

Luke 21:5-38
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The future return of Jesus will be wonderful for those who know him

But what's Luke 21 about?

New to me

New to you?

The lie of the land

- 5: What wonderful buildings!

- 6: Every stone will be torn down!

- 7: When? What signs?

- 8-36: Jesus answer ("I will!")
 - 8-11: Not yet

 - 12-19: Not yet

 - 20: Almost there

 - 21:23: So flee

 - 24-28: Then it happens

 - 29-31: You can see it coming

 - 32-33: When? Within a generation

 - 34-36: Don't dose off!

Details:

25-26: Sun, moon and stars

OT Background:

- Isaiah 13: Babylon (1, 19). Sun, moon, stars (10)
- Isaiah 14: Babylon (a taunt). king as chief star
- Isaiah 34: Edom
- Ezekiel 32: Egypt (2, 28-32). Sun, moon, stars (7-8)
- Joel 2: Israel (1). Sun, moon and stars (10)
- Amos 8: Israel (2). Sun(9)

So, what is Jesus saying in Luke 21?

27: Son of Man in the clouds

OT Background:

- Daniel 7: 4 beastly empires, then a son of man
- All authority forever
- So not "heaven to earth" but "effects of going from earth to heaven"

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35: Whole Earth

Or, "whole land" (compare 23)

OT Background:

- People and land, Genesis 12:1-9

So, what is Jesus saying in Luke 21?

Whole Passage: Irrelevant to us?

Next week

Mark 14:9, perfume

So Which Jesus Is Presented To Us?