

The Kingdom of God: Certain and Unseen

Luke 13:18-21

I. Kingdom Expectations (18)

A. Biblical Expectations

1. A _____ and everlasting kingdom ruled by David's offspring. *2Sam 7:8-16; 1Chr 17:7-14*
2. A _____ and everlasting kingdom with a single shepherd. *Jer 31:31-40; Ezek 36:22-36; 37:21-28*
3. A global and everlasting kingdom with _____ as its capital. *Psa 2:1-12; Isa 9:2-7; 11:1-9; 60:1-22*

B. Contemporary Setbacks

1. Those with power in Israel _____ Jesus. *Luke 6:7-11; 10:25; 11:53*
2. Jesus predicts His own _____. *Luke 9:22, 44*
3. Israel remains _____ to Rome. *Luke 2:1-2; 7:2-10, 19; 9:7-9*

II. Kingdom Explanations (19-21)

A. A Mustard Seed (19)

1. The Metaphor
 - a. The mustard seed was proverbially _____. *Luke 17:6*
 - b. In contrast to its beginning, it grows into a _____.
 - c. Birds nest in its branches. *Ezek 17:22-24; 31:3-6; Dan 4:10-12*
2. The Message
 - a. The kingdom will grow.
 - b. The kingdom's fulfillment is _____.

B. A Little Leaven (20-21)

1. The Metaphor
 - a. Leaven takes over or converts. *Exod 13:7; 1Cor 5:6-8; Gal 5:9*
 - b. Three measures is a _____ amount of flour. *Gen 18:6-8*
 - c. All of it is leavened. *1Cor 5:6-8; Gal 5:9*
2. The Message
 - a. The kingdom will grow.
 - b. The kingdom's growth is not _____.
 - c. The kingdom's fulfillment is _____.

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¹⁸ He said therefore, “What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? ¹⁹ It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.”

²⁰ And again he said, “To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? ²¹ It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened.”