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Where will the antichrist arise from?? - posted by ReceivedText, on: 2005/4/28 6:03

I want to invite you all to read my new article, "Looking to Rome for the Antichrist." Here is the link:

(<http://www.believeonjesus.com/articles/arneson/RomeAntichrist.asp>) <http://www.believeonjesus.com/articles/arneson/RomeAntichrist.asp>

I would love to know what you all think of it. I pray it is timely.

Blessings,

RT

Re: Where will the antichrist arise from??, on: 2005/4/28 7:39

Quote:
 -----Looking to Rome for the Antichrist

Who Cares!!

What is more important is that we are:

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith"

What knowledge shall we gain by knowing who or what is the antichrist?

Will it cause us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ?

Will it cause us to be more intimate in Christ and become a better effective soul winner?

Shall we present the gospel with a little bit of fear of receiving the mark of the beast? saying:

"You better get saved or your going to take the mark".

I have been in fellowip meetings only to get up and leave, after finding out that the message for the evening is about the mark of the beast.

What purpose is that kind of knowledge?

(Someone might say, "it's the word", yes it is the word, but John was in the Spirit, and what he saw was in the Spirit. What he saw Spiritually needs to be interpreted by the same Spirit, in other words that person needs to be in the same Spirit to see what John saw to interpret properly)

What matters is that we know the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent, that testimony alone will cause us to stand any trial, any circumstance, and devil whether or not we have this knowledge or not.

A child in a Mothers womb who senses that a probe has entered into the womb, moves away from the probe.

As that child is connected to the Mother, so we are close to God are connected, and when something is not right or something is evil, WE WILL move away from it, whether we have knowledge or not. And that child in that womb was never taught anything.

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This post reads like I am nit picking, not so, just presenting a side note as to why we seek matters that really won't do us any good until the day a gun is pointed at us, "deny christ or die" all the knowledge that we accumulated about the antichrist and the end days was useless. What matters is that by submitting myself to the LORDship of Christ and knowing that I am His, and He is mine and that when I die, I will make it.

Words to think about, and NOT just speaking to you Receivedtext.

Grieved

Re: Where will the antichrist arise from?? - posted by Heavenlyman, on: 2005/4/28 7:49

Quote by Healingwaters:

Who Cares!!;-D

What is more important is that we are:"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith"

AMEN !!!

Re: - posted by lastblast (), on: 2005/4/28 8:58

From RT's article:

As for the saints reading this, I encourage you to keep these things in mind so you will not be deceived. I leave you with the words of 1 Thess. 5:4-10:

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him." (1 Thess. 5:4-10).

Not only are we called to "abide in me", but we are also called by Jesus to "WATCH". Thanks for sharing your article with us. Blessings in Jesus, Cindy

Re: Where will the antichrist arise from?? - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/4/28 11:52

The antichrist will have these attributes:

Dan. 11:36 "Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done. 37 He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all. 38 But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things. 39 Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.

He will be a king of a nation that has a great army that causes great destruction. He will control the economic forces of the world. He will for a time appear to support the people of God but it will be for his gain. He will be leading vast armies against the king of the south. And both men will be of a similar nature. They both seek to exalt themselves above all nations. They both seek to rule the world.

In Christ
Jeff

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Re: jeff - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2005/4/28 11:59

Dear Jeff, I hope people will read your post and let their eyes be open.

Surrendered to Him, Chanin

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2005/4/28 12:47

RT I haven't yet check out the link but I will though.

Karl

you have THE point, as long as we are focused on what God has for us to do when these things happen not only will we recognize them but we will be unshaken.

Re: end times - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2005/4/28 12:59

I also used to be very into the end times things. It consumed me for awhile. Yet I finally figured out that it is all in God's hands anyway. Why was I wasting my time on these things when I should be focusing on becoming Christ-like. Helping those in need, and preparing myself and my family for ANYTHING- for whatever God saw fit to do.

If we are truly growing in Christlikeness, we will be prepared for whatever comes our way. I know the worst that could happen and I know all the in between. But I have found that being prepared spiritually is what matters most.

It's amazing when i think about it, how many other subjects that were about "christian" things that have taken up my time and study- when I could have used that time and study for His good and not my own high mindedness. I have repented of this in the past. I believe that as we grow in His likeness, we will know and have a sense of what to expect. But many times cannot tell others of this wisdom until it is revealed to them by Jesus Himself.

How much of your focus is directed to the things of God, and not to God Himself? How much of your discussion centers on things about Jesus, and not Jesus Himself?

Just look around. This brother is focused on end-time events, and that sister is devoted to inner healing. This brother is primarily concerned with prophetic things, while another sister is keenly interested in spiritual warfare. That brother is deeply involved with theological discussions, while that sister is in love with Christian music. One movement emphasizes this particular thing, and another group stands for another thing.

There may be diversities of gifts and callings. There may be various and sundry things to be involved with. There may be many topics to study and discuss. Many things compete for our time, attention, affection, energy, and money.

But there is only one Lord Jesus.

Just as some people cannot see the forest for the trees, I believe most sinners cannot see Jesus for the Christians. And I believe most Christians cannot see Jesus for the "church". (Is Jesus Enough?-C. Brogden)

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/4/28 13:19

Sis wrote:

Quote:
-----How much of your focus is directed to the things of God, and not to God Himself? How much of your discussion centers on things about Jesus, and not Jesus Himself?

As one begins to understand and a fire grows in the heart for one's Savior, the whole world disappears before the glory of God.

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The sweet aroma of Christ will permeate our entire life as we center on "Jesus Himself."

Are we being conformed into His image? That is a penetrating question Chanin.

In Christ
Jeff

Re: The people of God, eh?, on: 2005/4/28 15:41

Rookie Wrote:

Quote:
-----He will for a time appear to support the people of God but it will be for his gain

The Jews today and of yesterday are NOT the people of God. They are Talmudic Pharisees, descended from Turks of K hazaria. Jewish publications will tell you that.

That bit of prophecy has been fulfilled, it was referring to Antichous Epiphanes, Alexander the Great, Ptolemy, Cleopatra , the Herods and a few others.

God gave Daniel and the Jewish nation this time line, because God was going to stop speaking to them for over a 400 y ear period. By following this time line, it gave the reader the understanding that time was coming to a close for the Jewis h nation and the temple (Daniel 9:24Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city).

This time line started with the command to rebuild the wall in Ezra and Nehemiahs day, Ezra

"And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah t he son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to t he **commandment of Cyrus**, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia."

Daniel 9:25

"Know therefore and understand, that from the **going forth of the commandment** to restore and to build Jerusalem unt o the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again,**and the w all** , even in troublous times."

Ezra 5:3 "At the same time came to them Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shetharboznai, and their companio ns, and said thus unto them, **Who hath commanded you to build this house, and to make up this wall?**

Verse 13 "But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon the same king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of Go d."

"Even in troublous times" Please read Ezra and Nehemiah and discover that they went thru much trouble with the inhabit ants round about them who also opposed the work.

Re:The end time past, on: 2005/4/28 15:51

Chanin wrote:

Quote:
-----I also used to be very into the end times things.

I am only to a degree, I am not wrapped up in the end time hype, I am allowing the holy Spirit to lead and guide me into

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all truth, and that is placing scriptures where scriptures ought to be, whether they be in the past or sometime in the future. And I have discovered that much is in the past and what people hold on today is a concoction of voices and verses that don't amount to a hill of beans.

For example Daniel 9:27, "And He shall confirm the covenant with many for one week.....". This is speaking about Jesus Christ coming in the final 70th week and confirming the Abrahamic covenant that God gave to him and his descendants.

But today, we have teachers having itching ears who have changed the wording by inserting a "peace treaty". This is how some translations read:

"And he will make a peace treaty with Israel for one week and in the middle of the week he shall break the treaty....."

Karl Healing waters, on: 2005/4/28 17:06

Quote:
-----The Jews today and of yesterday are NOT the people of God

in all due respect, you're wrong. God doesn't "go back" on what He said. You're a grafted in vine, be thankful for that.

