

2020 VISION

Luke 21:1-38 - People Get Ready. Jesus is Coming.

1. Now, in the women's court, Jesus sees a widow give all she had to live on. And immediately after, he condemns the **TEMPLE** itself.
 - a. She gave for **ETERNAL** reward sacrificially or
 - b. She gave to the corrupt system of **MANDATORY** offerings from the Pharisees which Jesus said devours widows' houses.
 - c. Good news: "God sees what people **OVERLOOK.**"

2. Disciples often find it hard that earthly **ICONS** will not last.

3. The temple was destroyed in **AD 70** and the time of the Gentiles in Jerusalem lasted (at the minimum until 1948, and perhaps even until now) since there is no rebuilt Jewish temple.

Extra Credit: Christians are the **NEW TEMPLE** of the living God.

4. Jesus revealed that persecution would come **BEFORE** the signs of the Lord's return would show up.

5. Jesus reassures disciples that God will enable you to face **PERSECUTION** and deliver you from it, whether by giving you words to say in your own defense or by saving you after martyrdom.

6. Signs of the return of Christ include:

- a. False prophets
- b. Wars
- c. Earthquakes
- d. Famines and pestilences
- e. Fearful events and signs in the heavens:
 - Sun, **MOON** and Stars.
 - Tumultuous **OCEANS.**
 - Heavenly bodies **SHAKEN.**
 - Natural order becomes **CHAOTIC.**

7. Once these massive signs happen, it is likely Christ's return will **OCCUR** in that generation, just as the fall of Jerusalem and persecution **HAPPENED** in the first disciple's generation.

Three Dangers while we wait for Christ to return:

8. Jesus followers are to not be weighed down in their hearts with **CAROUSING, DRUNKENNESS** and the **ANXIETIES** of life, but sacrifice and stay on mission to stand before Christ.

Luke 21:34 *"Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap.*