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The Coming of the Kingdom

20 One day the Pharisees asked Jesus, “When will the Kingdom of God come?” Jesus replied, “The Kingdom of God can’t be detected by visible signs. 21 You won’t be able to say, ‘Here it is!’ or ‘It’s over there!’ For the Kingdom of God is already among you.”

22 Then he said to his disciples, “The time is coming when you will long to see the day when the Son of Man returns, but you won’t see it.

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23 People will tell you, 'Look, there is the Son of Man,' or 'Here he is,' but don't go out and follow them. 24 For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other, so it will be on the day when the Son of Man comes. 25 But first the Son of Man must suffer terribly and be rejected by this generation.

26 "When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah's day. 27 In those days, the people enjoyed banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat and the flood came and destroyed them all.

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28 “And the world will be as it was in the days of Lot. People went about their daily business—eating and drinking, buying and selling, farming and building—29 until the morning Lot left Sodom. Then fire and burning sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 Yes, it will be ‘business as usual’ right up to the day when the Son of Man is revealed. 31 On that day a person out on the deck of a roof must not go down into the house to pack. A person out in the field must not return home.

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32 Remember what happened to Lot's wife! 33 If you cling to your life, you will lose it, and if you let your life go, you will save it. 34 That night two people will be asleep in one bed; one will be taken, the other left. 35 Two women will be grinding flour together at the mill; one will be taken, the other left."

37 "Where will this happen, Lord?" the disciples asked.

Jesus replied, "Just as the gathering of vultures shows there is a carcass nearby, so these signs indicate that the end is near."

TAKE HOME

- 1) The Kingdom of God is a nation within nations, a country without borders.
- 2) Troublesome times are near...and the end will happen in a heartbeat.
- 3) Life will be going on as usual...then **POW!**
- 4) The point is pretty clear...be ready!



The Kingdom Of God Is Unlike Any Other



- It doesn't have a location; it is wherever Jesus reigns.
- The people of Jesus' day longed to see the New Age arrive...with all of its promises.
- People often need to see and touch something for it to be real.
- Jesus lives 'within'...that's where the revolution takes place.

First Things First...Tough Stuff



- Isaiah 53 must be fulfilled...horrors and agony for Jesus.
- His contemporaries throwing him to the dogs.
- His 'Father why have you forsaken me' hours of hell on earth.

Next In Line...Jerusalem's Final Hour... 'Those Days'



- The prophecies are 'braided'...as in Matthew 25.
- Some words of doom seem directed at Jerusalem's horrible fate.
- Many warnings seem aimed at people of all times and places.
- Hurry, Hurry...applies more to the invasion of the Romans in 70AD
- We know that many fled Trans-Jordan

The Return Of Jesus: 'On That Night' ... Like A Flash!



- As it was in Noah's day...life will be going on as usual.
- Sodom and Gomorrah heard no warning sirens before the burning sulfur fell like rain. Gen 19
- It will be like that when Jesus makes his visitation.

What's A Guy To Do? Live A 'Ready' Life.



- Keep on loving and serving Jesus...by loving and serving others.
- Help others get on the Jesus Trail.
- Be about our Father's business.
- Take cues from the girls with full lamps, the wise investors and the compassionate ones of Matthew 25.
- Faithfulness means...no fear!



Confession

**I believe that Jesus is
the Christ, the Son of
the living God.**

**I trust him as my Lord
and Savior.**

Offering



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Prayer



Announcements





Closing Chorus

Thank you Lord for saving my soul
Thank you Lord for making me whole
Thank you Lord for giving to me
Thy great salvation so full and free.



**Go and Know
Go and Be Ready**

