

A person in a white robe is walking away from the viewer on a vast, golden sand dune. The sky is a deep, dark blue, filled with stars and nebulae. A large, glowing, translucent blue cube is positioned in the background, with the word 'LUKE' written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across its front face. The overall atmosphere is one of mystery and spiritual journey.

LUKE

THE SAVIOR'S SAGA

FOR THE SON OF MAN
CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE
THAT WHICH WAS LOST

JESUS IS COMING SOON

LUKE 12:35-48

Last time we learned that we are to be living for the right world.

1. WE MUST BE WAITING FOR THE LORD *Luke 12:35-36*

- One reason we should be living for the right world is that is where our Lord has gone, and where He is living right now . . . Heaven.
- Another reason is that He is coming back, and we surely do not want to be ashamed when He comes. ***1 John 2:28***
- The picture here is a Jewish wedding in Galilee and the subsequent marriage feast, all of which could go on for an unspecified period of time. More in ***Luke 21.***

WE ARE TO BE WORKING AND WITNESSING

The three 'C's of Jewish weddings were:

- Contract—it was known as the *Ketubbah*.
- Consummation—known as the *Chuppah*.
- Celebration—the marriage supper.

Are you living today believing the Lord is coming back?

Loins girded!

- We must be found **WORKING** for Him when He comes.

Lights burning!

- We must be found **WITNESSING** for Him when He comes.

2. WE MUST ALSO BE WATCHING FOR THE LORD v. 37-40

- First, there is **A GREAT PROMISE. v. 37**
- The Lord also shows the need for **GREAT PREPARATION. v. 38-39**

The Bible teaches there are two future comings of the Lord.

1. The **first** is His coming **for** the church.

- We call that coming the *harpazo*—or **RAPTURE (Rev. 7; 1 Thess. 4:13-18)**. This coming will be **invisible** to the world, and happens in the air not on this earth.
- And its purpose is to snatch away the church (the bride) before the Antichrist comes to play havoc with this world, and God pours out His wrath!

2. The **second** is at the end of the Tribulation to fight the battle of Armageddon.

In **Luke 12:38**, the Lord mentions the nearness of His coming.

JESUS IS COMING BACK WITH THE CHURCH

The second is what we call—very creatively 😊—the **Second Coming**. **Rev. 19; Matt. 24**

- At this second and final advent, the Lord will come **with** the church (the bride); He will return from heaven to earth.
- This coming will be **visible**, glorious, invincible, and convened on earth to put an end to the horrors that have engulfed the globe during the Tribulation.
- **THE FOURTH WATCH**—This whole reference, with its emphasis on the hour, has to do with the terrible night season yet to come, when the Antichrist will be on the rampage. **Rev. 13**

THE CONDITIONS OF HIS COMING

The Lord mentions also the nature of His coming. **v. 39**

- The point of the parable is simple enough.
- A householder gets word that a thief is planning to ransack his house.

What does that householder do?

- He prepares to give the fellow a warm reception.
- Not exactly—he likely redoubles his guard.
- He urges everyone to watch; the thief is coming.

Just like this . . . without warning, without permission, without any advance notice of when . . . **JESUS IS COMING.**

THE PREPARATION FOR HIS COMING

The Lord emphasized the thought. **Luke 12:40**

- When the world thinks, “NO WAY—not today, maybe not ever,” **you need to be ready.**

3. WE MUST BE WORKING FOR THE LORD **Luke 12:41-48**

Peter, as usual, has something to say: “*Lord, do You speak this parable only to us, or to all people?*”

Now His focus is on the need for proper stewardship . . .

what we do with what we know.

- There is the matter of the servant’s **SKEPTICISM. v. 45a**
- Then there is the matter of the servant’s **SINFULNESS. v. 45b**

HOW “NOT TO BE” READY FOR HIS COMING

Finally, we see three sorry *SERVANTS*. **Luke 12:46-48**

And none of these should we imitate:

- The first type is the **FALSE** servant. **v. 46**
- The second type is the **FORGETFUL** servant. **v. 47**
- Finally, the third type is the **FEEBLE** servant. **v. 48**

False, Forgetful, or Feeble . . . I think not!

Let's be found **FABULOUSLY FAITHFUL.**

Jesus is coming soon!