

## Luke 21:1-38 Offerings and End Time Signs

YeHoVaH has always shown interest in the Offerings of men, even from the days of Cain and Abel. In this portion of the Gospel according to Luke, Yeshua uses the Offering of a poor widow as a teachable **lesson on giving from the heart**.

The awe of the Disciples of the splendor of the physical Temple caused Yeshua to pivot and discuss the destruction of the Temple and the **signs to look for that indicate the coming of the end of the age**.

The previous Chapter closed with Yeshua warning His Disciples and the people of the Scribes who devour widow's houses, and He opens this Chapter speaking about a widow's gift into the Temple treasury.

The opening of Chapter 22 informs us that Passover and Unleavened Bread were close.

Lk 22:1 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.

The Feast of Unleavened Bread was one of the 3 times a year all Israel appeared before YeHoVaH. None were supposed to appear before Him empty.

Dt 16:16 Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: **and they shall not appear before the LORD empty [or empty-handed]:**

YeHoVaH's attentiveness to the Offerings of men, and comparing Offerings from the heart, goes all the way back to the first recorded Offerings in Genesis 4.

Ge 4:3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

Ge 4:4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

Ge 4:5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

Ge 4:6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

Ge 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

Motivation and heart attitude are all important. YeHoVaH testified concerning Abel and his offering by faith.

Heb 11:4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Coming up to the Temple was coming up to the House of God.

Lk 21:1 And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.

The rich gave out of their abundance. The widow gave by faith. She did not come to the House of YeHoVaH empty-handed.

Lk 21:2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.

Lk 21:3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:

## Giving from the Heart

Lk 21:4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her **penury** hath cast in all the living that she had.

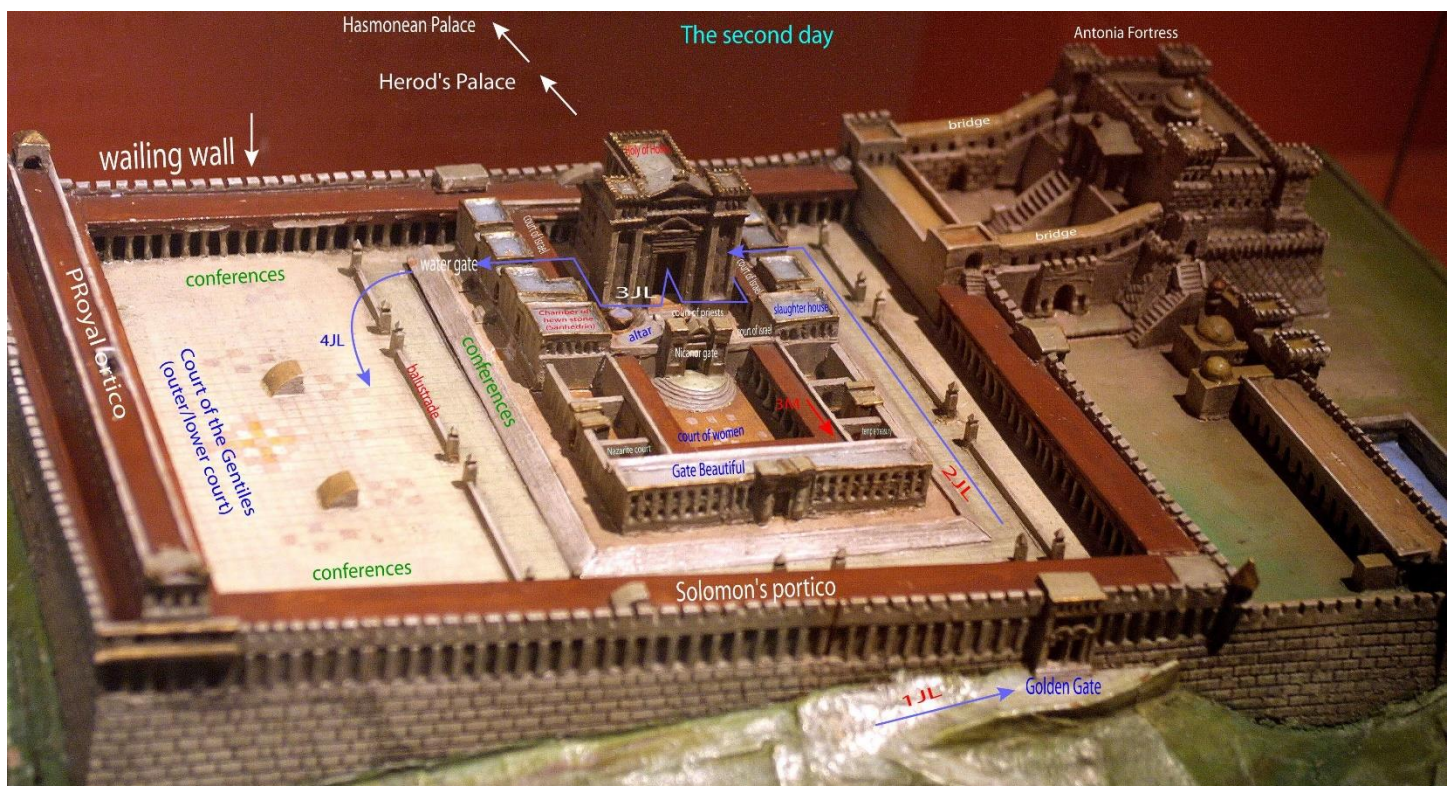
Penury – **5303 ὑστέρημα** husterema {hoos-ter'-ay-mah}

