

Luke 17:26-29 (NIV) *page 1051*

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ACCOUNTABILTY

Accountable...

Luke 17:v20-25 gives us the background (page 1051)

20. Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied,
“The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed,

21. *nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is in your midst.*

22. Then he said to his disciples, *“The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it.*
23. *People will tell you, ‘There he is!’ or ‘Here he is!’ Do not go running off after them.*
24. *For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other.*
25. *But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.*

The Second Coming Of Christ

ACCOUNTABILTY

Who are we ultimately accountable too?

Accountable... Luke 17:26-

- ❑ “Just as it was in the *days of Noah*, so also will it be in the *days of the Son of Man*.”
- ❑ The Enormous Span of Time *(thousands of years)*
- ❑ Divine perspective on human response **past & future**
- ❑ The obvious follow on question is well what was it like in the days of Noah?

Accountable... Luke 17:27

- ❑ *People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark.
Then the flood came and **destroyed them all.***
- ❑ If you knew judgement was coming would continue to live your life as normal?
- ❑ Only **eight** people survived the flood

Living life as they knew it

Accountable... Luke 17:28-29

- ❑ “It was **the same** in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building.
- ❑ But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulphur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.
- ❑ Four escaped but only **three** survived ?
- ❑ For the most part people choose to ignore / dismiss any thoughts of accountability or judgement.

DENIAL

Accountable... John 5: 28-29

THERE'S NO ESCAPING ACCOUNTABILITY

- ²⁸ “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice
- ²⁹ and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.

Jesus of Nazareth

What, if any, bearing does this verse have on my daily life?

(a) Extremely Grateful to Jesus (b) Urgency to warn others

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Observations

- ❑ The majority of mankind *does not* believe in accountability before God
- ❑ There's nothing new in this *unbelief* it has been man's response right down through the ages
- ❑ “*Current Unbelief* ” is nothing more than history repeating itself
- ❑ Life on earth as we know it today can be taken from us all “ *in blink of a eye* “