

# Message Notes

## The End of the World, and I'm fine!

**Introduction** - "Some heavy days... I need some hope."

### The Gospel

Creation - *Imago Dei*  
Fall - *The Problem*  
Redemption - *The Savior*  
Restoration - *The Hope*

Prayer in Trike's Office, 7am Wednesdays  
(July 20, 27 and Aug 3)

### Today's Message

*It's the End of the World (and I'm feelin' fine!)*  
Luke 21:5-38

The difficulty with this passage: Then or Future? YES!!

**The remark that started it all!** Luke 21:5-7  
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*What's gonna happen?* - 21:6-7

**The Destruction of the Temple** (Luke 21:8-24)  
*Historical Insights* - 21:8-11

*Personal Insights* - 21:12-19

*Be ready for the day when it happens* - 21:20-24  
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"Times of the Gentiles"

**Jesus teaches on His Return** (Luke 21:25-33)  
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*This generation will not pass away* - 21:32-33

**How to live in the in between time** (Luke 21:34-36)

**Anticipating the end of Holy Week** (Luke 21:37-38)

**Gospel Application** - "When He Returns"

# Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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# MINNESOTA TWINS HALL OF FAME

## TORII HUNTER



UNITED HEROES  
LEAGUE



**“This is the United States of America. The word united means togetherness. United we stand, divided we fall. A house divided cannot stand. We have to take action and we have to make change. But before we make change in our country, we have to change ourselves and our hearts. We must love the one next to us no matter the color of someone’s skin, gender, views or religious preferences.”**





The Gospel of  
**LUKE**

The Glory of The Cross  
Luke 19:45 to Luke 24:49

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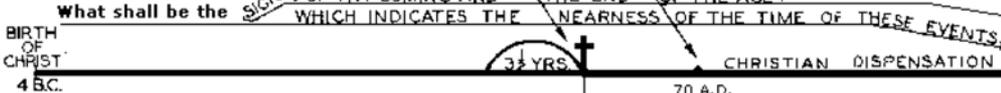
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**Questions:**

As He (Christ) sat on the Mount of Olives The Disciples Came ...

Saying when shall these things be? (Destruction of Temple)

and What shall be the sign of thy coming and the end of the age?



**THE OLIVET DISCOURSE  
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 24 & 25**

**ANSWERS:**

Many shall come, saying I Am The Christ (Messiah) (DURING THIS AGE) VSS. 4,5.

And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars (DURING THIS AGE) VS. 6.

But the end is not yet (When a local war breaks out)

For nation shall rise against nation and Kingdom against Kingdom

But all these things are The beginning of travail

(A WORLD WAR (1914-'18) WHICH IS THE FIRST BIRTHPAIN, VS. 8.

THE SIGN OF THE END OF THE AGE, VS. 7

THE TRIBULATION, VSS. 9-31  
THE REVIVAL DURING THE TRIBULATION, VS. 14.

THE RAPTURE OF CHURCH BEFORE THE TRIBULATION, 24:32-25:30.

THE JUDGEMENT OF THE NATIONS AFTER THE TRIBULATION, VSS. 31-46.

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“It is only the fool who tries  
to get the heavens inside his  
head, and not unnaturally  
his head bursts.

