

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: And what of Damascus?****And what of Damascus?, on: 2015/11/25 6:03**

Isaiah 17:1

The oracle concerning Damascus.  
Behold Damascus is about to be removed from being a city  
And will become a fallen ruin.

Brethren is there yet to be a literal fulfillment of this Oracle or prophecy. Damascus is still standing. It is considered perhaps the oldest continual living city on the face of the earth.

**Re: And what of Damascus? - posted by brothagary, on: 2015/11/26 0:43**

Yea it is blain ,you can tell that it speaks of the great tribulation and the turning of country's to the lord,a miraculous revile takes place after the fall of Damascus .....

**Re: And what of Damascus? - posted by proudpapa, on: 2015/11/26 1:19**

2 Kings 16:9

“And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.”

**Re: , on: 2015/11/26 5:13**

Blane,

Isaiah - 8th century BC

2 Kings - 5th century BC

**Re: , on: 2015/11/28 6:05**

Julius

Brother, respectfully, Damascus still continues as a city. Perhaps the oldest city with the same name on the face of the earth. I would respectfully suggest that this prophecy has yet to be fulfilled.

Events in Syria may very well lead up to the ultimate destruction of Damascus. I simply point out that I believe the Old Testament still has prophecies that are yet to be fulfilled. I speak of prophecies which refer to end time events which point to the return of Jesus Christ.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/28 7:44**

Brethren can we really dismiss what is taking place in Syria today. Some have said that the soon coming of Jesus Christ will be determined by events that take place in Syria.

In just a few short years all of the major world powers have been drawn into Syria. Consider Russia is presently flying air strikes against ISIS and the Syrian rebels. Because of the recent terror attacks in France. Francis now joining with Russia in a war against ISIS. Germany presently is providing reconnaissance to the US led coalition providing air strikes against ISIS. The US has been leading a multi nation coalition against ISIS for almost 18 months. Add to this that Iran is involved as an ally with Russia to prop up Assad. Even China is getting involved.

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Thus we see the United States, Russia, Germany, China, and Iran involved in Syria. I cannot help but wonder if we're seeing the stage set for the Ezekiel 38-39 war.

Let us be careful that we do not become preterist and relegate these things to historical events that have already been fulfilled. To do so is denying the reality of current events that are giving a very realistic fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. Particularly prophecies which point to the soon coming of Jesus Christ.

My thoughts from a rainy morning from the bear cave.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/28 7:47**

Thus if we take a look at current events in Syria as they are now unfolding. The idea of the destruction of Damascus as prophesied in Isaiah has a very realistic expectation to be fulfilled.

Please understand I am not wishing for the destruction of Damascus. As I am about praying for preserving life. But I merely point this out that this is an Old Testament prophecy that has yet to be fulfilled. And it should not be lightly dismissed in view of recent events in Syria.

My thoughts and observations.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2015/11/28 11:45**

Bear-

The Isaiah passage also says "about to be."

What does "about to be" mean to you?

To me it means right quick.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/28 12:48**

It is "right quick", TMK, because it was taken away, then. KJV reading "is taken away from being a city" (not "about to be"), but your reasoning is still good as "about to be" means pretty quick, not 2500 years, later.

Isa 17:1 The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus IS TAKEN AWAY from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

"is taken away" - present not future.

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Jer 49:23 Concerning Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad: for they have heard evil tidings: they are fainthearted; there is sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet.

Jer 49:24 Damascus is waxed feeble, and turneth herself to flee, and fear hath seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken her, as a woman in travail.

Jer 49:25 HOW IS THE CITY OF PRAISE NOT LEFT, THE CITY OF MY JOY! (NOT LEFT, gone, destroyed)

I don't believe Isaiah 17 figures into current events in Syria (or Isaiah 7-8 and Amos 1). We all know that Isaiah and Amos were contemporary prophets. Both Isaiah and Amos foretold that Syria and Israel would be destroyed and fall to the same opponent (Assyria). II Kings 16 reveals that the prophecies are clearly fulfilled. This is also confirmed by historical records.

In 732 BC, the kingdom of Damascus lost its independence and existence, its holdings carved up into Assyrian provinces. Israel, on the other hand, was allowed to survive, albeit reduced to a fraction of its former size and cut off from the sea.

