**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17 – XXXIII WEEK O.T. [C]**

**As he drew near, he saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If this day you only knew what makes for peace - but now it is hidden from your eyes.**

**Jesus is the Word of God who fulfil all the other words uttered by the Lord until the present. One must adhere to this Word. One must convert himself to this Word. One must believe in this Word. Since Jerusalem has not believes in the Word of the Lord given by Christ Jesus to it, since it is stubborn in its incredulity, today Christ Jesus says that the Word said by God for it will be fulfilled and it will be fulfilled because of its incredibility and of its stubbornness in the non-faith. Here is what the Book of Deuteronomy proclaims: "The LORD will raise up against you a nation from afar, from the end of the earth, that swoops down like an eagle, a nation whose tongue you do not understand, a nation of stern visage, that shows neither respect for the aged nor pity for the young. They will consume the offspring of your livestock and the produce of your soil, until you are destroyed; they will leave you no grain or wine or oil, no issue of your herds or young of your flocks, until they have brought about your ruin. They will besiege you in each of your communities, until the great, unscalable walls you trust in come tumbling down all over your land. They will so besiege you in every community throughout the land which the LORD, your God, has given you, that in the distress of the siege to which your enemy subjects you, you will eat the fruit of your womb, the flesh of your own sons and daughters whom the LORD, your God, has given you. The most refined and fastidious man among you will begrudge his brother and his beloved wife and his surviving children, any share in the flesh of his children that he himself is using for food when nothing else is left him in the straits of the siege to which your enemy will subject you in all your communities. The most refined and delicate woman among you, so delicate and refined that she would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground, will begrudge her beloved husband and her son and daughter the afterbirth that issues from her womb and the infant she brings forth when she secretly uses them for food for want of anything else, in the straits of the siege to which your enemy will subject you in your communities.**

 **"If you are not careful to observe every word of the law which is written in this book, and to revere the glorious and awesome name of the LORD, your God, he will smite you and your descendants with severe and constant blows, malignant and lasting maladies. He will again afflict you with all the diseases of Egypt which you dread, and they will persist among you. Should there be any kind of sickness or calamity not mentioned in this book of the law, that too the LORD will bring upon you until you are destroyed. Of you who were numerous as the stars in the sky, only a few will be left, because you would not hearken to the voice of the LORD, your God. "Just as the LORD once took delight in making you grow and prosper, so will he now take delight in ruining and destroying you, and you will be plucked out of the land you are now entering to occupy. The LORD will scatter you among all the nations from one end of the earth to the other, and there you will serve strange gods of wood and stone, such as you and your fathers have not known. Among these nations you will find no repose, not a foot of ground to stand upon, for there the LORD will give you an anguished heart and wasted eyes and a dismayed spirit. You will live in constant suspense and stand in dread both day and night, never sure of your existence. In the morning you will say, 'Would that it were evening!' and in the evening you will say, 'Would that it were morning!' for the dread that your heart must feel and the sight that your eyes must see. The LORD will send you back in galleys to Egypt, to the region I told you that you were never to see again; and there you will offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but there will be no buyer." (Cf. Dt 28,1-69), This fulfilment is most pure grace, though. It is in view of the repentance and of the conversion. This fulfilment must lead to the faith that every Word of God is infallibly fulfilled, happens, is accomplished.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 19,41-44**

**As he drew near, he saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If this day you only knew what makes for peace - but now it is hidden from your eyes. For the days are coming upon you when your enemies will raise a palisade against you; they will encircle you and hem you in on all sides. They will smash you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another within you because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."**

**History always attests that the Word of God is fulfilled. No Word of the Lord is fallen into the void. If the Word of God is fulfilled in the visible, it will always be fulfilled in the invisible. Since it is fulfilled in the present, it will always be fulfilled in the future. Since Jerusalem has really been destroyed according to the Word of Jesus, the one who is wise and intelligent can make one only decision: being converted to the Word of Christ Jesus and accept Him as his only Redeemer and Saviour. Instead, if it is stubborn in his non-faith, he attests to the world that his heart is hardened and this is why he is stubborn in his non-faith. However, history remains that attests him that everything in it is fruit of his non-faith. Even for us today history is attesting that we are living of non-faith. It is saying to us, too, that our conversion is urged. May the Mother of God make our heart of flesh so that we may listen to the Word and be converted to it.**