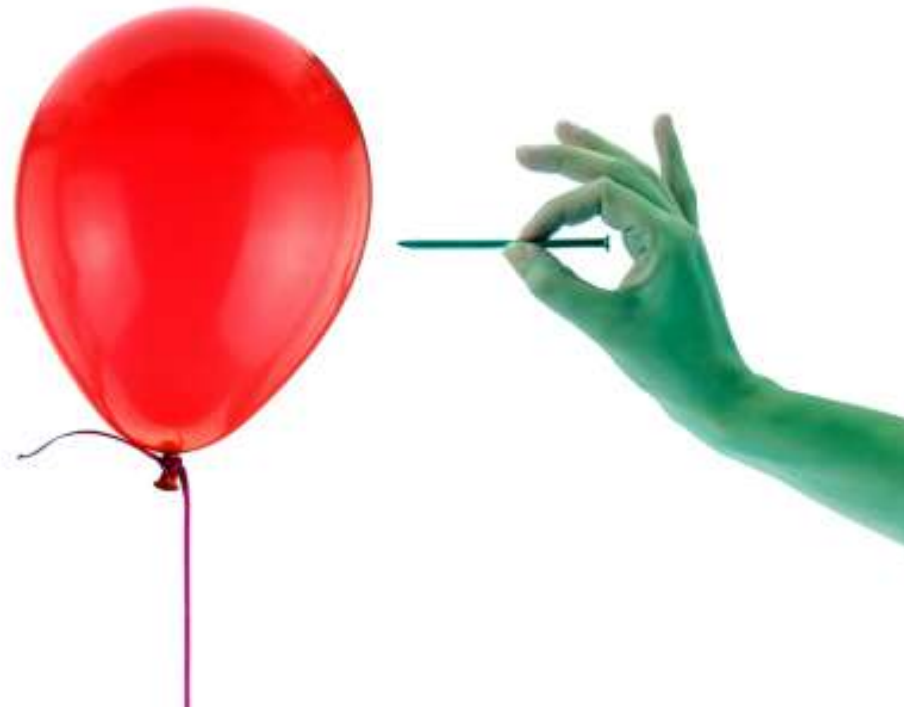


# What are all these about ?

The Dutch tulip bulb bubble	1636
The South Sea bubble	1720
The Dot-com bubble	1999
The Subprime bubble	2008
The next one	2???

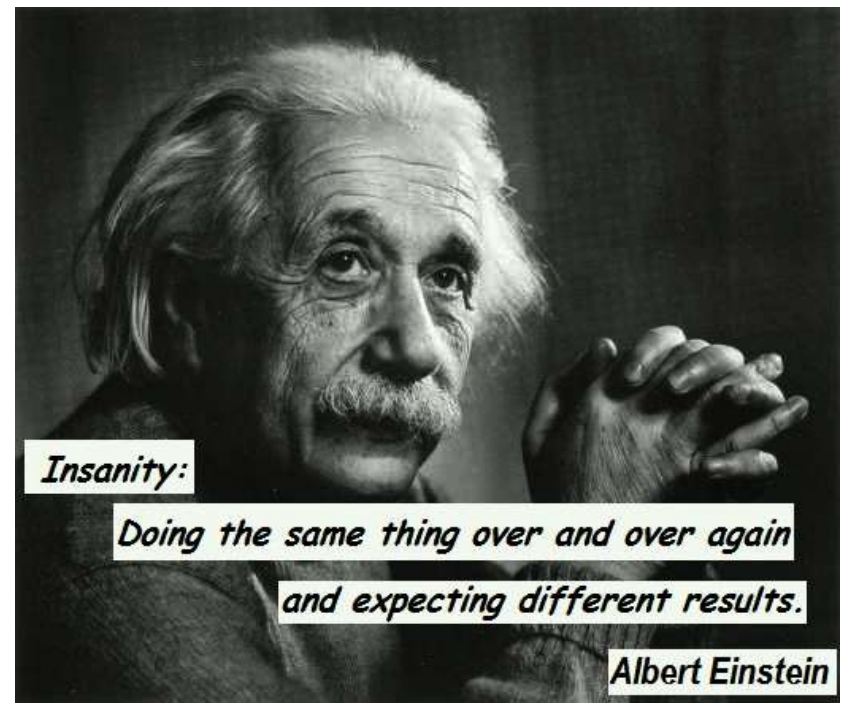




**"Those who don't study history are doomed to repeat it.  
Yet those who *do* study history are doomed to stand by  
helplessly while everyone else repeats it."**

