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Luke 21:5-8, and 20, 21:



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standing where it ought not,
(let him that readeth understand,)
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(Mark 13:14):

Part I:

Luke 21:5

Luke 21:5 ¶ And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones <lithos G3037> and gifts,

The word stones <lithos G3037> in the bible points to the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the stone the temple builders rejected. Notice that Christ is the stone the builders rejected:

Matthew 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone <lithos G3037> which the builders <oikodomeo G3618>, rejected, the same is become the head of the corner.

God uses the word builders to identify the temple's spiritual leadership. The title they wear does not define them before God, but what they build. And God may identify them as such by the conformation of Abraham who understood that the LORD Jehovah was the builder of the foundation Abraham's faith rested on. In Hebrews 11:10 the Lord declares:

Hebrews 11:10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations <themelios/ 5087>, whose builder <technites 5079> and maker is God.

Another wonderful verse that uses the word 'technites 5079', is 'tikto 5088':

Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth <tikto 5088 from 5079> a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

In Matthew 1:23, God 'builds' the hope of salvation through His Son Jesus Christ who comes in the flesh (1John 4:2-3). Through the virgin birth of Christ, [in His elect], God demonstrates how He is the foundation builder, and the beginning of the Second Covenant, [grace], that brings an end to sin. For Christ's sake the Lord encapsulates these truths in Psalm 127:1, and Matthew 7:24:

Psalm 127:1 ¶ Except the LORD build <banah H1129 same as G3618> the house, they labour in vain that build <banah H1129 same as G3618> it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

Matthew 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built <oikodomeo 3618> his house <oikia 3614 Family> upon a rock:

Finally, 'we' are the builders Christ's is warning us about in Matthew 21:42:

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Part II:

Luke 21: 5

The earthly congregation, that would be called by God's name to take away the reproach of sin, is not eternally blessed by titles and creeds, or the lack thereof; nor by having our own name, eating our own bread, or wearing our own apparel:

Isaiah 4:1 ¶ And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

Throughout the unfolding of the fulness of times, (Ephesians 1:10), a sign God's faithful see from the Bible is how the LORD alone in Christ is the savior and judge of all mankind. That there is nothing they in themselves would ever seek to do to receive His mercy and truth:

Psalm 14:2-3 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. 3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Like Abraham, God's faithful will understand that the LORD Jehovah is the builder of the foundation their faith rests on. They know they are never to put their trust, or the slightest assurance of their salvation in man:

Psalm 146:3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

Psalm 56:11 In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

The righteous trust in God's word, all of God's word, and only God's word. In their saviors word to them, they see how the world's builders, whether its title be, temple, tabernacle, congregation, church, fellowship, or group: these carnal foundations cannot represent Christ in all of His Glory! The believers final trust is in their heavenly Father's gift of the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the scriptures. They see how He is the one rejected by the world congregation that seeks its own identity, as it speaks its own words, and wears its own apparel. God's word gives His faithful a warning He enables them to hear:

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God's elect individuals, that are of one body, come to know and understand that without obedience to the word of God they are no less defenseless to the devils deception against the ministers who are about holy things, than the worldly Christian church that has become an abomination!

Part III:

Luke 21:5-6

How wonderful it is that Christ is the master builder. For the word stones <lithos 3037> also refers to God's elect people. Unfortunately, it can refer to those who are called by God's name, but who speak their own words, and who wear their own robe of righteousness (Isaiah 4:1). In Matthew 3:9 God speaks of these stones in the form of a warning:

Matthew 3:9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones <lithos 3037> to raise up children unto Abraham.

The 'temple' Christ is referring to in Matthew 21:42 is not what natural man thinks of. The world sees, [*according to the flesh*], a beautiful earthly building that is adorned with valuable earthly stones and gifts. The sign here is the outward appearance of mankind's work. It is in this context Jesus continues in Luke 21:6:

Luke 21:5-6 he said, 6 As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone <lithos 3037> upon another <lithos 3037>, that shall not be thrown down. ...

The Lord is clearly speaking of the end of the earthly temple the world seeks to glorify. By default, this includes the evil builders, [*irregardless of the title they wear*]. In Matthew 21:42, the Stone which the builders rejected had built the temple by proclaiming spiritual lies and abominations to the flock:

Jeremiah 23:1 ¶ Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.

