

Prepare For The Future

Luke 21:5-24

Introduction:

- **Israel**
 - Israel has the right to exist
 - God has an unfinished plan with Israel
 - Israel is not above the Law or beyond accountability to God (neither Israel nor Palestine nor Hamas should kill or harm innocent civilians)
 - Whether or not they are occupying the Promised Land, one day God will fulfill his promise to Abraham
 - Israel is spiritually hardened to God's program (Rom 11:25)
 - God is saving Jewish individuals in the Church today (Rom 11:25)
 - One day all Israel will be saved (Rom 11:26-27)
 - God in judgment scattered Israel, God in mercy gathered Israel (Dt 30:3-4; Ez 11:17; Mt 23:37-39; Lk 13:34-35)
 - Great tribulation is Israel's judgment. Great deliverance is God's salvation. (Jer 30:7; Dan 12:1; Zech 12,14)
- **Rapture** (1 Thess 4:13-18; Rev 3:10)

1. Man's Past And Present Glory Is Not Greater Than God's Future (5-7)

2. Let Christ, Not Prophets Nor News Stories, Define The End Times (8-11)

- Beware Of False Prophetic Claims (8; cf. 1 Jn 2:18; 2 Pet 3:16-18)
- Don't Be Alarmed By International Conflict (9)
- Israel's Rejection Will Lead To Greater Tribulation (10-11)

3. Proclaim When Persecuted – Light Shines Brighter In Darkness (12-19)

- a. Know Who Brings Persecution (12,16-17)
- b. Know What To Do In Persecution (13-15, 18-19)
 - Bear Witness Of Christ (13)
 - Share God's Word (14-15)
 - Rely On God's Protection (18-19)

4. Judgment Intensifies Until Christ Intervenes (20-24)

- a. Jerusalem Will Face The Judgment Of Rejecting Christ (20-24a)
- b. Christ Will End The Time Of The Gentiles (24b)

Conclusion:

1. Don't be deceived (8) – Know God's plan for the future
2. Don't be terrified (9) – Know God will be victorious
3. Do bear witness (13) – Share God's plan of salvation
4. Christ is Savior or Judge – You decide!