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**The 70AD DOCTRINE**





# EXPOSING THE AD 70 DOCTRINE



What It Is...

Why It's Wrong...

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## **Definition: A.D. 70 Doctrine**



The AD 70 doctrine is a position that maintains that all prophecy of Scripture has been fulfilled by the year AD 70.

Also referred to as  
“realized eschatology.” -  
(C. H. Dodd - 1930's)



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**Covenant Eschatology.** -

Max King, 1980's

**Full Preterist**- "a person who maintains that the prophecies in the Apocalypse have already been fulfilled." ([dictionary.com](https://www.dictionary.com))

**Transmillennialism™.** -

Tim King





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According To This View of Eschatology  
**These Things Have ALREADY Occurred:**



- The second coming of Christ,
- the resurrection from the dead,
- Inheriting the new heaven and earth,
- The END of the world,

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### Logical Fallacies Leading To This False Doctrine



- **Pigeonholing** - forcing a term or phrase, which is used differently in different contextual settings, to ONLY refer to one event. - (judgment / coming of Jesus / the end, etc.)
- **Spiritualizing** - making literal terms and contexts figurative, (they like to say spiritual).



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#### ■ **Unsustainable Assumptions -**

- The “last days” began at Pentecost and ended in AD 70, the end of the Jewish economy.
- The last day was NOT really the last day — (Jn 6:39,40,44,54; 11:24; 12:48)
- All scripture was written BEFORE AD 70.



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- **Redefining terms to fit within their paradigm** - (death, life, resurrection, 2nd coming, judgment, at hand, ready, about to, etc.)
- **Forcing passages** that clearly refute their doctrine into their paradigm / Rev. 1 Cor 15; 1 The. 4; 2 The. 2; etc



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Teachings of This Doctrine

**Old Covenant overlapped with the New Covenant**



**30 AD**

**“Last Days”**  
(Transitional Period)



**70 AD**

“A failure to recognize the overlapping of the Old and New Covenants has created a third age or world that really doesn’t exist in Scripture.”  
*(Max King, Spirit of Prophecy, p. 367)*

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**Steve Baisden**



On Romans 7:4 “How could the first century Jews become dead to the law that was not there? Most say the Law was nailed to the cross AD 33, but Paul said they were becoming dead to that law in AD 58....

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THE FIRST C. DID NOT CO-EXIST W/ THE N.C.

(Matthew 5:17,18; Hebrews 8:13; Galatians 4:21-31?)



30 AD

Romans 7:1-4

Galatians 3:23-29; 5:1-6

Colossians 2:13-15

Ephesians 2:13-16

Hebrews 7:13-14; 8:4



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ONE JOT OR ONE TITTLE WILL BY NO MEANS PASS FROM THE  
LAW TILL ALL IS FULFILLED. - (MT 5:18)

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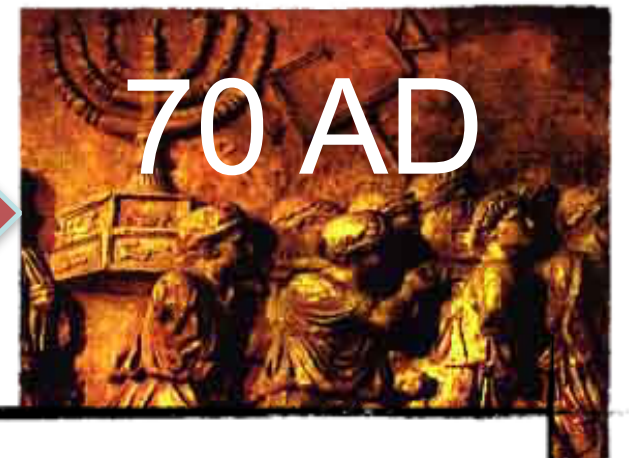
## Teachings of This Doctrine

### **Jesus Has Come & Is Not Coming Again**



**1st coming**

**2nd Coming**



"No distinction is made in Scripture between what we might call the 'second coming' and the fall of Jerusalem. The physical and spiritual results, and the significance of that event, fill every need and purpose of the coming of Christ" -  
(Max King, Spirit of Prophecy, p. 172)



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Max King: "There is no time period between the fall of Jerusalem and the second coming of Christ. They are synchronous events time-wise." (The Spirit of Prophecy, 81)

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- Jesus would come in destruction of Jerusalem (Mt. 24:3, 27, 30)
- NT refers to an imminent coming of the Lord (Jas. 5:7-8; 1 Pet. 4:7, 17)
- Only imminent coming was in destruction of Jerusalem
- Therefore, the Second Coming was Jesus' coming in judgment on Jerusalem in AD 70



