

An Examination & Refutation of
AD 70 DOCTRINE



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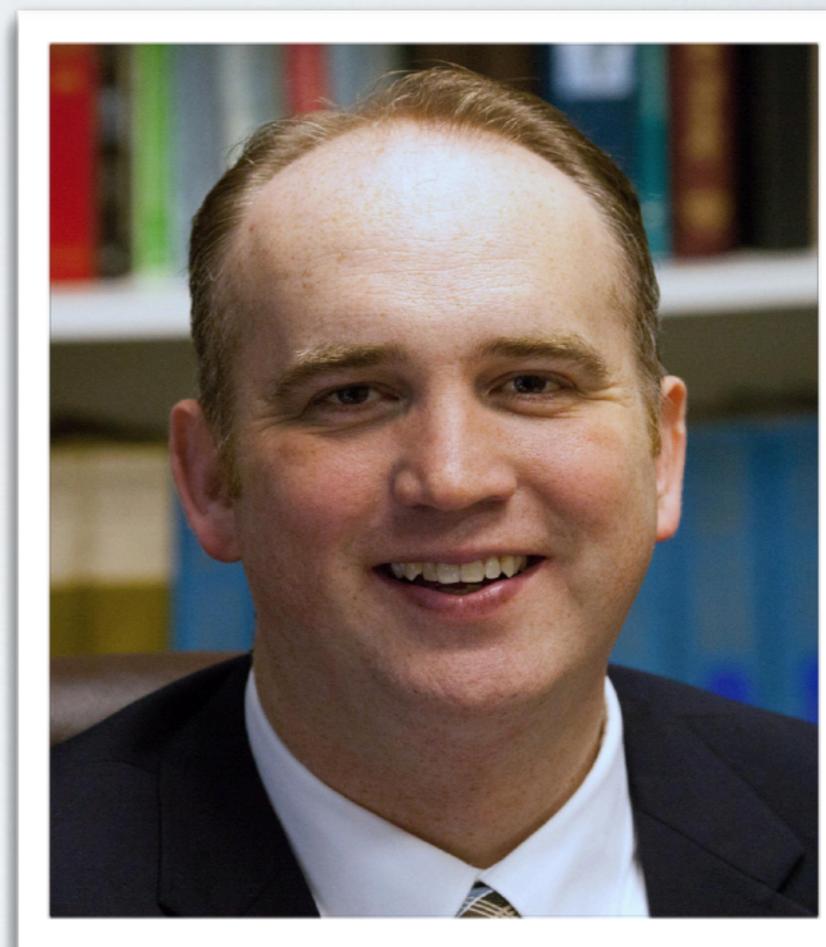
Will There Be A Future Judgment?

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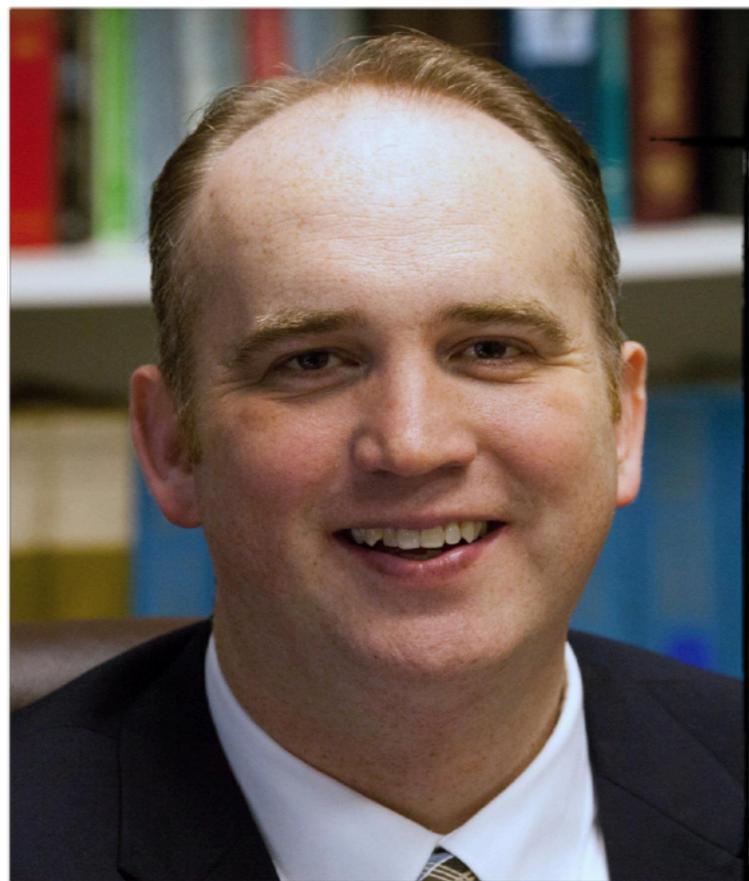
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What I Am Affirming