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/4/28 17:17

Br. Karl wrote:

Quote:
-----"Even in troublous times" Please read Ezra and Nehemiah and discover that they went thru much trouble with the inhabitants round about them who also opposed the work.

I hear what you are saying. I see what you are saying. I myself have not been a student of eschatology so I cannot teach much on what is to come. The ideas of pre-trib, mid-trib, and post-trib are not clear to me. Throughout Scripture I have seen that God delivers His people, but most times it is not how the people thought it would be.

Yet, the promises God makes to the natural branch and the wild branch, somehow threads its way throughout Scripture. And of course, the nation of Israel, is once again real according to the flesh.

One thing I know is that the conflicts we see in Scripture are of our own lack of understanding.

- Psa. 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament shows His handiwork.
- 2 Day unto day utters speech,
And night unto night reveals knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech nor language
Where their voice is not heard.
- 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world...

The word of God lines up and declare the glory of God. Someday we will see as He sees.

In Christ
Jeff

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Re: Healing? Waters and Heavenly? Man - posted by ReceivedText, on: 2005/4/28 18:14

Wow guys. I invited you to read my new article that I spent a considerable time and care writing and you say:

"Who Cares!!" - (Healingwaters and Heavenlyman)

Is this what you mean by "try to be more sensitive" or "have a Christ-like attitude"??? You boys might want to check the huge mote in your eye.

Is this your attempt at "edification"??

You wrote:

Quote:
-----What knowledge shall we gain by knowing who or what is the antichrist?

Well maybe you should take that question up with Jesus and ask Him why he gave the Olivet discourse recorded in Matt . 24. Maybe you should ask why Paul went to such detail to alert us to who antichrist will be in 2 Thess. 2. Maybe you will want to Ask Daniel why he bothered. Maybe you will want to ask the Lord Jesus why he bothered giving John the Revelation.

Do you insist on resisting the Holy Ghost??? Do you really think that these subjects are never to be dealt with? Does a person have to talk about the every aspect of theology all of the time to appease men such as yourselves?? Is it bad to stick to one subject (I just mean one subject at a time, not only one subject ever) and take scripture expositively?? This is not about "growing in Christ." If you want to talk about that, do it. But don't accuse me for not talking about it here. That is not what this article is about.

I suppose if I were to post something about marriage you would say, "Will it cause us to be more intimate in Christ and become a better effective soul winner?" (Quote of Healing?waters) And the answer will be no. Not because we aren't interested in soulwinning, but simply because that is not what we are talking about at the present moment. It will, however, cause my relationship to my wife to be better. Yes, this subject has an INDIRECT affect on my relationship with Christ, but so does my understanding of Bible prophecy.

It is evident to all that I am not the one picking a fight. Well, I refuse to fight or attack you guys.

Meat is for the mature. Grow up, boys.

BTW: Thank you so much, Cindy, for your ever so kind comments on the article. You are a blessing. Praise God for your stand for Biblical marriage and God's word.

Blessings,

RT

Re: Where will the antichrist arise from?? - posted by dohzman (), on: 2005/4/28 22:01

Spain

Re: Karl Healing waters, on: 2005/4/28 23:00

Nielgin wrote:

Quote:
-----You're a grafted in vine, be thankful for that.

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So are the Jews, if you care to read a little bit more it says that God is able to graft the Jews back in as well. So it goes right back to scriptures that says, "There is neither Jew or Gentile, Bond or Free, Male or Female, for we are all ONE in Christ Jesus. There is no separate class of believers, there is only one Church. Jesus broke down the middle wall of partition.

Re:, on: 2005/4/28 23:03

God love ya Received Text, took your post with shear joy, and laughter. Thanks,

Re: Middle wall of partition will not be built again, on: 2005/4/28 23:45

Rookie wrote:

Quote:

-----the promises God makes to the natural branch and the wild branch

Rookie thank you for being meek in this matter and not trying to grasp at straws when there are no straws to grasp.

God made many promises to Israel, but she left God and became a harlot. She was married to every nation that came to her.

When Christ came on the scene, He told those Jews who "believed" on Him that they were of their father the devil, they were so backwards in the thinking towards God, they had become a wicked and perverse generation, which seeks for a sign, and the sign was standing in their midst, healing the sick, casting out devils, yet they were blind by their pride, because Jerusalem had reached the zenith of her existence, she was in a golden age. Jesus even said that the axe was laid at the roots of the tree ready to cut her down. All trees that are high and the branches being lofty are cut down. We see this concerning King Nebucaddnezzar.

Romans Ch7 speaks about what Christ did to Israel, Paul is speaking to those who know the Law:

2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man."

It is with this that when Christ died He set Israel free from being married to God. After Christ died, she was no longer married to God her connection with God was severed. Even God was set free (that is hard to believe) Isaiah 43:24

"Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices:**but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.**"

Now I want to say something here regarding Natural Israel, yet everyone is caught up in the idea that God is going to restore natural Israel etc..

Paul says something totally different regarding the Natural Jew. Let the word speak for itself:

Romans 9:6

6 ".....For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:

7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed."

Those who walk after the Spirit are counted for the seed. The flesh profiteth nothing.

Remember what Christ said to the those Jews who believed on Him, He said "you are of your father the devil". Not all Israel is of Israel. The true Israel of God is the new creation in Christ Jesus.

Galations 6:15

"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.
16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God"

The true Jew is one inwardly, he is counted for the seed.

Don't let anyone call us Gentiles, we are true Jews inwardly. Outwardly is the flesh, and the Angel told John not to measure the outer court, it's not included in the Jerusalem which is above, without that city is all manners of the workings of the flesh. Revelation 22:15

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/4/29 11:39

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I do not see this Scripture in the same light as you. The Law still condemns all men today. The Law of God has always existed. Paul is teaching in Romans 7 about a believer who still follows the old man. Chapter 7 is devoted to revealing to us that we cannot continue to follow the old man. If we continue in the old ways, we are living in an adulterous relationship with God. There is nothing good in the flesh. Yet what is the solution? We are called to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. If we submit to His leading, the old man dies and we no longer live in an adulterous relationship with our Lord.

Paul teaches that one can be a babe in Christ and not understand the leading of the Spirit. See 1 Corinthians 2 and 3.

Paul in 3:1, "And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to **spiritual** people but as to **carnal**, as to **babes in Christ**. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for **until now you were not able to receive it** and even **now** you are still not able, for you are **still carnal**."

God has always sought to free His people from the bondage of sin. Only by grace through faith can anyone enter into a relationship where Jesus sets men free from the bondage of the flesh.

In Christ
Jeff

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/4/29 11:40

Br RT,

Sorry for my quick response. I will read what you have offered.

In Christ
jeff

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/4/29 11:53

Br Karl wrote:

Quote:
-----Remember what Christ said to the those Jews who believed on Him, He said "you are of your father the devil". Not all Israel is of Israel. The true Israel of God is the new creation in Christ Jesus.

This particular scene is Scripture speaks of the Pharisees who did not believe in Jesus.

I have many problems with the teachings of dispensational theology as it is taught today. One of the precepts that I do see in Scripture is that God has chosen a nation Israel and has set this particular people apart from the gentiles. I do not understand how things will be in the completion of His work, but I do see that He has made an covenant that cannot be broken with the people Israel.

Jer. 33:19 And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 20 "Thus says the LORD: 'If you can break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season, 21 then My covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levites, the priests, My ministers. 22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.'"

Jer. 33:23 Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 24 "Have you not considered what these people have spoken, saying, 'The two families which the LORD has chosen, He has also cast them off?' Thus they have despised My people, as if they should no more be a nation before them.

Jer. 33:25 "Thus says the LORD: 'If My covenant is not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth, 26 then I will cast away the descendants of Jacob and David My servant, so that I will not take any of his descendants to be rulers over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will cause their captives to return, and will have mercy on them.'"

