



Introduction

Jesus warns of problems and events to come.



Questions

1. What does Jesus say will be the sign that the desolation of Jerusalem is near?
2. What will be seen next when men are fainting for fear, and for expectation of the things which are coming on the world?
3. What should we be doing so that we can stand before the Son of Man (Jesus)?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 4** Jesus commends a poor widow for her generosity
- **v 5 and 6** Jesus prophesies the destruction of the great temple in Jerusalem (see information)
- **v 7 to 24** Jesus replies to the disciples' request for more information about the destruction of the temple. He then tells them that Jerusalem will be out of Jewish hands until the end of Gentile times
- **v 25 to 28** When people are fearful because of what is happening in the world, Jesus will return and those waiting for him will know that their salvation is near
- **v 29 to 36** Disciples need to prepare their lives for the day when Jesus will return
- **v 37 and 38** The people come early to the temple to hear Jesus who is preaching every day

Timeline 30 AD (see below)



Information

Destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD



The destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD was a very significant event in Jewish history. The siege of Jerusalem was a decisive event of the first war between the Jews and Rome. It is dramatically portrayed in the picture by Scottish painter David Roberts (1796-1864).

Future Roman Emperor Titus with Tiberius Julius Alexander as his second-in-command, conquered the city. Jerusalem had been controlled by Judean

rebel factions since 66 AD following riots in Jerusalem when the Judean Free Government was formed in Jerusalem.

The siege ended on 30 August 70 AD when the second temple was burnt and destroyed and the Romans entered and sacked the lower city.



The destruction of both the first and second temples is still mourned annually as the Jewish fast Tisha B'Av.

The Arch of Titus in Rome was built to celebrate the Roman sack of Jerusalem and the temple. The city was finally conquered on 8 September 70 AD.



Stones from the wall of the second temple, knocked onto the street below by Roman battering rams on the 9th of Av 70 AD, can be seen today. This first century street is located at the base of the supporting wall where the western and southern walls meet. This is a fulfillment of Jesus Christ's words "the days will come, in which there will not be left here one stone on another that will not be thrown down" (Luke 21 v 6).

? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 20, Q 2: v 27, Q 3: v 36



Bible timeline

