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Revelation and the Beast

<https://youtu.be/H4Kaa46VOHU>**Re: Revelation and the Beast - posted by savannah, on: 2016/4/22 10:17**

Excellent! Listen and learn!

**Re: Revelation and the Beast , on: 2016/4/22 10:57**

This is Pure hyper Preterism 101. The great tribulation already happened. Jesus already came. And on and on. Preterism is really a bit like dropping acid or mushrooms (I still remember the folly of my youth sorry): once you "take it", swallow it whole, feel like "you're seeing what others can't see" cause a mind-altering drug is negatively affecting all your percepti on skills, put on some hippie glasses & turn on a black light, you see everything through that lens. But if you sober up & I ook at things truthfully & squarely (like go back to Basic Bible interpretation hermeneutic and compare Scripture with Sc ripture, looking at the full council of all of the sum of God's words), you realize you were just high on a partial self-inflicte d blindness. I'm not trying to be harsh, but it's just the truth. Preterism is false. Plain & simple. I say that without a mome nts hesitation after studying this subject exclusively for awhile now. The ancient preterists' top leaders said "Israel would never again be formed as a nation and its own land or we must question the validity of the New Testament writers". Ho w'd That work out for them?

**Re: Revelation and the Beast - posted by savannah, on: 2016/4/22 11:58**

If a crooked stick is before you, you need not explain how crooked it is. Lay a straight one down by the side of it, and the work is well done. Preach the truth, and error will stand abashed in its presence. CH Spurgeon

**Re: , on: 2016/4/22 13:06**

Love that quote! Love Spurgeon. I have laid down many a straight stick beside the preterist argument. Did you read or w atch any of them? If not, it doesn't matter what stick someone lays down if it gets ignored only to refocus on the crooked stick, now does it?

**Re: stumble and speculation relation - posted by savannah, on: 2016/4/22 13:35**

Man will occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of the time he will pick himself up and continue on.

Winston Churchill

**Re: Blessed - posted by savannah, on: 2016/4/23 18:57**

If anyone is interested, please do give an ear and hear the message which is linked to the first post.

May those who hear be blessed.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/24 9:48**

Brother Ray (Savannah),

We would ask that you do not keep posting other media and sermons on preterism. It is simply a viewpoint we do not hold to on SermonIndex as a ministry or website. We are not against some choice brethren who have believed this viewpoint and lived godly lives to the Lord. But what we do want to focus on is godly living and walking in the image of Jesus Christ being obedient disciples (James 1:22). I would ask that you do not continue to try and convince others of your viewpoint but focus your energies on encouraging others in this forum to live a godly life and also learn from others.

We simply do not want to condone a continually pushing of this message as it is clear to us it is not the message held by the early Church or remnant saints throughout history.

This in no way judges your person or your walk with the Lord, but may we agree to follow the Lord as disciples and not focus on minor disagreements, and that you are a guest to these forums and we do want to stay away from divisive viewpoints that we see as not what saints have held to throughout the history of the Church.

This is a very simple but powerful message on the truth of the Beast and coming world leader:

The Antichrist Revealed: Preparing The Body Of Christ For The Coming World Leader by Edgar Reich  
<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/myvideo/photo.php?lid=3458>

**Re: Revelation and the Beast , on: 2016/4/24 9:54**

Thanks savannah I have been blessed by listening to your link and some of the other sermons by the brother you posted .

**Re: , on: 2016/4/24 18:52**

I don't know what "Pure hyper Preterism 101" is and I don't even want to know. I think it is wrong to put believers into categories it just causes division.

If I would give you 10 of my "doctrines" you would probably have to put me into several categories and divide me.

I also never heard of John Alley and his church before. So I was just curious to see for myself what the controversy is all about. To my big surprise I discovered what I believe is a very humbled Bible teacher and godly believer, even if I might not agree with everything he preaches. But it was a big eye opener and I'm very thankful for the post

Personally I don't even believe in the doctrine of a future Antichrist and I have clearly shown in one of my last posts that this doctrine was first invented by a Spanish Priest, he was probably paid for it.

But let me be clear, I'm not going to "war" with any believer who thinks otherwise.

However a very big concern came up in some of the new teachings.

When we establish a new doctrine from Scripture and then support our doctrine with the writings of the Quran.

If we believe that Islam is of the devil then their writings are also of the devil and the devil is a deceiver and a liar.

We should under no circumstances use the devil's writings for our teaching. This is something I feel most strongly about. Brother Greg may I ask you for your opinion on this and can everyone else step back for a moment

Above all let's try and keep the unity of the Spirit Ephesians 4:3

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2016/4/24 19:17**

Brother Mark, I agree with you, it really don't matter what we believe, as long as we all believe in God, no one here need s to be interrogated over their personal beliefs. I agree with Greg, it's the continued pushing ones beliefs that causes strife, why not just hold on to what you believe, and not start a riot over it. Trust me, there is lots of things I would like to interject here, but I have pretty good control over my tongue. Funny thing I've been on SI for I guess 10 years, and I've never seen anyone change their mind on their personal beliefs on any thread, this should show us a lot of our time is wasted on our personal thoughts, and trying to get others to jump on our wagon. One of the greatest issues we have here is understanding, that we all have finite minds.