In Christ
Jeff

Re: Where will the antichrist arise from?? - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/4/29 16:24

Br. RT

I read the article. The antichrist may very well come from what we know as the Roman Empire. Yet, in terms of why the kings of the earth commit fornication with the harlot, I have not seen that this man's views align with what we know of the Harlot.

The harlot is spiritual. The harlot is a creation of Satan. The wine of the harlot gives the kings of the earth something that they desire. The manifestations of the harlot's spell are much more in line with ruling the world. The manifestations of being able to exalt oneself above all others is the goal of the kings who submit to the harlot.

Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, listen for the substance of the temptation.

Matt. 4:8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

Satan tempts the kings of this earth with the glory of the brotherhood of men. Listen to Paul teach about how God views this manifestation.

1Cor. 1:26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the

things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, **29, that no flesh should glory in His presence.**"

The Harlot seduces the kings of this earth with the glory of the brotherhood of man. What gives these kings glory? Could it be mammon, the love of which become the roots of all kind of evil? A disciple cannot have two gods. Now how many people do you hear preachin about the love of mammon being the root of all kinds of evil? Could this be the substance of what the harlot represents? How many worship mammon in this world?

In Christ
Jeff

Re: Jeff (rookie) - posted by ReceivedText, on: 2005/4/29 18:31

Quote:
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I think there is something Healingwaters was pointing out that maybe you haven't seen. He didn't quote the application of the Biblical illustration of Rom. 7:2,3. Let's try again. Here's the illustration Paul gives:

Rom. 7:2,3 "For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man."

OK, the issue here is the marriage covenant established in the garden of Eden before the law of Moses. This is why it is referred to as "the law of her husband." When a covenant is made, certain laws or commandments govern the covenant. It was the same way with the law of Moses. Remember when the Israelites lined up half on one hill, half on the other and proclaimed blessings and curses? These were the results of violating the covenant and the blessings of keeping it. The covenant was until death do us part. While at least one of the parties was still alive, the covenant was in force. A violation didn't destroy the covenant. It only brought consequence. This is the same with the marriage covenant. The only way to dissolve it is through death.

Let's look at the application:

Rom. 7:4-6 "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter."

So in the same way that a wife is bound to love, honor, submit to, and obey her husband, we were bound to love, honor, submit to, and obey the law of God. But if we are dead, we are free from our bondage to the law just as a wife is free from the law of her husband through death.

Notice, we are "dead to the law by the body of Christ." Not just dead to sin, but dead to the law. I didn't say that, the Bible did. If we are not dead to the law, we are seeking to commit adultery with Christ. And Christ will have no part of adultery, though we beg Him. He IS righteousness.

Listen to the verse. Why are we dead to the law? "...that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." So take your pick. Die to the law and live with Christ. Or live to the law and be estranged from Christ and live under the curse of the law. Remember that everyone under the law is cursed because we cannot keep it. You cannot have the Spirit of Christ as a pledge of your betrothal to Christ without makin

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g yourself "available" for re-marriage. This can only happen when you die to the law. You must be identified with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. You must be crucified with Christ. Christ perfectly fulfilled the law and died to it not having broken it.

Go read Gal. 4:4. It says that the Son was made of a woman, made under the law. Why? (v.5) "To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

Christ was made "under the law" for a reason. He lived under a bondage you could not bear in your flesh. The old law exists today for those who have not died to it in Christ. There is a new covenant that can only be entered into through death and resurrection. This is the gospel. This is why we are told, if Christ did not rise from the dead, we are still in our sins.

This is the power of Gal. 2:20. Much more could be said. I want to stop here and give you a chance to respond.

Blessings,

RT

Re:Sons of the devil, on: 2005/4/29 21:21

Rookie Wrote:

Quote:
-----This particular scene is Scripture speaks of the Pharisees who did not believe in Jesus.

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. 33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? 34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. 35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. 36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. 37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. 38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. 39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. 41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. 42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. 43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. 44 **Ye are of your father the devil**, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and a bode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

I put these scripture here to show you that Jesus was indeed talking to the "BELIEVING" Jew and He ends up telling them that they were children of the devil.

Quote:
-----I have many problems with the teachings of dispensational theology as it is taught today.

I couldn't agree with you more, I don't believe in it either.

Karl

Re:Jerusalem the harlot, on: 2005/4/29 21:43

I am a firm believer that the RCC is NOT the whore of Revelation.

The RCC never made a covenant with God, she never was the bride of Christ, she never was married to God. We can't just grasp straws and say this is this and that is that, we need to turn to Old Testament, the Old Testament is our blue print or Primer it will speak every word that Christ and the Apostles have spoken and confirmed. What did the Bereans use to search the scriptures to see if those things that they were hearing was the truth, they were using the Old Testament.

When did God ever crown the RCC and decked her with Jewels of every sort? No where can this be affirmed.

I know, no one wants to hear this. I used to believe just like a good dispensationalist. I believed in a Post Tribulation Rapture, I believed that the anti christ was going to make a seven year peace treaty with Israel, only to find that I can't find this 7 year agreement made in the scriptures to back up those claims.

For those who wish to know truth and not superstition, "Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth."

Look at Ezekiel 23:4 If anyone cares to read this, it would benefit you greatly if you would.

"And the names of them were Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her sister: and they were mine, and they bare sons and daughters. Thus were their names; Samaria is Aholah, and Jerusalem Aholibah.

5 And Aholah played the harlot when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians her neighbours,
6 Which were clothed with blue, captains and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses.
7 Thus she committed her whoredoms with them, with all them that were the chosen men of Assyria, and with all on whom she doted: with all their idols she defiled herself.
8 Neither left she her whoredoms brought from Egypt: for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised the breasts of her virginity, and poured their whoredom upon her.
9 Wherefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted.
10 These discovered her nakedness: they took her sons and her daughters, and slew her with the sword: and she became famous among women; for they had executed judgment upon her.
11 And when her sister Aholibah saw this, she was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she, and in her whoredoms more than her sister in her whoredoms.
12 She doted upon the Assyrians her neighbours, captains and rulers clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men.
13 Then I saw that she was defiled, that they took both one way,
14 And that she increased her whoredoms: for when she saw men portrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermillion,
15 Girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity:
16 And as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea.
17 And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and she was polluted with them, and her mind was alienated from them.
18 So she discovered her whoredoms, and discovered her nakedness: then my mind was alienated from her, like as my mind was alienated from her sister.
19 Yet she multiplied her whoredoms, in calling to remembrance the days of her youth, wherein she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt.
20 For she doted upon their paramours, whose flesh is as the flesh of asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horses."

Lets look at her beauty, this is Jerusalem the whore who rides the Roman Empire of so long ago. Ezekiel 16:17-

"And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto Jerusalem; Thy birth and thy nativity is of the land of Canaan; thy father was an Amorite, and thy mother an Hittite.

4 And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.

5 None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the loathing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born.

6 And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live.

7 I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments: thy breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou wast naked and bare.

8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.

9 Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil.

10 I clothed thee also with brodered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk.

11 I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck.

12 And I put a jewel on thy forehead, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head.

13 Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and brodered work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil: and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom.

14 And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD.

15 But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was.

16 And of thy garments thou didst take, and deckedst thy high places with divers colours, and playedst the harlot thereupon: the like things shall not come, neither shall it be so.

17 Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them,

18 And tookest thy brodered garments, and coveredst them: and thou hast set mine oil and mine incense before them.

19 My meat also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey, wherewith I fed thee, thou hast even set it before them for a sweet savour: and thus it was, saith the Lord GOD.

20 Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. Is this of thy whoredoms a small matter,

21 That thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them?

22 And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, and wast polluted in thy blood.

23 And it came to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe, woe unto thee! saith the Lord GOD;)

24 That thou hast also built unto thee an eminent place, and hast made thee an high place in every street.

25 Thou hast built thy high place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms.

26 Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger.

27 Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine ordinary food, and delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, the daughters of the Philistines, which are ashamed of thy lewd way.