In Jeremiah 23:1, the builders that destroy and scatter the sheep of God's pasture are called pastors. But it is not God's intent here to teach that all who are called pastors destroy God's people because they wear the title 'pastor'. It is not a 'title' that destroys and scatters God's people. It is the evil building and structuring of lies and abominations against the word of God that destroys God's pasture [*the congregation*].

God has clearly demonstrated His wrath to the Christian church throughout the world by the first covenant, the Old Testament, where God turned over the congregation of His people Israel to be destroyed by their enemy because of their disobedience. In their unbelief they rejected the word of Jehovah who's spirit had been leading them and protecting them. In 1 John 4:1 God 's warning continues:

Psalms 78:52 But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

1 John 4:1 ¶ Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Part IV:

Luke 21:7

As the world draws near to the time of the end, the believers naturally have a desire to know – “*but when shall these things be?*”

Luke 21:7 And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?

God’s faithful understand, that, though they are not to trust in signs for their salvation, God uses signs to reveal His work ordained from the foundation of the world. The verses below are compared to the parable of *the tree of the knowledge of good and evil* which Adam ate from. Adam’s unlawful eating illustrates the Lord Jesus Christ, [*the last Adam*], who became sin who knew no sin (2 Corinthians 5:21). The last Adam, shall eat from the sinful hand of His bride, as He takes her place, so that she, [*His invisible elect*], shall not be found guilty at the end:

1 Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

Romans 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam’s transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

In Romans 5:14, the phrase, ‘*similitude of Adam’s transgression*’, expresses how throughout the fulness of times, there would never be, [*of mankind*], any like the first Adam who had been created perfectly and without blemish before he sinned. This is how the first Adam is the figure of the last Adam that was to come:

1 Peter 3:18 ¶ For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

1 Peter 4:1 ¶ Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

Beginning with the first Adam, who was created in the perfect image and likeness of Christ before he sinned; Jesus Christ is come in the flesh of God’s elect:

1 John 4:2-3 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Part V:

Luke 21:7-8

Part V begins by comparing the verses from Part IV with Genesis 24:11-12, 14. Genesis 24:11-12, 14 reveal how God worked in bringing Rebekah, [*typifying Christ's bride*], to Isaac, [*typifying Christ*]:

Genesis 24:11-12, 14 And he [Abraham's servant] made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water. 12 And he said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, ... 14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac;

Genesis 24:11-12, 14, is an allegory depicting the gospel of God's elect witnessing the Lord Jesus Christ! On Abraham's behalf, the angel moved Rebekah to do exactly what Abraham's servant had prayed, so that he would know Rebekah was the wife God had ordained for Isaac. Jesus, who is the fulfilled word of God, (Genesis 2:1-4; Revelations 19:13), who perfectly interprets all signs; is now speaking to those asking the question in Luke 21:7:

Luke 21:7 And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?

Jesus begins to answer them about the time of the end when it draweth near:

Luke 21:8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

As Isaiah 4:1 revealed: many shall come eating their own bread, and wearing their own robe of righteousness, showing from the scripture how Christ is the anointed savior – that He is the Christ! They shall appear before many as meek and humble servants of God, [*in the flesh*], when the time draweth nigh. Christ's warning of this is: "*go ye not therefore after them.*" In other words: take heed that you be not deceived by the outward appearance of man, [*goodly stones*], and his gifts [*bribes*].

Deuteronomy 10:17 For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:

Part VI:

Luke 21:20

Luke 21:20 ¶ *And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.*

The Jerusalem in Luke 21:20 is also referred to in the Bible as those who belong to a, "world without end. Amen."

Ephesians 3:21 Unto him be glory in the church <ekklesia 1577> by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Acts 2:46-47 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, <hieron 2411> and breaking bread from house to house, <oikos 3624> did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church <ekklesia 1577 'those called'> daily such as should be saved.

Revelations 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

As the last day draws nigh, God's people individually, and as one body, [*Spiritual Jerusalem*], see the holy city, [*God's elect*], compassed about by the world that seduces and corrupts the carnal Christian congregation.

Matthew 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

This is the sign Christ declares shall appear greatly when the desolation, [*the end*], is nigh; when the final harvest of the wheat, [*God's elect*], and the end of the world is at hand.