**Re: , on: 2016/4/24 19:27**

Savannah,

I finally got around to listening to the vid. I thought he had some very good insights. I never heard of the brother either, but thought he was very humble. He brought out things I never thought of before that are worth consideration and I will probably listen to some more of his teaching.

We have nothing to fear from the truth and the Word of God can defend itself. So, glad the Bereans did not put parameters around what Paul could or could not share with them.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/24 19:30**

Quote:

-----Brother Greg may I ask you for your opinion on this and can everyone else step back for a moment  
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Dear brother,

I hope I made it quite clear in the other post that we do not desire to see the same teachings argued over. The forums are not here for any brother to try and convince others of their viewpoint. the purpose of the forums is godly edification, encouragement and being conformed to the image of Christ.

from the community guidelines: [http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id=44556&forum=13](http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=44556&forum=13)

Quote:

----- We have found that discussions pertaining to politics, conspiracy theories, calvinism/arminianism and others just produce strife and not the fruits of the Spirit so we ask saints not to start these discussion threads on SermonIndex.  
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Quote:

-----We have hand-selected over 50,000 audio, video and text resources on sermon index and we ask that the majority of the discussions centre around those materials provided. You can post another article or sermon from another source also long as its not contrary to the tenor of the materials on SermonIndex.  
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We do not encourage saints to continually post other media files directly of sermons that possibly are not in-line with views on SermonIndex.

Towards the anti-christ I do believe outside of Scripture there are MANY sources. The book of Enoch is well worth looking into.

also:

St. Justin Martyr (c. 100-165)

DIALOGUE WITH TRYPHO

CHAPTER XXXII -- TRYPHO OBJECTING THAT CHRIST IS DESCRIBED AS GLORIOUS BY DANIEL, JUSTIN DISTINGUISHES TWO ADVENTS.

... and he whom Daniel foretells would have dominion for a time, and times, and an half, is even already at the door, about to speak blasphemous and daring things against the Most High. ...

St. Irenaeus of Lyons (c. 130-202)  
Adversus haereses (inter A.D. 180/199)  
Book V, Chapter 26

John and Daniel have predicted the dissolution and desolation of the Roman Empire, which shall precede the end of the world and the eternal Kingdom of Christ. The Gnostics are refuted, those tools of Satan, who invent another Father different from the Creator.

1. In a still clearer light has John, in the Apocalypse, indicated to the Lord's disciples what shall happen in the last times, and concerning the ten kings who shall then arise, among whom the empire which now rules shall be partitioned. He teaches us what the ten horns shall be which were seen by Daniel, ...

Tertullian (2nd-3rd Century)

ON THE RESURRECTION, CHAP. XXIV

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work; only he who now hinders must hinder, until he be taken out of the way." What obstacle is there but the Roman state, the falling away of which, by being scattered into ten kingdoms, shall introduce Antichrist upon (its own ruins)? "And then shall be revealed the wicked one, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming: even him whose coming is after the working of Satan, with all power, and signs, and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish."

Trust that helps.

**Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2016/4/24 22:10**

The trouble with the preterist literature is that it does not draw people's attention to Christ. It is all about an "ism." The same is true of pre-trib, post-trib, mid-trib, pre-wrath, Zionist, anti-Zionist and Four Blood Moons literature. There are a few lines about the deity, lordship and salvation of Christ, and then a few hundred pages of proof-texting and number crunching.

Jesus said, "By their fruits you will know them." Has anything good come out of this avalanche of end-times literature?

T. Austin-Sparks relates: "I shall never forget on a visit to a certain country going into one of the big cities where I was to speak for a week. Everything was so arranged that my first message was timed to follow the last message of a man who had had a week before me, and he had been on prophecy for the whole week. I went into the last meeting where he gave his final message on the signs of the time. Notebooks were out, and they were taking it all down, fascinated. It was all external, all objective; such things as the Roman Empire revived and Palestine recovered. You know the sort of thing. Then he finished and they were waiting for some more, and the notebooks were ready. The Lord put it right into my heart that the first word was to be, 'And every one that hath this hope set on him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. (1 John 3:3); to speak on the spiritual effect of that spiritual hope. They were not interested in that. The notebooks were closed, pencils put away, there was no interest as I sought in the Lord to be very faithful as to what all this should mean in an inward way, in adjustment to the Lord, and so on. They were only longing for the meeting to close. When I finished they hardly waited for me to finish they were up and out.

"Oh no, it is the Lord, and the Holy Spirit would bring us back to the Lord, and it is not, after all, coming back to nonessentials, to elementary things, to come back to Christ. It is coming on to the only basis upon which the Holy Spirit can really

y accomplish all God's will and purpose, to be in the School of Christ where the Holy Spirit is teaching us Christ; and the Holy Spirit's way of teaching Christ is experimental."

**Re: , on: 2016/4/24 22:47**

Very true, Wayne. Most end-times teachings center on man and man's events.

One has to approach the Book of Revelation with a Christocentric view. After-all, it is the "Revelation of Jesus Christ".