28 Thou hast played the whore also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied.

29 Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.

30 How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord GOD, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whorish woman;

31 In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire;

32 But as a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers instead of her husband!

33 They give gifts to all whores: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom.

34 And the contrary is in thee from other women in thy whoredoms, whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms: and in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee, therefore thou art contrary.

35 Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD:

36 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thy abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them;

37 Behold, therefore I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all them that thou hast loved,

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with all them that thou hast hated; I will even gather them round about against thee, and will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness.

38 And I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy.

39 And I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thine eminent place, and shall break down thy high places: they shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare.

40 They shall also bring up a company against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords.

41 And they shall burn thine houses with fire, and execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many women: and I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire any more.

42 So will I make my fury toward thee to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry."

In 70 A.D. Jerusalem was destroyed by her lovers who surrounded her for a 3 1/2 year siege.

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/4/30 0:12

Br RT wrote:

Quote:
-----Notice, we are "dead to the law by the body of Christ." Not just dead to sin, but dead to the law. I didn't say that, the Bible did. If we are not dead to the law, we are seeking to commit adultery with Christ. And Christ will have no part of adultery, though we beg Him. He IS righteous.

I was following along until this. You said, "if we are not dead to the law, we are seeking to commit adultery with Christ. And Christ will have no part of adultery..." I agree with this statement wholeheartedly. And what you have stated here clearly states what Paul is teaching throughout chapter 7. And what solution is there that enables us to overcome the law?

Rom. 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—^{not} to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Do you see that Paul is teaching about the adultery you speak of? What does Jesus say about this situation?

John 8:34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Do you see that whoever remain a slave of sin does not abide in the house forever, but it is only those who follow Christ through the Holy Spirit that overcome the law and bondage to sin.

Yes the Scripture do say that "if" you are Christ's then you are dead to the law. Just like Scripture says, "13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

In Christ
Jeff

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/4/30 0:29

Br RT wrote,

Quote:
----- So take your pick. Die to the law and live with Christ. Or live to the law and be estranged from Christ and live under the curse of the law. Remember that everyone under the law is cursed because we cannot keep it.

The Corinthians seemed to have the problem you have spoke of here. Listen to Paul, he first acknowledges:

1Cor. 1:4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, 5 that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Corinthians have been given all things in Christ and yet listen to Paul's admonition.

1 Corinthian 3:

1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; 3 for you are still carnal.

Now we know what Paul teaches about the carnally minded brethren.

Romans 8: 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

So again Scripture teaches as you have said, " So take your pick." Today is the day of Salvation, just as tomorrow is. Do we choose to obey the Spirit or remain in bondage to the carnal mind? The law of the Spirit satisfies the law of God.

In Christ
Jeff

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/4/30 0:35

Br RT wrote"

Quote:
-----This is the gospel. This is why we are told, if Christ did not rise from the dead, we are still in our sins.

This is also the gospel.

- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.
- 5 Blessed are the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they shall be filled.

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- 7 Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.
- 9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons of God.
- 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

A disciple of Christ will also die in the ways that Christ taught in the above verses. We are very close in many ways. You mentioned Christ death and resurrected life, this is also the path that you and I must travel.

In Christ
Jeff

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/4/30 0:39

Br Karl quoted this Scripture

Quote:
-----37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

Satan knows who Jesus is, yet he doesn't obey. Jesus convicts these men, "because my word hath no place in you."

In Christ
Jeff

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/4/30 0:52

Br Karl,

I hear the Scripture you have quoted here. I believe this speaks of the first desolation of Israel. And knowing that you live in the OT also, in the book of Zechariah we find another work of God in a new generation.

:Zech. 1:7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet: 8 I saw by night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse, and it stood among the myrtle trees in the hollow; and behind him were horses: red, sorrel, and white. 9 Then I said, "My lord, what are these?" So the angel who talked with me said to me, "I will show you what they are."

Zech. 1:10 And the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, "These are the ones whom the LORD has sent to walk to and fro throughout the earth."

Zech. 1:11 So they answered the Angel of the LORD, who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, "We have walked to and fro throughout the earth, and behold, all the earth is resting quietly."

Zech. 1:12 Then the Angel of the LORD answered and said, "O LORD of hosts, how long will You not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which You were angry these seventy years?"

Zech. 1:13 And the LORD answered the angel who talked to me, with good and comforting words. 14 So the angel who spoke with me said to me, "Proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'I am zealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with great zeal.

15 I am exceedingly angry with the nations at ease;
For I was a little angry,
And they helped—**but with evil intent.**”

Zech. 1:16 “Therefore thus says the LORD:
“I am returning to Jerusalem with mercy;
My house shall be built in it,” says the LORD of hosts,
“And a surveyor’s line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem.””

Zech. 1:17 “Again proclaim, saying, “Thus says the LORD of hosts:
“My cities shall again spread out through prosperity;
The LORD will again comfort Zion,
And will again choose Jerusalem.””

Again as you mentioned the second desolation that occurred in 70 AD, I believe God will say once again to a new generation, “My cities shall again spread out through prosperity;
The LORD will again comfort Zion,
And will again choose Jerusalem.””

In Christ
Jeff

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/5/2 12:32

I was reading in the books of Hosea and Amos this morning. These are some of the Scripture I would like to share concerning the Harlot and her fornication with the kings of the earth.

Hosea 2:

4 “I will not have mercy on her children,
For they are the children of harlotry.
5 For their mother has played the harlot;
She who conceived them has behaved shamefully.
For she said, “I will go after my lovers,
Who give me my bread and my water,
My wool and my linen,
My oil and my drink.”
6 “Therefore, behold,
I will hedge up your way with thorns,
And wall her in,
So that she cannot find her paths.
7 She will chase her lovers,
But not overtake them;
Yes, she will seek them, but not find them.
Then she will say,
“I will go and return to my first husband,
For then it was better for me than now.”
8 For she did not know
That I gave her grain, new wine, and oil,
And multiplied her silver and gold—
Which they prepared for Baal.

Here we see that Ephraim has gone after lovers who have provided her with:

Who give me my bread and my water,
My wool and my linen,
My oil and my drink.”

God then says that He is going to take it all away. And then Ephraim will return to Him. Listen to what He says next:

8 For she did not know
That I gave her grain, new wine, and oil,
And multiplied her silver and gold—
Which they prepared for Baal.

You see God has His economy and Satan seeks to destroy by temptation and lies. In the above Scripture God is the one who cares for His people. Yet, His people have committed adultery with Baal. They have attributed their provisions to the gods of other nations. Listen to the Scriptures in the book of Amos about the ways of those who follow Baal.

Amos 5:

10 They hate the one who rebukes in the gate,
And they abhor the one who speaks uprightly.
11 Therefore, because you tread down the poor
And take grain taxes from him,
Though you have built houses of hewn stone,
Yet you shall not dwell in them;
You have planted pleasant vineyards,
But you shall not drink wine from them.
12 For I know your manifold transgressions
And your mighty sins:
Afflicting the just and taking bribes;
Diverting the poor from justice at the gate.
13 Therefore the prudent keep silent at that time,
For it is an evil time.

Amos 6:

3 Woe to you who put far off the day of doom,
Who cause the seat of violence to come near;
4 Who lie on beds of ivory,
Stretch out on your couches,
Eat lambs from the flock
And calves from the midst of the stall;
5 Who sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments,
And invent for yourselves musical instruments like David;
6 Who drink wine from bowls,
And anoint yourselves with the best ointments,
But are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.
7 Therefore they shall now go captive as the first of the captives,
And those who recline at banquets shall be removed.
8 The Lord GOD has sworn by Himself,
The LORD God of hosts says:
“I abhor the pride of Jacob,
And hate his palaces;
Therefore I will deliver up the city
And all that is in it.”

