

"When Shall These Things Be"?

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Luke 21:25-28

Intro. A. Jesus spoke of three events in answering this question

Vs. 12 1. The suffering of His disciples.

Vs. 20 2. The destruction of Jerusalem.

Vs. 25 3. The signs in the heavens and on the earth.

B. Two of these have been fulfilled.

1. The Apostles were martyred, Millions died.

2. Jerusalem has been destroyed. The days of vengeance have occurred. The Jews have been scattered. The Gentiles are having their "times".

3. The third is yet to be fulfilled.

I. The Things That Must Come To Pass.

A. The signs in the sky.

Vs. 25a 1. "Signs" = σημεῖον = a symbol by which any thing is identified, such as a logo, etc.

2. "... there shall be signs in the sun".

3. "... and in the moon".

4. "... and in the stars".

B. The signs on the earth.

Vs. 25b 1. "distress of nations" στενοχωρέω = "to crowd into a narrow place". "despair among the nations". The nations will be helpless to solve the threats that are in the sky.

2. "with perplexity". = ἀπορία = "the state of one who has no way or resource, and therefore knows not what to do".

3. "the<sup>sea</sup> and the waves roaring". This will occur because the moon will affect the ocean and the sea's tide.