The preterist and futurist interpretations seem to segment the interpretation of Revelation, some in the past, some in the future, with a big chasm in-between in the present. This tends to divide the Revelation into "revelations," as many people inaccurately refer to this book, and create a disjuncture. The Christocentric interpretation that explains the conflict between Christianity and religion, allows the entire book to remain consistently connected. Chapters 2 and 3 provide the historical setting of "religion" creeping into the churches, so that chapters 4-22 can be pictorially placed alongside to reveal the details of the conflict between the Church and the religious system throughout the last days. Christ is victorious and all who follow Him will be, too.

In summary, the Book of Revelation is very Christ-centered and unfortunately, this is a difficult environment to communicate those truths. With the proper attitude and openness and patience, this is a very enriching study.

I would encourage everyone to study the "Revelation of Jesus Christ".

**Re: hyper?, on: 2016/4/24 22:53**

Jeff said:

"This is Pure hyper Preterism 101."

I listened to the youtube, and checked the definition of hyper preterism.

Essentially hyper preterists think that the parousia (second coming) has already happened.

In this sermon it is made crystal clear that the parousia is still in the future to us, and is an event that we hopefully looking forward to.

Therefore it did not teach hyper preterism. Neither did anyone on this forum teach hyper preterism.

Just because someone calls a person hyper preterist that doesn't make that person a hyper preterist.

Zsuzsanna

**Re: - posted by joliboy11, on: 2016/4/24 23:20**

At the time when John, the apostle write this:

1 John 2:18 (KJV)

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall(future) come, even now(present) are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

So it is true that there are antichrists(plural) from Jesus'time up to now in present, because anyone who is not of Christ is antichrist, but also that antichrist(singular), is still yet to come.

2 Thessalonians 2 King James Version (KJV)

2 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man

n of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

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

**Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2016/4/24 23:21**

Julius,

The Revelation is a vast panorama with the Lamb of God at the center. The panoramic background is a battle between light and darkness, and yes, religion is very definitely identified with the dark side! When I first saw that, I suddenly found myself allergic to any word that ends with "-ism."

**Re: Antichrist, on: 2016/4/24 23:27**

It was future to those to whom John wrote the letter. This verse does not prove that it is also future to us.  
Zsuzsanna

**Re: , on: 2016/4/24 23:52**

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-----by wayneman on 2016/4/24 23:21:31

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Me too, Wayne. It certainly is repugnant. :-)

Quote:

-----by Tozsu on 2016/4/24 22:53:47

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Zsuzsanna

Zsuzsanna,

Thank you, for elucidating that thought!

All I can say, is that we have to approach the book of Revelation just like any other book in the Bible. We must be willing to use exegesis and not eisegesis. Exegesis means we derive meaning out of the text (to lead out) whereas in eisegesis we read our preconceived ideologies and interpretations into the text. If we approach Revelation with a pre-determined eschatological position almost like some fixed "grid" overlaying Revelation then we will use and abuse the book to try to document what we think we already know so it fits our "grid". We will force our presuppositions (and current events) to "fit" into the grid. Like forcing a square block into a round hole.

And it's not just end-times subjects or teachers that practice eisegesis, other people have their "grids" that they place over the Bible, too. Cessationists place a grid over the Word and it is very difficult to teach them truths when they already have preconceived ideas that these truths no longer exist. Almost, like part of Jesus (who is the Healer, Deliverer and Baptizer) does not exist in His Church, anymore.

I know about grids,,,I have had to destroy several in my 39 years of walking with the Lord.

**Re: , on: 2016/4/25 1:22**

Tozsu wrote: "In this sermon it is made crystal clear that the parousia is still in the future to us, and is an event that we hopefully looking forward to." absolutely correct. Continue to be a "Berean", may it be to equip yourself and to serve the Lord, to whom we are accountable.

Savanna: I'm thankful for the Link! This was new to me after 30 years as a Christian and a real eye opener. If you are not sure if you can post something here on SI you can always post it to me directly.

Greg: "The forums are not here for any brother to try and convince others of their viewpoint " Totally agree !! My concern I wanted to bring to your attention in my post is: if we start using the Quran to support our view.

Thank you everyone for the contributions - Maranatha !! Come Lord Jesus.

**Re: Blessed - posted by savannah, on: 2016/4/26 4:28**

Blessed is he that reads, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

Revelation 1:3

"And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book." Revelation 22:7

**Re: , on: 2016/4/26 9:07**

I don't know if all the "use the Quran to support our view" is directed at me or not in discussing the idea of Islamic Antichrist? If so, let me clear something up:

I don't "use the Quran to support my idea". There are forms of evangelism now of not just Chrislam, but integrative Quranic passage use to "find common ground with Muslims to try to show Jesus & the Gospel from the Quran". There is the "Camel Method" of evangelism to Muslims. There is even a mixture (compromising idolatry) of Christianity & Islam coming together to pray called "Chrislam". I find this repugnant & a mixture God's hates. These are "doctrines of Devils"! Demonic/Satanic "inspired" writings (just like the Book of Mormon, The WatchTower, etc.).

When I was speaking of "The Islamic Antichrist" showing in all of the Quranic & Hadith writings THE EXACT OPPOSITE ANTI-PARALLEL story to the scriptures (their "Madhi savior" looks just like our antichrist, & they actually quote Bible verses from Revelation speaking on the one on the "pale" horse; & their "Jesus" - Isa Al Masih in Arabic, looks just like the Biblical "False Prophet"), what I'm saying is that their book is the exact OPPOSITE, ANTI-Parallel (like a reciprocal in a



mirror) & down to the details, so it's alarming. I'm not advocating using the Quran for doctrine, or for evangelism, or for anything other than a book inspired by Satan Himself.

