

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

## LUKE CHAPTER 17:31-37

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## IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD NEAR? – PART 2

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN, SAVIOR OF ALL MANKIND*

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### IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD NEAR?

That was the **question** the religious Pharisees were asking Jesus.  
It's the **question** every generation seems to ask itself...

### WAS (IS) THE KINGDOM OF GOD NEAR?

you cannot ask that question without stepping right onto holy  
ground - the ground of **biblical prophecy**

### 27% of the Bible deals with Future Events

and **82%** of that **27%** has Been Fulfilled and **What Remains** to be Fulfilled  
are events that are within what is called "The Great Tribulation Period"

### The Disciples Themselves Will Later Ask Jesus

Questions about His Return and the End of the World

#### Matthew 24:3

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, **(1)**  
"tell us, **when** will these things be? And **(2) what** will be the sign of Your coming, and  
**(3)** of the **(how)** end of the age (world)?"

## That Reminds Me of The Story

*about the little boy who asked his father if he knew “why grass is the color green” the dad said, “no son I don’t know why.” then his son asked him “daddy, why is the moon round like it is?” and again his father answered, “I don’t know why.” well then daddy, how does a bird fly like it does? Son, I don’t know.” just then the boy said, I’m not going to ask any more questions daddy. and when the father heard his son say that, that father said “Son, never stop asking questions - that’s how you learn things, is by asking questions...*

## IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD NEAR?

### 1.) It’s the Kingdom in conflict vs .20-21

Now when He was asked by the **Pharisees** when the kingdom of God would come, 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.**”

#### 1a.) God’s Kingdom is of a spiritual realm

#### 1b.) God’s Kingdom is of a personal nature

#### 1c.) God’s Kingdom is not of this world

### 2.) It’s the Kingdom that’s Coming vs. 22-25

:22 Then He said to the **Disciples**, “The days (time(s) or years) 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. :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** :25 **But first** He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

#### 2a.) It’s a Kingdom longed for

#### 2b.) It’s a Kingdom that will be obvious

#### 2c.) It’s a Kingdom that must be purchased

### 3.) It’s the Kingdom of God vs. 26-30

:26 And as it was in the day(s) 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. :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. :30 Even so will it be **in the day when** the Son of Man is revealed.

**3a.) It's a Kingdom of righteousness**

**3b.) It's a Kingdom of holiness**

**3c.) It's a Kingdom of light**

## Part 2 *IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD NEAR?*

### Luke 17:30-37

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

**Remember This from Last Time Class**  
the "Context & Chronology" Matters in Understanding  
the Future in Light of Bible Prophecy"

the "Context" was established in verse 20 by a Question

### Verse 20

Now when He was asked by the **Pharisees** when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with **observation**.  
**Jesus is Saying, "your question has a broader answer than you think" (1) it must first arrive in the heart of a man. (2) it will then come to the entire world.**

Bible Prophecy “Confirms” to Us our Relationship & Direction with the Lord and this World.

## IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD NEAR? JESUS SAYS “YES” AND I AGREE

### 4.) He comes in the days of the nation of Israel vs.30-33

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### Way Back in the Book of Ezekiel Chapters 36-39

The Lord had said that He would re-gather the Jewish people from all over the world back into the land of Israel. He said that He would gather them even though they would not believe in Him. that He would cause their land to flourish and to be productive, so much so that Israel would become an envy of the middle east... (*Deuteronomy 4 gives an overview of Israel’s existence from start to finish*)

## THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER ISRAEL HAS BECOME A NATION AGAIN

### 4a.) The world is falling right into place vs. 30

Even so will it be **in the day when** the Son of Man is revealed.

