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“[F]or there broke out a prodigious storm in the night, with the utmost violence, and very strong winds, with the largest showers of rain, with continued lightnings, terrible thunderings, and amazing concussions and bellowings of the earth, that was in an earthquake....[A]nyone would guess that these wonders foreshowed some grand calamities that were coming.”

(From Josephus' *Wars of the Jews*, Book 4, Chapter 4, Paragraph 5)

“Evil omens occurred. A comet was seen, and the moon, contrary to precedent, appeared to suffer two eclipses, being obscured on the fourth and on the seventh day.”

(From Cassius Dio's *Roman History*, Chapter 64)

“The zealots also joined in the shouts...and the storm itself rendered the cry more terrible....[T]hey are naturally a most barbarous and bloody nation....Now there was at present neither any place for flight, nor any hope of preservation; but as they were driven one upon another in heaps, so were they slain....And now the outer temple was all of it overflowed with blood; and that day, as it came on, they saw eight thousand five hundred dead bodies there.”

(From Josephus' *Wars of the Jews*, Book 4, Chapter 5, Paragraph 1)

“[I]n the morning there fell a violent wind upon them...and there dashed their ships one against another, and dashed some of them against the rocks....[T]he shore was so rocky, and had so many of the enemy upon it, that they were afraid to come to land....And much lamentation there was when the ships were dashed against one another, and a terrible noise when they were broken to pieces....But some of them thought that to die by their own swords was lighter than by the sea,...”

“...and so they killed themselves before they were drowned; although the greatest part of them were carried by the waves, and dashed to pieces against the abrupt parts of the rocks, insomuch that the sea was bloody a long way, and the maritime parts were full of dead bodies; for the Romans came upon those that were carried to the shore, and destroyed them; and the number of the bodies that were thus thrown out of the sea was four thousand and two hundred.”

(From Josephus' Wars of the Jews, Book 3, Chapter 10, Paragraph 9)



“[T]he sedition at Jerusalem was revived, and parted into three factions, and that one faction fought against the other....[O]ne should not mistake if he called it a sedition begotten by another sedition, and to be like a wild beast grown mad, which for want of food from abroad, fell now upon eating its own flesh.”

(From Josephus' *Wars of the Jews*, Book 5, Chapter 1, Paragraphs 1 and 4)

“She then attempted a most unnatural thing; and snatching up her son, who was a child sucking at her breast, she said, ‘O thou miserable infant! For whom shall I preserve thee in this war, this famine, and this sedition? As to the war with the Romans, if they preserve our lives, we must be slaves. This famine also will destroy us, even before that slavery comes upon us. Yet are these seditious rogues more terrible than both the other. Come on; be thou my food.’”

(From Josephus' *Wars of the Jews*, Book 6, Chapter 3, Paragraph 4)

“They were everywhere slain and everywhere beaten. And as for a great part of the people, they were weak, and without arms, and had their throats cut wherever they were caught. Now round about the altar lay dead bodies, heaped one upon another; as at the steps going up to it, ran a great quantity of their blood: whither also the dead bodies that were slain above [on the altar] fell down....Caesar was no way able to restrain the enthusiastic fury of the soldiers.”

(From Josephus' *Wars of the Jews*, Book 6, Chapter 4, Paragraphs 6 and 7)

“Now as soon as the army had no more people to slay or to plunder, because there remained none to be the objects of their fury (for they would not have spared any, had there remained any other work to be done), [Titus] gave orders that they should now demolish the entire city and temple....[I]t was so thoroughly laid even with the ground by those that dug it up to the foundation, that there was left nothing to make those that came thither believe it had ever been inhabited.”

(From Josephus' *Wars of the Jews*, Book 7, Chapter 1, Paragraph 1)

“But the rest of the apostles, who were harassed in innumerable ways, with a view to destroy them, and driven from the land of Judea, had gone forth to preach the gospel to all nations, relying upon the aid of Christ, when he said, ‘Go ye, teach all nations in my name.’ The whole body, however, of the church at Jerusalem, having been commanded by a divine revelation, given to the men of approved piety there before the war,...

“...removed from the city, and dwelt at a certain town beyond the Jordan, called Pella. Here, those that believed in Christ, having removed from Jerusalem, as if the holy men had entirely abandoned the royal city itself, and the whole land of Judea. The divine justice, for their crimes against Christ and his apostles, finally overtook them, totally destroying the whole generation of these evildoers from the earth.”

(From Eusebius' *Church History*, Chapter 5)





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Luke 21:5-36 (ESV): “And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, 6 ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.’ 7 And they asked him, ‘Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?’ ...”

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“...8 And he said, ‘See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, “I am he!” and, “The time is at hand!” Do not go after them. 9 And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.’ 10 Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom....”

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“...11 There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. 12 But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. 13 This will be your opportunity to bear witness....”

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“...14 Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, 15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. 16 You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. 17 You will be hated by all for my name’s sake....”

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“...19 By your endurance you will gain your lives. 20 But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. 21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, 22 for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written...”

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“...23 Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. 24 They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled....”