And the Mideast Book then totally never looks at anything in the Islamic books, but is the comprehensive "SCRIPTURAL CASE (all from the Word of God) for the Islamic Antichrist. Just wanted to clear that up & explain that in case it was directed at me? The devil has been around for thousands of years & trust me knows the Bible and what's coming better than we do. So it's interesting that he would create a false religion the exact opposite of scripture to "be like the most high" & have people worship him as such. That's what makes the way the puzzle pieces fall into place astounding.

God Bless,  
Jeff

**Re: Regsrdng the Video , on: 2016/4/26 10:52**

Acts 17:11

Now these were more noble minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

Brethren in these discussions on end times I keep hearing on the threads let us be Berean. A simple reading of the text above would presuppose that the Bereans were examining the message of Paul against their Torah consisting of the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms. In other words they were looking to the scriptures alone without the aid of commentaries and sermons.

The Bereans, who were Jewish, were examining Paul's message of Jesus being the Messiah against the Messianic prophecies as found in the Old Testament.

So to be Berean is to examine the scriptures, and the scriptures alone. To examine the scriptures without the aid of commentaries and expositions. To examine the scriptures alone in light of the Holy Spirit. As the Holy Spirit is not only the author of scriptures. But He is also the interpreter of scripture.

It was with a prayerful attitude I attempted to listen to the video. I attempted to lay aside my own preconceived notions and give a fair hearing of what the brother was putting forth.

I will attempt to give an objective summary of the video and then give my own thoughts.

Summary of Video.....

The brother starts out by acknowledging there will be a physical return of Jesus Christ. He says this is the hope of the church. He says that Jesus Will physically return and culminate history.

The brother maintains that most of New Testament prophecy was fulfilled by 70 A.D. He is speaking primarily of the signs found in Matthew 24. And also the Book of Revelation. The brother goes on to say that Matthew and revelation are the most Jewish books of the New Testament. Of course he does include Hebrews also.

Again the brother maintains that the Beast that is destroyed in Revelation is the Jewish system of worship. Also he puts great emphasis upon the worship of the emperor Nero during that time. And again the brother holds that the Book of Revelation was written around 65 A.D.

Near the end of the message the brother does say that it's the gospel that is triumphing in the nations. That eventually evil will be subdued by the gospel. And that when the enemies of Jesus have been defeated. Then Jesus will return.

I have attempted to give an objective summary of the video as I understand it. Without name-calling or labeling. If I have misrepresented the brother in any way. And feel free to correct me. But again let's do this objectively.

My thoughts.....

The thought that came to my mind as I was listening to the speaker is that he's denying the inspiration of scripture. 2nd Timothy 3:16 says.....



All scripture IS INSPIRED by God and profitable for teaching, for reprove, for correction, for training in righteousness,

Please note, the text does not say all scripture WAS INSPIRED by God. But all scripture IS INSPIRED by God. I stress this point because the Bible is not a history book fulfilled prophecy that happened in the past. But the Bible is the word of God that speaks to us today as it spoke to the Believers 2000 years ago. Also I believe the Bible has inspired prophecy that is yet to be fulfilled. Obviously with implications to the end times.

I want to be clear that I don't think the speaker is intending to deny the inspiration of scripture. But by relegating everything to a 70 a.d. fulfillment, he is not allowing room for the Holy Spirit to speak to believers today.

And this brings me to my next observation. The brother stresses dependence on external sources to set forth his thesis that prophecy was fulfilled in 70 AD. I honestly think that if someone were on a deserted island with only the Holy Spirit and the New Testament. They would not come to the position this brother holds.

There's no denying that the speaker is well-educated. And no doubt an astute reader of commentaries. And other external sources to come to his position of prophecy being fulfilled in 70 AD. But that is the problem. Theology is a curse of the devil and the opinions of men. It is theology that brings confusion to the body of Christ and brings forth division.

One does not need commentaries or external sources to understand the word of God. Even the Book of Revelation. William Tyndale died to give the plowboy and the milkmaid the English Bible by which they could understand the word of God.

Many of us who began our walk with Christ with only a New Testament would read Matthew 24 and come to the conclusion that this is a future return of the Messiah.

If we would simply get a New Testament. And ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit. And come to Jesus in humility listening to his word. God will unfold His mysteries to us.

I will simply conclude with this quote by John Bunyan.....

Read and read again, and do not despair of help to understand the will and mind of God though you think they are locked up from you. Neither trouble your heads though you have not commentaries or expositions. Pray and read, read and pray for a little from God is better than a whole lot from men.

Brothers I have listened to the message. I have sought the Spirit. From my own understanding of scripture and what the Spirit has shown me. The brother is not correct and saying that all prophecy was fulfilled in 70 AD.

Respectfully posted.

Brother Blaine

...Caps are for emphasis only...

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/4/26 11:47**

But Bear-

If he is saying the 2nd coming is yet future then he is not also saying that all prophecy was fulfilled in 70ad.

