Luke 13:31-35  The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee. And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected. Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the day following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

I. THE PURPOSE OF HEROD DETERMINED.

Luke 13:31  The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee.

Since Jesus was in the territory ruled by Herod Antipas, the Pharisees thought they could frighten Him; but they were greatly mistaken. Herod's father, Herod the Great, had killed the little children in Bethlehem (Matt 2:16-18), and Herod Antipas had slain John the Baptist (Matt 9:7-9), so this ruler was capable of doing the same thing to Jesus.

THE PHARISEES wanted JESUS TO GO TO JUDEA where they had authority to deal with Him, but He knew their plans and continued to follow His plan.

No such threats could influence our Lord’s purpose or speed up the movements of Jesus. He would not be hurried or frightened. He would cast out demons and perform cures to the last day that he had planned to stay in the cities and villages.

AS FOR THE DANGER TO HIS LIFE, JESUS DESPISED IT. (“Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”)
II. THE POWER OF HEROD DEVASTATED.

Luke 13:32-33 And he said unto them, **Go ye, and tell that fox**, Behold, **I cast out devils**, and **I do cures** to day and to morrow, and **the third day I shall be perfected**. Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the day following: for it cannot be that a **prophet perish out of Jerusalem**.

He was going up to Jerusalem, knowing that He would be killed. **But Herod could not kill Him**. At the outset of His ministry an angry crowd in Galilee had tried to make an end of Him, but they could not. **The Lord could not die but at Jerusalem**.

“**That fox**” The man was **selfish**, neither **good nor strong**, but **cunning**, **OBEIDENT TO THOSE ABOVE HIM**, a sort of jackal to the imperial lion at Rome, but ruthless to any who were beneath him and within his grasp. **Probably it was this symbol that suggested to Jesus of the hen protecting her brood**, which immediately follows. **He** looked on **Herod** and men of his character as **devourers of the people**. As for Himself, He might seem to be weak and unable to save Himself, but He was the best friend of the people; and if they would only be gathered to Him, **He would cover them with the wings of His protection**, so that **no FOX could do them hurt**.

III. THE PURPOSE OF HEAVEN DECLARED.

Luke 13:34-35 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

**What Is A LINGERING LOVE?**

(A). **IT IS A PERSISTING LOVE.**

Luke 13:34 ..... “**how often would I have gathered thy children together,**”
god speaking to Israel: Ps 81:10-14 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels. Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways! I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

(B). IT IS A PROTECTING LOVE.

Luke 13:34 ...... “as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!”

DAVID SPEAKING: Ps 17:8-9 Keep me as the apple of the eye, HIDE ME UNDER THE SHADOW OF THY WINGS, From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about.

Ps 91:4-7 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

(C). IT IS A LOVE PRONOUNCING.

Luke 13:35 “Behold, your house is left unto you desolate:...” (abandoned, deserted, forsaken, poor, poverty-stricken”)

The Lord probably had tears in His eyes when He made this fateful announcement. It was too late to do anything. TO QUOTE THE PROPHET: “The SUMMER had ENDED, and ISRAEL was NOT SAVED”

1. The Days Of Opportunity Had Passed. (It is eternally incomprehensible how Jesus continued to love those people, who rejected Him.) John 1:11

(D). IT IS LOVE PREDICTING.

Luke 13:35 ... “Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.”

1. Jesus said to the UNBELIEVING JEWS: John 8:21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.
2 Cor 3:14-16 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.