- There will be a future personal, bodily resurrection from the dead for the righteous & wicked.
- Jesus Christ will return visibly, audibly, and personally in the future to judge all men.
- There will be an end to physical death and the earth.

What I Am **NOT** Affirming



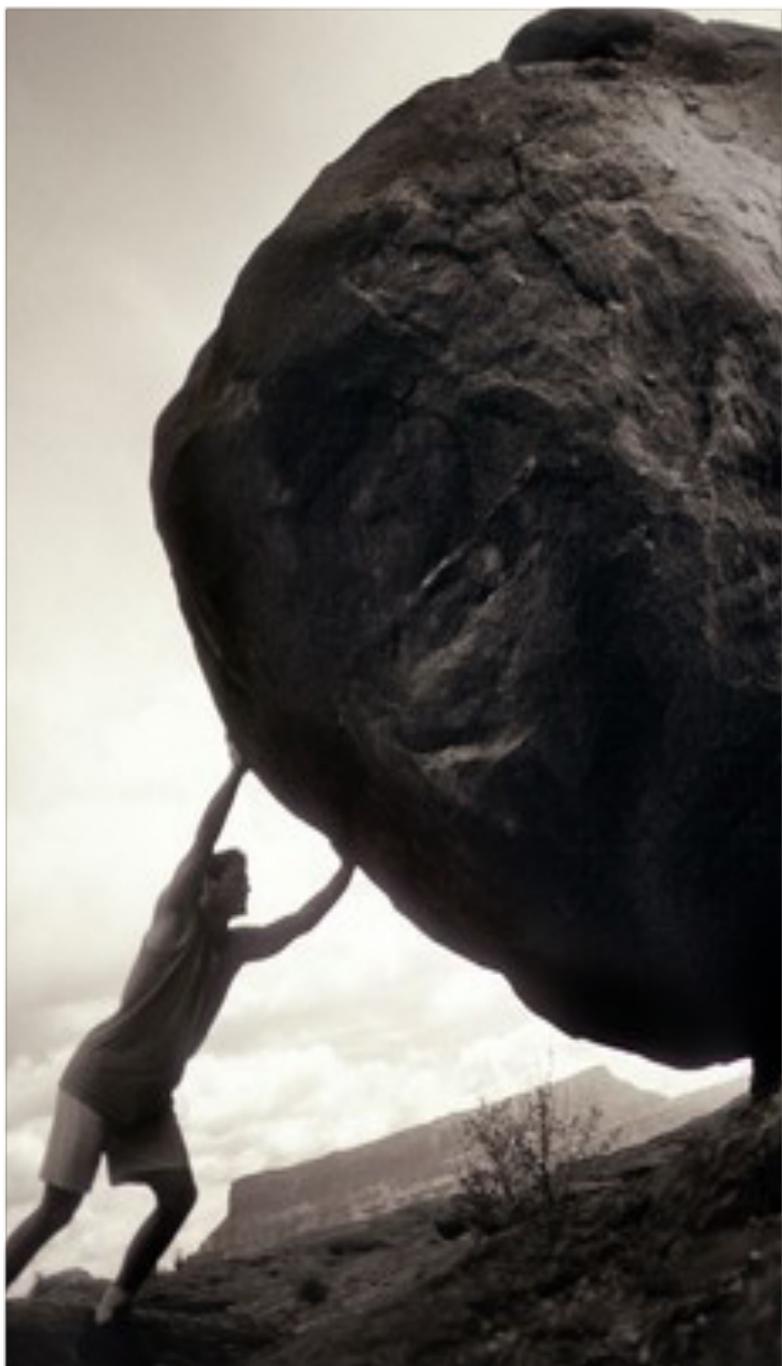
- I am **NOT** affirming every reference to judgment refers to the final, future **judgment**.
- I am **NOT** affirming every reference to Jesus' coming refers to His final, future **coming**
- I am **NOT** affirming every reference to resurrection refers to the final, future **resurrection**.

