

THE OLIVET DISCOURSE

- Matthew 24 & 25 - Mark 13 - Luke 21
- 3 separate Authors & 3 Distinct Perspectives
- Matthew and Mark write more in Future tense.
- Luke writes more in Past tense.
- Many believe these speak of the 2nd coming only.
- Some believe none of it has happened yet, including the destruction of the temple.
- I believe All three speak of Rapture, This is only my perspective.



POINTS OF VIEW

- 3 different beliefs of Rapture / PreTrib-MidTrib-PostTrib
- I can find nowhere in the bible, where a decision on **when** Jesus returns is significant concerning salvation. So don't sweat the petty stuff by arguing who is right or wrong, spread the gospel and be ready.
- To Rightfully divide the word of God, we will look at the translation in Luke because it was to Paul that the Mystery of Rapture was revealed. (Luke was Pauls companion.)
- Matthew and Mark were, in context, written to Jews, by Jews, about our Jewish Messiah.

A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON LUKE

- Luke was Written Around 85 AD
- Luke was a Doctor and spoke and wrote Greek Fluently.
- Temple was destroyed in 70 AD
- Peter Died around 65 AD
- John was the last apostle to die around 100 AD
- So Luke 21 was written mostly as a historical account. (Gentile Oriented)

LUKE 21

- Luk 21:1 ¶And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury,
- Luk 21:2 and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites.
- Luk 21:3 So He said, “Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all;
- Luk 21:4 “for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had.”



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- We see that Lukes account begins, not with the destruction of the Temple, but the importance of recognizing what and who this chapter is actually written for. The widow, humble and poor, yet rich in faith and heart gives ALL she has to God. She is the meek that will inherit the earth. The Kingdom is filled with brothers and sisters with the same heart as the widow. She gave out of her poverty while the rich gave out of their wealth. Jesus commented (Luke 20:47) on the scribes who robbed widows of their homes and inheritance. The darkness of their greed, made her offering SHINE. The opening versus of this chapter are meant to give the reader focus, for whom it is written, The meek and faithful in Christ, of this world.

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE

- Luk 21:5 ¶Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He said,
- Luk 21:6 “**These things** which you see—the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down.”
- “These things which you see... can only mean that it was the actual temple they were observing was the one Jesus was speaking of. Not a future temple.



THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE

- The destruction of the temple and the city in AD 70 was carried out by the Romans. Note, the Romans were given strict orders to not touch the Temple but, they had hired Arab mercenaries to go with them on this campaign. It was the Arab mercenaries that actually set fire to the temple. The order to retrieve the gold and throw the stones down the mountain came from General Titus.
- Dan 9:26 “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; **And the people of the prince who is to come** Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.”
- The Roman empire was so large, it encompassed what are now Europe & Muslim nations.
- A renewed Roman Empire would certainly contain some Arab nations.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

- Luk 21:7 ¶So they asked Him, saying, “Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?”
- Luk 21:8 ¶And He said: “Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and, ‘The time has drawn near.’ Therefore do not go after them.
- Luk 21:9 “But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately.”
- Luk 21:10 ¶Then He said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.
- Luk 21:11 “And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

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- Jizkiahu Ben David - 30 years old- Arab and Israeli heritage. His birth name, reportedly, is Solomon.
- There is some notion that the name Solomon is related with the number 666 and antichrist.
- Passover 2021, it was reported by a Spanish journalist that he is being called, “The Messiah” the Jewish people have been waiting for. He is seen on video being kissed and adored by other Jewish Rabbis at the Wailing wall in Jerusalem.





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- Israel-Iran Cold War
- Current Shadow War in Gulf of Oman and Mediterranean Sea as Iran brings supplies (missiles and oil) to **Syria**.
- Israel is surrounded by Iranian backed proxy fighters.
- Hezbollah-**Lebanon**
- Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihadist - **Palestine**
- Houthi Rebels - **Yemen**
- **Jordan** is currently in turmoil of its own, with a failed coup attempt 2 weeks ago.
- If Jordan falls, then Iran can complete the circle around Israel. And her enemies will be encompassed about her.
- Note, China-US-Taiwan / Russian-US-Ukraine / All these countries are also seeing troop build up in preparation for war.