Source: <http://oracc.museum.upenn.edu/saao/aebp/essentials/countries/israel/>

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A key point to the fulfillment of Isaiah 17 in Isaiah's time is the phrase "in that day" (17:4) Isaiah was saying that Damascus and Syria would fall in the same "day" that Israel would fall. The northern kingdom of Israel, fell in 722 B.C.

Revelation "watchers" today, say Turkey will invade Syria and destroy Damascus. Will Russia standby and watch? They are pretty annoyed regarding Turkey shooting down their bomber and this off the heels of losing their passenger plane coming back from Sharm el-Sheik. Many are saying Turkey is the modern day fulfillment of Magog from Ezekiel 38, but Magog is known by most Biblical scholars as Russia and Turkey is Togarmiah. So, I do not believe Turkey will be destroying Damascus.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/28 14:01**

There are some prophecies in the Old Testament that can have double fulfillment. There is an immediate fulfillment. And then there is a fulfillment in the future.

Again in light of current events. I do not think that this prophecy can be easily disregarded. For one thing Damascus still continues. The prophecy implies at some point it will be destroyed. Who will destroy it remains to be seen?

The fact that the major world powers are involved in Syria would suggest that the stage is being set for the Ezekiel 38-39 war. That whatever hostilities may break out in Syria could result in the destruction of Damascus.

My thoughts.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/28 14:38**

Assuming for the sake of argument that the prophecy regarding Damascus has been fulfilled. My question is are all of the Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in Jesus? In other words there are no Old Testament prophecies yet to be fulfilled?

**Re: , on: 2015/11/28 15:04**

No, some believe that the promises to Abraham are fulfilled in Jesus Christ by faith. No one ever said ALL the OT prophecies are fulfilled in Jesus. Many were already fulfilled in the OT, as not all of them are about Jesus. All the prophecies about Jesus were certainly fulfilled.

I don't think the majority of confessing Christians believe the following. I am in the minority.

"The failure to interpret the Old Testament from the perspective of the New has led to much confusion and misemphasis in Christian teaching, allowing the Old Testament to serve as the PRIORITY LITERATURE even in the lives of new covenant Christians. When this happens Christianity is perverted into religious forms of Christianized Judaism. Proper understanding of the Epistle to the Hebrews will reveal the logical absurdity of any expectations that God is going to renew the Jewish religion, re-establish a physical kingdom, reinstitute the Jewish priesthood, reinstate the animal sacrifices, rebuild the Jewish temple, or restore the physical land. Such expectations are the very backward reversion to religion that this epistle warns against, by explaining that all such external and physical religion has been superseded in the spiritual reality of Jesus Christ."

(James Fowler) <http://www.christinyou.net/pages/hebrewsindex.html>

Revelation Series

<http://www.christinyou.net/pages/revel.html>

**- posted by proudpapa, on: 2015/11/28 16:48**

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Can the "day of the Lord" come as a thief in the night at any moment? Should we be looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God to come at any moment?

What happens at the "day of the Lord"?

**The Isaiah 17 Damascus Bible prophecy has been fulfilled - posted by proudpapa, on: 2015/11/28 18:40**

The Isaiah 17 Damascus Bible prophecy has been fulfilled  
by Gary DeMar :

"Because of the latest developments in Syria, prophecy prognosticators are coming out of the woodwork . . . again. The same thing happened in 2011 when prophecy hobbyists were claiming that Isaiah 17 was being fulfilled right before our eyes. Here's an example from a video that was uploaded on July 21, 2011:

Damascus in Isaiah 17 is going to be destroyed in 1 day. This is about to occur in our lifetime in just a matter of months. It's in the news and everywhere you look! This is going to fulfill one of the biggest biblical prophecies of all time! Be ready for Christ's Return after this occurs! I hope this gives you hope of His coming!

Notice the time reference: "in just a matter of months." That was more than two years ago making it a false prophecy about a true prophecy that was fulfilled nearly 2700 years ago.