**The Bible is Unlike Any other Book in Human History.**  
*telling mankind of future events*

## You and I are Living in Amazing Days

### Luke 21:26-31 In Those Days...

men’s hearts failing them from fear because of the expectation of those things which are coming upon the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. :27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. :28 (a parenthetical insert) *Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your*

*heads, because your redemption draws near.” :29 Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. :30 When they are already budding, you **see** and **know** for yourselves that **summer is now near.** :31 So you also, when you **see** these things happening, **know** that **the kingdom of God is nearby.***

the world would first have to see  
*the gospel of Christianity spread throughout the world.*

the world would first have to see  
*a global advent of cults and false religions since Jesus Christ.*

the world would first have to see  
*a global economic system of trade and commerce established*

the world would first have to see  
*increasing world wars as well as the threats of war*

the world would first have to see  
*Jerusalem, Israel as the most troublesome city in the world.*

the world would first have to see  
*violent racial division increasing around the globe*

the world would first have to see  
*a post-Christian influence and evitable rejection of Christianity*

**but by far the most important indicator of all is that  
the world would first have to see  
the physical re-gathering of the nation of Israel  
before the “end of days” could take place.**

**THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST WILL TAKE PLACE  
AFTER ISRAEL HAS BECOME A NATION AGAIN**

**4b.) Israel would become the focus of attention vs. 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...**

### Isaiah 11:11-12

It shall come to pass in that day *That* the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea. :12 He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

### Zechariah 12:2-3

“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. :3 And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

## It's Awesome to Me

that as you and I sit here, every major capital of every major nation on the face of the globe must consider what it does in relationship to Israeli politics. will it support or reject Israel's concerns or issues.

America is at the greatest crossroads of its existence.

will America continue to support Israel under the leadership of President Barak "Hussein" Obama?

## What Should America's Foreign Policy Be?

### Genesis 12:1

Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family and from your father's house, **To a land that I will show you.** :2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. :3 **I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you.**

### Verse 32

#### **Remember Lot's wife.**

Why? - why would I want to remember Lot's wife?

Mrs. Lot is given as an example here to all who read this scripture.

### Genesis 19:25-26

So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. :26 But his wife **looked back** behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

looked back **fAbîn** *nabat, naw-bat'*;

to look with deep regard. to take in or to look at with pleasure, to favor, to long for.

## of all that Jesus warned about in verses 26 to 30

mrs. Lot was of that mindset. her heart was in Sodom. she loved that city and the things of that city more than anything else!

### Luke 17:26-30

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. **: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. **:30** Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

This was her Heart and Life – “Things”  
the things of this world mattered more to her

### 1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **:16** For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. **:17** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

## In a Word – “Priorities”

how much of you does God have? how much of God do you have?

### Jeremiah 29:12

Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. **:13** And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart.

## THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER ISRAEL HAS BECOME A NATION AGAIN

**4c.) Every man will be responsible for their own decision**

Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it,  
and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

## What Are You Living For?

**Joshua 24:15**

...**choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve**, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. **But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**"

## IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD NEAR?

**JESUS SAYS "YES" AND I AGREE**

### **5.) He comes in the days of the great tribulation vs.34-36**

**The Bible Says That the Lord Has Reserved a Specific Period of Time** in the future that is set apart for (#1) the world and (#2) The people and nation of Israel

### **Way Back in Daniel Chapter 9**

The Lord had said that He would not Establish His Kingdom on Earth Until there was a special 7 year-long period of time where He would (#1) Judge the world and (#2) defend the Jewish people and Israel.

### **5a.) He will gather all tribulation survivors to Him vs. 34**

**I tell you, there will be two men in one bed: (night)**  
the one will be taken and the other will be left.

**Some Have Mistaken This for The Rapture.**  
**it couldn't be any more opposite than the rapture.**

This is the **Coming Judgment** of God  
by The King of Kings and The Lord of Lords Jesus Christ

**Revelation 19:15-16**

Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. **:16** And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written:

**KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

**THE TRIBULATION PERIOD ENDS  
WITH THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST TO JERUSALEM**

**5b.) He will separate tribulation believers & unbelievers**

**I tell you;** *two women* will be **grinding together:**  
the one will be taken and the other left. **(morning)**

**Matthew 25:31-34,45-46**

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on **the throne of His glory**. (*The throne of David*) **:32** All the nations (*peoples*) will be gathered before Him, and He will **separate them** one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. **:33** And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. **:34** Then the King will say to those on His right hand, “Come, you blessed of My Father, **inherit the kingdom** (*the millennial kingdom of Christ, upon the throne of David*) prepared for you from the foundation of the world... **:45** Then He will answer them, saying, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’ **:46** And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

**Joel 3:14**

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision!  
For the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision.