**"We learn from history that we learn nothing from history."**

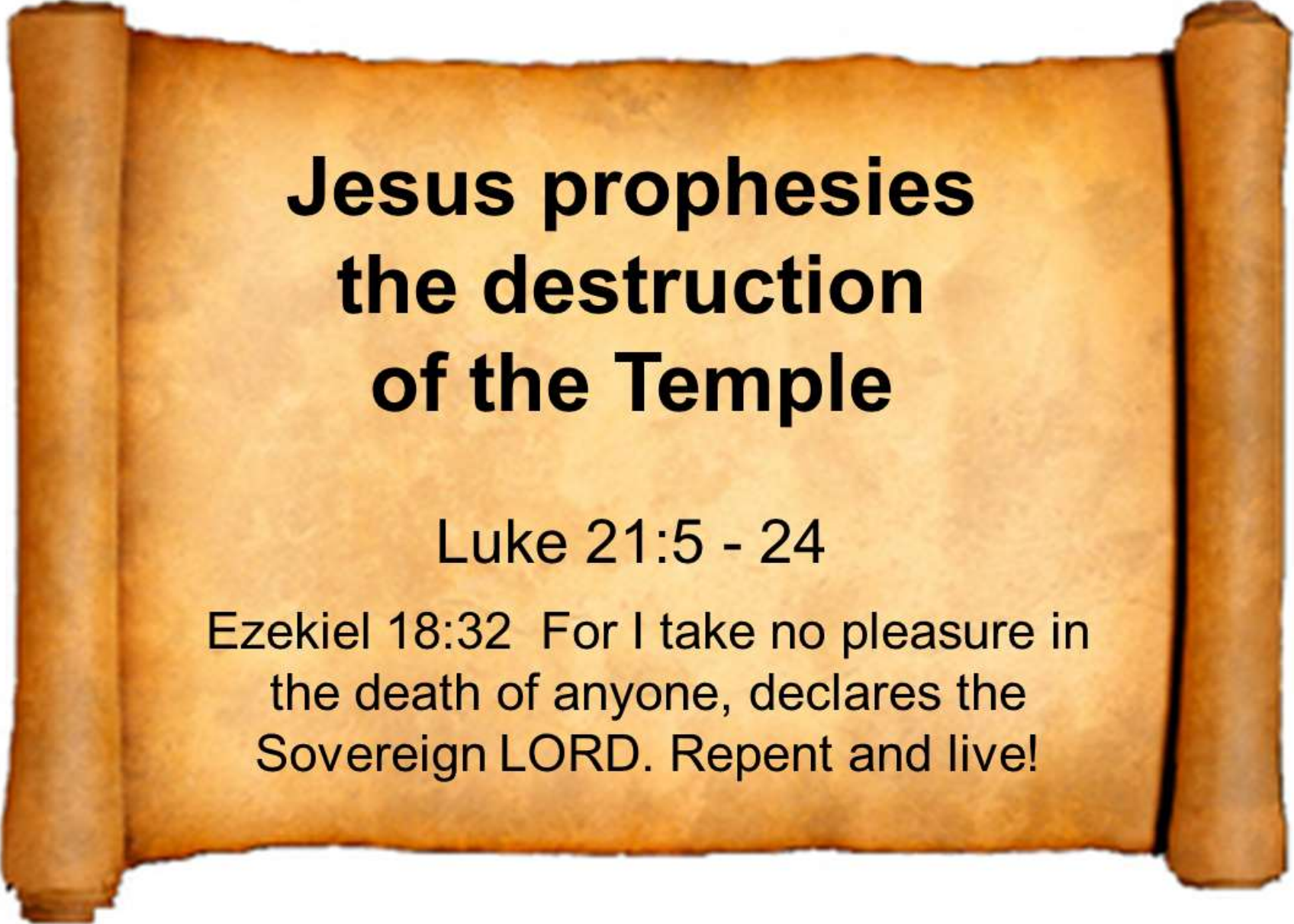
**George Bernard Shaw**



***Insanity:***

***Doing the same thing over and over again  
and expecting different results.***

**Albert Einstein**

A scroll of parchment with text. The scroll is unrolled, showing a central rectangular area of light brown parchment with a slightly textured surface. The edges of the scroll are darker and appear to be rolled up. The text is centered on the parchment.

