

Luke 21 Homework

1. Why is there such a difference between the giving of the widow and the rich? Contrast what each has left with what they put into the treasury.
2. What are votive gifts? Why was the crowd so in awe over the temple? Are people today similarly impressed with the “Christian temples” and not recognizing the presence of the Creator of all things? What should be your attitude about building a building in which to worship God?
3. To what were the people referring when they asked Jesus in verse 7 about the time when these things would happen? Why did they want to be given a sign? Instead of a sign, how did Jesus answer them? Were there people claiming to be Jesus who appeared before the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple?
4. What is the meaning of the “end” in verse 9? Who was the nation coming against nation and the kingdom against kingdom in verse 10? Do note that nation and kingdom are singular and not plural.
5. Before the destruction of Jerusalem, what does Jesus warn will happen to His disciples? Are the disciples to try to defend their innocence? If not, what will be the purpose of their testimonies? Who were some disciples who were brought before rulers to give a testimony?
6. What is the reason that Jesus told His disciples that they will be hated? Do you see some of the same hatred today? Does verse 18 promise them they will not be killed?
7. In what years did the people see Jerusalem surrounded by armies? Why would many people want to flee within the walls of the city? Why did Jesus warn them not to enter the city? What was the result of many Christians heeding this warning and fleeing to Pella?
8. What are some of the data of people who were killed or taken captive in the war? Why was Jesus not lamenting the destruction of the temple but of the people? What is meant by “the time of the Gentiles”?
9. In what verse does Luke change to a discussion of the Parousia? What was the purpose of the parable about the fig tree and the trees? What will be some attitudes of those who are not disciples of Jesus when the End Times comes?
10. Give some comfort verses for those of us who are waiting for the time of judgment? How did Judas know where Jesus would be when he led the posse to take Him captive?