

Luke 21:24-38
The Last Things



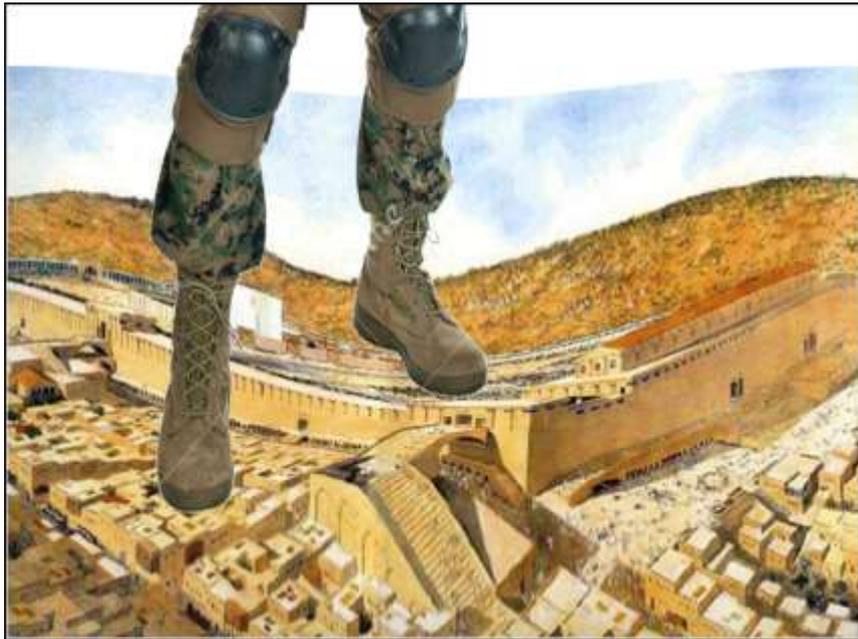
for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come
like a thief in the night. 1Thessalonians 5:2

When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your
heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Luke 21:28



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

Jesus is clearly speaking of events beyond AD 70



“**Jerusalem**” means ?????

“**trampled on**” means

ruled, oppressed etc.

“**Gentiles**” means non-Jews

“**until**” means it won't last forever

So:-

“Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until”
means

“The city called Jerusalem will be ruled by gentiles until the time
that the Jews who survive as a people repossess it.”

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The Jewish people have survived
2000 years being dispersed
and persecuted
(That's a miracle!)

The state of Israel
was re-established in 1948
with Tel Aviv as its capital
(That's a miracle!)

In the June 1967 Six Day War
Jerusalem was liberated
from the Jordanian occupation
since 1948
and came under Israeli control
for the first time in 2000 years
(That's a miracle!)

PARATROOPERS AT THE WESTERN WALL

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So:- what does “until the times of the
Gentiles are fulfilled” mean ?

Older interpretations say “ when the
nations have heard the gospel and Jesus
returns.” Some equate it with Romans 11
“the fullness of the Gentiles”

But it cannot mean all who will believe since
gentiles are still turning to Christ since 1967

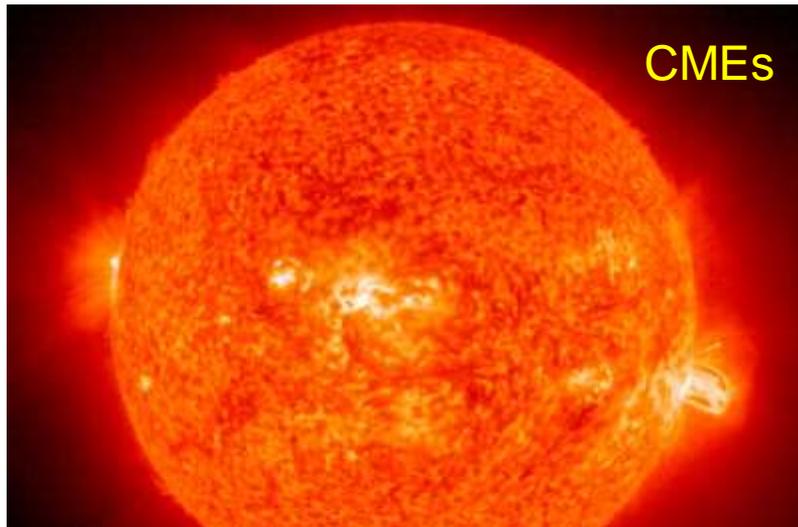
Is Jesus pointing to the period when Israel/Jerusalem again
comes to play a part in world events leading up to Jesus’ return?

It seems something has changed – is the clock ticking ??

The SIGNS

There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars.

Changes in space ?



The SIGNS

On the **earth, nations** will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.

Changes on earth



Ocean earthquakes? Climate Change ?

People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.



