



Jesus Looks into the Future (Part 2)

Luke 21:20-28

Something to Start Us Off

- What reasons do you think God has for telling us things that will happen in the future?

Something to Notice

- In the first section, from 21:20-24, Jesus mentions several things that will happen to Jerusalem and its people. Name one.
- How long did Jesus say Jerusalem would be “trampled underfoot”? (v.24)
- In the second section, from 21:25-28, we clearly see Jesus talking about his glorious return. Name something that will happen just before that.

Something to Understand

One of the more confusing things about Bible prophecy is that it often bounces around from one time period to another. There are, however, some ways to think about it that can help.

A good analogy might be to picture yourself looking toward a mountain range. You see several high peaks, but you don't quite know how far apart they are from one another until you get closer. Some will turn out to be closer and others farther away.

The phrase, “the times of the Gentiles,” is unique to Luke, but the concept appears elsewhere, for example in Daniel's prophecies of successive Gentile kingdoms.

- God tells us some things, yet he leaves out a lot. What reasons might he have for that?
- Some of the things Jesus foretells sound quite awful. In what ways does that affect you?
- What do you think God expects us to learn from the fact that Jesus is going to return in glory at some point in the future?

Something to Take Home

- After looking at this section of Luke 21, what do you think about Bible prophecy now?
- Is there anything else this look at Luke 21:1-4 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?