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get his head inside  
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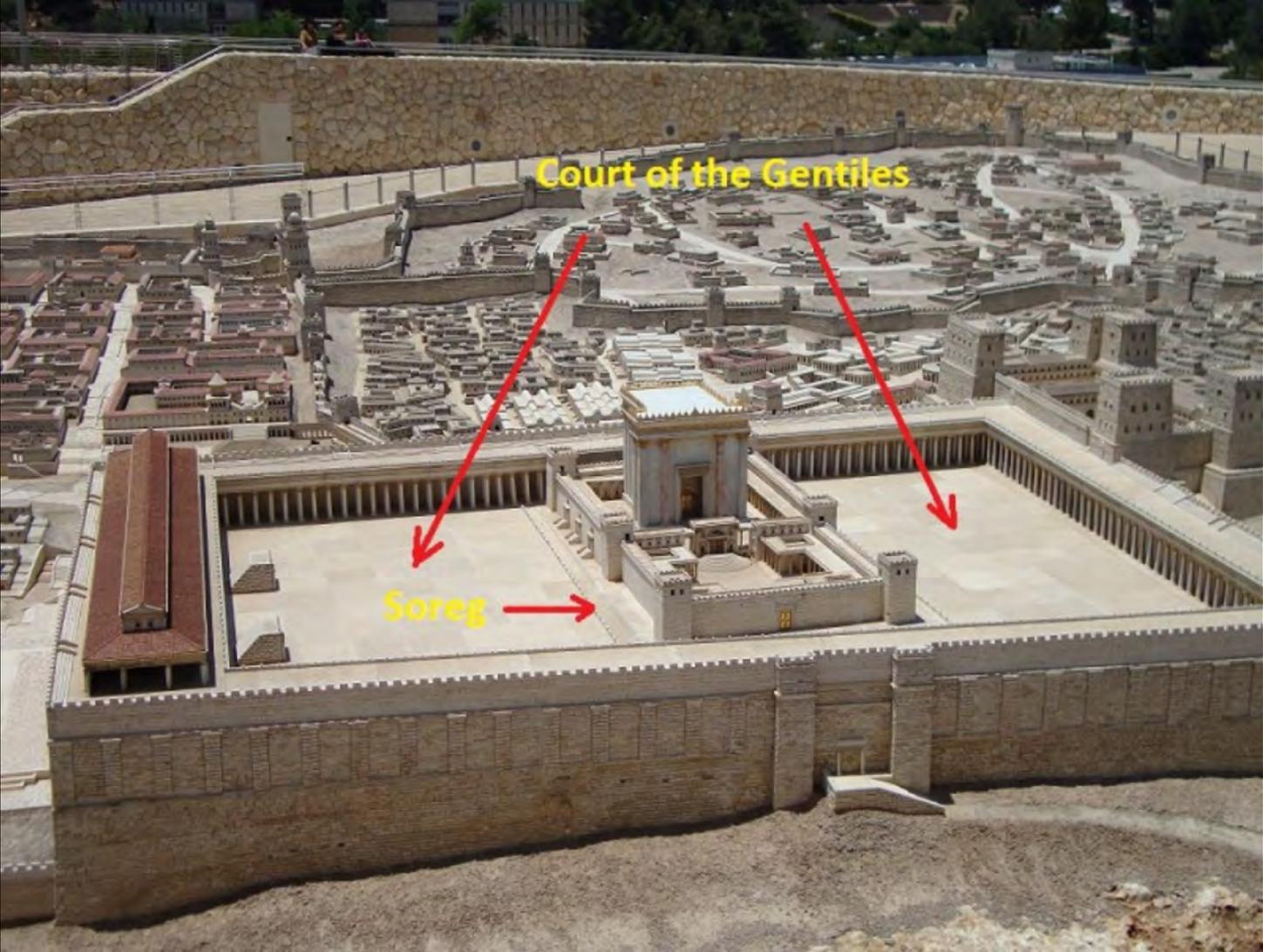


# **The remark that started it all**

*The beauty of the temple*

**Luke 21:5**

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Court of the Gentiles

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The exterior of the structure lacked nothing that could astound either mind or eye. For, being covered on all sides with massive plates of gold, the sun was no sooner upon it than it radiated so fiery a flash that people straining to look at it were compelled to avert their eyes, as from the rays of the sun. To approaching strangers it appeared from afar like a snow-clad mountain; for all that was not overlaid with gold was of purest white. From its summit protruded sharp golden spikes to prevent birds from settling upon and befouling the roof. Some of the stones in the structure were forty-five cubits in length, five in height, and six in breadth.

~ Josephus, *The Jewish War* 5.5, 6 § 222–224.

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*What's gonna happen?*

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# The King Arrives

## *Missing the Visitation of God*

**Luke 19:41-44**

<sup>41</sup>As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it  
<sup>42</sup>and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what  
would bring you peace – but now it is hidden from your eyes.  
<sup>43</sup>The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an  
embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on  
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“Times of the Gentiles,” then, has a dual reference in this context. It manifestly relates to the role of the Gentiles as God’s agents in the prophesied destruction and subsequent occupation of Jerusalem. More than this, however, it [foreshadows] the proclamation of the good news among the Gentiles.

~ Joel B. Green, *The Gospel of Luke*, The New International Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1997), 739.

# Jesus teaches on His Return

## *Signs in the heavens*

### **Luke 21:25a**

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## Joel 2:28-32

<sup>28</sup>“ And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. <sup>29</sup>Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. <sup>30</sup>I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. <sup>31</sup>The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. <sup>32</sup>And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

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## *Chaos*

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*People fainting in fear*

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*Son of Man returns in power and great glory*

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## Daniel 7:13-14

<sup>13</sup>“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.

<sup>14</sup>He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

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*Your redemption is near!*

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## 2 Peter 3:10-13

<sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. <sup>11</sup>Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives <sup>12</sup>as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. <sup>13</sup>But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

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## *Fig trees and interpreting the signs*

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*This generation will not pass away*

## Luke 21:32-33

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Despite the series of attempts to apply “this generation” to something other than the generation of Jesus’ contemporaries, all the alternatives (the Jewish People; humanity; the generation of the end-time signs) are finally artificial and represent imposition based upon some supposition brought to the text (Luke uses “this generation” also in 7:31; 11:29, 30, 31, 32, 50, 51; Acts 2:40)... As the prophets before him had regularly done, the Gospel Jesus presents as part of a single development things that belong together in principle but turn out to be separated chronologically in a manner that he did not anticipate... As with the earlier prophets the anticipation of the future was first and foremost an interpretation, in the light of a knowledge of God, of the significance of the present and of the nature of its development out of the past.

~ John Nolland, *Luke 18:35–24:53*, vol. 35C, Word Biblical Commentary (Dallas: Word, Incorporated, 1998), 1009–1010.

