

## Sermon Notes

### *Insights from Luke*

#86 – “The Generation That Sees the Judgment” – Luke 21:29-36

#### I. Introduction

- A. Words that mean different things.
- B. “Generation” – Luke 21:32
- C. Today’s text – Luke 21:29-36

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Luke 21:29-32

- 1. Parable of the fig tree.
  - a. Commonly used analogy.
- 2. Controversy over the fig tree.
  - a. Some view Israel as the fig tree – Jer. 24:1-10.
    - 1. Re-bloomed in 1948.
  - b. This is a stretch. Jesus includes “and all the trees.”
    - 1. When trees are in bloom, summer is coming.
- 3. Luke 21:32 – “Generation”
  - a. Matthew 24:32-35
    - 1. Which generation? – The one he was speaking to.
      - a. Matt. 11:16; 12:41; 12:42; 12:45; 23:36
  - b. Note that Luke uses the term “generation” the same way throughout his gospel and the Book of Acts.

##### B. Abomination of Desolation

- 1. Matthew 24:15-21
- 2. Daniel mentions in Daniel 11:31 & 12:11
  - a. Initially a reference to the desecration of the temple.  
(II Macc. 6:1-13).
  - b. Jesus is saying the same sort of thing will happen again.
  - c. Could be the image of the emperor carried in front of the advancing Roman troops.
    - 1. The image viewed as an idol.

2. Early Christians took the sign this way and fled to Pella.

3. Matthew 24:31. Angels = messengers

#### C. “Taken away”

- 1. Matthew 24:37-42
  - a. The Greek verb – *airō*.
  - b. The one is “taken away” to judgment.
- 2. Matthew 24:37-39

#### D. Luke 21:33-36

- 1. Verse 33. Only the Word of God will stand the test of time.
- 2. Verse 34. Dissipation, drunkenness, and the worries of life
  - a. Dissipation – hangover
    - 1. Problem is not alcohol but drunkenness.
      - a. Psalm 104:15; I Timothy 5:18; Ephesians 5:18
  - b. Worries of life

#### E. Luke 21 & Preterism

- 1. Matthew 24:14

#### III. Points to Remember

- A. While my interpretative view of Luke 21 focuses on A.D. 70, let there be no doubt that Jesus is coming again to judge the world and save His people.
  - 1. Matt. 25:13; Luke 18:8; John 14:18; Acts 1:11; I Cor. 11:26; Phil. 4:5; I Thess. 1:10; 2:19; 3:13; 5:23; II Thess. 2:8; I Tim. 6:14-15; Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:28; James 5:7-9; I John 2:28; Rev. 22:12; 20
- B. The worries of life are a distraction that Jesus warns us may cause you to miss what really matters.
  - 1. Phil. 4:11; I Tim. 6:6-8
- C. Be about the Father’s business is another way of saying be vigilant.
  - 1. Deut. 6:5-9; Eph. 5; I Cor. 7:32; Heb. 13:17; Luke 21:13