

4 Evaluate the claim that a futuristic view of the Kingdom of God in Luke's Gospel is persuasive. = futuristic

In your response to this question, you must include how developments in New Testament Studies have been influenced by one of the following:

- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion and Ethics
- Study of a Religion (excluding Christianity).

great B, narrow D, 10 marks  
etc.

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~~The futuristic view of the kingdom of God in Luke's gospel is not persuasive as it doesn't fit with the ideas presented in parables.~~

The futuristic view of the kingdom of God in Luke's gospel is the most persuasive view as it explains the ~~perusia~~ ~~in the end~~ why it hasn't occurred. In comparison to inaugurated and present-

One reason it can be argued that the futurist view of the kingdom of God is the most persuasive view as it explains the delay of the ~~perusia~~ - the second coming of Christ. In parables such as the great banquet, it explains how actions on earth can affect the ~~event~~ coming kingdom of God. Within context, the kingdom of God refers to the after life and the eschatological view that actions such as disobeying God when God has intended for humans to listen to him and reach heaven which is highlighted in the great banquet as God has invited people to eat but no one shows up,

As a result they miss out on the word of God. Meaning they also miss out on the Kingdom of God. In ~~1st~~ <sup>1st</sup> century readers thought the Kingdom

This acts as a key reason as to why the futurist view of the Kingdom of God is the most persuasive as it explains the eventual coming of the Kingdom of God ~~is~~ can be good or bad depending on the actions portrayed on earth.

Despite this, views such as the present view of the Kingdom of God are more persuasive as it explains how we are present through the Kingdom of God through his ministers. Barth argues as the bible acts as a witness to the word of God as Jesus' teachings, we are present in it as we have access to the Kingdom of God through the bible.

✗ However, the present view fails to account for the resurrection and the belief of the 1st century readers as they thought the resurrection would bring about the Kingdom of God. Making the present view unclear of the Kingdom of God. Whilst the futurist view dares as the 2nd coming is delayed the Kingdom of God is also delayed.

Another reason it can be argued that the fulfilment view of the kingdom of God is most persuasive as it takes into account both theory of present eschatology. ~~As a result~~ As a result of the ~~the~~ delaying of the parousia, individuals believed in present eschatology which meant they should live in the time and be morally good ~~in~~ through the ~~act~~ the following of the bible in order to reach the kingdom of God when it would come. ~~This act~~ This acts as a key reason as to why the fulfilment view of the kingdom of God is the most persuasive as it shows through the bible, individuals can gain access to the kingdom of God when the time is right. As identified through the parable of the narrow door that claims without faith and works they ~~cannot~~ won't enter the kingdom of God as it has a narrow door - described as an unmorally righteous person as a camel trying to enter a needle - the kingdom of God.

However to counter the initial claim, it can be argued views such as the inaugurated view of the kingdom of God is more persuasive as it states that we are present in the kingdom of God ~~as~~ through knowing the kingdom of God and the second part, ~~being~~ judgement day is ~~unpenetring~~ is still impending.



Despite the inaugurated view of the Kingdom of God, it fails to also acknowledge how Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection was supposed to be the coming Kingdom of God. This view therefore highlights Jesus as a failure as the Kingdom of God didn't appear - which takes away his divinity. Where as the futurist view describes the Kingdom of God as an apocalyptic event without diminishing God's power.

A third reason it can be argued that the futurist view of the Kingdom of God is the most persuasive as it acknowledges later prophecies such as revelation and judgement day. The eschatological implications in Luke's gospel all highlight the view of the Kingdom of God ~~as to be~~ as symbolising the afterlife. The futurist view highlights the apocalyptic undertones in the parables meaning the coming Kingdom of God is in the future. The last book of revelation solidifies this theory as it shows how events leading up to judgement day lead to the ~~Kingdom~~ destruction of the earth replaced with the Kingdom of God.

Despite this, the futuristic view of the Kingdom of God is the most persuasive as it follows the modern world with accordance to the bible regarding the new life.