BIBLE STUDY LUKE 1/19/17

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 ¹³ But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord (Jesus), because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

1 Corinthians
12:4-6

Anow there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

TRINITARIAN SCRIPTURES

2 Corinthians
13:14

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Galatians 3:11-14 ¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." ¹² But the law is not of faith. rather "The one who does them shall live by them." ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us-for it is written, "Cursed

is everyone who is hanged on a tree"— 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Galatians 4:6

And because you are sons,
God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba!
Father!"

2 Corinthians 1:21
²¹ And it is God
who establishes us
with you in Christ,
and has anointed
us, ²² and who has
also put his seal
on us and given us
his Spirit in our
hearts as a
guarantee.

- ⁵ And while some were talking about the temple, that it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts, He said, ⁶ "As for these things which you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down."
- ⁷ They questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, when therefore will these things happen? And what *will be* the sign when these things are about to take place?"
 - I. Labor Pains (From Braxton hicks to active labor)
- 1. ⁸ And He said, "See to it that you are not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, 'I am *He*,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not go after them.
- 2. ⁹ When you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end *does* not *follow* immediately." ¹⁰ Then He continued by saying to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, ¹¹ and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.
- 3. ¹² "But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake. ¹³ It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; ¹⁵ for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute. ¹⁶ But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put *some* of you to death, ¹⁷ and you will be hated by all because of My name. ¹⁸ Yet not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives.

II. Active Labor (middle of Tribulation)

²⁰ "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. ²¹ Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city; ²² because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled. ²³ Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people; ²⁴ and they will fall by the

edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

III. Birth

²⁵ "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory. ²⁸ But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

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Joel 2:10-11

¹⁰ The earth quakes before them; the heavens tremble.

The sun and the moon are darkened. and the stars withdraw their shinina.

11 ... For the day of the LORD is great and very awesome:

who can endure it?

Daniel 12:11

And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1.290 days (3 ½ YEARS).

Zechariah 14:1-5 Behold, a day is coming for the LORD, when the spoil taken from you will be divided in your midst. ² For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken and the houses plundered and the women raped. Half of the city shall go out into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3 Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. 4On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward. 5 And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains... And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

Luke 9 ²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Luke 12 ³⁹ "But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect."

Luke 13:34-35 34 O [Jesus speaking] Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen *gathers* her brood under her wings, and you would not have (did not want) it! 35 Behold, your house is left to you desolate; and I say to you, you will not see Me until *the time* comes when you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!""

Luke 17 ²² And He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. ²³ They will say to you, 'Look there! Look here!' Do not go away, and do not run after them. ²⁴ For just like the lightning, when it flashes out of one part of the sky, shines to the other part of the sky, so will the Son of Man be in His day.²⁵ But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. . ²⁶ And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷ they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; 29 but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.

Luke 18 ⁸ I tell you that God will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"

Luke 19:41-44 41 When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. 43 For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, ⁴⁴ and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of vour visitation."

One final feature is important to note about the teaching on the end times. It is specific enough to keep us watching but general enough that we should never succumb to the tendency to predict exactly when Jesus will appear. God wants us to watch diligently, but such a watch does not mean he desires the church to figure out exactly when he will return. When the disciples posed such a specific question to Jesus in Acts 1:6, he answered by telling them to mind their own business and live out their calling faithfully in the power of the Spirit. It was not for them to know "the times or dates." We know he is coming back for us, and we should keep watching with anticipation. In the meantime, there is plenty of work for the church to do.

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