Never learning and people forgetting, the claim is being made again that the events prophesied in Isaiah 17 about Damascus were never fully fulfilled in history, and like clockwork, naïve Christians are getting sucked in ..... read the entire article at : <http://americanvision.org/9371/isaiah-17-damascus-bible-prophecy-has-been-fulfilled/>

**Re: The Isaiah 17 Damascus Bible prophecy has been fulfilled, on: 2015/11/28 19:26**

PP Ain't so sure on that one. I think that oracle is yet to be fulfilled in what we call the end times.

Or have the end times already been fulfilled. I am sure that some hold to the view that Jesus returned in 70 AD. But that would be another discussion on another thread.

**Re: And what of these verses?, on: 2015/11/28 19:43**

If we are saying that the Old Testament prophecies have already been fulfilled. Either fulfilled in the Old Testament. Or fulfilled in Christ. Then how do you explain these passages of Scripture?

Zachariah 14:4

In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in the middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

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Observation would suggest in Zachariah 14:4 has not been fulfilled yet. At least based on the commentary of acts 1:11.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/28 20:00**

The accepted view among the most commentators regarding the ascension of Christ is that it took place outside of Jerusalem on the Mount of Olivet. Also known as the Mount of Olives.

If the angels told the men of Galilee that Jesus would return in the same way that He ascended. This would presuppose that Jesus would descend upon the Mount of Olives. If this be so. Then Zachariah 14:4 is yet to be fulfilled.

Also keeping in mind that these Men of Galilee or the Apostles were no doubt schooled in the Old Testament Scriptures. Thus it would be reasonable to assume they knew the Zachariah 14:4 passage. They probably had in mind that Jesus was going to return in the same way that he ascended into heaven. That is His feet were going to touch the Mount of Olives.

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I believe Zachariah 14:4 is yet to be fulfilled.

My thoughts and insights.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/28 21:33**

Mr Blaine

What these passages are really saying is that many, many believers will stand on a mountain somewhere in a state of mind symbolic of the mount of olives in a place that reminds us of Jerusalem, someday in either the past, present but certainly not the future.

In reality this is a literal representation of the church rejoicing so loudly in the inner man that it will feel as though a earthquake is causing a movement within our beings that replicates the physical quaking of the earth.

And this will enable Jesus to return into our hearts in a fuller manner as taught by the many esteemed bible knowledge interpreters of ages past present and not future.

Just AS the angel saw him ascend into a higher place in our innermost beings in the book of Acts he will likewise return in a greater measure of faith whenever we allow our theology to let him.

Yup thats what its says.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/28 21:46**

Bearmaster,

We are going over old ground. Some of the recent threads have your answer, and Google surely does.

That's fine if you believe Zech 14:4 is yet to be fulfilled. I respect your beliefs as long as they don't support a Christian eschatology that is oppressive and hurtful and dehumanizing to other people. We are supposed too be in this world as Jesus was and to walk as He walked. We don't live in the Old Testament. If your Christian eschatological beliefs support the hurt and oppression of others then they are not Christian and I can't agree with them.

Unfortunately, some people's views of eschatology are political instead of biblical, today.

Jesus Christ is ruling and reigning in the midst of his church, now.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/29 7:56**

Notdarkywt

Brother good morning. I agree that this is a good spiritual interpretation of Zachariah and Acts. But brother, I do believe there will be a literal return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps even in our lifetime. This was a hold of the early church. This is the hope of the persecuted church today. This should be our home also. In other words. Christ in you the hope of glory.

My thoughts.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/29 8:20**

Julius good morning.

Brother surely you have seen my previous threads in this forum. I have posted consistently that the believer is governed by the Spirit and not by the Mosaic code. I have posted consistently then we are governed primarily by the ethics of the New Testament and not by the Old. The greatest Ethic being Jesus Himself who is the Word living in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

The Mosaic law was given to the Hebrews who later became the Jews on Mount Sinai. Our standard of conduct is the S

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sermon on the Mount given by Jesus himself. This primarily is the righteousness that Jesus spoke of that surpasses that of the Pharisees. Because it is a righteousness of the heart as applied by the Holy Spirit.