# **Jesus prophesies the destruction of the Temple**

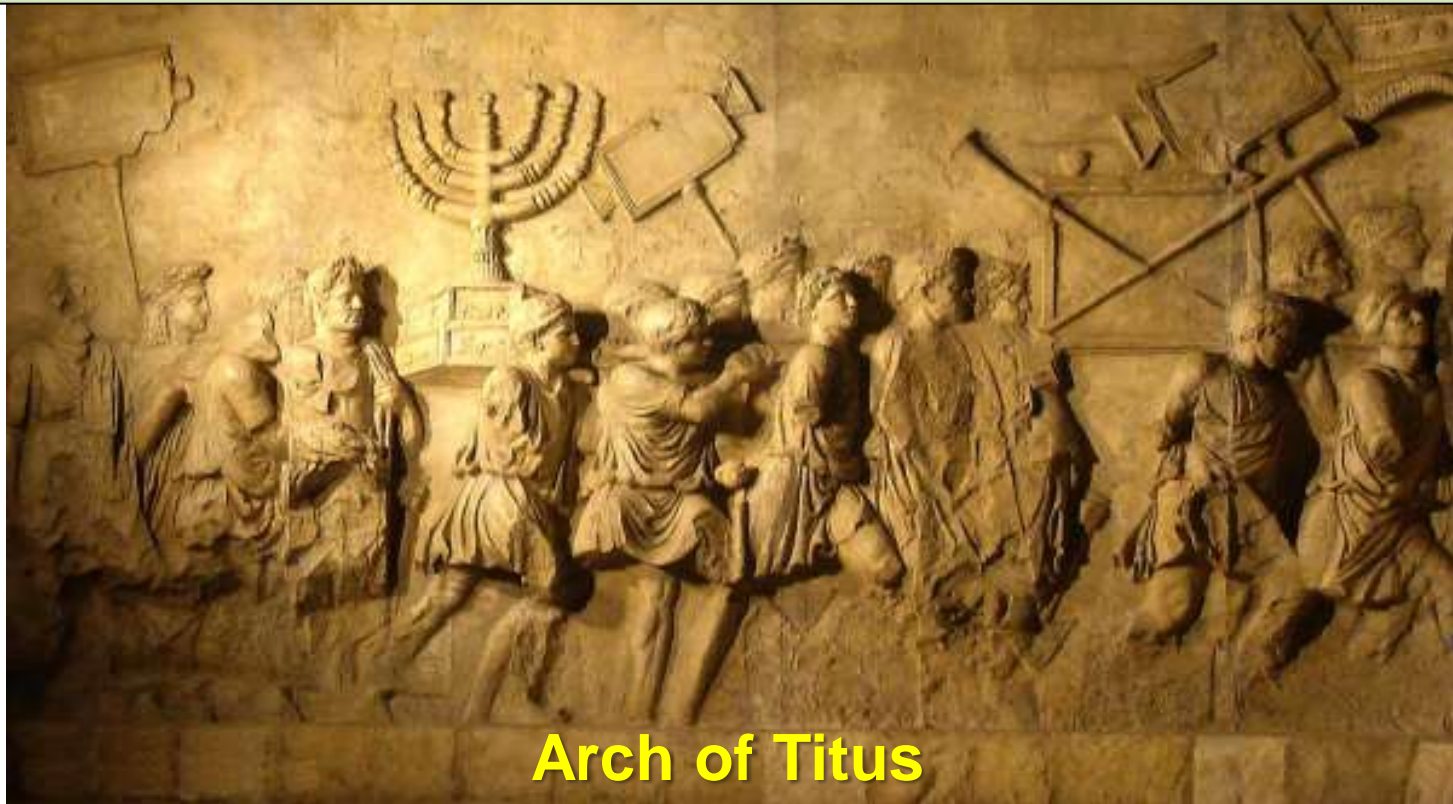
Luke 21:5 - 24

Ezekiel 18:32 For I take no pleasure in  
the death of anyone, declares the  
Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!



