

## **Insight into the Future Luke 21**

### **I. Context of Discourse – 21:5-7**

1. Viewing the Temple – 5  
Leaving the Temple they spoke of its beauty
2. Jesus spoke of its destruction – 6  
Not one stone left upon another  
Compare what He said about the city – 19:44
3. Disciples ask “When?” – 7  
When will this happen?  
What sign will signal the end?

### **II. Characteristics of the Age – 8-19**

1. Deceivers – False Christs – 8  
Some will even claim to be Messiah  
Some will claim the time is near – set dates  
Do not believe deceivers
2. Wars – trouble among nations – 9-10  
These will continue  
They do not signal the end
3. Natural disasters – 11  
Great earthquakes in various places  
Famines, pestilences, fearful things  
Even great signs in the heavens
4. But first expect persecution – 12  
You will be arrested & persecuted  
From both religious & civil courts  
You will suffer for Christ’s sake
5. Opportunity to testify – 13  
Compare Paul in prison – Phil. 1:12-13
6. Enabled to speak – 14-15  
Trust Christ to give you words
7. You may face betrayal & death – 16-18  
Even family & friends may betray you  
Some will be martyred  
World will hate you for Christ’s sake  
Christ will protect & deliver you  
No one can take your true life
8. Suffer with patience & hope – 19  
Your eternal soul is in God’s hands

### **III. Culmination of the Age – 20-33**

1. Destruction of city & Temple – 20-24  
Sign: When city is under attack  
Romans under Titus in 70 A.D.  
Flee to place of safety  
Prophecy will be fulfilled  
Difficult time for time for people of Israel  
Many will be killed  
People scattered into all nations  
Jerusalem will be under Gentile control  
Until the times of Gentiles be fulfilled  
Word “until” gives hope of restoration
2. End of Age – Christ’s return 25-28  
True signs of His Return – 25

- Change in sun, moon & stars  
Distress among nations on earth  
Change in the roaring sea  
Men will be filled with fear – 26  
As the powers of heaven are shaken  
Compare Revelation 6:12-17  
World will see His return in glory – 27  
He comes with power & great glory  
Humans will see Him for who He is  
Our redemption will be complete – 28  
Live now in light of this hope
3. Parable of the Fig Tree – 29-33  
Fig tree & other trees are a sign of future  
When they get leaves summer is near  
So it is with signs of Christ’s return  
Those who see signs will see His return  
All will take place within a generation  
God’s promises are absolutely certain  
He will do what He says

### **IV. Challenge to His Hearers – 34-38**

1. Live in light of His return – 34-36  
Don’t be distracted with worldliness  
Dissipation, drunkenness or worry  
Don’t be taken by surprise  
Like the unbelieving world  
Focus on your walk with Christ  
And on the glory that is ahead  
Look forward to His coming – 2 Tim. 4:8
2. Like Jesus, continue on mission – 37-38  
He continued to teach in the Temple  
At night He spent time in Mt. of Olives