Believe me brother I live in the New Testament. I listen to the New Testament weekly from Matthew to Revelation. The New Testament is His Word that lives in my heart. I hope this clarifies my position as a New Covenant Christian

However can we ignore the Old Testament as the Word of God? There have been those in this forum that have challenged me to rethink my radical position of needing the New Testament and it alone. Is the Old Testament still not the word of God? It may not be binding on us today. But I believe there are prophecies that are yet to be fulfilled. Particularly that relate to the second coming of Jesus.

Certainly in the Book of Daniel. We see that there are certain prophecies that are yet to be fulfilled. These prophecies relate to the coming of the Son of God in the end times. However we may respectfully disagree on this.

You speak of an eschatology that is the dehumanizing. That is hurtful to other people. Brother may I ask what are you talking about? To believe in a literal return of Jesus is hope. Brother this is what I speak of. The blessed hope of the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. Brother may I ask how is this dehumanizing are hurtful to other people. This is the hope of the Christians today. That Jesus will return. That Jesus will come to take us home. This is my eschatology as you call it. This is the teaching of the New Testament. This is the hope of Christ in us the hope of glory.

Brother I'm wondering if we're getting to the crux of the matter. Let me ask respectfully. Do you believe in a literal return of Jesus. Or is it only a spiritual return that he has accomplished in our heart.

I believe you have stated in your position that the Old Testament prophecies have been fulfilled either by the Old Testament itself or by Christ. Then let me ask respectfully. What of the signs in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 that Jesus spoke of. Were the signs fulfilled in 70 AD. Or are the signs yet to be fulfilled. Brother this is the New Testament I'm speaking of. Just curious to know your position on this.

Respectfully submitted.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/29 9:49**

Hi bearmaster,

When I write, I write for all, so when I say "you", it is generic for anyone who is reading. Remember, we are in a public forum and we are not writing privately to one another. There are those here who know what I mean with regards to a politically based eschatology, and an eschatological belief system that brings harm to others.

Yes, I believe Jesus will return.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/29 10:15**

Julius writes.....

"When I write, I write for all, so when I say "you", it is generic for anyone who is reading."

Brother, that's a strange statement. Can you explain that more, that when you personally write you write for all as opposed to just one man writing his opinion?.....bro Frank

**Re: , on: 2015/11/29 10:35**

Bearmaster

I was inventing doctrine as going along. Just like the replacement religion types do. I absolutely believe in a literal, physical second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Word of God proclaims. To Jerusalem of all places as Zechariah states HE WILL. Just can't get around that one can we?

**Re: , on: 2015/11/29 10:36**

Ahhh, yes, I see what you mean, bro Frank.

When I write, I am aware that I am in a public forum and therefore my posts are usually directed to everyone.

I knew Bearmaster's theology pretty well, so it was directed to the audience at large, but I do see that I should have been more clear to Bearmaster that my comments about "politically based eschatology that harms others" is written to the audience at large and not specifically to Bear. My apologies, Bear. I will clarify next time.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/29 10:45**

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Incredible prophecy that the scripture twisters should pretend does not exist rather than give their imagined and ludicrous explanations of what it does not state. If you do not believe just say so, Twisting it is far worse as these types do.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/29 10:52**

"Genuine and sincere Bible-believing Christians subscribe to varying theological systems. Never do we want to "write someone off" and deny that they are our Christian brother or sister because they organize their "belief-system" differently than what we do, provided they profess that Jesus is the Christ and have received Him by faith. Christian unity is not uniformity of thought or ideology. We seek a unity of love despite diversity of opinion, understanding, interpretation or theological explanation. Our unity is in Christ, not in theological constructions." James Fowler

I believe this quote with all my heart. It is found in the article: Dispensational Theology, Covenant Theology, and Christocentric Theology

<http://www.christinyou.net/pages/dthcthcchth.html>

Bearmaster, I fall into the Christocentric Theology camp, if that helps you.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/29 13:31**

Julius good afternoon from a chilly Little Rock.

Brother no reason to apologize. I walk with you as I'm sure with many others in this forum regarding a Christ-centered theology. Because our theology is rooted in a Person. And that is the person of Jesus. Jesus who lives inside each one of us.

I remember seeing a Christmas card with this passage. The card went something like this. The Word did not become a philosophy or a concept or a theology to be discussed debated or pondered. But the Word became a Person to be followed, loved, and enjoyed.