One of the greatest disasters to befall the Jewish people :-  
Loss of the Temple, (again !)  
Loss of their homeland (again !)  
Scattered throughout the world –

This becomes a symbol of the end of this world when God's judgement falls.

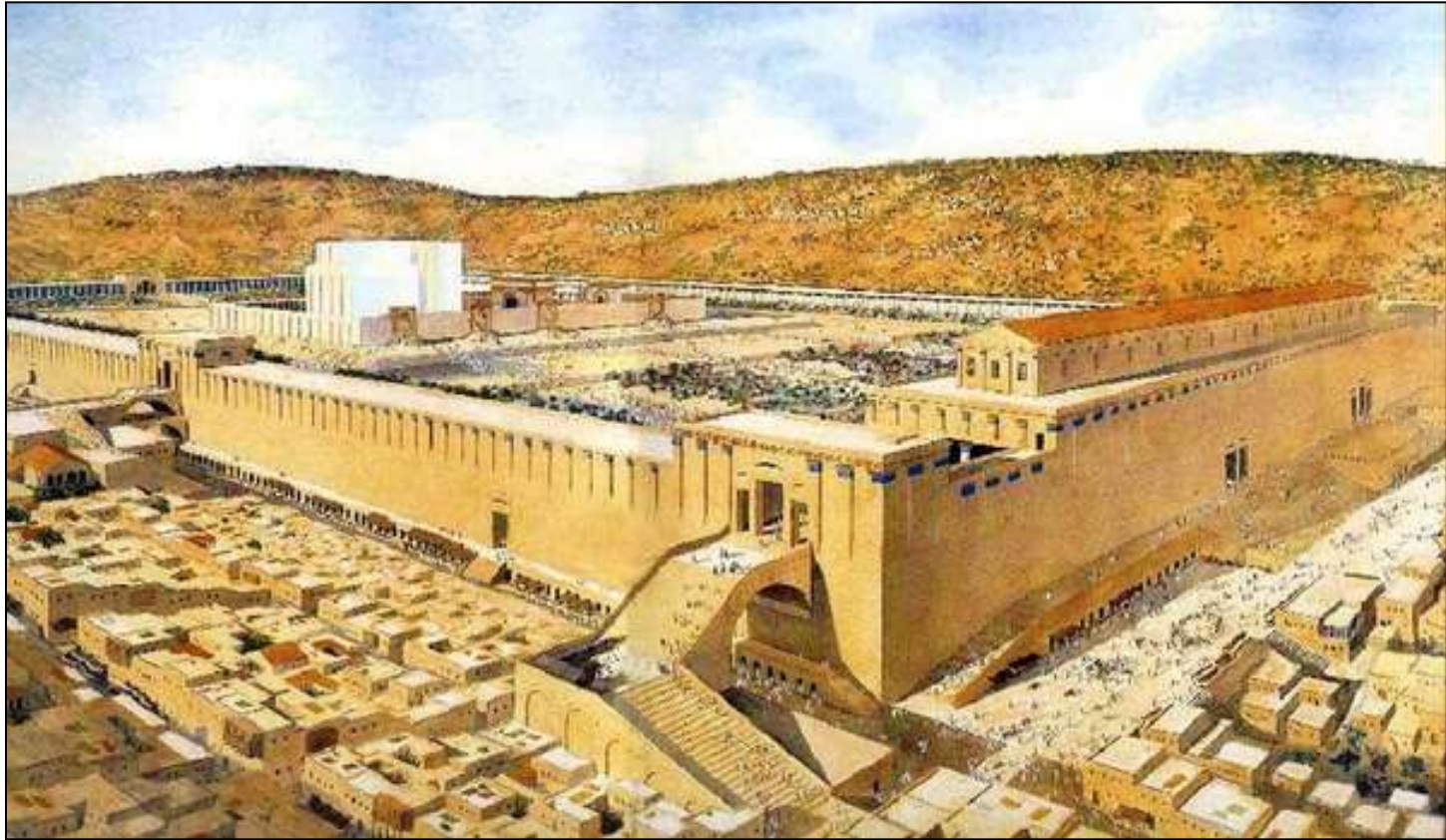


**Arch of Titus**

Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God.

