

Certainty... in a world of doubt

The Gospel of Luke

desert breeze
community church

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“When Hell Breaks Loose” Luke 21:1-38

The Bible couldn't be clearer that the events leading up to the end of the world and the Second Coming of Christ will be quite catastrophic. However, there are four primary views on how the end times (eschatological) events will unfold that we can debate but shouldn't divide over: <https://www.blueletterbible.org/faq/mill.cfm>

In this study we will focus on What We Know For Sure and How to Endure When Hell Breaks Loose. Whether it is the end of the world or the end of your world, whichever one comes first, I want to prepare you for it.

Luke 21:1-38

WHAT WE KNOW FOR SURE:

- 1) **This world will not last.** Vv9, 28, 31, 33

- 2) **Things will go from bad to worse.** Vv9-12, 25-26; Matt24:8

- 3) **Jesus will return visibly and personally to judge and restore the world.** Vv27, 36

- 4) **No one knows when but don't be passive or preoccupied but be prepared.** V8; Matt24:36; vv34, 36

- 5) **Tough times don't last, tough people do.** Vv19, 33; Matt7:24-27

HOW TO ENDURE WHEN HELL BREAKS LOOSE:

- 1) **Give God all of your heart.** V4; Matt15:8, 22:37

- 2) **Don't be led astray.** V8; 2Cor11:3

- 3) **Don't be surprised by suffering, God is still in control.** vv9, 12, 16-18; John 16:33; 1Pet4:12-13

- 4) **Live for His Glory (v13) empowered by His Presence (vv14-15) and filled with His joy (v28).** Phil4:13, 19; Rom8:31-32

Growing Notes

- 1) Read the introduction to the sermon notes. What are your thoughts and feelings when it comes to eschatology (End Times)? What would best describe your attitude about End Times: Passive (don't care) or Prepared (Biblically aware and trusting God) or Preoccupied (anxious/worried)?

- 2) Read Luke 21:1-38. This prediction has both a near-term fulfillment and a long-term fulfillment, not unusual in prophetic speech. The destruction of the temple and Jerusalem sacked by the Romans (70 AD) is a foreshadowing of the end of the world. Follow the ESV section headings to help make sense of your reading. What stands out to you? What is the overall tone? How is Jesus preparing us for When Hell Breaks Loose?

- 3) Review the points and Bible verses under What We Know For Sure. Which one(s) were most helpful to you? Why is it important to focus on what we know for sure rather than speculation?

- 4) Review the points and Bible verses under How to Endure When Hell Breaks Loose. Tough times don't last but tough people do. Explain. What are the characteristics of a tough person? What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray.