

Luke 17:20-37 The Kingdom of God is Here!

Having been asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would come, Yeshua replied, "The Kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'there it is,' because **the Kingdom of God is within you.**"

1. What is the Kingdom of God?
2. Where is the Kingdom of God?
3. What is the significance of the Kingdom of God?
4. How do we function in the Kingdom of God?

Last week in the teaching Forgiveness, Faith and Healing, Yeshua healed ten lepers while on His way to Jerusalem from Galilee. One of the lepers who came back to give thanks was identified as a Samaritan.

The journey to Jerusalem began in Verse 11, but they traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.

The chronology of the passage, we are about to discuss, indicates that Luke inserted a conversation that Yeshua previously had with some Pharisees who asked Him a question.

Lk 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**:

What is the Kingdom of God?

The word kingdom is capable of three different meanings:

1. The realm over which a monarch reigns,
2. The people over whom he or she reigns, and
3. The actual reign or rule itself.

Where is the Kingdom of God?

The Kingdom of Heaven/God is where YeHoVaH rules and reigns!

The **Kingdom of God** cometh not with **observation**:

Observation – **3907 παρατήρησις** parateresis {par-at-ay'-ray-sis}

Meaning: 1) observation

Origin: **from 3906**; TDNT - 8:148,1174; n f

Usage: AV - observation 1; 1

Notes:

¹ with...: or, with outward shew

3906 παρατηρέω paratereo {par-at-ay-reh'-o}

Meaning: 1) to stand beside and watch, to watch assiduously, observe carefully 1a) to watch,

attend to with the eyes 1a) of auguries, to see what he is going to do **Usage:** AV - watched

4, observe 1, watched + 2258 1; 6

How do we function in The Kingdom of God?

The Kingdom of YeHoVaH cannot be seen with the naked eye.

Yeshua said, you cannot see or enter the Kingdom except you are Born Again.

Jn 3:3 Yeshua answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Jn 3:5 Yeshua answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God, by definition, is All of His Creation.

Speaking of the Creator, the Psalmist wrote:

Ps 24:1 The earth *is* YeHoVaH's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Ps 24:2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Referred to as the **King of Glory**

YeHoVaH strong and mighty,
YeHoVaH mighty in battle.

Ps 24:9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Ps 24:10 Who is this King of glory? YeHoVaH of hosts, he *is* the King of glory. Selah.

YeHoVaH rules over All.

Ps 103:17 But the mercy of YeHoVaH *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

Ps 103:18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do *them*.

Ps 103:19 YeHoVaH hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Jeremiah referred to YeHoVaH as **King of Nations**.

Jer 10:1 Hear ye the word which YeHoVaH speaketh unto you, O house of Israel:

Jer 10:2 Thus saith YeHoVaH, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.

Jer 10:3 For the customs of the people *are* vain: for *one* cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe.

Jer 10:4 They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.

Jer 10:5 They *are* upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also *is it* in them to do good.

Jer 10:6 Forasmuch as *there is* none like unto thee, O YeHoVaH; thou *art* great, and thy name *is* great in might.

Jer 10:7 Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? for to thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise *men* of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, *there is* none like unto thee.

What is the significance of The Kingdom of God?

Yeshua brought the rule of the Heavenly Kingdom to earth.

Lk 17:21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is **within** you.

Within – **1787** ἐντός entos {en-tos'}

Meaning: 1) within, inside 1a) **within you i.e. in the midst of you** 1b) within you i.e. your soul

Origin: from 1722;; prep

Usage: AV - within 2; 2

Notes:

¹ **within you: or, among you**

The Kingdom of YeHoVaH is both present and future!

Ro 14:17 **For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.**

The Kingdom of YeHoVaH is Here now in US, among US, and manifesting through US in Power!

1Co 4:20 **For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.**

Lk 17:22 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*.

Yeshua informs them that a day is coming, after He is no longer with them, that they are going to want to see Him so bad that they will be subjected to false information of His return.

Yeshua says they may be tempted to believe the rumors they will hear, but do not believe them for His coming will be clear to all the inhabitants of the earth.

Lk 17:23 And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after *them*, nor follow *them*.

Lk 17:24 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.

Before that day comes, there are things that still needed to be fulfilled.

Lk 17:25 But first must he suffer many things, and be **rejected of this generation**.

Generation – **1074** γενεά genea {ghen-eh-ah'}

Meaning: 1) fathered, birth, nativity 2) that which has been begotten, men of the same stock, a family 2a) the several ranks of natural descent, the successive members of a genealogy 2b) **metaph. a race of men very like each other in endowments, pursuits, character** 2b1) **esp. in a bad sense, a perverse race** 3) **the whole multitude of men living at the same time** 4) **an age** (i.e. the time ordinarily occupied by each successive generation), a space of 30 - 33 years

Usage: AV - generation 37, time 2, age 2, **nation** 1; 42

All the people were killed during Noah's day, except his family.

Lk 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

Lk 17:27 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.**

Lk 17:28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

All the people of Sodom were killed during Lot's day, except his family.

Lk 17:29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and **destroyed them all.**

Lk 17:30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

Noah and Lot followed YeHoVaH's Instructions and were saved from destruction. Likewise, Yeshua is giving His Disciples Instructions on what to do in that day.

Lk 17:31 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.

Yeshua reminds them of Lot's wife, who went out with Lot but failed to follow the Instructions to the letter, and she looked back.

Lk 17:32 Remember Lot's wife.

The temptation to do something other than what is instructed, in order to save one's own life, would not be wise, for it will not work.

Ge 19:12 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son-in-law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place:

Ge 19:13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

Lot's sons-in-law, who married Lot's daughters, did not listen, stayed behind, and were destroyed.

Ge 19:14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

Ge 19:15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

Ge 19:16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

Ge 19:17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; **look not behind thee**, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

Remember Lot's wife.

Lk 17:33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

Some will follow Instructions, others will not.

Lk 17:34 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.

Lk 17:35 Two *women* shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Lk 17:36 Two *men* shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

The Disciples ask, "Where Lord?" Yeshua's answer is, "You will know by the sign given."

Lk 17:37 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.

Body – **4983 σῶμα** soma {so'-mah}

Meaning: 1) the body both of men or animals 1a) a dead body or corpse 1b) the living body 1b1) of animals 2) the bodies of plants and of stars (heavenly bodies) 3) is used of a (large or small) number of men closely united into one society, or family as it were; a social, ethical, mystical body 3a) so in the NT of the church 4) that which casts a shadow as distinguished from the shadow itself

Usage: AV - body 144, bodily 1, slave 1; 146

Eagle – **105 ἀετός** aetos {ah-et-os}

Meaning: 1) an eagle: since eagles do not usually go in quest of carrion, this may refer to a vulture that resembles an eagle 2) an eagle as a standard (Roman Military)

Origin: from the same as 109;; n m

Usage: AV - eagle 4; 4

Lk 17:37 And answering they *said to Him, "Where, Lord?" And He said to them, " Where the body is, there also the vultures will be gathered." **NASV**

Lk 17:37 Then they asked Him, Where, Lord? He said to them, Wherever the dead body is, there will the vultures *or* eagles be gathered together. **AMP**

Lk 17:37 "Where, Lord?" they asked.

He replied, "Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather." **NIV**

Lk 17:37 "Lord, where will this happen?" the disciples asked. Yeshua replied, "Just as the gathering of vultures shows there is a carcass nearby, so these signs indicate that the end is near." **NLT**

Lk 17:37 Then they asked him, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather." **NRSV**