*Luke – This takes place in Temple area*

*Matthew – another occasion on Mount of Olives – tell us again?*



Magnificent description, gold decorations, Permanence?  
Presence ? Security ? – Jeremiah's day 'the Temple of the Lord'

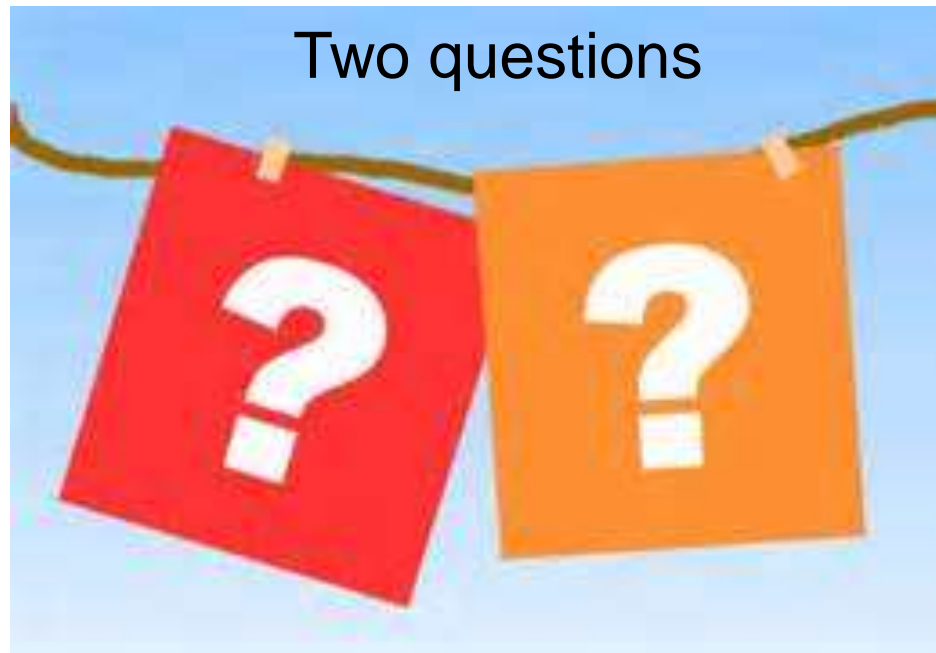


But Jesus said, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."



Prophecy of total destruction  
because what it stood for was disappearing

"Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen?  
And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"



**Because they believed what he said**

- 1, When ?
- 2, What are the warning signs?

**Assumptions about God's will and ways**

He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived.  
For many will come **in my name**, claiming, 'I am he,' and,  
'The time is near.' Do not follow them.

