

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN TWO STAGES

Luke 17:2-37

Jesus did not answer the Pharisees' question; they asked _____ but Jesus answered How and What

I. THE FIRST STAGE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD: THE INAUGURATION 17:20-21

- A. WHEN: Jesus did not answer this question; only the _____ knows the day/hour of Christ's return
- B. HOW
 - 1) The Pharisees misunderstood the OT: the kingdom of God does not come with cataclysmic _____
 - 2) Jesus was referring to the _____ stage of the kingdom, to the first coming of the Messianic king
- C. WHAT
 - 1) The first stage of the kingdom is not a political kingdom ushered in by military might; it is _____
 - 2) We enter the kingdom of God by responding to the _____, putting Him on the throne of our hearts

At v. 22 Jesus stopped speaking of the kingdom of God; instead He spoke of the day or _____ of the Son of Man

II. THE SECOND STAGE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD: THE CONSUMMATION 17:22-37

- A. Tribulation Believers Will _____ Christ's Return *Luke 17:22; Revelation 6:9-10*
- B. There Will Be _____ Christs before the Second Coming 17:23
- C. Christ's Second Coming Will Be _____ to All 17:24
- D. Christ's Rejection and _____ Must Take Place before His Second Coming 17:25
- E. Secularism Hand in Hand with _____ Will Be Rampant before the Second Coming 17:26-29
 - 1) Jesus compared the last half of the Tribulation Period to 2 periods from the OT
 - a) The time of _____ before the Flood
 - b) The time of _____ when God destroyed Sodom
 - 2) Both of these periods were characterized by _____ and violence (*Genesis 6:5-7; 18:20-21*)
 - 3) Luke 17:27-28 indicate that in both these periods men had a _____ view of life—no time for God
- F. The Second Coming Will _____ Jesus for Who He Truly Is 17:30
 - 1) Many view Jesus only as He has been revealed in His _____ coming—meek, humble and loving
 - 2) But at His Second Coming, we will see another side of Jesus—triumphant and _____
- G. The Second Coming Will Bring Judgment that Will _____ Human Beings 17:31-37
 - 1) The references to Noah & Lot paint a picture of judgment accompanied by _____ destruction
 - 2) In the face of this overwhelming destruction & judgment, Jesus counseled all to _____ in vv. 31-32
 - a) How is it possible to heed Jesus' warning and flee from _____ destruction and judgment?
 - b) The only way to flee is to turn from what the _____ offers and invest all in following Jesus Christ
 - c) Lot's wife fled destruction but she turned back because her _____ was still invested in Sodom
 - d) V. 33: We can try to save what we have invested in this world and lose our lives or we can _____ what we have invested in this life by putting Christ on the throne and be saved from destruction
 - 3) This final judgment will _____ all human beings into only two categories—judged and saved