Preterists' **Burden** of Proof



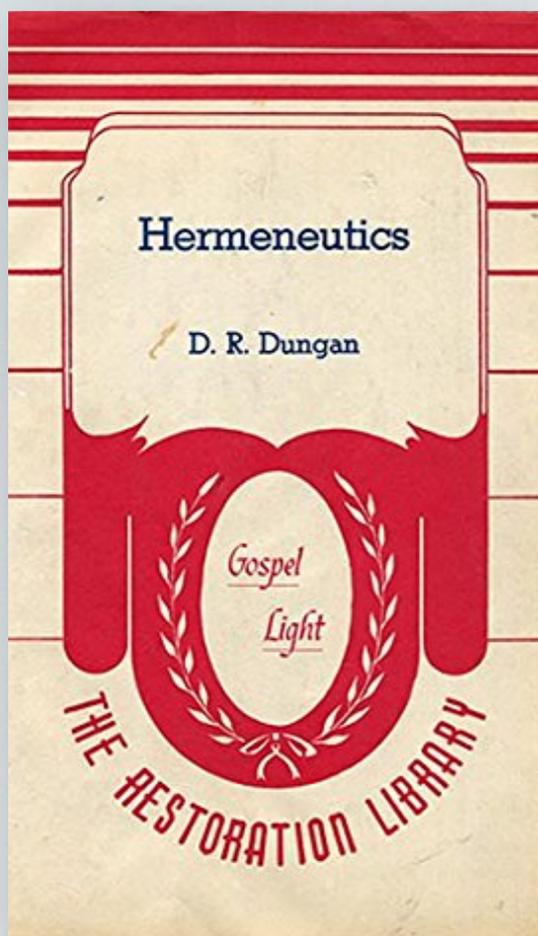
- That Jesus' FINAL, SECOND, return & coming occurred in 70 AD (was NOT a VISIBLE, BODILY, PERSONAL coming) and He will NEVER visibly, bodily and personally come again.
- The eternal kingdom was not fully established until 70 AD.
- There is NO promise of a future end of the earth.
- The Law of Moses was NOT taken away at the cross.

Preterists' **Burdens**



- The kingdom did not fully exist before 70 AD.
- Jesus was NOT fully reigning as King of His kingdom until 70 AD.
- There was no actual forgiveness of sin for ANYONE before 70 AD.
- No person experienced spiritual life before 70 AD.
- **All Christians were actually spiritually dead UNTIL 70 AD.**