Many times the simplicity of the persecuted put me to shame. Those who come out of Islam and come to Christ do not call themselves Christians. But they call themselves Jesus followers. This reflects the spirit of Paul as he wrote in 2nd Corinthians 11:3. That I'm afraid just as a serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, that you have been led astray from the si



mplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. There's such a beauty of simplicity in that message.

God grant our theology be found in a Person. That would be the Person of Jesus Christ. And to this I say Maranatha Lord Jesus come.

My thoughts from the bear cave.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/29 13:35**

NDY

Brother indeed He is coming soon. Our hearts are thrilled that soon we will see Him come and split the sky asunder.

For that our cry is Come Lord Jesus. Truly that will be a glorious day.

Rejoicing from the bear cave.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/29 14:13**

Amen, Bear!

It is in the Person of Jesus Christ that we are unified and enjoy fellowship, together.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2015/11/30 9:57**

In the Zechariah 14 passage, I am not sure where one gets the idea that it is talking about Jesus standing on the Mt of Olives; that idea seems imported into the text. The immediate context of prior verses suggest that it is the Lord (Yahweh) who is standing there. Matthew Henry says this was fulfilled in 70 AD and I don't think he was some preterist weirdo grossly misinterpreting scripture.

Regarding literalness- are we to also take the vision of the two winged women carrying an ephah in ch 5 literally as well?

**Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2015/11/30 12:11**

Well if Matthew Henry says so, it must be so!?

No he was probably not a preterist, but he was Amillennial, so that coloured his theology.

Even a casual reading of Zechariah 14 shows it cannot possibly have been fulfilled in AD70.

v.2 Were ALL nations gathered against Jerusalem in AD70?

V.3 Did the LORD fight against those nations in AD70?

v.4 When exactly did the LORD'S feet stand on the mount of Olives in AD70? Did the world miss something here?

v.8 Was there no day or night that day in AD70?

v.9 Was the LORD established as King over all the earth in AD70?

And you can go on verse by verse and see the same.

When does the Lord fight against His the nations gathered against Jerusalem? Here's a clue! Read Revelation 19.

You might try and allegorise this chapter somehow (don't know how), but don't say it was fulfilled in AD70.

We know what the Day of the LORD means, it is future and the same 'day' that Paul speaks about in his epistles. It is the return of Christ.

Why is there this great desire to reject all future prophetic scripture, but somehow accept that there was fulfilled prophecy in the past only. I don't understand this thinking.



**Re: , on: 2015/11/30 12:23**

I am just curious: Questions for everyone and anyone.

1) What does "ALL Nations", refer to? Would this be every nation in the world, such as GUAM, New Zealand, etc? Will the Lord be fighting against every single nation in the world?

2) What does "no day or night", mean?

3) Is Jesus right now, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords? Christians pronounce and confess that all the time. We know that Satan is the "god of this world", meaning no other world but this one. But GOD is truly in control, even over the "god of this world". So who is a bigger "KING"?

1Tim 6:15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

**Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2015/11/30 12:47**

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Heydave asked RE: ///v.2 Were ALL nations gathered against Jerusalem in AD70?///

Wesley's Notes for Zechariah 14:2

14:2 All nations - The Romans who at that time had the rule over all the nations of that part of the world. The residue - That small number of the Jews who were spared by Titus. Shall not be cut off - Were not forbidden to dwell about the city.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/30 13:14**

Acts 1:11

They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched him go into heaven."

I would infer from this verse that just as Jesus physically ascended into heaven. He will also physically descend from heaven at His second coming.

So I would respectfully ask. And not mocking anyone's position on eschatology. How was the above fulfilled in 70 AD?

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**Re: , on: 2015/11/30 13:17**

Thanks, proudpapa. I never knew that Michael Pearl believed that, but I have not read his Revelation series. I should take some time and read it. But this coincides with the strong delusion spoken of in 2 Thess 2:11.

Quote:

-----by proudpapa on 2015/11/30 12:47:56

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"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:" (2Th 2:11)

The ramifications of which are simply staggering:

"That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." (2Th 2:12)

Staggering because it seems like millions and millions caught up in Churchianity/religion are being primed for the strong delusion and (great) falling away.