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- A little while He who is coming will come (Heb. 10:37)
- Coming of the Lord is “at hand” (Jas. 5:7-8)
- Salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (1 Pet. 1:5)
- End of all things “at hand” (1 Pet. 4:7)
- Time has come for judgment on house of God (1 Pet. 4:17)

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- Kingdom (Mt. 16:28; 2 Tim. 4:1)
- End of the age (Mt. 24:3)
- Redemption (Lk. 21:27-28)
- Resurrection (1 Cor. 15:21-23)
- Judgment (Mt. 25:31ff; 2 Tim. 4:1)
- Destruction of lawless one (2 Th. 2:8)
- Heavens & earth destroyed & New heavens & new earth established - (2 Pet. 3:4, 7, 10-13)



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THE D. OF J. NOT JESUS' FINAL COMING

### **Different Comings of the LORD**

- Punishing or Blessing Churches (Rev. 2:5, 16, 25; 3:3, 11, 20; 16:15; 22:7, 12, 20)
- Destruction of Jerusalem (Mal. 4:1, 5; Mt. 10:23; 23:37-39; 24:3, 27, 30; 26:64; Mk. 13:26; Lk. 21:27; Heb. 10:37; Jas. 5:7-8)
- Judgment on the Beasts and Babylon (Rev. 1:7; 11:16-18; 14:14-20; 16:4-7; 19:1-2, 11-16, 19-21)
- Final Coming (Mt. 24:42-44; 25:31-33; Lk. 18:6-8; Jn. 14:1-3; 21:22-23; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:23; 1 Th. 3:11-13; 4:13-18; 5:23; 2 Th. 1:6-10; 2:1-3; 1 Tim. 6:13-16; 2 Tim. 4:1; Heb. 9:28; 2 Pet. 3:10-13)

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### The Future Final Coming of Jesus

#### ACTS 1:9-11 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, <sup>11</sup> who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."





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ACTS 1:9-11 (NKJV)



VISIBLE

LITERAL

PERSONAL

- “they watched”
- “out of their sight”
- “looked steadfastly”
- “gazing up”
- “as you saw Him go”

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- Like flood in Noah's days (Mt. 24:36-39; cf. 1 Pet. 3:20; Gen. 6:3)
- Master delayed return (Mt. 24:48-51)
- Bridegroom delayed coming (Mt. 25:5)
- Lord returned "after a long time" (Mt. 25:19)
- After a falling away (2 Th. 2:1-5)
- "Where is the promise of His coming?" (2 Pet. 3:4)



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### The Resurrection of the DEAD



Luke 20:34–36 (NKJV)

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, “**The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage.** <sup>35</sup> But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; <sup>36</sup> nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

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The Resurrection of the DEAD

What Is Unique About  
*The Sons Of The Resurrection?*



- They are in a different age
- They are raised from the dead
- They do not marry
- They do not die
- They are like the angels of God



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Acts 24:15 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of *the* dead, both of *the* just and *the* unjust.



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What "HOPE" Did Paul and the Pharisees Agree on?



- Were Paul's accusers looking forward to the rise and power of Christianity (Acts 23:6-8)?
- Was Paul's understanding of the Pharisees wrong?
- Is the Christian system full of resurrected just and unjust?



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Christ the Firstfruits  
(1 Cor. 15:20-23)



- The latter must be of the same nature as First-fruits. . .
- If the latter fruits are figurative, then so must the First-fruits! . . .

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#### 1 CORINTHIANS 15:23-26 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming. <sup>24</sup> Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death.



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### NEW HEAVENS & NEW EARTH

## 2 PETER 3:10-14 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? <sup>13</sup> Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

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### NEW HEAVENS & NEW EARTH ?



- R.E. claims the New Heavens & earth is the CHURCH? -
- The eternal home of the redeemed body - Romans 8:10,11,18-25; 1 Cor. 6:14; Eph. 1:14; 4:30; Phil 3:20,21; Hebrews 11:13-16



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### Doctrinal Implications of Preterist Eschatology

By Edward E. Stevens



Indeed, the preterist view does “change our views on a lot of things”. It has implications for many doctrines. Have we really gone so far in our study of the preterist view that we think we have seen all the implications, ramifications and logical extensions of it? Do we completely grasp the full impact of the preterist worldview upon all other Biblical doctrines besides eschatology (i.e. ecclesiology, soteriology, sacramentology, et al)?

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Which of the teachings and examples found in the NT still apply to us after the consummation of all things about A.D. 70? If the Preterist view is correct, where does it leave us? What Biblical material is still applicable to us today?



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### DOCTRINAL IMPLICATIONS



- Why the Lord's supper?
- What about elders, deacons & saints - for that matter local churches?
- What about baptism?
- What about heaven & hell?
- Is it possible to be saved or lost?





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## 2 PETER 3:10-14 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,



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