

Luke 17:20-37

A. A “when” question:

- a) **The coming of the kingdom:** 20 Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come,
- b) **Not overtly obvious:** he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed,
- b¹) **Not overtly obvious:** 21 nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’
- a¹) **The coming of the kingdom:** for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

B. Looking for Jesus’ coming

- a) **The disciple’s suffering:** 22 And he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.
- b) **False reports of his coming:** 23 And they will say to you, ‘Look, there!’ or ‘Look, here!’
- c) **Instruction:** Do not go out or follow them.
- b¹) **The true coming:** 24 For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day.
- a¹) **Jesus’ suffering:** 25 But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

C. The days of Noah

- a) **Comparative:** 26 Just as it was
- b) **Days of Noah:** in the days of Noah, *so will it be in the days of the Son of Man.
- c) **Normal life:** 27 They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage,
- d) **Day Noah left:** until the day when Noah entered the ark,
- e) **Judgment:** and the flood came and destroyed them all.

C¹. The days of Lot

- a¹) **Comparative:** 28 Likewise, just as it was
- b¹) **Days of Lot:** in the days of Lot—
- c¹) **Normal life:** they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building,
- d¹) **Day Lot left:** 29 but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom,
- e¹) **Judgment:** fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— 30 *so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

*(The phrase - “so will it be . . . the Son of Man,” the other part of the comparative, is out of order, forming a rough inclusion around this material)

B1. Being ready for Jesus’ coming

- a) **Day/Be ready to be taken:**
 - example one:** 31 On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away,
 - example two:** and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back.
- b) **warning:** 32 Remember Lot’s wife.
- b¹) **warning:** 33 Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it.
- a¹) **Night/Some taken, some left:**
 - example one:** 34 I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left.
 - example two:** 35 There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left.”

A¹. A “where” question: 37 And they said to him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”