Amos 8:

Amos 8:5 Saying:
“When will the New Moon be past,
That we may sell grain?
And the Sabbath,
That we may trade wheat?
Making the ephah small and the shekel large,

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Falsifying the scales by deceit,
6 That we may buy the poor for silver,
And the needy for a pair of sandals—
Even sell the bad wheat?”

7 The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
”Surely I will never forget any of their works.

All these things that the Lord testifies here speak of the fruits of Satan. You see God provides for the people, yet they did not walk in the ways that the Lord led them. Instead Ephraim walk in the ways of the people around them and exceeded the wickedness of those people. Ephraim walk according to the ways of Satan.

Do you see the bloodshed? Do you see whom they worshipped? Do you see the fruits of fornication with the Harlot?

In Christ
Jeff

Antichrist - posted by taco, on: 2005/5/2 13:49

I don't know where (geographically) the Antichrist will (has) arise(en) from.

But I know this:

Quote:

I dread my own heart more than the pope and all his cardinals, for within me is the greater pope, even self. --Martin Luther

And...

Quote:

Worst of all my foes, I fear the enemy within. --John Wesley

In the words of the Lord Jesus Christ...

Quote:

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, "thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. "All these evil things come from within and defile a man." (Mark 7:21-23)

Re: Where will the antichrist arise from??, on: 2005/5/2 15:33

RT, The first time I tried to read your article I was tempted to reply after the first line: "Let there be no mistake that we are living in the last of the last days." But then I read on.

I find some of the parallels you present interesting at least. The Gold cups, purple and scarlet robes etc.

Nevertheless, I still have a serious problem with that first line. As I understand the Revelation there must be a one world currency with people receiving the mark on hand or forehead in order to participate. This is many many years away if it is even ever at all a possibility. There are places in the world with no currency let alone entirely electronic economies. Much of Africa is hundreds of years away from this. People there live on barter economies, largely and have no or little experience with even a checking account.

How is it that we are living in the last days?

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Bubbaguy

Re: - posted by taco, on: 2005/5/2 15:54

Quote:
-----As I understand the Revelation there must be a one world currency with people receiving the mark on hand or forehead in order to participate.

This is only one, very literalistic, understanding of the 13th chapter of Revelation. The verse following (14:1) speaks of those "having his Father's name written in their foreheads". Very few take that verse literally.

I think along these lines:- The mark of the beast is the world's stamp on everything you do (hand) and how you think (forehead). If you don't think and act according to the world you have no part in it (can't buy and sell) ie you won't fit into the system. Those who refuse the world's ways are those who have the Father's name written on their foreheads, following the Lamb where ever he goes.

Whether this had or will have a more specific application, I don't know. But I doubt it has anything to do with microchips inserted into the hand or head.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2005/5/2 17:07

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taco
incidentally this technology is currently being perfected and tested as we speak so it may well be that people will get microchips inserted in their hands. I heard a rumour that it is being tried out on babies in Europe, not sure how true that is though.

Re: - posted by taco, on: 2005/5/2 19:02

Quote:
-----incidentally this technology is currently being perfected and tested as we speak so it may well be that people will get microchips inserted in their hands.

It could indeed happen. But I would still wonder if that is the correct interpretation of Rev 13:16-18. To me it seems unlikely, I have never understood 14:1 to mean that people will have the Father's name literally written on their foreheads. I can see no reason to interpret 13:16-18 stone cold literally but not do the same with Rev 14:1 (or the rest of chapter 14 for that matter).

We have a tendency to be self centered, and to think that all these things must refer to stuff that is going on in the news today.

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Re: Microchips etc., on: 2005/5/2 19:02

So this is the wisdom of God that we all been waiting for, by taking this microchip we damn our souls to hell fire. Wow, it takes technology to damn a soul. So what is the mark of the Christian? Kool-Aid stain?

When God marked Cain, what was marked upon him? A microchip?

When the Man who went amongst Israel with the Inkhorn to mark those that were righteous, what was marked upon the m?

And is buying and selling bad? Jesus tells us to sell all that we have and give to the poor. He also tells us to buy me of g old tried in the fire. Buy the truth and sell it not.

So when do we slip in and out of reality in the book of Revelation? What is symbolic and what is not? Who says that is s symbolic and that is not, who has the authority to know the difference and stand upon that difference and declare it to this generation? If you do, you'll be responsible for teaching something that may be error, are you willing to bear that respon sibility?

Let me put this test out and see, if anyone can show this forum where there is a 7 year tribulation in the scripture, that an antichrist makes a 7 year peace treaty with Israel, please stand up and make your findings known. Please use the KJV f or consistency.

I am speaking to everyone including myself.

Re: Bubbaguy - posted by ReceivedText, on: 2005/5/2 19:06

Bubbaguy,

Quote:
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How is it that we are living in the last days?

Well to be honest, we must admit that the book of Revelation doesn't say there will be a one world currency. That is a p ossibility. It does say that no man will be able to buy or sell unless he has the mark "in" his right hand or forehead.

It was around the year 2001 and I was watching CBN headline news. They feature the world's first "all digital family", th e Jacobs family. They were from Florida and all had chip implants in their bodies. I was shocked. Now I know that in th e PIM (positive identification microchip) is used for bartabs, the military, and we all know: pets. I hear of this being done elsewhere in the world.

This chip is about the size of a grain of rice. It is not expensive to produce and will be easy to distribute to everyone in t he world.

As per your concerns with "barter" societies, this may remain until the coming of the Lord. Of course I expect to be able to barter for something during this time, but this is dealing with the law or pronouncement of the beast. It does include vi rtually all of the world.

The apostles said that the gospel had reached all of the world in their time, but we assume they meant all of the known world. We don't have any record of the apostle Paul coming to America. (Maybe the Mormons do :-P)

We understand this in a general sense. We certainly hope there will be exceptions. At any rate, this will be the worst tri bulation the world has ever seen or will see, as Jesus said.

Hope this helps

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Re: taco - posted by ReceivedText, on: 2005/5/2 19:12

taco,

Quote:
-----This is only one, very literalistic, understanding of the 13th chapter of Revelation. The verse following (14:1) speaks of those "having his Father's name written in their foreheads". Very few take that verse literally.

A name being written in the forehead and a "mark" in the forehead are two different things. Anyone can see this with an objective view.

How do you know the Father's name won't be written in some way in their foreheads? You just don't know do you?

But we do know that there will be a mark that will be distinguishable to money changers who will require this for transaction. You really shouldn't dismiss this. We do know there will be some kind of tangible mark. The Scriptures demand it.

Blessings,

RT

Re: taco - posted by ReceivedText, on: 2005/5/2 19:15

taco,

Quote:
-----We have a tendency to be self centered, and to think that all these things must refer to stuff that is going on in the news today.

Jesus said "Watch" for the signs. (Matt. 24) This is not selfish. It is wisdom. I sure wouldn't want to discourage anyone from watching. We are children of the day. We are not a slumbering church. We must be on the alert.

Way to go, IRONMAN!

Blessings,

RT

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2005/5/2 19:51

Quote:
-----Nevertheless, I still have a serious problem with that first line. As I understand the Revelation there must be a one world currency with people receiving the mark on hand or forehead in order to participate. This is many many years away if it is even ever at all a possibility. There are places in the world with no currency let alone entirely electronic economies. Much of Africa is hundreds of years away from this. People there live on barter economies, largely and have no or little experience with even a checking account.

People in africa are not as backward as you may think.

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Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2005/5/2 20:02

Quote:
-----It could indeed happen. But I would still wonder if that is the correct interpretation of Rev 13:16-18. To me it seems unlikely, I have never understood 14:1 to mean that people will have the Father's name literally written on their foreheads. I can see no reason to interpret 13:16-18 stone cold literally but not do the same with Rev 14:1 (or the rest of chapter 14 for that matter).

taco

it may seem unlikely that we would have God's name on our foreheads but I see no reason why God wouldn't have it as such. this is not the first time that people have had their foreheads marked. I believe it happened during the time of one of the prophets, I think ezekeiel (I could be wrong on which prophet) where an angel came down from heaven with an inkhorn and was told to mark the foreheads of the people God had chosen.

