

Trinity Bible Church
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Lesson 50

Dispensational Transitions

- I. From the Dispersion into Babylon to the close of the Old Testament
- II. Between the Testaments.
- III. The New Testament World.

Outline of the Olivet Discourse:

- A. The Prophecy of the Destruction of Jerusalem. Matt 24:1-2; Mark 13:1-2; Luke 21:5-6

Luke 21:5 = Conversation About The Temple. (Matt 24:1 & Mark 13:1)

And while some were talking about the temple (**HIERON** = temple complex as compared to **NAOS** = inner sanctum), that it was adorned (**KOSMEW** = like a bride getting ready for her groom; Rev 21:2) with beautiful stones and votive gifts (**ANATH8MA** = 1x; "placed up"; a special gift), He said,

Summary:

1. **Jesus was leaving the Temple when one of His disciples pointed out the Temple's beauty to Him. Matt 24:1**
Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him.
2. **The disciple's comment indicated he was greatly impressed by the design and structures. Mark 13:1**
As He was going out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, behold what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!"
3. **He was impressed by the material makeup as were the disciples who traveled with Jesus. Matt 8:27**
The men were amazed, and said, "**What kind of** a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"
4. **The New Jerusalem will far exceed the old one. Rev 21:19-21**
The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; 20 the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. 21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.
5. **The Temple of true beauty is found in the person of Jesus Christ. John 2:19-22**
Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" 21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body. 22 So when He was raised from the dead, His

disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken

Luke 21:6 = The Prophecy. (Matt 24:2 & Mark 13:2)

"As for these things which you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down."

Matt 24:2 And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."

Summary:

1. **Josephus says the stones were 25 cubits long, 8 cubits high and 12 cubits wide or roughly 37.5 feet by 12 feet by 18 feet.**
2. **The prophecy specifically refers to the buildings and not the wall around Jerusalem. Mark 13:2**

And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left upon another which will not be torn down."

3. **In 70 A.D., Titus and his Roman legions fulfilled this prophecy.**
4. **This is a prophecy that was fulfilled in the Church Age.**

B. Questions By The Disciples. Matt 24:3; Mark 13:3-4; Luke 21:7

Luke 21:7 = The Disciples' Question. (Matt 24:3 & Mark 13:3-4)

They questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, when therefore will these things happen? And what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?"

Summary:

1. **They left the Temple for the Mount of Olives, opposite the Temple.**
Mark 13:3a As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple,
2. **Peter, James and John came to Him privately and began to ask Him questions.**
Mark 13:3b Peter and James and John and Andrew were questioning Him privately,
3. **They asked for three signs:**
 - A. **Of fulfillment of the prophecies He had just spoken. Matt 24:3a**
As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, **Mark 13:4** "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?"
 - B. **Of His coming. Matt 24:3b** and what will be the sign of Your coming,
 - C. **Of the end of the age. Matt 24:3c** and of the end of the age?"
4. **He will answer them with a lot of information which they probably did not understand at the time. Matt 24:27,37,39 use PAROUSIA**
5. **These questions indicate they had some grasp of what He had revealed to them about His death and resurrection.**

C. **Warnings. Matt 24:4-8; Mark 13:5-8; Luke 21:8-9**

Luke 21:8 = Prophecy: The Rise Of False Messiahs. (Matt 24:4-5 & Mark 13:5-6)

And He said, "See to it that you are not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He (EGW EIMI),' and, 'The time is near (Perf Act Ind EGGIDZW).' Do not go after them.

Matt 24:4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you.

Matt 24:5 "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many.

Mark 13:5 And Jesus began to say to them, "See to it that no one misleads you.

Mark 13:6 "Many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He!' and will mislead many.

Summary:

1. **The first statement in His answer to their question is a prophetic warning.**
2. **The warning is that many will use His Name to try to mislead Believers.**
3. **They will claim to be the returning Messiah and that they have special insights into Divine timing.**
4. **Many will be misled. Matt 24:5 & Mark 13:6**
5. **There is only one Jesus.**

Luke 21:9 = Circumstances, Reaction And Patience. (Matt 24:6 & Mark 13:7)

"When you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified (**Aor Pas Sub PTOEW = 2x; Luke 24:37**); for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately."

Matt 24:6 "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened (**Pres Mid Imp THROEOMAI = 2x; Mark 13:7; 2 Thes 2:2 = to cry aloud, scream**), for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.

Mark 13:7 "When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened; those things must take place; but that is not yet the end.

Summary:

1. **There will be wars and battles before the events in question are fulfilled, so wars and battles are not the primary marker of His return.**
2. **Jesus does not want them to get so rattled by circumstances that they stop thinking or trusting Him. Luke 24:37**

But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit

3. **Neither does He want them to get so rattled that they lose their hope. 2 Thes 2:1-5**

Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, 2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. 3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

4. **There will be wars and rumors of wars before His return.**