It is obvious in scripture that Jesus WAS talking about the destruction of Jerusalem. Look at Luke 20 beginning with v 21.

My bible's heading for that section even says " the destruction of Jerusalem"

Why does it upset you that at least part of the Olivet discourse was fulfilled in 70 ad? It was still prophecy when it was uttered. Jesus said "when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies..." Jerusalem WAS surrounded by armies and was in fact destroyed by these armies.

**Re: , on: 2016/4/26 12:00**

Todd,

Jerusalem will again be surrounded by armies (is already surrounded by Islamic nations that hate Israel & will be surrounded by their armies one day again on a much larger scope/scale. And 70 AD was a picture of what's to come. The first installment. But the eventual final apocalyptic fulfillment just before the Day of the Lord" is still to come & this one will reconcile ALL the prophecies of the Olivet Discourse, Daniel (where Jesus is actually quoting from in Matthew 24), & all the rest of the prophets. So it was "a fulfillment" but not THE Final fulfillment. In exactly the same way that the prophets in the OT Prophesied concerning Israel (& even in some of the Messianic Prophecies) things that had application & an immediate/soon fulfillment right ahead of them, but also a prophetic eventual apocalyptic fulfillment at the end. Like the end of the end just before the Day of the Lord. That's the only way you can fully reconcile ALL of the prophets' words in all their contexts, in my opinion. But, we can certainly agree to disagree & that's fine.

God Bless,

Jeff

**Re: Todd, on: 2016/4/26 12:10**

Bro let me clarify. I think I said in my post that the brother who was speaking said most of the prophecies were fulfilled in 70 AD. Although I'm not quite sure which ones he would be making reference to.

I do agree that some of the prophecies, how many I can't say, were fulfilled in 70 AD. But I believe that there are still signs that are contained in the Olivet discourse that are yet to be fulfilled.

That's probably where a lot of this discussion is centered on. Is there yet a future fulfillment of the signs of Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 yet to be fulfilled? I would say yes from my understanding and reading of the scriptures.

Bro I didn't think I was coming across as being upset. I was simply giving an assessment of the message that I listen to. It's hard to tell the tone in text. But I can assure you I was not upset. Just merely did not agree with a brother saying that most of the prophecies were fulfilled in 70 AD.

Brother Blaine

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/4/26 14:03**

Sorry Bear- I didn't mean to imply you were really upset- it was more of a rhetorical statement- I mean I didn't think you were crying or anything :)

It just seems that some people seem to get sort of panicked when they hear that at least some (I would argue most) of the OD was fulfilled in 70 AD. I think there are two reasons for this: first, most people only know the futurist version of prophecy, primarily the "left behind" version. When they hear another theory they feel their faith is being attacked. Second, almost no one, and I mean no one, has read extensively about what actually happened in 70 AD in Jerusalem. It was the greatest tribulation the world had yet seen.

Whether Jesus was talking about two separate fulfillments thousands of years apart remains to be seen. The text itself does not require such an interpretation.

**Re: , on: 2016/4/26 18:24**

Todd,  
70 AD was worse than WW2 & the holocaust? More people died in WW2 than all the other wars in history combined. I know you'll reference Josephus' account of things, but hard facts are hard facts. More Jews died in Gas ovens in Nazi Germany than there were total Jews in Israel in 70 AD. So I don't know about 70 AD being "the worst tribulation the world's ever seen". In fact, more Christians were martyred in the last decade or so than the last 2,000 years. These are all hard numbers data facts Open Doors, VOM & others have on record. I have heard/read the 70 AD stuff, but it seems all "shaped" a certain way to make it even bigger than the facts/data allow for. That's why I believe the next "big one" that really is THE great tribulation (the time of Jacob's distress) will be ginormous. In fact, the Word of God says of that time there will be more distress than there ever was, "or ever shall be". But WW2 far outpassed numbers of 70 AD, so that can't mean 70 AD (in my mind from the scriptures) was "IT".

My 2 cents,  
Jeff

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/4/26 21:37**

Jeff you misunderstand me.

It was the worst tribulation the world and particularly the Jewish world had seen to that point in history. There is no necessity from the text that Jesus was referencing all future history.

In other words, he could have said that in about 40 years you will experience the greatest tribulation ever known. That would not mean he was precluding the idea of even greater tribulation at some later date, like the things you referenced

WW1 was the greatest tribulation the world had known. Until WW2.

**nor ever shall be. - posted by proudpapa, on: 2016/4/26 21:48**

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

**Re: nor ever shall be., on: 2016/4/27 0:36**

I wonder what constitutes "great tribulation". "Great" can mean awesome, fantastic, wonderful, etc., but in this case I think it refers to magnitude or numbers so I kind of agree with Jeff that great tribulation is yet to come.

**Re: Then is When and When is Then - posted by savannah, on: 2016/4/27 7:56**

- Then is When and When is Then -

Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains; let him who is on the housetop not go down to get the things out that are in his house; and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak. But woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days! But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath; for then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall. And unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days shall be cut short. Then if anyone says to you, "Behold, here is the Christ," or "There He is," do not believe him. For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told you in advance. Matthew 24:15-25

Note:

vs. 15 "When..."

vs. 16 "...Then..."

vs. 19 "...Those days..."

vs. 21 "...Then..."

vs. 22 "...Those Days had been...Those Days shall..."

vs. 23 "...Then..."

vs. 25 "Behold, I have told you in advance."