I guess we should agree to disagree on this one, I prefer to take that scripture literally, less of a headache in figuring out what it means :-P

Re: ReWhat saith the scriptures?, on: 2005/5/2 20:44

What saith the scriptures regarding the literal return of Christ?

"Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though **we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more**".

Do you know why Paul is saying this? He knew that that the old creature is gone, and the new creature is the new man within.

Old things are passed away behold all things have become new. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

What are His words? Peter said, "you have the words of eternal life". Heaven and earth will pass away but this new life that is eternal will not pass away.

I know this is not popular and I know that there will be opposition, the only way Christ will ever come is in his saints, when He becomes mature and perfected in His saints.

It will be the day when we declare like Paul did when he came into this perfection, "it's no longer I that liveth, but it's Christ in me, and the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God". Paul's faith has been perfected as it says that "He is the author and the finisher of MY faith", now he is living by the Faith of the Son of God. The dying daily has ceased, the strugglings of Romans 7 have ceased, it's now perfection. When that which is perfect has come that which was in part shall be done away. That partial part was only needed to get us to that place of perfection.

This is the hope of glory, we are raptured up into His life while still on the earth. Many never understand this, they live off the experience of yesteryears. We MUST enter in as Paul admonishes us in Hebrews.

I thank God for this understanding. This is not a new revelation, this is as old as the New Testament church. That is why the Church is sick today, it is sick because:

"Hope deferred maketh the heart sick....."

For over a hundred years since Scofield declared that Christ is coming back in the clouds, preacher after preacher have been telling the congregation, "Christ could come back at any moment", that is like a broken record. Play that over and over for about 100 years and you'll get sick, because Hope deferred will make you sick.

Christ will return, but it won't be in a manner that that our eyes will see, He will be manifested in His saints. Jesus said as one Son of God, "If you see me you've seen the Father". What is hindering that from happening to thousands of His sons that He is bringing to perfection?

Can we not say too, if you seen me you've seen the Father? or are we bordering on blasphemy? If that is true, then what saith this verse:

"The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be AS his master".

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2005/5/2 21:23

Quote:
-----So this is the wisdom of God that we all been waiting for, by taking this microchip we damn our souls to hell fire. Wow, it takes technology to damn a soul. So what is the mark of the Christian? Kool-Aid stain?

Karl
Don't make light of the wisdom of God. God does as He pleases whether it makes sense to us or not, whether we like it or not, whether we agree with it or not, or even if we don't think it's fair. This is a big reason why the tribulation will catch so many people off guard, because it doesn't make sense, we don't think it's fair, we don't agree with it and we just plain don't like it. Who among us can march up to heaven and counsel God on these matters? If there is one let him speak now. If the mark of the beast is to be a microchip, then so shall it be, if that is the will of God then who of us can make Him change it? if the tribulation is "unfair" then who can convince God of that?

think about this John wrote what He saw in the book of revelation. He literally saw 4 horses riding out, he saw the large hailstones falling down to earth, he saw the abyss as it was opened and saw the locusts with the scorpions tails and the horsemen which rode all over the earth whose beasts breathed smoke. In the spirit this is what happens on earth it is the tribulation.

Of this we can all be sure, the tribulation is upon us, get oil in your lamp and stay awake the master's return is at hand. be ye ready brethren.

Re: Which Generation?, on: 2005/5/2 21:55

Which generation was Jesus referring too in Matthew 24, His generation or another generation?

I know that everyone believes He meant it for this generation. So without further ado, I will move on.

Jesus said, "The words that I speak they are spirit and they are life".

Peter said, "You have the words of eternal life".

Paul said, "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

When Jesus was speaking, He was still under the Old Testament.

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law".

Jesus spoke like that of the Old Testament prophets, He spoke in types and shadows.

He used the same language of the Old Testament prophet when He spoke of the Sun and the Moon and the Stars.

For example let me give you something that most people know, but for those who don't know, we'll present it here.

When Joseph had a dream concerning the Sun, the Moon and the Stars bowing down and worshipping him, he told the dream to his father and his father rebuked him saying, "What is this dream that you have dreamt, shall I and your Mother and your brethren fall down and worship you?".

When Jesus uses the Sun the Moon and Stars losing their light, He is saying in essence that Israel would lose their glory as a city on a hill and a light on the candlestick. That the old system of law keeping would come to an end, and it did in

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that generation 70 A.D.

But everyone wants to see the sun turn black and the moon turn to blood. By the way, if the sun turned black and stopped emitting ultraviolet waves, this planet would cease to exist in less then 15 minutes. It would be a block of ice. But yet the LORD created the earth to be inhabited:

"For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else."

Also:

"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

Also:

"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, **world without end.**"

Also:

"And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the **everlasting covenant** between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth".

I highlighted in red the "everlasting covenant" that God made with every creature. Please note that word Everlasting and with every creature that is upon the earth, man and beast.

Re: Wisdom and Light, on: 2005/5/2 22:19

Ironman wrote:

Quote:
-----Don't make light of the wisdom of God

I covet the Wisdom of God more highly then anything in God's word.

I KNOW AND I AM PERSUADED THAT BIBLE PROPHECIES ARE IN THE PAST. (I am not yelling)

You can't convince me otherwise.

Listen my precious brother, I believed in what you are presenting. I taught it, and I ran with it. Until the Holy Spirit showed me Daniel 9:27 that the HE that made a covenant with many for one week is none other then our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ.

By believing this to be true, this is also where the teaching of the 7 year peace treaty that everyone misconstrude as the 'he' being an antichrist making a 7 year peace treaty with Israel. And it is here that everyone gets thier 7 years of great tribulation.

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So as you can see my brother, I cannot believe in this peace treaty when there is no peace treaty to be had in this verse.

Christ came to confirm the Abrahamic covenant that God made with Abraham with many for one week and in the midst of that week Christ caused the sacrifice and the oblation to cease. But the Jews continued on with the sacrifices ignoring Christ atonement and those sacrifices became an abomination. Which anyone can read in Isaiah: 1

"Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an **abomination** unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.
15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood."

I know what you are saying.

We both know that if we live godly in this life, we shall suffer persecution. In this world today many suffer persecution, many are in great tribulation, because many are the affliction of the righteous but the LORD delivereth them out of them all.

There are people today in other countries that are being killed, if we were to ask them, the "great tribulation is coming", they would say to you, "It's already here".

Karl

Re: Healingwaters - posted by ReceivedText, on: 2005/5/2 22:32

Quote:
-----So as you can see my brother, I cannot believe in this peace treaty when there is no peace treaty to be had in this verse.

I know this was to Ironman. But I just want to point out that this claim is not in my article, "Looking to Rome for the Antichrist."

Reference to the abomination of desolation is. It is used in reference to 2 Thess. 2. What say you of the man of sin sitting in the temple, showing himself to be God? Is that not the abomination of desolation?

Do you have a website where you deal with this. I am always open to hear Scripture.

Blessings,

RT

Re: desolations, on: 2005/5/2 23:37

The abomination of desolation is the same as "the abomination that maketh desolate". The abomination was the Roman army, when the Christians of that day saw Titus standing in the holy place that was the sign to leave Jerusalem and flee to the mountains because great tribulation did come to that city.

If anyone would like to know more about the horrific and catastrophic events that took place at that time, read Josephus. In his Annals of Jewish history he will tell you of eye witness accounts of what happened then, and also what was taking place in the clouds and other signs that were taking place before that great and notable Day of the LORD. I believe God had this man Josephus write these accounts. There is one small paragraph that speaks of Jesus when He was alive in that day.

Received text there are great sites on this, I encourage you to go to www.preterist.org and also www.lightofthecity.com and <http://www.preteristarchive.com/Books/index.html>

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Karl

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2005/5/2 23:41

Karl

i'm not trying to convince of you anything. I'm just saying that this is what God has been showing me in the spirit lately. The seals are about to be broken, the trumpets are about to be blown and the vials are about to be poured out onto the earth. We disagree on this and so we'll just leave it at that. I'm doing what God told me to do, warn of the impending tribulation.

