

Luke 17:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

Analysis

Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. Jesus applies both historical examples (Noah and Lot) to His second coming. **Even thus** (κατὰ τὰ αὐτὰ, kata ta auta—"according to these same things") draws direct parallel between past judgments and future eschatological judgment. **In the day when the Son of man is revealed** (ἡ ἡμέρα ὃ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἀποκαλύπτεται, hē hēmera ho huios tou anthrōpou apokalyptetai)—the verb apokalyptō (ἀποκαλύπτεται, is revealed) means to unveil, uncover, make manifest what was hidden.

Currently, Christ's glory is veiled—He reigns from heaven, invisible to human eyes (Colossians 3:3-4). At His return, the veil lifts; He appears in manifest glory (Colossians 3:4, 1 John 3:2). The parallel with Noah and Lot emphasizes:

1. **Normalcy**—life continues as usual until the moment of revelation
2. **Suddenness**—judgment strikes without further warning
3. **Totality**—no escape for the unprepared
4. **Separation**—the righteous saved, the wicked destroyed
5. **Irreversibility**—no second chances after judgment falls.

The day (ἡ ἡμέρα, hē hēmera) is singular, definite—not gradual process but specific moment when history culminates in Christ's appearing. 2

Thessalonians 1:7-10 describes this revelation: Christ returns 'in flaming fire taking vengeance' on those who 'know not God,' while simultaneously glorifying Himself in His saints.

That day divides humanity finally and forever—vindication for believers, destruction for unbelievers. The warning: prepare now, while grace extends; judgment comes suddenly, irreversibly.

Historical Context

First-century Jewish apocalyptic expectation anticipated 'the day of the Lord'—God's decisive intervention in history to judge evil and establish His kingdom (Joel 2:1-11, Amos 5:18-20, Zephaniah 1:14-18). Jesus appropriates this language, identifying 'the day of the Lord' with 'the day of the Son of man'—His return in glory. The Pharisees asked 'when the kingdom of God should come' (v. 20); Jesus responds that His second coming will be unmistakable, like lightning (v. 24), like Noah's flood, like Sodom's destruction.

Early Christians lived expecting this day. Paul wrote of 'the day of Christ' (Philippians 1:6, 10, 2:16), 'the day of the Lord' (1 Thessalonians 5:2, 2 Thessalonians 2:2), 'that day' (2 Thessalonians 1:10, 2 Timothy 1:12, 18, 4:8). Peter warned it would come 'as a thief in the night' when 'the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat' (2 Peter 3:10). The consistent apostolic message: live holy lives in light of coming judgment (2 Peter 3:11-14). Jesus' teaching here grounds this expectation in historical precedent—as surely as God judged Noah's and Lot's generations, He will judge ours.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How should the certainty that Christ will be revealed in judgment 'even thus' (exactly like Noah's flood and Sodom's fire) affect daily priorities?

2. What does it mean to live ready for 'the day' when Christ is revealed, given that it will come suddenly like past judgments?
3. How does the revelation of Christ's glory comfort believers while terrifying unbelievers (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10)?

Interlinear Text

κατὰ	ταύτὰ	ἔσται	ἡ	ἡμέρα	ὁ	υἱὸς	τοῦ
Even	thus	shall it be	in the day	G2250	G3588	when the Son	G3588
G2596	G5024	G2071	G3739			G5207	
ἀνθρώπου	ἀποκαλύπτεται						
of man	is revealed						
G444	G601						

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 1:7 (Parallel theme): Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

1 Corinthians 1:7 (Parallel theme): So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Thessalonians 1:7 (Parallel theme): And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

Matthew 16:27 (Parallel theme): For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Matthew 24:3 (Parallel theme): And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Luke 21:27 (Parallel theme): And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

1 Peter 1:13 (Parallel theme): Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Mark 13:26 (Parallel theme): And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Matthew 24:37 (Parallel theme): But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matthew 26:64 (Parallel theme): Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

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