Jesus said, "I have told YOU in advance."

"Told YOU", What, "in advance."

What they would "see", what they should do, and what they should "not believe."

Everything in between vs. 15-25 cannot be in OUR future. You must have a presupposition to come to such a conclusion. The reading of the text in its context will not bear that out.

Jesus told them in advance, and it most assuredly came to pass as He said it would.

- Then is When and When is Then -

**Re: , on: 2016/4/27 8:01**

Good point, Savannah.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/4/27 8:03**

Quote: "I wonder what constitutes "great tribulation". "Great" can mean awesome, fantastic, wonderful, etc., but in this case I think it refers to magnitude or numbers so I kind of agree with Jeff that great tribulation is yet to come."

In 70 AD the entire city was destroyed- almost everyone was killed- people were eating their own children. How can it get worse than that?

I agree the holocaust was obviously horrific but that did not take place in Jerusalem.

**Re: presuppositions - posted by savannah, on: 2016/4/27 8:35**

Presuppositions will lead men to say such things as this one poster,

"Jerusalem will again be surrounded by armies (is already surrounded by Islamic nations that hate Israel & will be surrounded by their armies one day again on a much larger scope/scale. And 70 AD was a picture of what's to come. The first installment. But the eventual final apocalyptic fulfillment just before the Day of the LORD is still to come & this one will reconcile ALL the prophecies of the Olivet Discourse, Daniel (where Jesus is actually quoting from in Matthew 24), & all the rest of the prophets. So it was "a fulfillment" but not THE Final fulfillment."

Some may even take the above quote seriously, and even make it almost equal with the Scripture itself. Many have done so with C.I. Scofield's comments in his reference bible. ðŸˆ¸

**Re: Revelation 7, on: 2016/4/27 9:47**

**Re: Revelayion 7, on: 2016/4/27 10:13**

Rev.7:13-14

Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in, white robes who are they and where do they come from?" I said to him, "My Lord you know.:" And he said to me, "These are the ones who have come out of the GREAT TRIBULATION and they have washed their robes and made them white by the blood of the Lamb."

...CAPS for emphasis only...

Brothers respectfully the context of the above verse what is at the end of Revelation 7. The chapter opens up with the 144,000 coming out of the 12 tribes of Israel in Rev.7:4-8. This is probably the remnant that is saved by grace that Paul mentions in Romans. I take the 144,000 to be a symbolic number. Then the vision moves to a great multitude that no one could count from every nation, and all tribes and peoples and tongues. They are standing before the throne and before the Lamb clothed in white robes and palm branches were in their hands and they cry out with a loud voice saying salvation to our God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb.

Brothers I respectfully submit that what you see above is the remnant church that spans time and space. This will be the bride of Christ consisting of Jew and Gentile. This will be the bride that has a remnant from every nation on the face of the Earth.

What you see in Revelation 7 is the culmination of Matthew 24:14. That is the gospel being preached to the whole world as a testimony to all the nations and then the end coming.

Brothers respectfully you will be hard-pressed to get a 70 AD fulfillment out of Matthew 24 and Rev. 7. For what John writes is an ongoing reality of the command that Jesus gave at the end of his Gospels. And that is to go and preach the gospel to all of the nation's and make disciples.

Brothers if you try to make this a 70 A.D. fulfillment then you're reducing the Bible to nothing more than just a history book. And denying the inspiration of scripture has Timothy record in 2nd Timothy 3:16. Remember all scripture IS INSPIRED by God. Not WAS INSPIRED by God.

The activity found in Revelation 7 is still going on. God is still calling out a Remnant Church from every nation around the world. The gospel is still being preached. The END is yet to come.

Granted in 70 AD the temple was destroyed. Jerusalem did come under tribulation. But the Great Tribulation is yet to come. Mainly the gospel is still being preached to the whole world.

Respectfully posted.

Brother Blaine

**Re: Revelation and the Beast - posted by lovejt (), on: 2016/4/27 10:57**

The Second Coming by Tozer is an excellent sermon in light of the recent discussions about the end times. Highly recommend it.

<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=649&commentView=itemComments>

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/4/27 11:02**

Bear- might we not be dealing with hyperbolic language as is common in Scripture?

"And I will do among you what I have never done, and the like of which I will never do again, because of all your abominations." ~Ezekiel 5:9

See also, Exodus 11:6, 2 Kings 18:5, Joel 2:2, 2 Kings 23:25, Daniel 9:12

Consider this language of Josephus who witnessed the events of 70 AD.

"The war which the Jews made with the Romans hath been the greatest of all those, not only that have been in our times, but, in a manner, of those that ever were heard of." and "the multitude of those that perished exceeded all of the destructions which either man or God ever brought upon the world... No other city ever suffered such things, no other generation was ever more fruitful in wickedness." (Josephus)

**Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/4/27 11:34**

I have read some genuine, kind and well stated arguments for understanding Jesus in Matthew 24 "you will see the Son of man ... coming in clouds" etc as being fulfilled in 70AD. I do know something of the extent of Jerusalem's destruction from reading.