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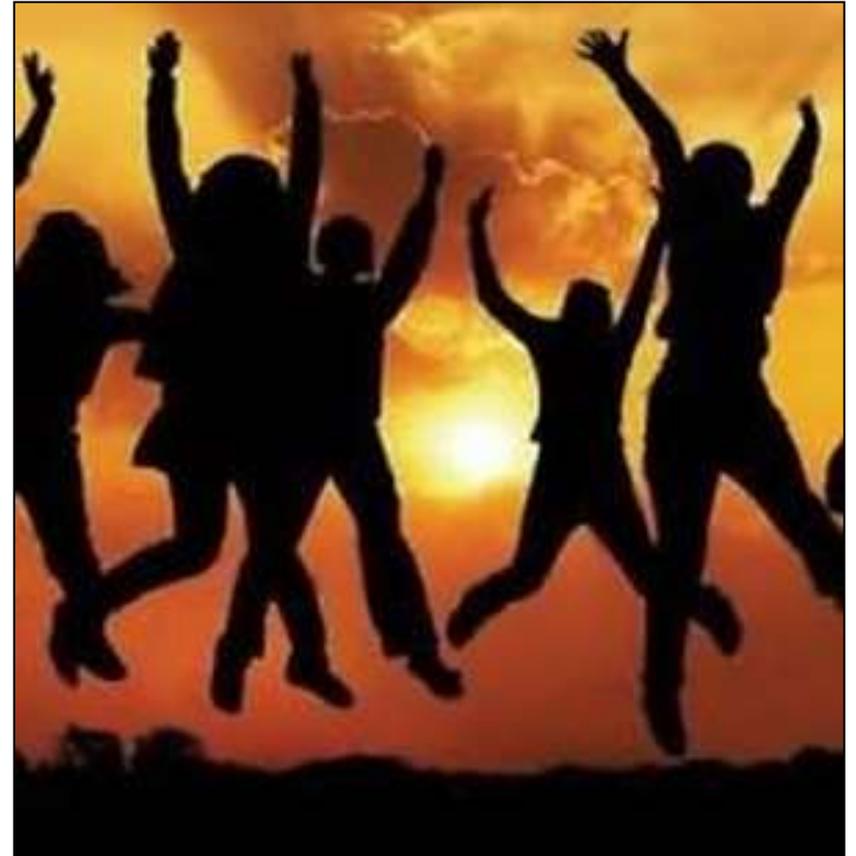
At that time they will see the **Son of Man** coming in a cloud with power and great glory.



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redemption



He told them this parable: Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.



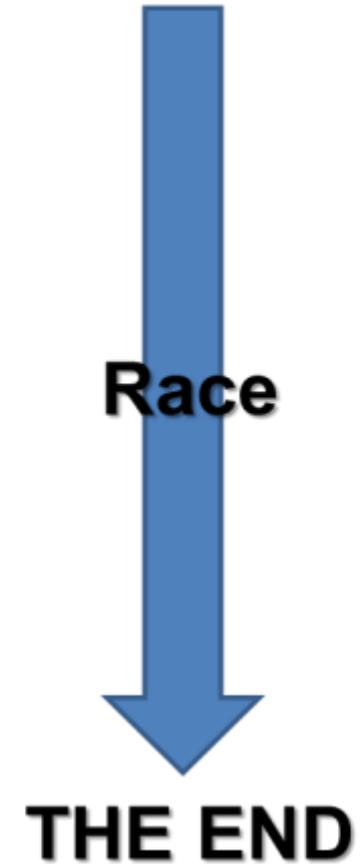
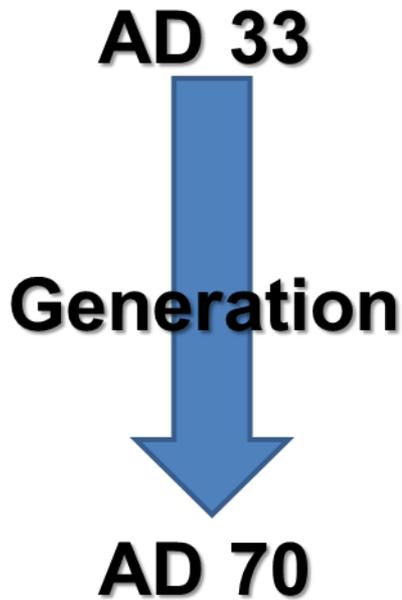
when you see these things

fig tree
(Jeremiah 24:5).
(Luke 13:6-9)
represents
Israel
restored to
their land and Lord
and all the trees
represent
the nations
changes/revivals

Truly I tell you, this **generation** will certainly not pass away until all **these things** have happened.

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Multiple fulfilment of Prophecy ?

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will never pass away.



STAMP OF

APPROVAL

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Arrogant or Divine

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Watch Yourself. Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth.

