

Trinity Bible Church
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Lesson 51

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
- B. Questions By The Disciples. Matt 24:3; Mark 13:3-4; Luke 21:7
- C. Warnings. Matt 24:4-8; Mark 13:5-8; Luke 21:8-9
- D. Prophecy of Persecutions. Matt 24:9-14; Mark 13:9-13; Luke 21:10-19

Luke 21:10 = Prophecy: Wars To Come. (Matt 24:7a & Mark 13:8a)

Then He continued by saying to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom,

Matt 24:7a "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,

Mark 13:8a "For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;

Luke 21:11 = Prophecy: Earthly And Heavenly Signs. (Matt 24:7b-8 & Mark 13:8b)

and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.

Matt 24:7b and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.

Matt 24:8 "But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

Mark 13:8b there will be earthquakes in various places; there will also be famines. These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

Summary:

1. Before His return there will be racial wars, political wars, famines, earthquakes, terrors from heaven, great signs from heaven.
2. The great signs from heaven will happen in the Tribulation. Cf Lk 21:25-28
3. The social, political and physical problems are the beginning of "birth pangs."

Luke 21:12 = Prophecy: Suffering For Christ. (Matt 24:9 & Mark 13:9)

"But before all these things (the wars and signs), they will lay (Fut Act Ind EPIBALLW = 18x; to cast upon; like a net; but usually of harsh treatment like Mark 14:46 where they laid their hands on Jesus) their hands on you (plural) and will persecute you (Fut Act Ind DIWKW = another prophecy), delivering you (Pres Act Ptc PARADIDWMI = often a word of betrayal) to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake.

Summary:

1. These four disciples are promised rough physical treatment, persecution and maybe death, at the hands of the religious leaders and politicians. Matt 24:9a
"Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you,
A. Would they remember the Sermon on the Mount? Matt 5:10-12

- B. Would they remember how to handle the persecutors? Matt 5:44-46**
2. **The rough physical treatment includes flogging in the synagogues, therefore at the hands of their own countrymen. Mark 13:9**
 "But be on your guard; for they will deliver you to the courts, and you will be flogged in the synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them.
 3. **Tribulation is promised to every one who does evil. Rom 2:9-11**
 4. **Tribulation is also promised to Jesus' disciples, but the difference is that Jesus has already won. John 16:33**
 5. **Hopefully we will learn to be "lifted up" in our tribulations. Rom 5:3-5**
 6. **In all nations of the world, Jesus' disciples will have someone who hates them. Matt 24:9b and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.**

Luke 21:13 = It Is An Opportunity.

"It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony.

Summary:

1. **The purpose behind the persecution is the opportunity to be a witness.**
2. **Our testimony should look something like Jesus' testimony. 2 Tim 1:7-10**

Luke 21:14 = Make A Decision-Now.

"So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves;

Luke 21:15 = Live By Faith. (Mark 13:10-11)

for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents (**ANTIKEIMAI = to be set against; one who is firmly entrenched in his own beliefs, "nailed down"**) will be able to resist (**ANTHIST8MI = stand against**) or refute (**ANTILEGW = speak against**).

Summary:

1. **Jesus asks His disciples to take a step of faith-right then, and make a commitment to trust Him when they face persecution and trial.**
2. **Jesus is promising them that their opponents will not have any valid reasons to not accept their words, not that all will accept what they say.**
3. **They will learn that to fulfill this they must:**
 - A. **Submit to God. James 4:7-8**
 - B. **Resist the Devil. 1 Peter 5:8-10**
 - C. **Put on God's armor. Eph 6:13**
4. **The reason for the persecution is connected to the spread of the gospel. Mark 13:10 "The gospel must first be preached to all the nations.**
5. **Jesus will give them all they need, at the time they need it, to handle the opponents. Mark 13:11**

"When they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but it is the Holy Spirit.

Luke 21:16 = Prophecy: You Will Be Betrayed. (Matt 24:10 & Mark 13:12)

"But you will be betrayed (**Fut Pas Ind PARADIDWMI = another prophecy**) even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death,

Summary:

1. **This will be part of the "birth pangs" that begin in the Church Age.**
2. **Betraying One Another is also a marker of the Tribulation. Matt 24:10**

"At that time (TOTE = now, V9 after delivered to tribulation) many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. **Mark 13:12** "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death.

3. **Jesus had warned His disciples earlier about the fact that they would be betrayed. Matt 10:16-23**
4. **It would be much like the pattern of Judas. Mark 3:19**

Luke 21:17 = Prophecy: You Will Be Hated. (Mark 13:13a)

and you will be hated (periphrastic construction stressing a continual action or state) by all because of My name.

Mark 13:13a "You will be hated by all because of My name,

Luke 21:18 = Promise: You Will Be Spiritually Protected.

"Yet not a hair of your head will perish. (Aor Mid Subj APOLLUMI = 90x; to perish but in the sense of putting out of the way entirely, abolish)

Summary:

1. **This is a proverbial statement declaring that no eternal harm will come to the disciples. They are already promised temporal tribulation.**
2. **It means that God is aware of our circumstances and considers us valuable. Matt 10:29-33**

Luke 21:19 = Promise: You Will Really Live. (Matt 24:11-14 & Mark 13:13b)

"By your endurance (HUPOMON8) you will gain (Fut Mid Ind KTAOMAI = to possess, acquire; a promise) your lives.

Summary:

1. **Betrayal and increasing hatred of Christians mark the "birth pangs" of the end times.**
2. **Hatred is a matter of preference. It involves a choice based on a set of standards, so the standards determine if the preference is legitimate or not. Matt 6:24**
3. **In context, the "endurance" involves:**
 - A. **Not being misled by false prophets. Matt 24:11**
"Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many.
 - B. **Not falling prey to the hate by seeking the approval of men. Mark 13:13b**
"You will be hated by all because of My name, but the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.
 - C. **Not letting love grow cold. Matt 24:12**
"Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.
4. **Endurance brings with it the ability to really "live." Matt 24:13**
"But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.
5. **The gospel must go to the entire world before the "birth pangs" come to fruition. Matt 24:14**

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.