

# Luke 21

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## **The Widow's Offering**

- <sup>1</sup> And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.
- <sup>2</sup> And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.
- <sup>3</sup> And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:
- <sup>4</sup> For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

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## **Jesus Foretells the Destruction of the Temple**

- <sup>5</sup> And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,
- <sup>6</sup> As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.
- <sup>7</sup> And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?
- <sup>8</sup> And 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.
- <sup>9</sup> But 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.

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## **Signs Before the End**

**10** Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:

**11** And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

**12** But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

**13** And it shall turn to you for a testimony.

**14** Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:

**15** For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

**16** And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death.

**17** And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.

**18** But there shall not an hair of your head perish.

**19** In your patience possess ye your souls.

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## **Jesus Foretells the Destruction of Jerusalem**

**20** And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

**21** Then 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.

**22** For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

**23** But 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.

**24** And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

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### **The Coming of the Son of Man**

**25** And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

**26** Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

**27** And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

**28** And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

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### **The Parable of the Fig Tree**

**29** And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

**30** When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

**31** So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

**32** Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

**33** Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

## Watch Yourselfs

**34** And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

**35** For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

**36** Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

**37** And in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called the mount of Olives.

**38** And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### Glory — δόξα (Doxa)

Glory, majesty, splendor

The Greek **doxa** (δόξα) means glory, splendor, or magnificence—the radiant manifestation of God's perfection. Christ revealed the Father's glory: 'we beheld his glory' (John 1:14).

### God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

### Heaven — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

### Kingdom — βασιλεία (Basileia)

Kingdom, reign

The Greek **basileia** (βασιλεία) means kingdom—both the realm ruled and the exercise of royal authority. The 'kingdom of God' is central to Jesus' teaching, representing God's saving rule breaking into history.

## Word — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

## Wrath — ὀργή (Orgē)

Wrath, anger

The Greek **orgē** (ὀργή) means wrath—settled, righteous anger against sin. Believers are 'saved from wrath through him' (Romans 5:9), as Christ bore God's wrath on the cross, satisfying divine justice.

## CROSS REFERENCES

**Luke 21:1**    **Parallel theme:** 2 Kings 24:13; 2 Chronicles 36:18; Matthew 27:6; John 8:20

**Luke 21:2**    **Parallel theme:** Mark 12:42

**Luke 21:3**    **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 8:12. **Truth:** Acts 10:34

**Luke 21:4**    **Parallel theme:** Luke 15:12

**Luke 21:6**    **Parallel theme:** Matthew 24:2; Mark 13:2

**Luke 21:7**    **Parallel theme:** Luke 21:32; Daniel 12:6; 12:8; Matthew 24:3; Mark 13:14

**Luke 21:8**    **Parallel theme:** Luke 17:23; Jeremiah 29:8; Matthew 24:11; Ephesians 5:6; 2 Thessalonians 2:3; 2 Timothy 3:13; 1 John 4:1; Revelation 12:9. **References Christ:** 2 John 1:7

**Luke 21:9**    **Parallel theme:** Luke 21:28

**Luke 21:10**    **Kingdom:** Isaiah 19:2; Mark 13:8. **Parallel theme:** Acts 11:28; Hebrews 12:27. **Resurrection:** Zechariah 14:13

**Luke 21:13**    **Parallel theme:** Philippians 1:12; 1:28; 2 Thessalonians 1:5

**Luke 21:14**    **Parallel theme:** Mark 13:11

**Luke 21:15**    **Parallel theme:** Luke 12:12; 24:45; Proverbs 2:6; Jeremiah 1:9; Acts 2:4; 6:10; 24:25; 26:28; Ephesians 6:19; James 1:5

**Luke 21:16**    **Parallel theme:** Luke 12:53; Jeremiah 9:4; Revelation 6:9

**Luke 21:17**

**Parallel theme:** Luke 6:22; Matthew 10:22; 24:9; Mark 13:13; John 15:19; 15:21; 17:14; 2 Corinthians 4:11; 12:10; Revelation 2:3

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**Parallel theme:** Luke 12:7; 1 Samuel 14:45; 2 Samuel 14:11; Matthew 10:30; Acts 27:34

**Luke 21:19** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 37:7; Matthew 10:22; Romans 2:7; 5:3; Hebrews 6:11; 10:36; James 1:3; Revelation 3:10; 13:10; 14:12

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**Luke 21:21** **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 6:1

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**Parallel theme:** Psalms 46:3; Isaiah 13:10; 24:23; 51:15; Daniel 12:1; Mark 13:24; 13:26; 15:33; Acts 2:19; Revelation 20:11

**Luke 21:26** **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 26:36; Matthew 24:29

**Luke 21:27** **Parallel theme:** Daniel 7:13; Matthew 26:64; Revelation 1:7. **Glory:** Matthew 24:30; 25:31; Mark 13:26

**Luke 21:28** **Redemption:** Romans 8:23; Ephesians 4:30. **Parallel theme:** Romans 8:19

**Luke 21:31** **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 10:37; James 5:9; 1 Peter 4:7

**Luke 21:32** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 16:28; 23:36; 24:34; Mark 13:30

**Luke 21:33** **Word:** Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:18; 24:35; Mark 13:31; 1 Peter 1:25. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 102:26; Isaiah 51:6; Revelation 20:11

**Luke 21:34**

**Parallel theme:** Luke 12:40; Isaiah 28:7; Hosea 4:11; Matthew 13:22; Mark 4:19; 1 Corinthians 5:11; 6:10; Galatians 5:20; 2 Peter 3:14; Revelation 3:3

**Luke 21:35    Parallel theme:** Revelation 16:15

**Luke 21:36    Parallel theme:** Matthew 24:42; 25:13; 1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 John 2:28. **Prayer:** Luke 18:1; Matthew 26:41; Mark 13:33; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; 1 Peter 4:7

**Luke 21:37    Parallel theme:** Luke 22:39; Matthew 21:1; 21:17; Mark 11:19; Acts 1:12.  
**Temple:** Matthew 26:55

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