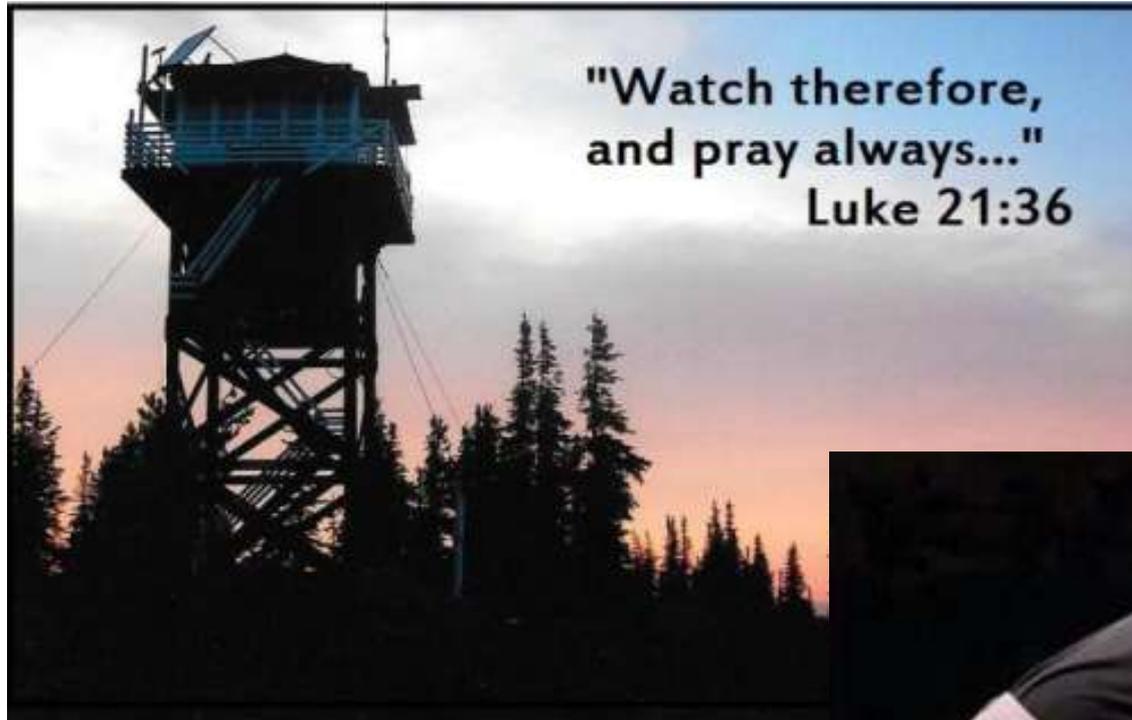
Watch Yourself – not given for intellectual interest !

Dangerous distractions – heart problems



Be always on the watch, and pray
that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen,

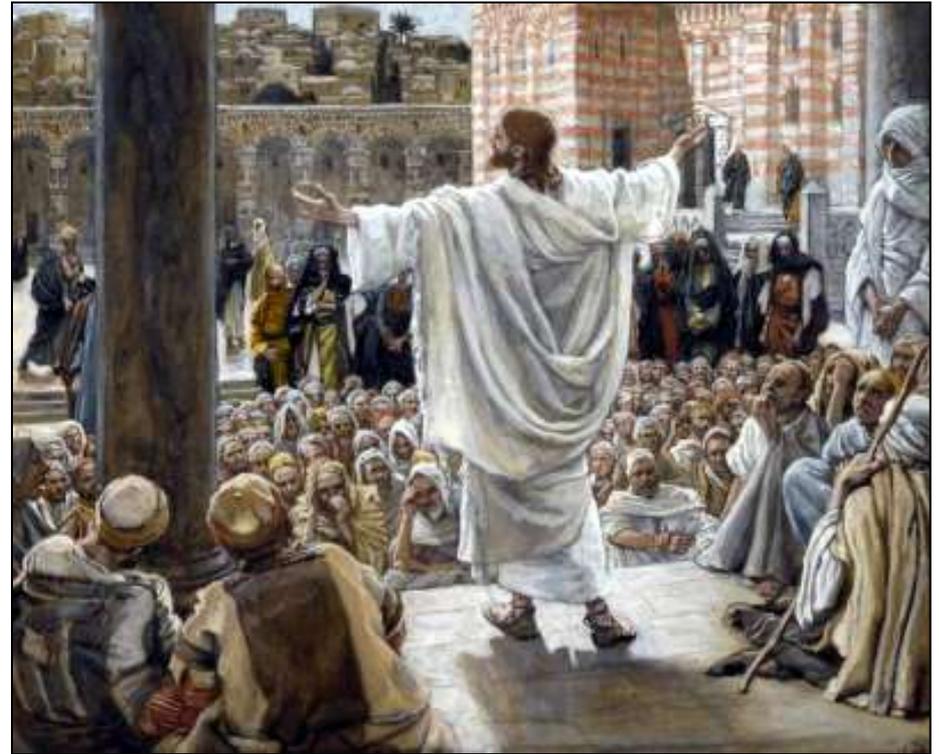
"Watch therefore,
and pray always..."
Luke 21:36



Be always on the watch, and pray
that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen,
and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.



Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple, and each evening he went out to spend the night on the hill called the Mount of Olives, and all the people came early in the morning to hear him at the temple.



They came to hear him