**The Kingdom doesn’t come with Observation**

**( *Don’t be Left Behind* )**

The Pharisees asked Jesus a question concerning the kingdom of God.

***Luke 17:20*** *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:*

Jesus replied that the kingdom would not come with observation or according to Strong’s Concordance; ocular evidence. In other words, it would not be something that could be observed or documented with one’s eyesight!

***21*** *Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*

Jesus qualifies that statement by saying that the kingdom was within them. Jesus continues by further elaborating on the kingdom that would not come by observation.

***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.*

***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.*

Jesus told his disciples that a day would come when they would look for him and for his kingdom but they would not see him the way they were used to seeing him.

***Luke 17:21 Message*** *Nor when someone says, 'Look here!' or, 'There it is!' And why? Because God's kingdom is already among you."*

*Luk 17:22 He went on to say to his disciples, "The days are coming when you are going to be desperately homesick for just a glimpse of one of the days of the Son of Man, and you won't see a thing.*

*Luk 17:23 And they'll say to you, 'Look over there!' or, 'Look here!' Don't fall for any of that nonsense.*

*Luk 17:24 The arrival of the Son of Man is not something you go out to see. He simply comes. "You know how the whole sky lights up from a single flash of lightning? That's how it will be on the Day of the Son of Man.*

Before that can happen, the son of man must suffer many things and

be rejected by this generation.

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

It will happen just like the events in Noah’s day. Noah warned the people about the upcoming flood, but no one paid attention. It was the same in the days of lot. The people were warned, but no one took it seriously. Jesus spoke truth to the Pharisees, but they did not pay attention. Jesus was not talking to them about a futuristic time or a futuristic kingdom. He was talking to them about the current events of their day.

***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.*

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

***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.*

How was the Son of man revealed after he was rejected and crucified; was it by observation? No! It came by revelation.

The Pharisees and disciples had a “physical kingdom” mentality and could not imagine outside of the range of their physical sight.

We are still reading the words of Jesus in response to when the kingdom would come. We have to keep in mind that he said it would not come by observation and that the kingdom was within man.

***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 whoso ever shall lose his life shall preserve it.*

In the day that the son of man is revealed-that the kingdom is revealed [by the Holy Spirit] one won’t be able to return to the old way of thinking. You won’t be able to look back to the things in the past according to the law and according to your physical sight. Mixing the things of the Spirit or grace with the things of the law will kill you just as surely as it killed Lot’s wife.

***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.*

Not everyone will receive or understand the revelation of the kingdom that comes from the Holy Spirit. One will be taken [Strong’s Concordance - receive or relate to] the other one will be left [Strong’s Concordance -forsake, lay aside.]

***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.*

Where Lord?

***Luk 17:37******Message Bible*** *Trying to take all this in, the disciples said, "Master, where?" He told them, "Watch for the circling of the vultures. They'll spot the corpse first. The action will begin around my dead body."*

It began at the cross. Jesus poured out His Spirit upon all flesh so that they could discern the true things of the kingdom.

***Acts 1:6*** *When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?*

***7*** *And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.*

***8*** *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

The kingdom doesn’t come with observation. It comes by revelation that comes from the Holy Spirit. **1 Corinthians 2:9-14** The kingdom within is not about rules and regulations. **Romans 14:17** It is not a physical kingdom that can be observed with the eyes. It is a spiritual kingdom that is spiritually perceived. The kingdom has come (Luke 17:21) and the kingdom is within you.

We have a physical picture of a spiritual event that is keeping us from seeing the true things of the kingdom. Don’t look back to the things of the flesh or the law. It will kill you.