

**LEARNING WITH LUKE 17:20-37 “TIME FOR JUDGMENT”** P. 1042 PEW BIBLE

**Luke 17:20-37** “Behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you... as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky, so will the Son of Man be in His day. But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation... Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it.”

*Remember, the Bible is written not “to” us but “for” us, as you put yourself in the shoes of the original hearers...*

**1- INVISIBLE KINGDOM** - spiritual - already here

Luke 17:20-21 - midst of you  
Luke 11:20 - come upon you  
Luke 13:18-35 - the kingdom  
Mark 1:14-15 - repent & believe  
John 3:3-8, 1:11-13 - of the Spirit  
Luke 19:11, Acts 1:6-11 - appear

*The kingdom of God is His reign and rule, 'God's people in God's place under God's rule.' But Pharisees sought a literal return to the Davidic monarchy, and liberation of Israel from foreign oppression. Yet the kingdom was in their midst, while they arrogantly ask the kingdom's King when His kingdom would come. -RK Hughes*

**2- VISIBLE “COMING”** - physical - to be revealed

Luke 17:22-25 - Son of Man  
Luke 17:22-25 - days & day  
Luke 9:21-27 - must suffer  
Luke 10:8-16 - the repentant  
Luke 11:14-32 - the judgment  
Luke 11:45-54 - this generation  
Luke 12:35-48 - not expected

*The kingdom was already come, but invisible to the blind Pharisees' generation which rejected Christ. And the day of the Son of Man will be visible, though blind Pharisees will still be looking for it when judgment comes -J.McDunnon*

**3- UNEXPECTED TIME** - life goes on - unaware

Luke 17:26-27 - days of Noah  
Genesis 7:1-24 - Noah  
Luke 17:28-30 - days of Lot  
Genesis 19:1-29 - Lot  
2 Peter 2:4-10a - judgment  
Matt 13:24-33 - wheat & tares  
Luke 19:41-44, 21:20 - AD 70

*Christ's coming again will be the day when wheat and tares no longer grow side by side, and members of one family who loved Christ will be in heaven, while those who loved the world will be cast down to hell. -JC Ryle*

**4- SON OF MAN REVEALED** - in God's time & purpose

Acts 17:30-31 - fixed a day  
Hebrews 9:27-28 - will appear  
Luke 17:30-33 - not turn back  
Luke 17:34-37 - where, Lord  
Daniel 7:9-14 - Son of Man  
1 Cor 15:20-28 - kingdom

*Whether this passage refers to the destruction of Jerusalem or to final judgment, there will be a final day for each of us which will come when we do not expect it. Pray to be vigilant, watching, waiting, ready when He comes. -RC Sproul*

*The incarnate Son of God is the atoning Son of Man, come to redeem His people, and He is the apocalyptic Son of Man, come with deliverance and destruction, justification and judgment. Put all your trust in Christ Jesus alone!*

**DAILY BIBLE READING ENGAGE~WORD~CHURCH~COMMUNITY~WORLD**

5-23 **Luke 17:20-21** - invisible  
5-24 **Luke 17:22-30** - visible  
5-25 **2 Pet 2:4-10a** - judgment  
5-26 **Luke 11:45-54** - judgment  
5-27 **Luke 17:30-37** - remnant  
5-28 **Daniel 7:9-14** - Son of Man  
5-29 **1 Cor 15:20-28** - kingdom

*The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God*

♦ *How will I be transformed, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey?*

