

Chapter 21

He commendeth the poore widow for her two mites, aboute al. 5. Hauing said that the Temple shal be quite deftroied, 7. he foretelleth first many things that shal goe before, 20. then a signe also when it is neere, after which shal come the destruction it self in most horrible manner, without hope of restitution, vntil al Nations of the Gentils be gathered into his Church in the very end of the world. 25. And then what signes shal come of the laft day, terrible to the world, 28. but comfortable to vs of his Church, 34. so that we be alwaies watchful.

Mr. 12, 14.

And beholding, he saw them that did cast their gifts into the treasure, rich persons. ² And he saw also a certaine poore widow casting two braffe mites. ³ And he said: Verily I say to you, that this poore widow hath cast more then al. ⁴ For al these of their abundance haue cast into the gifts of God: but she ^aof her penurie, hath cast in al her liuing that she had.

Mt. 24, 1.

Mar. 13, 1.

⁵ And certaine saying of the Temple that it was adorned with goodly stones and donaries, he said: ⁶ These things which you see, the daies wil come wherein ^athere shal not be left a stone vpon a stone that shal not be deftroied. ⁷ And they asked him, saying: Maister, when shal these things be: and what shal be the signe when they shal begin to come to passe? ⁸ Who said: See you be not seduced. For ^bmany wil come in my name, saying that I am he: and the time is at hand, goe not therefore after them. ⁹ And when you shal heare of warres and feditions, be not terrified: these things muft first come to passe, but the end is not yet by and by. ¹⁰ Then

^a This was fulfilled 40. yeares after the death of Chrif, the 19. of August, being the very moneth and day wherein the Babyioniã burnt it: from the first building thereof by Salomon 1130. yeares: from the re-edifying thereof vnder Cyrus 639. yeares. *Iofep. de bel. Iud. li. 7. cap. 10.*

^b Many false prophets & Heretikes. See *An. Mt. 24. Mar. 13.*

he said to them: Nation shall rise against Nation, and Kingdom against Kingdom. ¹¹ And there shall be great earth-quakes in places, and pestilences and famines, and terrors from Heaven, and there shall be great signs. ¹² But before all these things they will ^alay their hands upon you: and persecute you delivering you into Synagogues and prisons, drawing you to Kings and Presidents for my name. ¹³ And it shall happen unto you for testimony. ¹⁴ Lay up this therefore in your hearts, not to premeditate how you shall answer. ¹⁵ For I will give you mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to resist and gainesay. ¹⁶ And you shall be delivered up of your parents and brethren, and kinsmen and friends: and they will put to death of you. ¹⁷ And you shall be odious to all men for my name: ¹⁸ and a hair of your head shall not perish. ¹⁹ In your patience you shall possess your souls.

²⁰ And when you shall see Hierusalem compassed about with an armie, then know that the desolation thereof is at hand. ²¹ then they that are in Iewrie, let them flee to the mountaines: and they in the middes thereof, let them depart: and they in the countries, let them not enter into it. ²² For these are the daies of vengeance, that all things may be fulfilled that are written. ²³ But woe to them that are with child & that give sucke in those daies. For there shall be great affliction upon the land, and wrath on this people. ²⁴ And they shall fall by the edge of the sword; and shall be led captiue into all Nations: and Hierusalem shall be troden of the Gentils, til the times of Nations be fulfilled.

Eze. 32, 7.
Ioel. 3, 15.

²⁵ And there shall be signs in the sunne and the moone and the starres: and upon earth distress of Nations, for the confusion of the found of sea and waues, ²⁶ men withering for feare and expectation, what shall come upon the whole world. For the powers of Heaven shall be moued: ²⁷ and then they shall see the Sonne of man coming in a cloude with great power and maiestie. ²⁸ But when these things begin to come to passe, looke

^a Great persecution of Catholike men.

vp and lift vp your heades: becaufe your redemption is at hand. ²⁹ And he fpake to them a fimilitude. See the figtree and al trees: ³⁰ when they now bud forth fruit out of them felues, you know that fummer is nigh. ³¹ So you alfo when you fhall fee thefe things come to paffe, know that the Kingdom of God is nigh. ³² Amen I fay to you, that this Generation fhall not paffe, til al be done. ³³ Heauen and earth fhall paffe; but my wordes fhall not paffe.

³⁴ And looke wel to your felues, left perhaps your hartes be ouercharged with fuffetting and drunkenneffe and cares of this life: and that day come vpon you fodenly. ³⁵ For as a fnare fhall it come vpon al that fit vpon the face of al the earth. ³⁶ Watch therefore, praying at al times, that you may be accounted worthie to efcape al thefe things that are to come, and to ftand before the Sonne of man.

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θῆτε See *An-*
not. c. 20, 35.

³⁷ And the daies he was teaching in the Temple: but the nightes going forth, he abode in the ^a)mount that is called Oliuet. ³⁸ And al the people in the morning went vnto him in the Temple to heare him.

ANNOTATIONS

4 Of her penurie) To offer or giue almes of our fuperfluities, is not fo acceptable nor meritorious, as to beftow fome of that which is of our neceffarie prouifion and which we may hardly fpare from our felues: for, that proceedeth of greater zeale, wil, and intention, which be more refpected of God then the fubftance of the giuft.

^a Solitarineffe or eremitage (as S. Gregorie Nazian. faith) is a goodly thing: this doth the mount Garmel of Elias teach, Iohns defert, & that mount vnto which IESVS often retired, & was quietly alone with him felf. *Ser. 26. de amore pauperum.*