Be ye ready brethren

Re: Ironside, on: 2005/5/3 0:14

I have asked you, where is the 7 year peace treaty that an antichrist will make with Israel, where is the 7 year tribulation in scripture?

But as regarding what you are seeing in the Spirit, I am not alarmed. I know what the LORD is doing, He is using those to awaken the body. Even tho those scriptures are fulfilled, yet because there is nothing new under the sun, those same scriptures will hold true for us today.

For example, this past prophetic messages that rang out in the early church, "come out from among her and be ye separate and touch not the unclean thing".

Even tho this is past, yet it still holds true for us today regarding the world the flesh and the devil.

I am not completely close minded regarding these verses of scriptures.

I have a brother here in this city who says that God is speaking to him about what the Goat stands for in Daniel.

G-Global, O-Operations, A-Against, T-Terrorism.

Well I almost died laughing, and any bible student knows that that was a world superpower I believe it was Greece if I am not mistaken.

But regardless of all that, God is preparing hearts, and yes difficult times are ahead, and again, even though this scripture is fulfilled, yet it can be used again when it says, "and they that know thier God, shall do exploits".

Speaking of difficult days, we have had many era's of difficult days in the past. There is nothing new under the sun. All have been done, all have been spoken and all has been fulfilled.

Has anyone read Tommy Hicks vision for the end of this age (not the end of the world) there will diffently be exploits. Do a google search string with the quotes, "Tommy Hicks Vision"

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Quote:
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I plan on visiting these sites. I have some links for you as well since I gather you are a preterist. Here you go:

(<http://www.pfrs.org/preterism/pret01.html>) <http://www.pfrs.org/preterism/pret01.html>

(<http://www.pfrs.org/preterism/pret02.html>) <http://www.pfrs.org/preterism/pret02.html>

(<http://www.pfrs.org/preterism/pret03.html>) <http://www.pfrs.org/preterism/pret03.html>

I have pasted the Intro section below:

"Preterism"

Introduction

by Tim Warner - 011/2003

Preterism is the theory that all Bible prophecy has been fulfilled. The second coming, resurrection, and last judgment, have been fulfilled in a mystical sense in AD70 — the destruction of Jerusalem. According to preterists, we are now living in the "New Heaven and New Earth." The resurrection is not of the body. Nothing remains to be fulfilled prophetically.

The weight of the preterist interpretation stands almost exclusively on the statements in the New Testament regarding the nearness of Christ's coming. Preterists insist that such statements as, "behold I come quickly," demand that Christ's coming occur in a very short period of time, within the lifetimes of at least some of the Apostles. But in holding this opinion, they are forced to deny the plain sense of the details of Christ's coming.

Rather than Christ's appearing in the clouds in power and glory, with all nations of the world witnessing the event, Christ is said to have come invisibly in the Roman destruction of Jerusalem. Consequently, preterists hold mostly to an allegorical interpretation of the Scriptures. Not only prophecy, but even historical narratives in some cases.

The passages alleged to teach a first century second coming can be divided into three kinds. First, there are some verses in the Gospels where Jesus made certain direct statements about His coming. Secondly, the expectancy of the Apostles themselves, that they could live to see Jesus' coming, can be inferred from certain statements they made. Both futurists and preterists agree that Paul and perhaps other Apostles expected to live to see the second coming. And this expectation was passed on to the local churches in the first century. Thirdly, several passages speak of Jesus' coming as "soon" or "near." Preterists claim that these passages require Jesus' coming within a very short period of time.

Futurists need to address these passages, and explain how the Apostles could hold such an expectancy without being in error themselves, while maintaining futurism. In this series of articles, we will put forward the biblical scenario that explains all these things without calling into question the credibility of Jesus or the Apostles.

The preterism section is divided into three parts. The first part contains articles proving preterism wrong, and proving the biblical view — futurism. The second section deals in greater detail with the arguments of preterists from specific passages of Scripture. These are listed by reference. The third section is an online debate, preterism vs. futurism, between Samuel Frost and Tim Warner. The debate clearly demonstrates the heretical tendencies of preterism. The most important article is the postscript to the debate, which summarizes why preterism must be rejected as heresy.

Enjoy the study. I know I will.

Blessings,

RT

Re: - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2005/5/3 8:30

Quote:

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Interesting, the reference to the "Annals of Jewish History". May I recomend that this space be watched, till fulfillment:

("https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id5497&forum36") The Future History of the Church, for a Messianic take on these events.

Re: - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2005/5/3 8:31

Quote:

IRONMAN wrote:
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Be ye ready brethren

Amen... :cry:

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/5/3 12:02

Thankyou Aaron for your timely inpute.

In Christ
Jeff

Re:, on: 2005/5/3 12:25

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Bub

Re: - posted by taco, on: 2005/5/3 13:20

Quote:

-----Taco, This is interesting. Do you interpret Genesis literally?

Well, I think that Genesis is written in a style that suggests a literal reading, whereas revelation is prophetic and, as I see it, full of symbolism. I don't expect to see beasts literally rising up out of the sea to devour me. but I have often seen 'beasts' outwardly looking like lambs but speaking words that come from a 'beast like' heart. This type of imagery is easy (IMHO) to see.

But, while there is deep meaning in the stories, Genesis is a history that fits in with the rest of the Scripture record.

In relation to the first three chapters of Genesis, I am very open. I am open to the fact that each day may have been a lo

ng period of time. I am open to the gap theory, although I can't see it. I don't have all the answers but I do know that what is revealed is revealed for us to take heed of. As with revelation and other prophetic scriptures.

Sometimes people seek to use the fact that some of the scripture is symbolic to do away with its claims on us. But this won't do. Christ's parables are obviously symbolic. We are not literally sheep that are lost, nor are we literally wheat growing up with tares along side us. But these parables must have *some* meaning for us.

Re:, on: 2005/5/3 13:45

Taco, Thanks for your response. I guess I see Genesis as a response by early man (Hebrew) to the age old questions of "where did we come from? and how did we get here?" There is lots of good in it but it is written by people who had little knowledge and understanding of the earth and almost no understanding of the sciences.

Also, Revelation as interpreted by many in the Church makes little sense to me. So, Karl, thanks for making some sense of it for me. The preterist point of view, while I need to learn more about it, is leading me to think that Revelation may not be just a bunch of fantastic, fatalistic mumbo jumbo.

Bubbaguy

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2005/5/4 0:31

Karl
that's IRONMAN (in caps please) 8-) I'll find you the scripture in time.

Re: Healingwaters - posted by ReceivedText, on: 2005/5/4 2:30

Healingwaters,

Wow! I'm glad you sent me those links to your preterist sites. I have found:

1. The preterist view is unscriptural.
2. The preterist view is refuted by early apostolic churches.
3. The preterist view brings no culmination of the present evil world that the Bible says will be destroyed with fire and the elements will melt with fervent heat (didn't happen in 70 AD, check 2 Pet. 3). Leaves no "last day" in which God will judge the secrets of men once and finally.

It is not of the traditions of the New Testament church (Scripturally or otherwise). It is a new doctrine that was not recognized by the early church founded by the apostles.

I hope you have looked at the links I have provided. I am excited to hear what you think. I appreciate your stated willingness to side with the truth.

Notice I haven't phrased my opinion here using the language "your view", but have chosen to use "the preterist view." The reason is that we shouldn't make this personal since it doesn't help us come to the truth. So maybe you can use the term "the futurist view" instead of "your view."

Let me know when you are ready to discuss this. I can't promise a lot of time, but I will try to make do with the time I have. I trust you will do the same.