For those weaned from the mild, the last twenty-four-hour-day is not the primary import of Luke 21:20; but when they see Jerusalem, [*God's elect scattered throughout the world*], compassed with armies, [*the tare that rejects God's word*]. Now more than ever they must examine themselves and the gospel they witness, before that last day when no man can work. Their gospel being confirmed, they warn the church, [*those that are called*]:

Luke 21:21 *Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains <oros 3735>;*

The mountains, [oros/ 3735], can typify the Lord and His elect, as Matthew 5:14 reveals:

Matthew 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill <oros 3735> cannot be hid.

Part VII:

Luke 21:21b

Just as an earthly hill cannot reveal the light of Christ, the earthly congregation, *[irregardless of its title]*, cannot, as a group of individuals, witness God's spiritual truth outside of God's will and good pleasure. The word 'mountain' and 'hill', *[foros 3735]*, are allegories, or parables that point to God and His elect who, 'in Christ', are that city on a hill. This is the mountain God's people are to flee to as they see to depart the abomination of desolation that is in the world congregation, that includes the apostate Christian church:

Mark 13:14 ¶ But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:

Luke 21:21b and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter there into.

In Luke 21:21b, Christ warns when you see God's people, *[Jerusalem]*, surrounded by the world congregation, that includes the holy place, *[the Christian church were many are called]*, who heap to themselves evil pastors who itch their corrupt ears; flee to God's word the bible, and to those who believe the bible, alone, and in its entirety is the word of God:

2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

Conclusion:

During the time when this sign shall be prevalent: any elect who remain in the midst of the worldly congregation, will see to depart out. No one will have to tell them. At this time none of God's elect will be entering the world congregation and its apostate churches. According to God's will and good pleasure God's remnant that remain scattered in the midst of the worlds holy place, will have their spiritual eyes opened to depart out. They will see the sign God is showing them from His word. That individually, and as one body, they have been compassed by unbelievers who do not love all of God's word. That, even in the holy place, only spiritual death encompasses them. That there is no fellowship, but only punishment for those who desire all of God's truth. There will be no doubt that they must depart out of the holy place that has been consumed by the anti-christ; the abomination of desolation:

2 Corinthians 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

As the end draws near, God's elect learn not to look for groups that are faithful to God's word. They understand completely now how God never saved anyone by groups of professing believers, whether temples, or sanctuaries, congregations, [denomination/ non-denominational], churches, or fellowships. That God has always saved, [regenerated], His elect, one stone upon another. A process the faithful congregation, [builders], use to witness, before the sign of God's final judgment appeared, when the last day draweth nigh.

1 Corinthians 3:7, 9-11 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. 9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building [Confirmation]. 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another <buildeth <epoikodomeo 2026> thereon.

Rather, God's elect watch for individuals from whom God's faithfulness is seen.

Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up <epoikodomeo 2026 also 3618> yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

But let every man take heed how he buildeth <epoikodomeo 2026 also 3618> thereupon. 11 ¶ For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:13 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things <hieros 2413> live [of the things] of the temple <hieron 2411>? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?

The carnal church believes that in the first instance 1 Corinthians 9:13 is speaking of the church's [the body's] support of God's ministers who are about holy things. But this type of arrangement often becomes a bribe, where the body insists that their ears be itched a certain way, so that the word of God is no longer the church's expressed authority.

But the church's, [the elects], endurance will not have been by the earthly temple, [buildings], adorned with goodly stones and gifts, nor by the stones, [the servants of the temple], the ministers, elders, and deacons. Nor does removing the titles, 'elder', and 'deacon', spiritually change anything. For corruption must put on incorruption, and mortality immortality:

1 Corinthians 15:50-53 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 ¶ Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Mark 13:1-2 ¶ And as he went out of the temple <hieron 2411>, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones <lithos 3037> and what buildings <oikodomeo 3619> are here! 2 And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings <oikodomeo 3619>? there shall not be left one stone <lithos 3037> upon another <lithos 3037>, that shall not be thrown down.

The true gospel call will always come down to the simplistic message the faithful church once preached: Are we individually ready to meet the Lord when very soon He shall appear? For His return has never been longer than the grave all of mankind experience until that last day when all of God's elect are taken up and the world sees the salvation program that always existed, but for them is now unavailable.