁴And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and <u>they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another</u>; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.</p> |

- Romans destroy 2nd temple (Herod's) & city of Jerusalem in 70 AD
 - No more nation of Israel until 1948

- Ezek 37:1, 4, 7 Valley of dry bones
 - Isaiah 66:8-9 Nation born in 1 day