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“...25 And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, 26 people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory....”

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“...28 Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ 29 And he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. 30 As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near....”

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“...31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 34 But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life,...”

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“...and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap
35 For it will come upon all who dwell on the face
of the whole earth. 36 But stay awake at all times,
praying that you may have strength to escape all
these things that are going to take place, and to
stand before the Son of Man.”

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**Matthew 23:13 (ESV): “Woe to you,
scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For
you shut the kingdom of heaven in
people’s faces. For you neither enter
yourselves nor allow those who would
enter to go in.”**

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Matthew 23:34-38 (ESV): “I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, 35 so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar....”

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“...36 Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation. 37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 38 See, your house is left to you desolate.”

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Main Point

**James 4:13-16 (ESV): “Come now, you who say,
‘Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a
town and spend a year there and trade and make a
profit’ – 14 yet you do not know what tomorrow
will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist
that appears for a little time and then vanishes. 15
Instead you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we will
live and do this or that.’
16 As it is, you boast in
your arrogance.”**

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2 Timothy 2:23 (ESV): “Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels.”

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Application

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 (ESV): “For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

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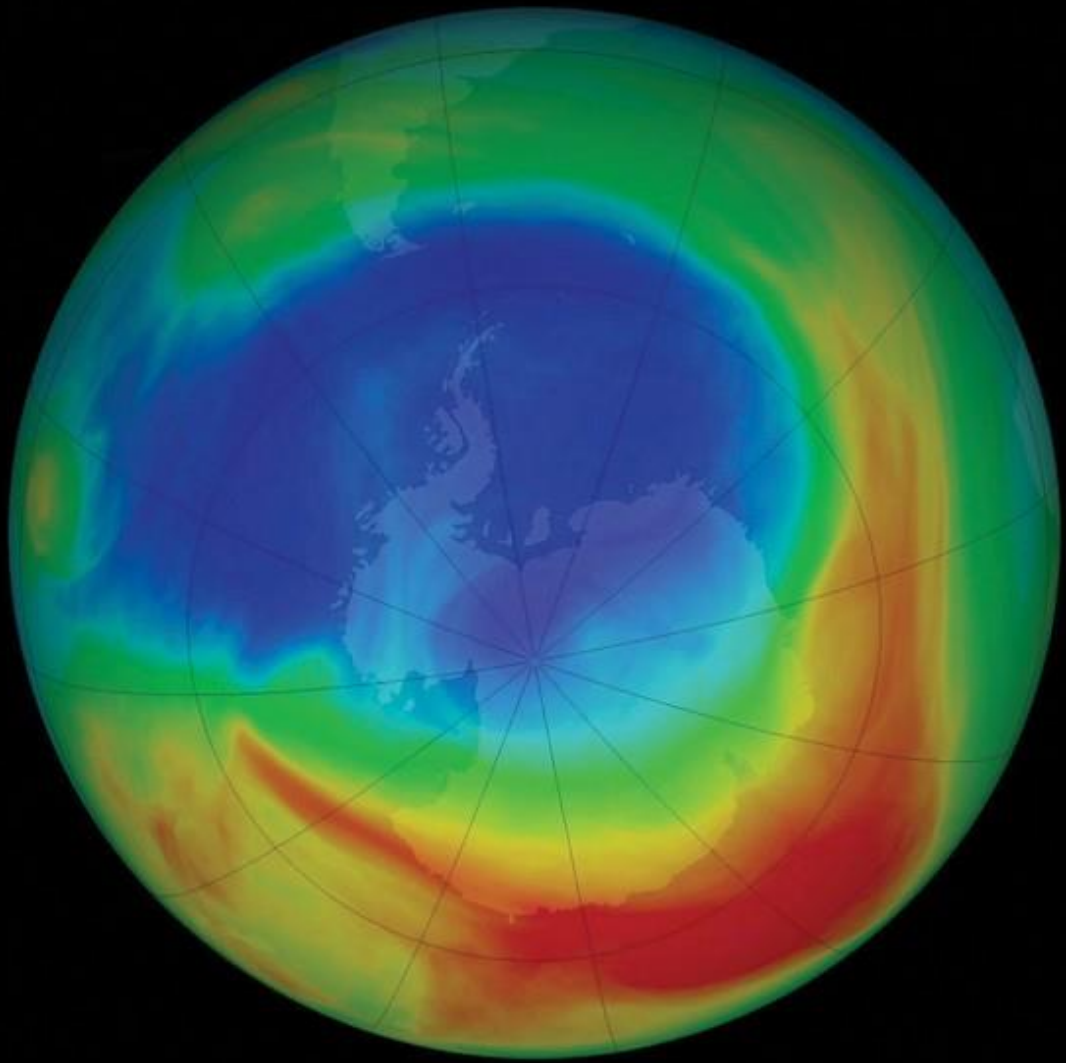
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2 Peter 3:9 (ESV): “The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”

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**Hebrews 13:8 (ESV): “Jesus Christ is the
same yesterday and today and forever.”**

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