In the Third Gospel, “this generation” (and related phrases) has regularly signified a category of people who are resistant to the purpose of God. Verse 32, then, long a centerpiece in eschatological debate, actually has less to say about the eschatological timetable and more to say about the motif of conflict related to the presence and expected culmination of the kingdom of God. “This generation” refers in Luke’s narrative not to a set number of decades or to people living at such-and-such a time, but to people who stubbornly turn their backs on the divine purpose. Jesus’ followers can expect hostility and calamity until the very End, Jesus teaches, for the old world, “this generation,” does not easily give way to the new.

# How to live in the “in between” time

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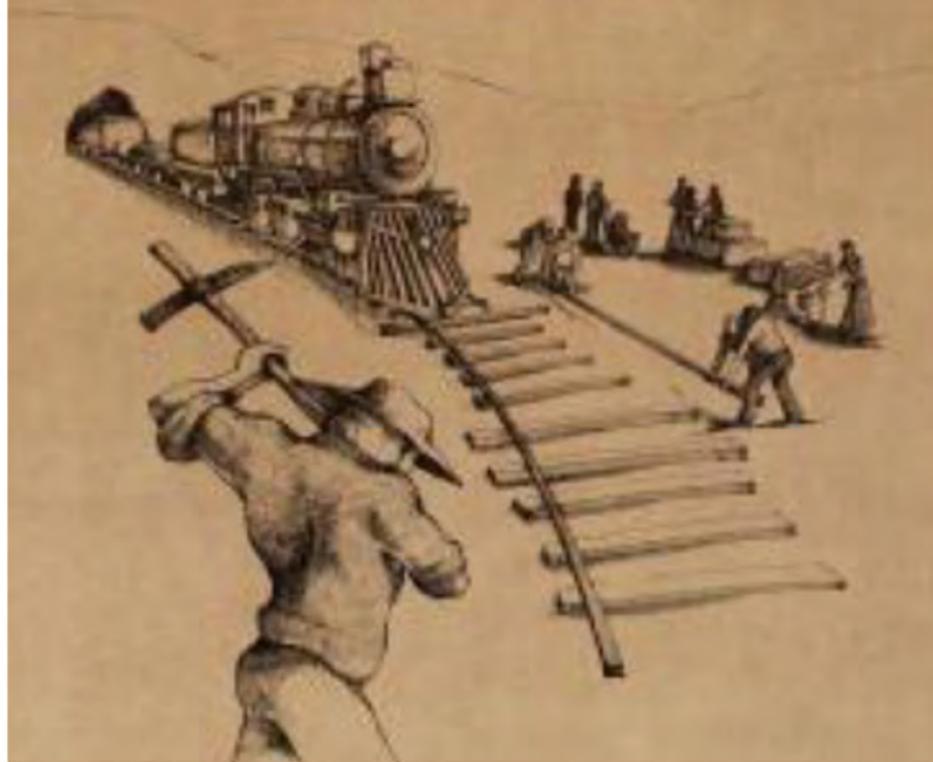
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# Gospel Application

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**Jesus is coming back!**

SLOW TRAIN COMING  
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# When He Returns

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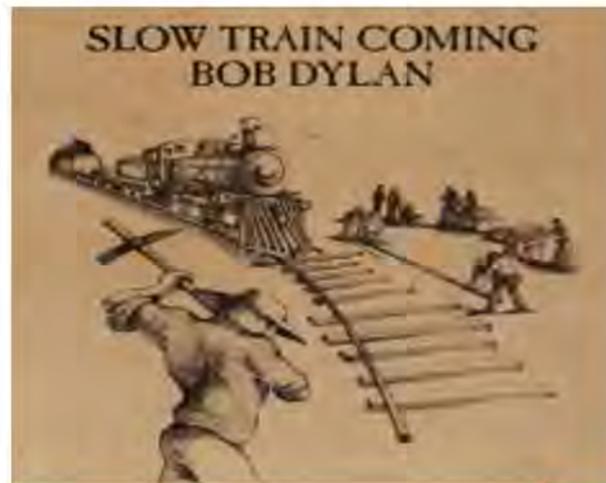
The iron hand it ain't no match for the iron rod  
The strongest wall will crumble and fall to a mighty God  
For all those who have eyes and all those who have ears  
It is only He who can reduce me to tears  
Don't you cry and don't you die and don't you burn  
For like a thief in the night, He'll replace wrong with right  
When He returns

Truth is an arrow and the gate is narrow that it passes through  
He unleashed His power at an unknown hour that no one knew  
How long can I listen to the lies of prejudice?  
How long can I stay drunk on fear out in the wilderness?  
Can I cast it aside, all this loyalty and this pride?  
Will I ever learn that there'll be no peace, that the war won't cease  
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Surrender your crown on this blood-stained ground, take off your mask  
He sees your deeds, He knows your needs even before you ask  
How long can you falsify and deny what is real?  
How long can you hate yourself for the weakness you conceal?  
Of every earthly plan that be known to man, He is unconcerned  
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APPEARS ON



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(Original Release)



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