

Luke 17:20-37 **Coming Kingdom of God**

Pharisees Question

20 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come,

Kingdom of God is Within You

He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; 21 nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

False Christs

22 Then He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. 23 And they will say to you, 'Look here!' or 'Look there!' Do not go after them or follow them.

Coming like Lightning

24 For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day.

Jesus must die first

25 But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

Like Days of Noah

26 And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

Like Days of Lot

28 Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

Great Tribulation

30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. 31 In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back.

Choice between Life and Death – Antichrist and Mark of the Beast

32 Remember Lot's wife. 33 Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

Rapture – One Taken the Other Left

34 I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. 35 Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. 36 Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left."

Battle of Armageddon

37 And they answered and said to Him, "Where, Lord?" So He said to them, "Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Pharisees Question

- ✚ The Pharisees asked when the Kingdom of God would come. [Luke 17:20]
- ✧ They were expecting the King to arrive to set up his kingdom and reign forever. [1 Chronicles 29:10-11, Psalm 45, Daniel 2:44, 6:26, 7:26-27]
- ✧ Jesus and John the Baptist has both said, "The Kingdom of God is at hand." [Matthew 3:2, 4:17, Mark 1:14]
- ✧ All of the ministry of Jesus was focused on the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven.

Kingdom of God is Within (Among) You

- ✚ Jesus said, ""The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you." [Luke 17:20-21]
- ✧ When Jesus said the Kingdom of God is **within** you. The Greek word being translated is from the root word "en" which is usually translated **among**.
- ✧ So the concept of the Kingdom of God being within the multitude in which the Pharisees were a part would be a reference to the believers in the group who were within the masses present.
- ✧ All the teachings of Jesus regarding the Kingdom of God were in relation to the ones who will make up the Kingdom when it arrives, and so the statement is accurate. The believers who will make up the Kingdom of God were indeed within the multitude present.

False Christs

- ✚ As in the other teachings regarding the coming of the Kingdom of God, Jesus warned of the deception of the false christs who were to come as the time is approaching. [Luke 17:22]
- ✧ It will come when believers longingly desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but He will not be here for them to see.
- ✧ This time will be the entire time from the ascension of Jesus until He returns with the armies of Heaven at the Battle of Armageddon to destroy all evil and set up His Kingdom here on earth where He will reign for a thousand years of perfect government and peace.
- ✧ Until that time, deceivers will come and say, 'Look here!' or 'Look there!' [Luke 17:23, Matthew 24:23-26, Mark 13:21-23]
- ✧ I have heard that being said many times in my own life time, He was supposed to be coming out of Europe, Africa, Spain, Korea, and many other places. From the desert, from some great building or city, etc, ready to show Himself to the world.
- ✧ Jesus said, "Do not go after them or follow them." [Luke 17:23, Matthew 24:23, Mark 13:21]

Coming like Lightning

- ✚ For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day. [Luke 17:24, Matthew 24:27]
- ✧ The coming of Jesus to set up the Kingdom of God will be obvious to all, so don't be deceived by false rumors of His coming or promise of Him being brought out of hiding.

Jesus must die first

- ✚ But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. [Luke 17:25]
- ✧ Before Jesus can come back to set up the Kingdom, He first had to suffer and die on the cross, be buried, raised, and ascend to Heaven, all of which He did as that generation rejected Him.

Like Days of Noah

- ✚ And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: [Luke 17:26, Matthew 24:37]
- ✧ It was normal living for everyone of that generation until the flood came and caught them by surprise.

- ✧ They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. [Luke 17:27, Matthew 24:38-39]

Like Days of Lot

- ✧ Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. [Luke 17:28-29]
- ✧ Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. [Luke 17:30]

Great Tribulation

- ✧ In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. [Luke 17:31, Matthew 24:15-22, Mark 13:14-22, Luke 21:21-23]

Choice between Life and Death – Antichrist and Mark of the Beast

- ✧ Remember Lot's wife. [Luke 17:32, Genesis 19:1-26]
 - ✧ Lot's wife became an example of one who looks back longing to hang on to the things she had in Sodom, and it cost her life.
- ✧ Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. [Luke 17:33, Matthew 16:24-27, Mark 8:34-38, Luke 9:23-26, Revelation 13:11-17, 14:9-11]

Rapture – One Taken the Other Left

- ✧ I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left." [Luke 17:34-36, Matthew 24:31, 40-41]

Battle of Armageddon

- ✧ And they answered and said to Him, "Where, Lord?" So He said to them, "Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together." [Luke 17:37, Matthew 24:28, Revelation 19:17-18]