

ANSWER SHEET

A Study of the Gospel according to Luke Fall Session#7 Prophetic Signs and Predictions Read Luke 21:1 – 38

1. Giving to the church and charity is a thorn in the side of many. Most people give a little money, or a few worn out or unwanted items, but few give much of value. What do verses 1 – 4 say to you about giving?
 - a) Giving must be in the right spirit.
 - b) Giving must not be based on the amount given, but on the amount kept back.
 - c) Giving must be sacrificial, given because a person has need.

2. As Jesus was talking about the future, the disciples wanted to know two things. When would the temple be destroyed and what would be the signs? In responding Jesus told them about three signs. Jesus said the first sign will be False Messiahs. What are the three things Jesus said about this sign?
 - a) They will be many, not just a few, but many false messiahs.
 - b) The false messiahs will make two claims.
 - i. The claim of deity, “I Am” which is the name used by God to reveal Himself to Moses.
 - ii. The claim that the end time is at hand.
 - c) Do not go after the false messiahs. The real Messiah has already come.

3. Jesus said the second sign will be Conflict of Nations and the third sign would be Natural Disasters. What are the four disasters in nature that are mentioned in particular?
 - a) Earthquakes
 - b) Famines
 - c) Pestilence
 - d) Astronomical happenings

4. Verses 12 – 15 address the persecution of believers. Jesus clearly stated that believers will be persecuted “For my name’s sake.” What are reasons the world will have or has an intense hatred on true followers of Christ?
 - a) The standard of godliness. Believers of Jesus Christ have a different standard. The world is not godly nor is its standard godly.
 - b) The life of purity. The genuine believer strives to live a life of purity, clean and just. The behavior of the true believer is based on a moral standard in everything from dress, to conversation with others, to deeds and thoughts.
 - c) The genuine believer proclaims the message of Christ which is repentance and self-denial. Few people are willing to change and few are willing to deny self or possessions in order to meet the needs of other people.

5. What is the two-fold promise to believers of Jesus Christ of being persecuted for His name sake? (Read verses 18 and 19)
 - a) First, the promise is that God is in control of the believer's life, total control. "Not a hair of your head shall be lost." Jesus means spiritual security.
 - b) Second, the promise is the eternal security of the believer's soul.

6. Jesus said that the sign of Jerusalem being surrounded by armies will be an indicator of a time for many things. Read verses 20 – 24 and identify those things.
 - a) Desolation is near
 - b) A time to flee
 - c) A time for vengeance
 - d) A time of woe, distress and wrath, death, and captivity.
 - e) A time numbered by Gentiles

7. What are three significant points being made in verse 27 about the actual coming of Jesus?
 - a) It will be the Son of Man who comes. There will be no doubt. Right now, He is recognized only by believers, but then His identity will be unmistakable. He is the Son of Man.
 - b) Every eye, all people, shall see Him return. This is what is meant by "they."
 - c) He is coming "in the clouds with great power and glory." The Shekinah glory of God will shine in the person of Jesus Christ as He appears to the world.

8. Jesus said believers are to take heed of themselves. What does this mean to you and how should we as believers respond until Christ comes again?
 - a) It means to give attention, to focus one's mind, to guard, to be aware, to take care.
 - b) Watch and Pray.
 - c) Live in a spirit of prayer