

# **“Will the Kingdom Come?”**

**Luke 17:20-37**

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## **I. Introduction**

- A. In the Lord’s prayer, “thy kingdom come”
  - 1. But we ask, “Has the kingdom come?”
  - 2. Our text today in Luke 17:20-37 addresses this question
  - 3. “When the kingdom of God should come” (Luke 17:20)
  - 4. Jesus answers that the kingdom has both come and will come
  - 5. As Christians, we should be looking for Christ to come as King of Kings and set up His kingdom
    - a) “Looking for the blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13)
- B. Make the distinction between the Second Coming of Christ and the Rapture of the Church, the Bride of Christ
  - 1. In our text, we are dealing with the Second Coming, not the Rapture of the Church
  - 2. (Matthew 24-25)
  - 3. (Mark 13)
  - 4. (Luke 17 & 21)
  - 5. Luke 17- “Forgiveness, faithfulness, thankfulness”
  - 6. Now- “preparedness” (vv. 20-37)

## **II. The Kingdom Has Come (Luke 17:20-21)**

- A. The Kingdom question (v. 20a)
- B. The Kingdom explained (vv. 20-21)
  - 1. The kingdom is not in us; we are in the kingdom
  - 2. It’s now for Christians
  - 3. Jesus is the King!
    - a) Are you living in His Kingdom? (Romans 14:17)

## **III. The Kingdom Will Come (Luke 17:22-37)**

- A. Believers will long for His return (v. 22)
- B. Four reasons Christ’s Second Coming is important
  - 1. It’s promised in the Bible (Old and New Testaments)
    - a) Over 300 fulfillments in the Old Testament of His first coming
    - b) More than 200 yet to be fulfilled at His return
  - 2. God’s covenant with David
    - a) (2 Samuel 7)
    - b) (1 Chronicles 17)
    - c) (2 Chronicles 6)
  - 3. Israel’s future salvation demands it
    - a) (Zechariah 12:10)
    - b) (Romans 11)

4. The destruction of Satan and the restoration of creation demand it
  - a) (Revelation 19-21)
  - b) We long for Christ's return
- C. Christ's coming will be visible and glorious (vv. 23-24)
  1. Not a secret or hidden coming
  2. "Behold He is coming with clouds and every eye will see him" (Zechariah 12:12)
  3. (Matthew 24)
  4. (Acts 1)
  5. (Revelation 1)
  6. (Revelation 19)
- D. Christ's coming will be delayed by rejection (v. 25)
  1. The cross—God's plan
- E. Christ's coming like the days of Noah (vv. 25-26)
  1. Key- unexpected judgment
- F. Christ's coming like the days of Lot (vv. 28-30)
- G. Christ's coming will bring unexpected judgement (vv. 31-37)
  1. God's people should not be attached to their material things
  2. Jesus is coming!

#### **IV. How Will it Unfold?**

- A. The Rapture of the Church
  1. (John 14)
  2. (1 Corinthians 15)
  3. (1 Thessalonians 4)
- B. The Anti-Christ
  1. (Revelation 6)
  2. (Revelation 13)
- C. The 7 years of tribulation
  1. (Matthew 24:21-22)
- D. The Battle of Armageddon
  1. (Revelation 16:16)
- E. The Second Coming of Christ
  1. (Revelation 19:11-16)
- F. The Kingdom Age—1000 years
  1. (Revelation 20)
- G. The Great White Throne Judgement
  1. (Revelation 20)
- H. The New Heaven and the New Earth
  1. (Revelation 21-22)
  2. There's a new world coming!