

THE AD 70 DOCTRINE

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INTRODUCTION:

- A. Paul wrote about two people who were promoting a doctrine that was shipwrecking the faith of some Christians. These two men were teaching the resurrection had already occurred! (2 Tim 2:16-18)
- B. This sounds ridiculous to us & we wonder how could anyone teach that, but the reality is something very similar to this is happening today with what's called "The AD 70 Doctrine"

I. EXAMINING THE AD 70 DOCTRINE IN LIGHT OF SCRIPTURES:

- A. It may be that many of you have never heard of this AD 70 doctrine, and if you have, you are probably very uncertain as to what it's really about. Let's start then by identifying this doctrine:
 - 1. Let's start by getting a basic idea of this doctrine as well as where it originated:
 - a. The most basic part of "The AD 70 doctrine" is the belief that ALL prophecies in the Bible have been fulfilled and that any passage that speaks of "the second coming of Jesus" or "the end of time" were fulfilled in 70 AD with the destruction of Jerusalem
 - b. It's called Realized or Fulfilled Eschatology, Covenant Eschatology, Preterism, & Kingism
 - 2. In order to understand the AD 70 doctrine, you have to understand its terminology – Those who buy into it use the same terms we do, but the meaning of the words are redefined!
 - a. It applies a spiritual meaning of words where the context demands a physical meaning.
When a passage contradicts the theory, the meanings of words are changed!
 - b. Wayne Jackson wrote, "If the forgoing theory seems to make no sense at all, it is because the novice does not understand how these common biblical terms have been redefined to fit the King theory. The "second coming" does not denote a literal return of Christ in the future, but a spiritual invisible coming in A.D. 70. "Resurrection" hasn't anything to do with the human body; rather, it refers to a resurrection of the Christian system from the persecution inflicted by the Jews between A.D. 30 and 70. The "judgment day" is not a time when all men will give account to God, it is the destruction of Judaism. And the "end of the world" is not the passing of the earth; it supposedly is a reference to the dissolution of the Jewish world." (The A.D. 70 Theory: A Review of the Max King Doctrine 1-2)
 - c. This theory also takes the meaning of a word, phrase, or language in one place and apply that same meaning across the board, without looking at the context.
 - d. Joe Price writes, "The A.D. 70 doctrine would make every mention of "the coming of the Lord" or "day of the Lord" mean the same event, regardless of its usage in context. It is a fact of Biblical interpretation that the same phrase can have different meanings. For example, take the expression "laid hands upon." In Acts 4:3, it means to arrest. In Acts 13:3, it means to commend. In Luke 13:13, it means to heal. In Acts 8:17 and 19:6, it means to impart spiritual gifts. To arbitrarily assign one meaning to this phrase every time it is used would result in absurdity! Yet this is exactly what the AD 70 doctrine does with "coming of the Lord" and "day of the Lord."" (www.bibletruths.net/Archives/BTARO52.htm)
 - 3. Instead of getting caught up in all the leaves and branches of this doctrine, let's focus on the trunk and examine its most foundational principles:
 - a. All prophecy was fulfilled by 70 AD & there's no event in the scriptures that is still to come
 - b. The destruction of Jerusalem with its surrounding events was the second coming of Christ
 - c. The Eschaton period (33 AD - 70AD) was a transitional time. The Mosaic age wasn't fully fulfilled and the Christian age wasn't fully established until 70 AD. This period of time was "the last days" & the last days ended at 70AD. We're in the "Eternal days"
 - d. During this time both the Old Covenant, the Law of Moses, and the New Covenant, the law of Christ, existed together. The O.C was transformed into the N.C. during that time.