**THE TRIBULATION PERIOD ENDS  
WITH THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST TO JERUSALEM**

**5c.) He will establish His kingdom on earth vs. 36**

**I tell you;** *two men* will be in the field:  
the one will be taken and the other left.” **(morning)**

**Matthew 6:9-10**

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. **:10**  
**Your kingdom come.** Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven.

We're to be asking the Lord to establish His kingdom.  
“Come Prince of Peace”

### Isaiah 9:6-7

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. :7 Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, **Upon the throne of David** and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

**Did You Notice** the Detail That God Gives Us?  
Why The **Nighttime**, **Evening** Time, **Day** Time?

### The Second Coming & The 24hr Globe Itself

#### Zechariah 14:5-7

And you (Israel) shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: (*yes you shall flee, like when you fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah:*) and the LORD my God shall come, and **all the saints** with Him. :6 And it shall come to pass **in that day**, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: :7 ***But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.***

## IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD NEAR ?

JESUS SAYS "YES" AND I AGREE

### 6.) He comes in the days of the judgment of God v.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."

From the Old Testament all the way through  
to the end of the New Testament

*the Bible warns about a time that would come upon the earth unlike any other!*

#### Matthew 24:21-22

For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. :22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved.

## 6a.) Jesus Christ returns to punish the evil

vs. 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.”

And “they” answered and said to Him,

**“WHERE, LORD?”**

“Where?” is the question asked of those Present.

## TO WHOM DOES THE WORD “WHERE” APPLY?

Isaiah 26:21

Behold, the LORD is coming out of his dwelling place  
to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their sins.

### Verse 37

“Wherever the **body** is, there the **eagles** will be gathered.”

**The word Jesus used here for “body” is Powerful.**

sw◇ma soma, so´-mah; a corpse, the dead, a lifeless body

**The word Jesus used here for “eagles” is Powerful.**

ajeto/β aetos, ah-et-os´; griffin, vulture, an unclean scavenger

## Now Look Again Carefully @ Verses 34–36

I tell you, **in that night** there will be two in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. :35 Two will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left.

:36 Two will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left.”

**“WHEREVER THEY ARE TAKEN  
IT’S A PLACE OF TERRIBLE JUDGMENT**

**Ezekiel 39:17**

thus says the Lord GOD, "Speak to **every sort of bird** and to every beast of the field: 'Assemble yourselves and come; Gather from all sides to **My sacrificial meal** Which I am sacrificing for you, A great sacrificial meal on the mountains of Israel,

**Isaiah 34:1-3**

Come near, your nations, to hear; And heed, you people! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, the world and all things that come forth from it. **:2** For the indignation (wrath) of the LORD *is* against all nations, And *His* fury against all their armies; He has destroyed them, (end of Armageddon) He has given them over to the slaughter. **:3** Also their slain shall be thrown out. Their stench shall rise from their corpses...

**In the last half of the great tribulation,**

during the heat of that battle in the Valley of Megiddo (Armageddon), An Angel will begin to Summon all Flesh Eating Birds..

**Revelation 19:17-19**

Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to **all the birds that fly in the midst of air/heaven**, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, **:18 that you may eat the flesh of kings**, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great." **:19** And I saw **the beast**, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

**THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST  
WILL BRING THE JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS**

**6b.) Jesus Christ returns to judge the nations vs. 37**

**Psalm 9:7-8**

But the LORD shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment. **:8** He shall judge the world in righteousness,  
And He shall administer judgment for the nations in righteousness.

**Revelation 19:15**

Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should **strike the nations.**

**Psalm 96:12-13**

Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD. :13 For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the nations with His truth.

**Psalm 97:1**

The LORD reigns: Let the earth rejoice.

**6c.) Jesus Christ returns to rule the world vs. 37**

**Jesus Christ Must Return to Earth.**

It's Part of The Christmas Story

**The Angel Said // Luke 1:31-33**

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a **Son** and shall call His name **JESUS**. :32 He will be **great** and will be called the **Son of the Highest**; and the Lord God will give Him **the throne of His father David**. :33 And He will **reign over the house of Jacob forever**, and of His kingdom **there will be no end.**"

**Revelation 19:15b**

...And He Himself will rule the nations with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

**what question should you ask?**

*"Why Should I Care?"*

**that's right, why should you care?**

*End of Study*