"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." (2Th 2:10)

"Writing to the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem, Paul wanted to emphasize the inaugurated and realized eschatological realities in Jesus Christ. The Jews in Palestine in the middle of the seventh decade of the first century (mid A.D. 60s) were anticipating a hoped-for future of deliverance from Rome and consequent self-rule. The Zealot theme of patriotic Jewish nationalism was at a crescendo. They were confident this would reestablish the Davidic kingdom which they considered to be their God-given right of self-rule in the Palestinian land that they regarded as given to them by God. Paul did not want the Jewish Christians to accept the false hopes for a physical utopian kingdom being offered by the Jewish religionists, but wanted them to base their hope in Jesus Christ alone (cf. 1 Tim. 1:1)." (page 20 - <http://www.christinyou.net/pages/pdfs/HebrewsCommEbook.pdf>)

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**Re: , on: 2015/11/30 13:37**

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by bearmaster on 2015/11/30 13:14:21

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Bear are you thinking that means Jesus will return in reverse order of how He ascended?

Jesus is not coming again to "rescue the world" from their own sin. That is the reason He came the first time.

The Scriptures say the "grace of God HATH APPEARED TO ALL MEN".

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;" (Titus 2:11-13).

"I will not leave you comfortless: I WILL COME TO YOU. (John 14:18)

"Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; BUT YE SEE ME: because I live, ye shall live also." (John 14:19)

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may ABIDE WITH YOU FOREVER;" (John 14:16)

"Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him ; FOR HE DWELLETH WITH YOU, AND SHALL BE IN YOU." (John 14:17)

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Good to know, thanks. God did not birth the Church, the "ekklesia", called out ones to be an Evangelical War Mongering cult and I think this is what Michael is noticing.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/30 13:46**

Matthew 24:29-31

But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET AND THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

Brothers I ask these questions respectfully. Do we understand the above passage to be literal or allegory? Has the above passage been fulfilled in 70 AD? If they were fulfilled in 70 AD then how?

..... Caps only they denote Old Testament quotations. Passage was taken out of the new American Standard Bible.....

**Julius21 - posted by proudpapa, on: 2015/11/30 13:47**

I could not find a commentary to support it but that was exactly what I was going to recommend to Bear : read John 14 and understand that Acts 1 is the introduction to what is fixing to take place in Acts 2. It seems so clear by the context.

I did like these commentaries concerning verse 6

Wesley's Notes for Acts 1:6

1:6 Dost thou at this time - At the time thou now speakest of? not many days hence? restore the kingdom to Israel? - They still seemed to dream of an outward, temporal kingdom, in which the Jews should have dominion over all nations. It seems they came in a body, having before concerted the design, to ask when this kingdom would come.

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**Re: , on: 2015/11/30 13:51**

Julius what are your thoughts on Matthew 24:29-31? Is there yet a literal fulfillment of this passage? Or was this passage fulfilled in 70 AD?

**Re: Julius21, on: 2015/11/30 14:09**

Quote:

-----by proudpapa on 2015/11/30 13:47:46

I could not find a commentary to support it but that was exactly what I was going to recommend to Bear : read John 14 and understand that Acts 1 is the introduction to what is fixing to take place in Acts 2. It seems so clear by the context.

I did like these commentaries concerning verse 6

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Yeah, the disciples still did not get it, as they still were stuck in their rut thinking a physical Davidic Kingdom would be established. Can you blame them? They did not have the Holy Spirit, yet. And then chapter 2, the promise of the Father through Joel the prophet, the Holy Spirit is given and John 14 is fulfilled and Christ has come back to us and will be with us forever, just as He promised.

Bear, need to get a little work done, but will reply to your query about Matthew 24.

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**Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2015/11/30 14:10**

He will Return in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that no not God ,and obey not the gospel of Jesus Christ,,,,,

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2015/11/30 14:15**

Bear-

For the record I do believe in a future literal 2nd coming. Just not sure Zechariah 14 is talking about that.

In regard to the Olivet Discourse, the language Jesus used is apocalyptic.

That being said, if you read the account of Josephus regarding the Jewish war with the Romans there indeed were some signs in the sky.

