

## First Southern Bible Study - May 11, 2022

### When Shall These Things Be? -Luke 21:5-38

#### Verse 5 - **The Setting for the Teaching**

1. Segue... the days are coming when these will not be standing (6)
2. **Bold** are the “time” words - the timing of events - the original question is “when” at 7
3. The coming destruction of Jerusalem - in 70 AD, or the far future?
  - how does the destruction of Jerusalem relate to the rapture, Second Coming?
  - the key is verse 24
4. Both

#### I. **Their Question** (verse 7)

-Jesus’ response... yeah but all this is doomed

#### II. **First - Don’t be Deceived** (verse 8)

1. Many will try to say they come in my name
  - there are many signs all of which must fit
  - verses 8-11 are the direct answer to their question, He first answers “when” then forecasts other things
2. But, *when you hear of* ..
  - wars and commotions
  - don’t be terrified...this must happen “*first*”
  - note “the end of the world is not immediately” (9) - there would be a period of delay
3. Not signs of the end -9 - “but the end is not by and by”
  - nation will rise against nation (10)
  - great earthquakes (11)
  - famines and pestilence (11)
  - fearful sights
  - great signs
4. Next, ***But before these things*** (12)
  - You’ll be persecuted
    - lay hands on you
    - delivering you up to synagogues and prisons and kings - both religious and civil persecution
    - (This will turn to you for a testimony - 13)
  - Decide right now - Settle it in your minds beforehand (14-15)
  - You’ll be persecuted by parents and family and friends (16)
  - You’ll be hated of all (17)
  - But, not a hair of your head will perish (18)
    - some historians report that no Christians perished in the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70
  - And... in your patience (in these circumstances) you’ll gain your souls (19)

#### III. Next, ***When*** you see Jerusalem surrounded (verse 20)

1. Now He answers the question of verse 7 - when will this happen

-you'll know that desolation is close (**then**)

-**then**, flee to the mountains (21)

-usually in a war people run to the walled city... not this time

-let those in the midst of (Jerusalem) run

Why run? - these are the **days of** vengeance (22)

Josephus the Jewish historian says:

97,000 were taken hostage

1,100,000 were killed in the siege of AD 70

And... woe to those with small children in those days (23)

Why? - this is a day of wrath for "this people"

-and they shall fall by the sword (24)

They shall be led away... and Jerusalem will be trodden down

-so... what is the "desolation" of verse 20? - it is the destruction of

Jerusalem - AD 70

2. Jerusalem will be trodden down "**until**" (verse 24) the "times of the Gentiles" are over

Times of the Gentiles:

A. Time for them to execute God's judgment

B. Time for them to be supreme over Israel

C. Time for them to exercise privileges before only given to Jews

D. Time for them to have the gospel preached to them

"Fulfilled" - the divine purpose is moving forward

He said that the Jews would be driven out into the nations... and so have they been

#### IV. And not only that - He continues

A. There shall be signs (25)

-in the sun

-in the moon

-in the stars

-upon the earth

-sea and waves will roar

B. Men's hearts will fail them for fear (26)

-because the earth will be shaken

#### V. **Then** they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory (verse 26)

-when these things begin to happen (what things) - all these signs - be encouraged (lift up your head) - redemption is close (28)

-note that these things... "begin to happen" that means the end is close

-judgement on Jerusalem precedes that of the last day

-these things begin to come to pass... what things... all these things... from verse 6 forward (when these things start)

#### VI. The Parable of the Fig Tree (verses 29-33)

A. Look at the fig tree

B. When you see it shoot forth - you know that summer is close

-the "sprouting" of tribulation means the end is coming

- the bud is evidence that the sap is rising... the Kingdom of God is happening
- C. In the same way (“likewise”)
  - when you see all these things happen, you know that the Kingdom of God is close - or happening/ breaking in
- D. This generation will not pass -Heaven and earth will pass, but not my words

**VII. Warning about Becoming Lax** (verses 34-36)

- A. Take heed to yourselves
  - don’t be surfeiting, drunken, overwrought - so that the day catches you
- B. Watch and pray always (verse 36)
  - so you might escape all these things

**VIII. Jesus is Daily Teaching** (verses 37-38)