**Jesus answers their need  
NOT their curiosity**

**Dangerous deceivers  
are coming**

**Imminent end  
– not true**



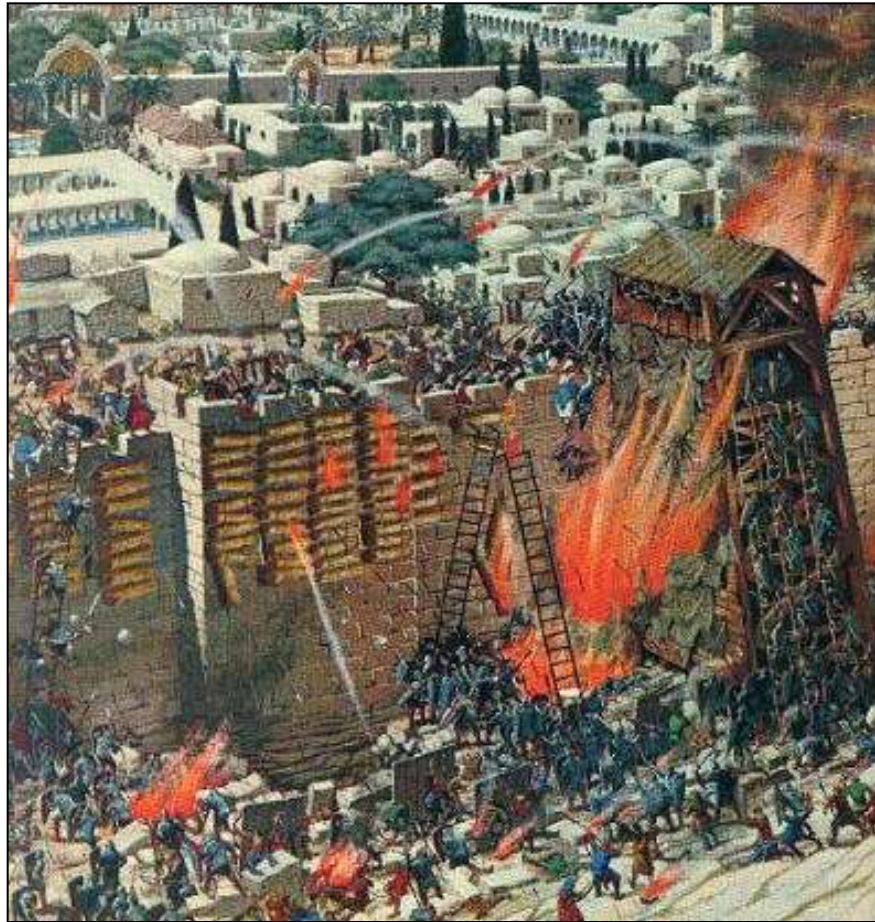


When you hear of wars and uprisings, ...



Such commotions were the massacre of 20,000 Jews in their fight with the Gentiles at Caesarea; the assassinations or suicides of Nero, etc; the civil wars, etc.

When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.



Political troubles AD 30 – 70

Why should they not be frightened? Philippians 1:28

These must happen – in the plan?

Not the end **yet!**



Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation,  
and kingdom against kingdom. "



Political events - conflict  
Jewish revolt AD 66

Present day parallels



There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

**On earth**  
war/earthquakes,  
breakdown of  
societies,  
famine, disease  
*(the signs  
continue !)*



There was a powerful earthquake on February 05, AD 62, which caused widespread destruction around the Bay of Naples, and particularly to Pompeii.

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## 'natural' disasters



**In heavens ?**

Vesuvius  
eruption  
AD 79

Comet seen  
over  
Jerusalem

Josephus (*B. J.* vi. 5, § 3) and Tacitus (*Hist.* v. 13) tell us there was a mysterious Voice before the destruction of Jerusalem (AD 70). “Let us depart hence”

But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name.

**Before all this :-**

**persecution**

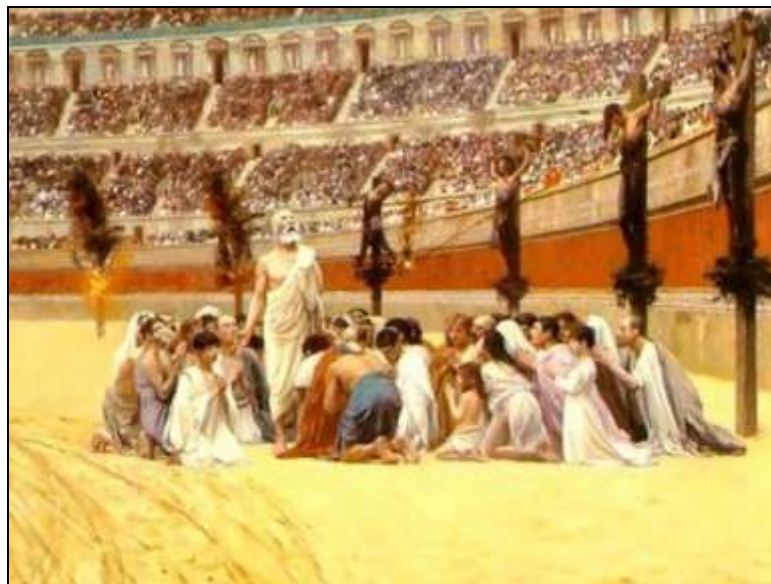
Read 'Acts of the Apostles'

Present day persecution

Part of 'job description'  
forgotten in the west

**Reaction to light!**

***On account of my name.***





And so you will bear testimony to me.



God's purpose: - witness and warning

But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.



The Lord's presence and help  
Truth's victory  
But ... cf Stephen

You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters,  
relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death.  
Everyone will hate you because of me.  
But not a hair of your head will perish.

Informers – martyrs – hostility

*'Away with the godless !'*

*'The Christians to the lions !'*

*No need to be offensive!*

*Are there 'nice' people out there?*

Not a hair

– divine knowledge and power

*Contradiction ?*

Put to death vs. not a hair ?





