

This Will Be Your Opportunity

Luke 21:13

Introduction and context: Jesus is discussing the destruction of Jerusalem (Matthew 24/Mark). We know this because it was about temple, v. 5-6, told to run to mountains, v. 21, will happen in that generation, v. 32

In the midst of this great disaster, there will be an opportunity for God's people to shine.

I. What to Do During Disaster

A. Watch out that you are not deceived, 21:8

FBI counterfeit experts study the true to find the fake

Example of Adam and Eve

1. Satan disputes God's Word, 3:1 Did God really say...
2. Satan denies God's Word, 3:4 you will not surely die
3. Satan displaces God's word 3:5 you will be like God

Jesus says do not be deceived: be rooted in the word

B. Do not be dismayed, Luke 21:9 (wars and commotions)

What can man do to me? Heb. 13:6

Not fear losing life but soul, Mt 10:28

Fear not commanded 366 times in the Bible,

Of Jesus' 125 imperatives 21 do not be afraid

But we tend to place our hope in things and

circumstances rather than God's word

C. Do not be distracted, Luke 21:10-13

My purpose: opportunity for testimony

Example of Joseph, Gen 50:20

Example of Ruth, God saves through Naomi's pain

Example of Esther, 4:14

Example of Daniel, 6:27 God works signs & wonders

Example of Apostles

1 Pet. 2:21, 1 Thes 1:6, Acts 14:22

Example of saints today