Blessings,

RT

Healingwaters - posted by ReceivedText, on: 2005/5/4 3:56

Healingwaters,

Here is a quote from Irenaeus who was taught under Polycarp the disciple of John the apostle:

Irenaeus:

"This he does, in order that they who do worship the devil by means of many abominations, may serve himself by this one idol, of whom the apostle thus speaks in the second Epistle to the Thessalonians: "Unless there shall come a failing away first, and the man of sin shall be revealed, the son of perdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself as if he were God." The apostle therefore clearly points out his apostasy, and that he is lifted up above all that is called God, or that is worshipped — that is, above every idol — for these are indeed so called by men, but are not gods; and that he will endeavor in a tyrannical manner to set himself forth as God. 2. Moreover, he (the apostle) has also pointed out this which I have shown in many ways, that the temple in Jerusalem was made by the direction of the true God. For the apostle himself, speaking in his own person, distinctly called it the temple of God. Now I have shown in the third book, that no one is termed God by the apostles when speaking for themselves, except Him who truly is God, the Father of our Lord, by whose directions the temple which is at Jerusalem was constructed for those purposes which I have already mentioned; in which the enemy shall sit, endeavoring to show himself as Christ, as the Lord also declares: "But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, which has been spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let him that readeth understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains; and he who is upon the house-top, let him not come down to take anything out of his house: for there shall then be great hardship, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall be."

"This is also the unjust judge, whom the Lord mentioned as one "who feared not God, neither regarded man" to whom the widow fled in her forgetfulness of God, — that is, the earthly Jerusalem, — to be avenged of her adversary. Which also he shall do in the time of his kingdom: he shall remove his kingdom into that city, and shall sit in the temple of God, leading astray those who worship him, as if he were Christ. To this purpose Daniel says again: "And he shall desolate the holy place; and sin has been given for a sacrifice, and righteousness been cast away in the earth, and he has been active (fecit), and gone on prosperously." ... And then he points out the time that his tyranny shall last, during which the saints shall be put to flight, they who offer a pure sacrifice unto God: And in the midst of the week, he says, the sacrifice and the libation shall be taken away, and the abomination of desolation shall be brought into the temple: even unto the consummation of the time shall the desolation be complete. Now three years and six months constitute the half-week."

"But when this Antichrist shall have devastated all things in this world, he will reign for three years and six months, and sit in the temple at Jerusalem; and then the Lord will come from heaven in the clouds, in the glory of the Father, sending this man and those who follow him into the lake of fire; but bringing in for the righteous the times of the kingdom, that is, the rest, the hallowed seventh day; and restoring to Abraham the promised inheritance, in which kingdom the Lord declared, that "many coming from the east and from the west should sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

This was written in the early to mid 100's A.D. Doesn't seem to tote the preterist line does it? In fact, it doesn't even deal with preterism. Just thought you would want me to back up my claim that the early church didn't teach preterism.

Here's Hippolytus:

"For the deceiver seeks to liken himself in all things to the Son of God. Christ is a lion, so Antichrist is also a lion; Christ is a king, so Antichrist is also a king. The Savior was manifested as a lamb; so he too, in like manner, will appear as a lamb, though within he is a wolf. ... The Savior raised up and showed His holy flesh like a temple, and he will raise a temple of stone in Jerusalem. And his seductive arts we shall exhibit in what follows. But for the present let us turn to the question in hand."

"Now Daniel will set forth this subject to us. For he says, And one week will make a covenant with many, and it shall be that in the midst (half) of the week my sacrifice and oblation shall cease. By one week, therefore, he meant the last week which is to be at the end of the whole world of which week the two prophets Enoch and Elias will take up the half. For they will preach 1,260 days clothed in sackcloth, proclaiming repentance to the people and to all the nations."

"For he says, I shall make a covenant of one week, and in the midst of the week my sacrifice and libation will be removed. For by one week he indicates the showing forth of the seven years which shall be in the last times. And the half of the

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week the two prophets, along with John, will take for the purpose of proclaiming to all the world the advent of Antichrist, that is to say, for a thousand two hundred and sixty days clothed in sackcloth."

"Then, when he is elevated to his kingdom, he will marshal war; and in his wrath he will smite three mighty kings, — those, namely, of Egypt, Libya, and Ethiopia. And after that he will build the temple in Jerusalem, and will restore it again speedily, and give it over to the Jews. And then he will be lifted up in heart against every man; yea, he will speak blasphemy also against God, thinking in his deceit that he shall be king upon the earth hereafter for ever; not knowing, miserable wretch, that his kingdom is to be quickly brought to nought, and that he will quickly have to meet the fire which is prepared for him, along with all who trust him and serve him. For when Daniel said, "I shall make my covenant for one week," he indicated seven years; and the one half of the week is for the preaching of the prophets, and for the other half of the week — that is to say, for three years and a half — Antichrist will reign upon the earth. And after this his kingdom and his glory shall be taken away. Behold, ye who love God, what manner of tribulation there shall rise in those days, such as has not been from the foundation of the world, no, nor ever shall be, except in those days alone. Then the lawless one, being lifted up in heart, will gather together his demons in man's form, and will abominate those who call him to the kingdom, and will pollute many souls." .

Blessings,

RT

Re: Healingwaters, on: 2005/5/15 10:10

Quote:
-----But when this Antichrist shall have devastated all things in this world, he will reign for three years and six months,

Where is this 3 1/2 years that this so called antichrist will reign?

I know where it's derived from, but in order to make it fit, you have to insert an idea that is not there in holy writ.

Karl

Re: Healingwaters, on: 2005/5/15 10:40

Quote:
-----, that the temple in Jerusalem was made by the direction of the true God. For the apostle himself, speaking in his own person, distinctly called it the temple of God.

The second Temple was not built under the direction of God, it was built under the direction of Herod the Great who was NOT a Jew or any descendent of Israel. He was an Edomite.

The Apostle Paul distinctly called the Church the temple of God. Paul would not have been so bold as to confuse the matter.

Israel depicts this very well, she was the whore that sat on Rome's back. She drank the blood of the saints.

Does Jesus say, "Rome Rome thou that killest the prophets....."

No

He says, "Oh Jerusalem Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets....." Jesus was dealing with this nation, not another.

Can someone please tell me if the Roman Catholic Church made a covenant with God and that God made a covenant with her?

"In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God and who obey NOT the gospel of God".

Who were those who reject Christ and His message? The Jews! Even Paul had a word to say about them, funny how he mentions this to the Thess where he speaks about an antichrist. 1Thess2:14-16

"For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews:

15 Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men :

16 Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the **wrath is come upon them** to the uttermost."

Are not the Jews today contrary to all men?

Now does it say that the Americans, Chinese or the Romans are contrary to all men?

And the wrath of God is come upon "Them", who is the "them", the whole world? or the whole world of the Jews?

They were all over the Roman empire, they were in governments. "Felix wanted to show the jews a pleasure kept Paul in bonds". They had influences, they stirred up the people in every city the Apostle went into. She sat on Rome and rode Rome.

Now I am not against the Jewish people, I just love the way the bible comes together like this.

Gotta go for now.

Karl

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2005/8/9 15:39

Romans 11

25 So that you will not be conceited, brothers, I do not want you to be unaware of this secret: a partial hardening has come to Israel until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written: The Liberator will come from Zion; He will turn away godlessness from Jacob. 27 And this will be My covenant with them, when I take away their sins. 28 Regarding the gospel, they are enemies for your advantage, but regarding election, they are loved because of their forefathers, 29 since God's gracious gifts and calling are irrevocable. 30 As you once disobeyed God, but now have received mercy through their disobedience, 31 so they too have now disobeyed, resulting in mercy to you, so that they also now may receive mercy. 32 For God has imprisoned all in disobedience, so that He may have mercy on all.

Anti-Christ - posted by Logic, on: 2005/8/9 16:26

The word Anti- means instead of. Not only against.

I will tell ya'll that if you can't recognize today's false prophets, you will not recognize the Anti-Christ. He will be likeable and many will call him "Christian". Even the Disciples did not know it was Judas (who is a type of anti-christ) who would betray Jesus.

Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2005/8/9 16:49

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