

# On the Day When the Son of Man is Revealed

## **Their Expectation was an Immediate Appearance of the Kingdom**

**Luke 19:11** As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately.

### **Acts 1:6 – 7**

**6** So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

**7** He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

## **Luke 12: Three Little Parables Reminding Us to “Seek His Kingdom” (v. 31)**

- The Awake and Waiting Servants (35-38)
- The Aware and Watchful Homeowner (39-40)
- The Accountable and Working Manager (42-48)

## **How should we Understand Jesus coming like a Thief in the Night?**

### **To the Church in Thessalonica**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:1 – 5**

**1** Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you.

**2** For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

**3** 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.

**4** But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

**5** For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.

### **To the “Assembly” in Sardis on the day of the Lord (Revelation 1:10)**

**Revelation 3:3** Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.

### **To All of His Servants, When the Seven Bowls Of Wrath Are Being Poured Out On The Earth**

**Revelation 16:15** (“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”)

## **Stewards and Servants**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 4:1 – 2**

**1** This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and *stewards (oikonomos)* of the mysteries of God.

**2** Moreover, it is required of *stewards (oikonomos)* that they be found faithful.

**1Peter 4:10** As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good *stewards (oikonomos)* of God's varied grace



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### **Great Accountability for Christ's Servants at this Time to be Waiting, Watching, And Working**

**Revelation 3:20** Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

### **Luke 17: When and Where is His Kingdom Coming?**

#### **Verse 22: "you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man"**

**Revelation 22:20 - 21**

**20** He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**21** The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

#### **Why the long delay? How "soon" is soon?**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:8 - 10**

**8** But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

**9** The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

**10** But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

#### **Lessons from Noah and Lot - his coming will be unexpected, it will be unmistakable, and many will be unprepared**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:5 - 9**

**5** if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

**6** if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;

**7** and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked

**8** (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard);

**9** then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment

#### **He Will Send Out His Angels to Gather his Elect from the Four Winds (N, S, E, and W)**

**Matthew 24:27 - 31**

**27** For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

**28** Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

**29** "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

**30** Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

**31** And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

