

## The Red-Letter Words of Yeshua ~ Part 143

### Passion Week ~ Tuesday (continued)

In our last post, we examined the final days of **Yeshua's** life and ministry. In this post, we walk with **Yeshua** as He returns to **Yerushalayim** for the final time. Yes, we are still on Tuesday, BUT...

### Discourse on Future Events ~ Part 1

So far, on Tuesday, **Yeshua** has been at the **Temple** teaching and condemning the **Torah teachers** and **P'rushim**. At the conclusion, He and His **talmidim** make their way out of the **Temple**. When one of His **talmid** comments on the beauty of the **Temple** and its stones, **Yeshua** makes a cryptic comment that there will come a time when the **Temple** will be destroyed. **Yeshua** and His **talmidim** then go to the **Mount of Olives**, just east outside of the city walls. **Kefa, Andrew, Ya'akov,** and **Yochanan** come to **Yeshua** privately, wanting to know more about the **Temple's** destruction.

### Temple to Be Destroyed

*<sup>1</sup> As Yeshua came out of the Temple, one of the talmidim said to Him, "Look, Rabbi! What huge stones! What magnificent buildings!" <sup>2</sup> "You see all these great buildings?" Yeshua said to him, "They will be totally destroyed - not a single stone will be left standing!"*

*What huge stones! What magnificent buildings!* The **First Temple**, built by **King Solomon** and destroyed by the **Babylonians** in 586 BCE, was a building of great magnificence (1 Kings 6–7). The **Second Temple**, built under **Z'rubavel** in 516 B.C.E., could not compare with it (Haggai 2:3). **King Herod the Great** undertook its renovation to ingratiate himself with the Jewish people and expansion. According to **Yochanan** 2:20, it took 46 years, but it was successful, and the remodeled **Second Temple** dominated all of **Yerushalayim**. A scale model of first-century **Yerushalayim** on display at the Holyland Hotel in West **Yerushalayim** impressively demonstrates the majesty of the Temple **Yeshua's** talmidim saw.

*Not a single stone will be left standing!* This prophecy was fulfilled literally in 70 CE when Rome overwhelmed the **First Jewish Rebellion** by capturing **Yerushalayim** and sacking the Temple. Excavations made after the **Six-Day War** revealed enormous stones from the **Western Wall of the Temple Court** (of which the still-standing "**Wailing Wall**" is part) lying helter-skelter, not one left on another.

### Talmidim Ask Questions

*<sup>3</sup> As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the Temple, Kefa, Ya'akov, Yochanan, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what sign will show when all these things are about to be accomplished?" <sup>1</sup>*

Yeshua's response is lengthy, so we must wait until the next post to find out what He said.

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<sup>1</sup> Mark 13:1–4.