

The Gospel of Luke

a verse-by-verse study

Session 28

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CHAPTER 17

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11 And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

Luke 17:11-14

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

Luke 17:15-19

20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:
21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Luke 17:20-21

- The issue of the two thrones!
 - The Throne of David
 - The Throne of your heart

Kingdom of God

'Spiritual Realm' – 'Not by observation'
Church
Angelic Beings

~~Kingdom of Heaven~~
Kingdom **From** Heaven

'Physical realm'
'Kingdoms of men'
The Throne of David



Kingdom from Heaven

- Literal earthly sphere of the Kingdom of God
- Physical kingdom (the nations of the world)
- Limited in scope & time*
- Dominion over the earth
 - (Egypt / Assyria / Babylon / Medo-Persia / Greece / Rome / Revived Rome/Messiah)
- Ultimately centred in Jerusalem
- Political kingdom, with a king and subjects
- Destined to be ruled by Jesus Christ as King
- Spoken of throughout scripture
 - Psalm 2 / 96 / 99
 - Daniel Ch 2, Ch 7 / Isaiah Ch 60-66 / Zechariah 14
 - Revelation 20:1-6

Kingdom from Heaven

- Portrayed in 'twelves'
- 12 Tribes
- 12 Apostles
 - To reign over the 12 tribes
- 12 Kingdom parables
- 12 Kingdom mysteries
- 12,000 sealed
- Climax in the New Jerusalem with 12 gates and 12 foundations stones 12,000 furlongs on a side

Kingdom from Heaven

- What affect does understanding the reality of the Kingdom of Heaven have?
- It changes our perception of the world in which we live today
 - We recognise that God is working all things according to the pleasure of His will
 - It is God who rules in the kingdoms of men
 - It sees Israel viewed correctly as God's covenant-people
- It has a profound on our Attitude & Lifestyle
 - Ref: Luke 12:45-46 / 1 Tim 4:8 / 2 Peter 3:11

22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it.

23 And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them.

Luke 17:22-23

- ‘The Son of man here means “the Messiah,”’ - **Barns**
- The question was, ‘*when will the kingdom come?*’
- The answer: ‘*The kingdom you are looking for will not come soon. In fact:*’
 - *“Because of what will come upon this nation, there is coming a day when you will want to see the days of the Messiah’s deliverance and rule – but you will not see it”*
 - *Beware because deception will come first!*

24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.

25 But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.

Luke 17:24-25

- v24. When the Messiah comes it will be unmistakable!
- v25. Jesus intentionally declares Himself to be the Messiah!
 - The statement was that the Messiah was in their midst. ...and that He was (and would be) rejected by the Nation

26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

Luke 17:26-27

- The days of the coming kingdom will parallel the time of Noah
 - Life will be carrying on as normal – in rebellion and rejection of Theocracy
 - Suddenly God's judgment will come on this unbelieving world
 - Noah (symbolic of the righteous) was taken out of the way 7 days before God's judgment fell
 - At the time of Messiah's coming to reign, the righteous will have been taken out of the way for 7 years

28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

Luke 17:28

- The days of the coming kingdom will parallel the time of Lot
 - Life will be carrying on as normal – in rebellion and rejection of Theocracy
 - No mention of marriage!
 - Whatever name was given to the relationships in Sodom and Gomorrah, it was not seen by God as marriage!
 - Marriage only exists between one man and one woman
 - God is the one who has defined what marriage is
 - Marriage is uniquely special and is a model of Christ and His Bride

29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

Luke 17:29-30

- Once again, Lot was removed before the judgment fell!
- The Church will likewise be removed from this earth before the Tribulation begins.

Genesis 18

22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

Genesis 18:22-24

Genesis 18

25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

26 And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

Genesis 18:25-26

31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.

32 Remember Lot's wife.

33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

Luke 17:31-33

- This echoes Matthew 24's warning for the Jews to flee without looking back because of the coming invading armies of Antichrist that will be amassed against Israel
 - It could also be a warning for those whom God will remove to a place of safety to not try to hold onto this world or the things in it!

34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.

Luke 17:34-37

- The unbelievers 'taken in judgment' (not the Rapture)
- The dead will be strewn across the fields for the eagles to feed on their carcasses (Job 39:30 / Rev 14:20)

8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.

9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God.

Zechariah 13:8-9

- The future holocaust... two thirds of the Jews will be killed
- *“Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.” - Jeremiah 30:7*

The Time of Jacob's Trouble

- *“Those who are left to the birds experience judgement” – Bock*
- Birds in scripture are always depicted as emissaries of Satan (see the Parables in Matt 13)
- *“Ezekiel 37 allows a correlation of the body with Israel. The answer to the question that is wherever the body of Israel is, that is where the gentile armies will gather together” - Fruchtenbaum*

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¹ And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Luke 18:1

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To be continued...

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