But, here is where I just can't put it together. The brothers who understand that Jesus "came in the clouds" in judgment on Jerusalem in 70AD and the brothers who say Jesus will "come" in clouds via a secret rapture suffer from the same gap: Jesus is not "in" the clouds in AD 70 and He is not "coming" in the clouds in a secret rapture.

I get the argument that God uses clouds metaphorically for delivering His judgment, and I admit that Jesus' statement in Matthew 24 could sensibly have been understood by the Pharisees as His claim to being the God of judgment because of passages in the OT that describe judgment that way.

But, as I read the passage, Jesus is not speaking metaphorically. You know, as a lawyer in a state where common law marriage still exists, I have often joked that common law marriage is like ex post facto marriage -- you don't have it until you prove it after it is over and you look back and say, "Yep, that was a marriage." We would agree that it seems absurd. Well, reading Jesus metaphorically in about coming in clouds and calling the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 \*that\* strikes me the same way. It seems absurd. But, absurd common law marriage is still marriage under some states' laws. So, I don't scoff at the interpretation as much as I just don't accept it. Which is REALLY like common law marriage because most states don't accept IT. :)

That paragraph was totally unhelpful to y'all I am sure. :)

Now, as to whether "coming" equals stopping short in a secret rapture, I will leave for another time. I have been told that as a post tribber I believe we will do a U turn in the resurrection, but the pre-trib understanding has Jesus doing one. All I can say is that if I tell my wife I am coming home for dinner and I stop at a Jack's hamburger joint on the way and have a meal there, it would be hard for me to call that "coming home for dinner". There would be a little tribulation then of you get my drift. I can see the look on her face if I said, "Well, I came ON HOME afterward, so I am home."

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/4/27 12:48**

Tim-

I am not sure what you mean by secret rapture.

My understanding is that when Jesus returns the church will be raptured while the universe is recreated and then back down to the new earth we will come. Not sure where the secret part comes in

I certainly don't personally believe there was a rapture in 70 AD.

**Re: Was Done or Was Done and Yet Will Be , on: 2016/4/27 12:52**

Brothers trying to keep it simple. I do see Matthew 24 as having reference to Jerusalem and the temple being destroyed in 70 A.D. But I also see a future fulfillment that is yet to come. Probably the signs being played out today.

I have no issue in accepting that some of the signs of Matthew 24 were fulfilled in 70 A.D. But when I see that some of the signs are yet to be fulfilled and point to the ultimate return of Jesus. The 70 A.D. folks go into a tizzy.

Why can't the 70 A.D. folks accept that the language of Matthew 24 is double. Some fulfilled on 70 A.D. Some yet to be fulfilled.

Bro Blaine

**Re: , on: 2016/4/27 12:58**

Brothers I'm doing my best to can keep my posts conciliatory and respectful. This is why I refer to the 70 AD folks as believing Matthew 24 was fulfilled in 70 AD. Without using inflammatory theological labels.

Sitting here at Starbucks smiling. Just had a good dental check. Look forum. No cavities. :-)

Also enjoyed a nice Italian sandwich at Starbucks. And a cup of their hone brew. Oops. That might start another controversy. That's coffee. Not beer.:-)

Bearmaster. Almost typed Beermaster. :)

**Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/4/27 13:18**

Todd, what is meant by the phrase secret rapture is the idea that Jesus will sort of sneak into the clouds and snatch the church away. It is a phrase that is used primarily by rapture critics, although I used it simply to point up what I see as the gap when it comes to the rapture and Matthew 24

**Re: , on: 2016/4/27 13:34**

I know there have been threats which have discussed the "secret rapture". I simply don't see any scriptural support for the "secret Rapture" in the New Testament.

The proponents of the "secret Rapture" are arguing for two resurrections.

Bro Blaine

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/4/27 13:54**

Bear-

I can concede that the OD may have a part that is yet to be fulfilled. That doesn't bother me at all.

But, because Jesus' language is apocalyptic/prophetic in nature, it does not necessitate a fulfillment beyond 70AD.

In other words, it may have a future fulfillment and it may not. How's that for taking a stand?



**Re: Todd, on: 2016/4/27 19:43**

Bro not trying to be funny. But that's about like asking your wife. Honey are you pregnant? And she says kinda sorta. :-)

I was only making making a little fun at your question when you said how is that for taking a stand?

Brother Blaine

**Re: Apocalyptic Language???, on: 2016/4/27 19:50**

Brothers respectfully when you read Matthew 24 starting at verse 4 and down to verse 14. I hardly consider that apocalyptic language. Jesus seems to be speaking clearly about false Christ, wars and rumors of wars, plagues, earthquakes, persecution, martyrdom, etc. Jesus is speaking clearly about signs that will precede His coming.

These signs clearly indicate that there is yet a future fulfillment to occur in Matthew 24.

My thoughts.

Brother Blaine

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/4/27 19:58**

I agree Bear. The apocalyptic part starts when he talks about the clouds.