Christians today have no idea how horrible that time was for Jerusalem. It was indeed the greatest tribulation ever known at that time. Read the account. A lot of it is shocking and can only be explained by demons running amok in Jerusalem during the siege.

**Re: , on: 2015/11/30 15:08**

Quote: "Bear are you thinking that means Jesus will return in reverse order of how He ascended?"

I know this wasn't addressed to me, but I would still like to quickly drop in here and add my view

It is not so much what I think what that verse means, it is first of all what is written.

What is written in Acts 1:11 is exactly that Jesus will return in reverse order of how He ascended !

This might not add up with the rest of our theology. Now we can assume that we have the right theology and therefore what is written needs to be interpreted until it will fit my "correct " view. This is not the way of studying scripture.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2015/11/30 15:20**

Reasons not to take Zechariah 14 as something to be literally fulfilled in the future:

- 1) place names mentioned were districts in Jerusalem that no longer exist
- 2) vs 16 refers to local temple worship. Jesus told woman at the well that that time was at an end
- 3) keeping of feast of tabernacles- Paul said the feasts were but shadows totally fulfilled in Christ. When you have Christ you don't need the shadows.
- 4) vs 21 references animal sacrifices. These were abolished - see Heb 9:9-10, Heb 10:4-6 etc
- 5) it mentions unsaved survivors after the supposed 2nd coming. Paul says there won't be any unsaved people after 2nd coming. See 2 Thess. 1:5-10
- 6) there are many other references to geologic disturbances in scripture that are not literal(see Mic 1:4, Hab 3:6)
- 7) there is other reference to Yahweh standing on the Mt of Olives- see Ezekiel 11:23

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2015/11/30 15:24**

Markus-

In Acts 1 the angels are saying that Jesus will return visibly just as he left. Thus is because the disciples were looking intently into the sky. They do not specifically say where. Granted it could be the Mt of Olives but it may not be.

**Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2015/11/30 15:41**

I believe the "Day of the Lord" will be a Global.

Re: , on: 2015/11/30 17:45

Markus,

What are the "clouds of heaven?"

Do the literalists take these clouds literally? Are there really clouds in heaven?

John did not mention Jesus coming with the clouds in his gospel but he made that statement in his book of Revelation. He said, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." Rev 1:7

Those clouds are also mentioned in the Old Testament scriptures. Daniel mentioned them, saying, "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him." (Daniel 7:13).

What do clouds have to do with anything?

In Acts 1:9, the Word says a "cloud received Him", so does this "cloud" have the ability to "accept" Him?

Acts 1:9

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Seems to me if it was just a cloud He would have ascended "into" the cloud but this "cloud" RECEIVED Him.

Could "clouds" be spirits of the saints?

Hebrews 12:1

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Could the clouds be synonymous with spirits of saints?

Daniel 7:13

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

Could the Cloud by day and the fire by night be God's Spirit?' I think we know that it was.

Exodus 13:21-22

And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

Is the "cloud of the Lord" the same as the Spirit of the Lord?

Exodus 40:38

For the cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

Back to Acts 1:9 and keeping in mind that Jesus Christ is relational and cares little of inanimate objects except to use them as shadows of realities in heaven?

Who do you think the "clouds" are now that received Christ?

We often have to zoom out on our lens of the Word of God and view many things in the Word to get a total picture and correct understanding.

Jesus is coming back with many saints (clouds). It was NOT His intention to create millions of Sky (CLOUD) Watchers a

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nd Star Gazers a la Tim LaHaye, Hal Lindsay, etc.

Who are the " clouds of heaven" in Daniel 7:13?

**Re: , on: 2015/11/30 19:02**

The main point i was trying to make is that only Scripture is infallible and should therefore be treated above our own views, commentaries, traditions etc. We should also try to use scripture to interpret scripture. Might study a bit more about the "clouds"

Quote ; " I believe the "Day of the Lord" will be a Global. " Absolutely !

It will not be an event that has to be covered by a News Network.

When the Lord returns, which ever way he does, it will be global event, every eye shall see him.

How is it possible? It will be a totally supernatural event and with God nothing is impossible.

The main point here is to remember He will return in such a manner that can't be copied by false Christs or an Antichrist. (Jesus warned us about false Christs. )

Let's continue to work diligently and keep praying