

As Clear as Day

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I. Staring at the King, they asked him of the kingdom.

“The kingdom is the King’s power over the King’s people in the King’s place.” - Patrick Schreiner in *The Kingdom of God and the Glory of the Cross*

Luke 17:22-23

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II. Following their Leader, they struggled on the way.

Son of Man: God’s representative who would bring his kingdom and sit on the throne eternally.

“Days of the Son of Man” – final resolution of God’s plan. “The end”

Luke 17:24-25

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III. Soon to come our Savior, he suffered as a reject.

A. He was rejected so we’d be accepted. (25)

B. He will return, and we’ll be redeemed. (24)

1 Thessalonians 5:2-4

For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

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IV. Come to be our Refuge, he warned of Judgment Day.

A. Many will be lost to indifference. (26-30)

B. Many will be seduced by indulgence. (31-33)

C. The king's people will experience deliverance. (34-37)

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