**Re: , on: 2016/4/27 20:46**

Savannah,

That all comes from a careful look and study at the whole Bible & all the words of the prophets, not just one or two verses run through "your own personal interpretation". Your post was also not very kind, & had a blunted end with a sharp point directed at me. That doesn't go unnoticed or undiscerned, but nevertheless, may God richly bless you in your study & understanding of His Word,

In Christ,  
Jeff

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/4/29 10:57**

Bear wrote:

"Brothers trying to keep it simple. I do see Matthew 24 as having reference to Jerusalem and the temple being destroyed in 70 A.D. But I also see a future fulfillment that is yet to come. Probably the signs being played out today."

I meant to bring this point up earlier but forgot- sorry about that.

My question is how do you deal with Mt. 24:34?:

"Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place."

**Re: , on: 2016/4/29 11:34**

Hey TMK,

Isn't it interesting that John seems to use the plagues of Egypt in the book of Revelation to communicate something to us. I don't think he is communicating physical events but rather spiritual events. He goes so far as to explain this with the FROGS as the powers of darkness.

What do you think he is trying to communicate with the other parallels of the plagues in Egypt?

Rev 16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits like FROGS come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the

beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

We know the dragon is not a real dragon, the scriptures tell us that. And the beast, we know is not really 10-headed or 7-horned, the scriptures explain that, too. All spiritual explanations.

I detailed all the plagues (yesterday), below with their OT scriptures.

Here you go:

I don't take these at face value, as John is clearly using analogies throughout the book. We are not used to the way John writes with our modern Aristotelian thinking of reason and logic so to us, everything has to be something we can see with our physical eyes. Back then people used symbols and analogies a lot. One thing I try to keep in mind is that in the OT, they dealt with physical realities such as enemies, the wilderness, altar, tabernacle, scorpions, lack of water, lack of food, manna from heaven, cloud by day, fire by night, etc, etc. These were all analogous to us of spiritual things, today. So, with that in mind, I think John is referring to spiritual things rather than physical things. Like I said, the second plague, John does tell us the FROGS refer to unclean spirits.

Plague #1: Blood  
Exodus 7:20

And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to BLOOD.

Revelation 8:8-9

The second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became BLOOD, and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed.

Revelation 11:6

These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into BLOOD, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

Revelation 16:3-6

The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like that of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea died. Then the third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous are You, who are and who were, O Holy One, because You judged these things; for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them BLOOD to drink. They deserve it.

Plague #2: Frogs  
Exodus 8:6

And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the FROGS came up, and covered the land of Egypt.

Similar plagues in Revelation:

Revelation 16:13-14

And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like FROGS; for they are SPIRITS of DEMONS, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

Plague #3: Lice  
Exodus 8:17

And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became LICE in m

an, and in beast; all the dust of the land became LICE throughout all the land of Egypt.

Can't find any parallel for Lice, (yet) in Revelation.

Plague #4: Swarms

Exodus 8:21

Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send SWARMS of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of SWARMS of flies, and also the ground whereon they are.

Rather than "swarms of flies" some translations view this as "SWARMS of beasts" as noted in the Plagues of the Exodus article.

Similar plagues in Revelation:

Revelation 6:8

I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with FAMINE and with PESTILENCE and by the WILD BEASTS of the earth.

Plague #5: Pestilence

Exodus 9:1-3

Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: there shall be a very grievous murrain (SEVERE PESTILENCE),

Similar plagues in Revelation:

Revelation 6:8

I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with FAMINE and with PESTILENCE and by the WILD BEASTS of the earth.

Plague #6: Boils

Exodus 9:10

And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a BOIL (SORES) breaking forth with BLAINS (SORES) upon man, and upon beast.

Similar plagues in Revelation:

Revelation 16:2

So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant SORE on the people who had the MARK of the beast and who WORSHIPPED HIS IMAGE.

(Mark of the beast refers to the unbelievers. Spiritual mark not a physical mark. Just like believers have the "mark" of Christ).

Plague #7: Hail

Exodus 9:22-24

And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be HAIL in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt. And Moses stretched forth his

s rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and HAIL, and the FIRE ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

Similar plagues in Revelation:  
Revelation 8:7

The first sounded, and there came HAIL and FIRE, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

Plague #8: Locusts  
Exodus 10:4-5

Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring the LOCUSTS into thy coast: And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field:

Similar plagues in Revelation:  
Revelation 9:3-4

Then out of the smoke came LOCUSTS upon the earth, and power was given them, as the SCORPIONS of the earth have power.

Plague #9: Darkness  
Exodus 10:21

And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be DARKNESS over the land of Egypt, even DARKNESS which may be felt.

Similar plagues in Revelation:  
Revelation 16:10-11

Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain, and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their PAINS AND SORES; and they did not repent of their deeds.

Plague #10: Death of the Firstborn  
Exodus 11:4-5

And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt SHALL DIE, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.

Similar plagues in Revelation:  
Revelation 19:19-21

And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. And the rest were KILLED with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

**Re: Todd , on: 2016/4/29 11:48**

Bro at work now. Will try to respond to your question this evening or tomorrow. Good question though. Let me look at it a nd think and pray on it.

Blaine

**Re: , on: 2016/4/29 11:50**

TMK, don't feel like you need to answer. Same with anyone else. I'm sorry, I should put this into a new thread. I think it will be an interesting discussion to try to come up with what John was communicating to the Early Church and what they were thinking he was writing about.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/4/29 12:01**

Good idea Julius.

To my shame and surprise I don't think I ever noticed the plague parallels in Rev.