**Meaning:** 1) deficiency, that which is lacking 2) in reference to property and resources, poverty, want, destitution

**Usage:** AV - which is lacking 3, want 3, which is behind 1, lack 1, penury 1; 9

If anyone had a good enough reason not to give anything, she did. She didn't just give anything; she gave everything she had. **That was an act of faith.**

Lk 21:5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,







Lk 21:6 As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

### Yeshua's Response

Lk 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?

According to Mark: Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked the question.

Mk 13:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,

Mk 13:4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?

First, Yeshua warned them not to be deceived.

The only way to **avoid deception** from those who will come making claims and predictions is to **focus on what Yeshua did and taught**.

Lk 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 far back as I can remember, people have been claiming to be the Messiah, the Anointed One, and the Christ. End time prophets abound with their timelines of destructions, countdown charts, and predictions of the end of the age.

Yeshua warned His Disciples, and us, to not be terrified.

Lk 21:9 But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end *is* not by and by.

Lk 21:10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:

Lk 21:11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

Events mentioned in Verses 8-11 would occur after the Disciples are persecuted and imprisoned.

Lk 21:12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute *you*, delivering *you* up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

What the Disciples would encounter would be opportunity for them to testify.

Lk 21:13 And it shall turn to you for a testimony.

Yeshua informed them not to think and prepare a speech for what they would say, but by faith, trust that when those things occur, He would be with them and give them the words to answer their accusers.

Lk 21:14 Settle *it* therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:

Lk 21:15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

Yeshua warned them that they would be betrayed by parents, brethren, kinsfolks, and friends, leading to the death of some of them.

Lk 21:16 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and *some* of you shall they cause to be put to death.

Yeshua informed them that they would be hated of all men for His Name's sake, but in the midst of the worst of it, they would be protected and not one hair on their head would perish.

Lk 21:17 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake.

Lk 21:18 But there shall not an hair of your head perish.

To avoid fear, anxiety, worry, or any terror, they needed to be patient and in their patience, they would be able to endure and persevere.

Lk 21:19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

What they see with their eyes should not alarm them. They must walk by faith in the words Yeshua is speaking to them.

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

Lk 21:21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

Lk 21:22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

The Days of Vengeance

Isa 63:4 For the day of vengeance *is* in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

Isa 63:5 And I looked, and *there was* none to help; and I wondered that *there was* none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.

Isa 63:6 And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

Isa 63:7 I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, *and* the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.

Isa 63:8 For he said, Surely they *are* my people, children *that* will not lie: so he was their Saviour.

Isa 63:9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

Isa 63:10 But they rebelled, and vexed his holy spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, *and* he fought against them.

Da 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Da 9:25 Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Da 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Da 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Hos 9:7 The days of visitation are come, the days of recompence are come; Israel shall know *it*: the prophet *is* a fool, the spiritual man *is* mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred.

Lk 21:23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

Lk 21:24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Lk 21:25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

Lk 21:26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

Lk 21:27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

When these things begin to come to pass ...

Lk 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Lk 21:29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

Lk 21:30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

Lk 21:31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

Lk 21:32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

Generation – **1074 γενεά** genea {ghen-eh-ah'}

**Meaning:** 1) fathered, birth, nativity 2) that which has been begotten, men of the same stock, a family 2a) the several ranks of natural descent, the successive members of a genealogy 2b) metaph. a race of men very like each other in endowments, pursuits, character 2b1) esp. in a bad sense, a perverse race 3) the whole multitude of men living at the same time 4) an age (i.e. the time ordinarily occupied by each successive generation), a space of 30 - 33 years

**Usage:** AV - generation 37, time 2, age 2, nation 1; 42

Lk 21:33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

Lk 21:34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

Don't lose focus and get caught up in the worldly affairs of this life.

Lk 21:35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

Lk 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Lk 21:37 And in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called *the mount* of Olives.

Lk 21:38 And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him.