

Title: The King's Forecast
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Luke 21

1. **Expect** _____ (vv.10-11)

10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. **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. **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. **18** But not a hair of your head will perish. **19** By your endurance you will gain your lives.

2. **Expect** _____ (vv.12, 16-17)

3. **Resolve** _____ (vv.13-15, 18-19)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read **Luke 21:17**. What are some of the ways our current generation shows its contempt for Christians who uphold and present the message and precepts of Christ?
2. Read **Luke 6:22-23**. How would you answer someone who says this response isn't possible? How can the specific perspective provided in v.23 help your disposition when you encounter the realities of v.22?
3. Read **2 Timothy 3:12-13**. What are some of the possible diagnoses for the absence of any opposition in the life of someone who claims to follow Christ?
4. Read **1 Peter 1:6-7** and **Mark 4:16-17**. Why is one's response to persecution for being associated with Christ such an important thing?
5. Read **2 Timothy 4:14-18**. What encouragement do you derive from this testimony of the Apostle Paul? What do you think made him so gracious and optimistic in the midst of such disappointing persecution?