

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

## LUKE CHAPTER 17:20-30

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### IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD NEAR? – PART 1

*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?

Luke 17:20-30

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### FROM THE PHARISEES PERSPECTIVE;

They were looking for the reestablishment of the glory days...

## **FROM THE JEWS PERSPECTIVE;**

They wanted to see the occupation of the Roman empire  
lifted...

## **FROM THE PEOPLE'S PERSPECTIVE;**

They wanted to know peace, freedom, justice and love...

### **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"

#### **Amos 3:7**

Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals  
His secret to His servants the prophets.

#### **John 13:19**

Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass,  
you may believe that I am (*The Ego Emi*)

## **God's Promises are Prophetic Promises**

And That's Why Bible Prophecy Comforts Us and That's Why  
The Christian Isn't Fearful About Coming....

### **Rather, Only the Follower of Jesus Christ**

can rejoice that Only The One True Living God, The God of The Bible  
Can Tell Us The Future in Advance.

**Buddha Couldn't Predict the Future, So He Didn't**  
**Mohammed Couldn't Predict the Future, So He Didn't**

#### **Isaiah 46:9-10**

And do not forget the things I have done throughout history. For I am God—I alone! I  
am God, and there is no one else like me. :10 Only I can tell you what is going to  
happen even before it happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I  
wish.

## Remember Now Class

### Context & Chronology Matters in Understanding the Future in Light of Bible Prophecy

## IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD NEAR?

I SAY YES, AND HERE'S A REASON WHY

**1.) It's the Kingdom in conflict**

**v.20-21**

**1a.) God's Kingdom is of a spiritual realm**

**v.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**;

### First Off - God is Spirit

**John 4:24**

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

in the Old Testament, king David desired to bless the God of heaven by building Him a house on earth.

### "I Wanna Build God a House"

**1 Chronicles 17:4-6**

"Go and tell My servant David, "Thus says the LORD: 'You shall not build Me a house to dwell in. :5 For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought up Israel, even to this day, but have gone from tent to tent, and from *one* tabernacle *to another*. :6 Wherever I have moved about with all Israel, have I ever spoken a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people, saying, "Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?"'"

## IT'S THE KINGDOM IN CONFLICT

**...And It's on a Collision Course with This "Fallen World"**

**2 Corinthians 4:3-4**

For if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, :4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

# KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT

there's an **antichrist attitude** or spirit that originates from Satan himself.

## 1 John 4:1-3

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. :2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: :3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that **spirit of antichrist**, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now is already in (advancing) the world.

### **why do husbands leave wives and wives husbands?**

There's an "Antichrist Spirit" advancing the Cause of Evil.

### **why do teenagers go insane between 13 and 18?**

There's an "Antichrist Spirit" advancing the Cause of Evil.

### **Why do cults arise to deceive people and control them?**

There's an "Antichrist Spirit" advancing the Cause of Evil.

### **why can't people see right and wrong or do wicked things?**

There's an "Antichrist Spirit" advancing the Cause of Evil.

### **Why are Governments so Corrupt and Self-Centered?**

There's an "Antichrist Spirit" advancing the Cause of Evil.

what examples or indicators can we see?

## IT'S THE KINGDOM IN CONFLICT

### **1b.) God's Kingdom is of a personal nature v.21**

nor will they say, "See here!" or "See there!" For **indeed**,  
the kingdom of God **is within you.**"

There's a Debate over what Jesus meant here;

is Jesus saying that the kingdom is already inside of people?  
even the hardened, unbelieving Pharisees? – (no)

or does He mean as most understand, that while Jesus stood before, the kingdom of  
God was near them, within reach.? – (yes)

## That Seems to be The Most Consistent with Scripture.

that explains how the Pharisees by not believing in Jesus were committing blasphemy of the Holy Spirit in His Presence.

### Regarding Unbelief - Luke 10:11

“The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that **the kingdom of God has come near you.**’

The Lord had Promised This Personal Experience,  
This Relationship Way Back in the Old  
Testament...

### Ezekiel 36:26-27

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. :27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

### John 20:21-22

So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” :22 And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

### 1 Corinthians 3:16

Do you not know that you are the temple of God  
and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

### 1 Peter 2:5

you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

### John 14:16-18

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever - - :17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. :18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

## IT’S THE KINGDOM IN CONFLICT

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

what examples or indicators can we see?

## IT'S THE KINGDOM IN CONFLICT

### 1c.) God's Kingdom is not of this world v.20-21

... "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.**"

#### John 8:23c

...I am not of this world.

Upon Jesus' Arrest, Pontius Pilate Asked Jesus, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

#### John 18:36

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

#### John 17:13-16

But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. :14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. :15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. :16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

what examples or indicators can we see?

## IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD NEAR?

I SAY YES, AND HERE'S ANOTHER REASON WHY

### 2.) It's the Kingdom that's Coming v.22-25

### 2a.) It's a Kingdom longed for v.22-23

: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**.

Hey Christians, “There will be coming days upon the earth, that when they come, you will **desire to see Me very much!!!**”

Wanna Know What the Last Prayer Recorded in The Bible Is?

**Revelation 22:20**

He who testifies to these things says, “**Surely I am coming quickly.**”  
Amen. **Even so, come, Lord Jesus!**

what examples or indicators can we see?

**Luke 21:28**

Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

**IT’S THE KINGDOM THAT’S COMING**

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

**Revelation 1:7**

Behold, He is coming with clouds, **and every eye will see Him**, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him.

**Matthew 24:29-30**

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. **:30** Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

what examples or indicators can we see?

**IT’S THE KINGDOM THAT’S COMING**

**2c.) It’s a Kingdom that must be purchased v.25**

**But first** He must **suffer** many things  
and be **rejected** by this generation. (a very global in nature statement)

**it begins with the rejection of Israel's Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth.**

**it continues with the rejection of the World's Messiah  
Jesus Christ in this World as Savior.**

But the "Context" is Nation in Nature (Israel)

**John 1:10-12**

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. **:11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. :12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

**Acts 20:28**

The Apostle Paul spoke to the church leaders at Ephesus and said; "That the church of God has been purchased with His own blood."

**Ephesians 1:14**

tells us that all those who trust in Christ Jesus have a guaranteed inheritance - - our redemption, being the purchased possessions of God...

what examples or indicators can we see?

**IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD NEAR ?**

**I SAY YES, AND HERE'S ANOTHER REASON WHY**

**3.) It's the Kingdom of God**

**v.26-30**

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

**v. 26-27**

**: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



**Take Note of This:**

there is nothing wrong with eating and drinking, getting a wife.  
what the danger here is - - **they were indifferent to eternity!**

**Genesis 6:5**

Then the LORD saw that the **wickedness** of man was great in the earth, and *that every intent* of the thoughts of his heart was only **evil continually**.

**Genesis 6:11-13**

The earth also was **corrupt** before God, and the earth was **filled with violence**.  
:12 So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was **corrupt**; for all flesh had **corrupted their way** on the earth. :13 And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is **filled with violence** through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

what examples or indicators can we see?

## When Jesus Christ Returns to Earth

and comes to Israel a Second Time, He will judge the world perfectly.

**Acts 17:31**

because He has appointed a day on which  
**He will judge the world in righteousness**

**Acts 2:19-20**

I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. :20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and **awesome** day of the LORD.

**Isaiah 13:13**

Therefore I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place, In the wrath of the LORD of hosts And **in the day** of His fierce anger.

righteousness means that what is right will be done.  
justice will be done, goodness will be done, what's correct will be done.

## IT'S THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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

v.28-29

: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.

#### Take Note of This:

there is nothing wrong with eating and drinking, getting a wife.  
what's the danger here is - - **they were indifferent to eternity!**

### Not Mentioned Here,

but looming in your minds is the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah

#### Genesis 19

records the account of Lot, Abraham's Nephew who lived in the City of Sodom.  
And God said **Because of It's Violence and Homosexuality, I will Judge it.**

#### Genesis 19:5

And the men of the city called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the two men who came to you this night? Bring them out to us that we may rape them."

we can equate the word holiness with the word purity or perfection

what examples or indicators can we see?

## IT'S THE KINGDOM OF GOD

### 3c.) It's a Kingdom of light v.30

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

#### 1 John 1:5

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**Revelation 20:11**

Then I saw Him who sat upon the Throne, from whose face the earth and the heavens fled away. And there was found no place for them.

**Don't Let Anyone Tell You What That Means  
– It's Beyond Human Grasp.**

**Revelation 19:11**

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and **in righteousness He judges and makes war. :12 His eyes were like a flame of fire**, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. **:13** He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

**It will be the day when God Intervenes  
in the affairs of men once again.**

**Revelation 19:15-16 In That Day...**

Then out of **His** mouth will go 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.

what examples or indicators can we see?

**Revelation 1:1**

The **Revelation** of Jesus Christ,

**ajpokalu/ptw apokalupto**, ap-ok-al-ooop'-to.

the unveiling, to make full disclosure, to uncover that which has been covered, to display before all eyes. - - the revelation!

**Well, O.K. Fine Pastor Jack.  
But What Am I Supposed to Do Now?**

*End of Study*