Stand firm, and you will win life.



Ultimate victory: Be patient!!!  
There's more to life than this.  
Big changes are coming

When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city.

Part of the answer to  
'When'

AD 66 first Roman  
attack repulsed



**Get out NOW!**

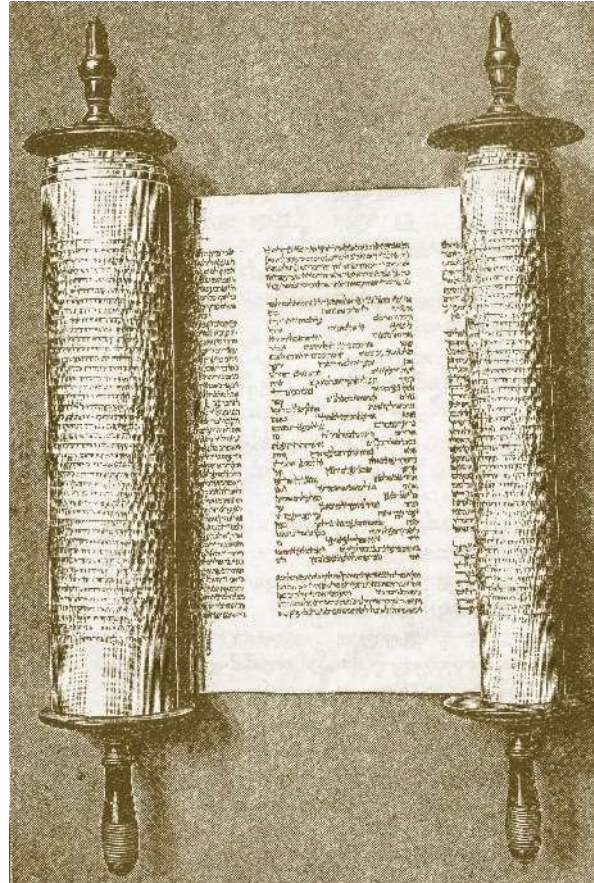
Christians fled to safety across the Jordan to Pella

**Prophecy - fulfilled**

For this is the time of punishment  
in fulfilment of all that has been written.

“After days of  
patience long  
abused, there will  
come *days of  
vengeance*; for  
reprieves are not  
pardons.”

Matthew Henry



Eg.  
In Deuteronomy 28  
Daniel 9

God's judgement on sinners may take a long time  
but it finally catches up



How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people.



Roman atrocities 1,100,000 killed or starved  
Their protection had been rejected and then removed  
**Prophecy - fulfilled**

There will be great distress in the land  
and wrath against this people.



According to Josephus, the siege of Masada by troops of the Roman Empire at the end of the First Jewish–Roman War ended in the mass suicide of 960 people, the rebels and their families who were hiding there.

They will fall by the sword  
and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations.

Survivors taken into exile as prisoners, slaves, to the arenas

Josephus speaks of  
97,000 Jews sent to  
various provinces and  
to the Egyptian  
mines.

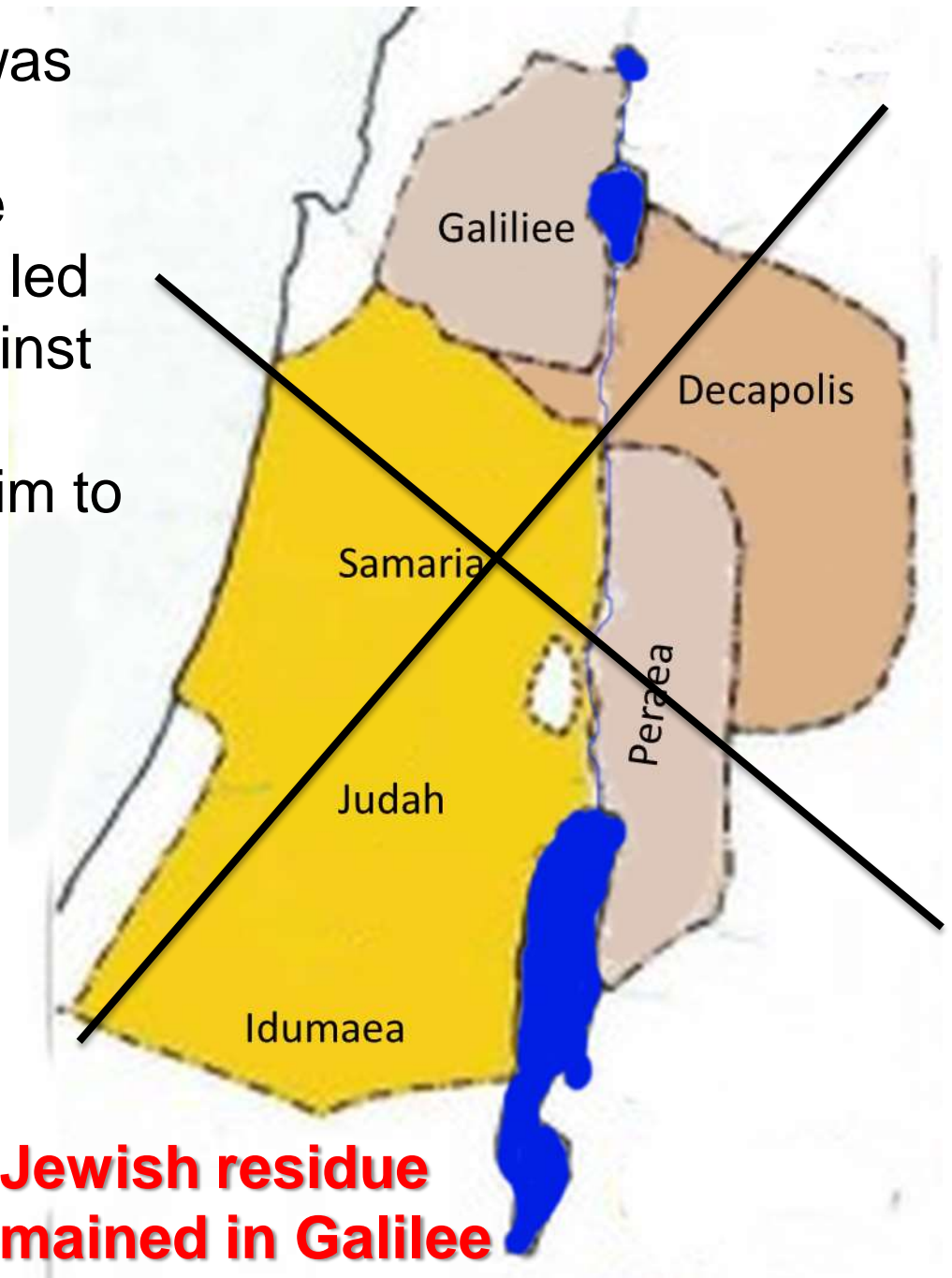
**Prophecy**  
**– fulfilled AD 70**





About 132–136 AD there was the Bar Kokhba revolt, a rebellion of the Jews of the Roman province of Judea, led by Simon bar Kokhba, against the Romans. It failed. His followers considered him to be the Messiah.

In an attempt to erase any memory of Judea or Ancient Israel, Emperor Hadrian wiped the name off the map and replaced it with Syria Palaestina



Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles  
until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

**Prophecy fulfilled.  
For the next 2000 years!**

## **Trampled**

by the Romans – they  
wrecked the city and built  
pagan shrines on temple  
site.

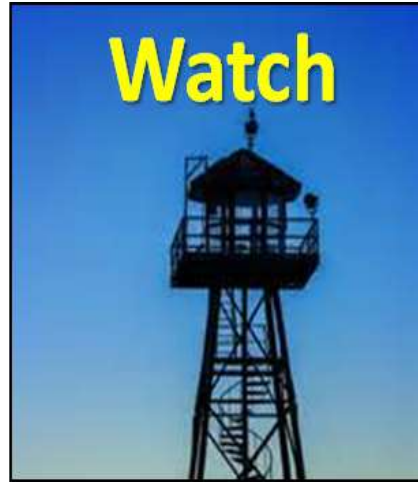
The following centuries saw  
Islamic control, Crusaders,  
etc.



Jesus' instructions in this passage are :-

For the early Christians :-

For today's Christians :-



**These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.**

**1Corinthians 10:11**