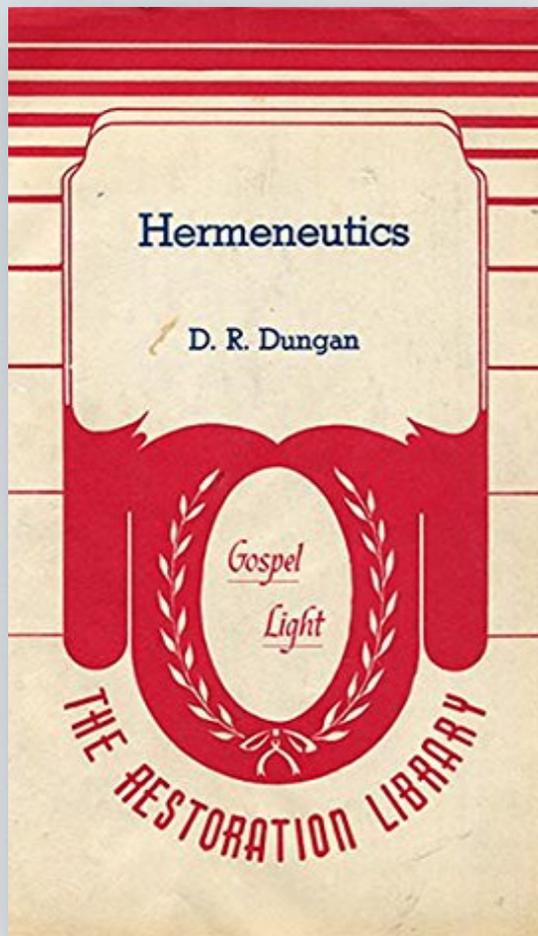
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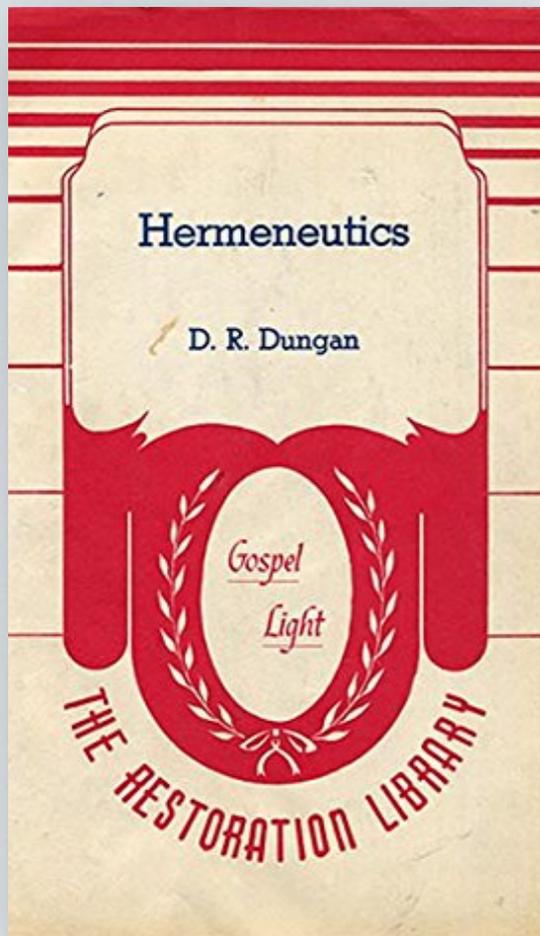
RULE 8: “It must be remembered that figures are not always used with the same meaning ... **There is a very grave error among an untaught class of exegetes in compelling every word that has, at any time, been used figuratively, to always represent the same thought as in that passage.** To follow out this plan, we would have nothing left in the Scriptures of a literal character. It is about impossible to find any word that has not, at some time, been employed in a figurative sense; and nearly every animate and inanimate object has been used to represent some thought other than that which would simply state its being or action. ...”

CONTEXT DETERMINES MEANING



RULE 8: ... “This comes from a wrong method of interpretation, or from not having any method. Many seem disposed to regard themselves as at liberty to make anything out of the Bible which their theology may demand or their whims require. And if, at any time, they find a passage that will not harmonize with that view, then **the next thing is to find one or more words in the text used elsewhere in a figurative sense, and then demand that such use be the Biblical dictionary on the meaning of that word, and hence that it must be the meaning in that place.”**

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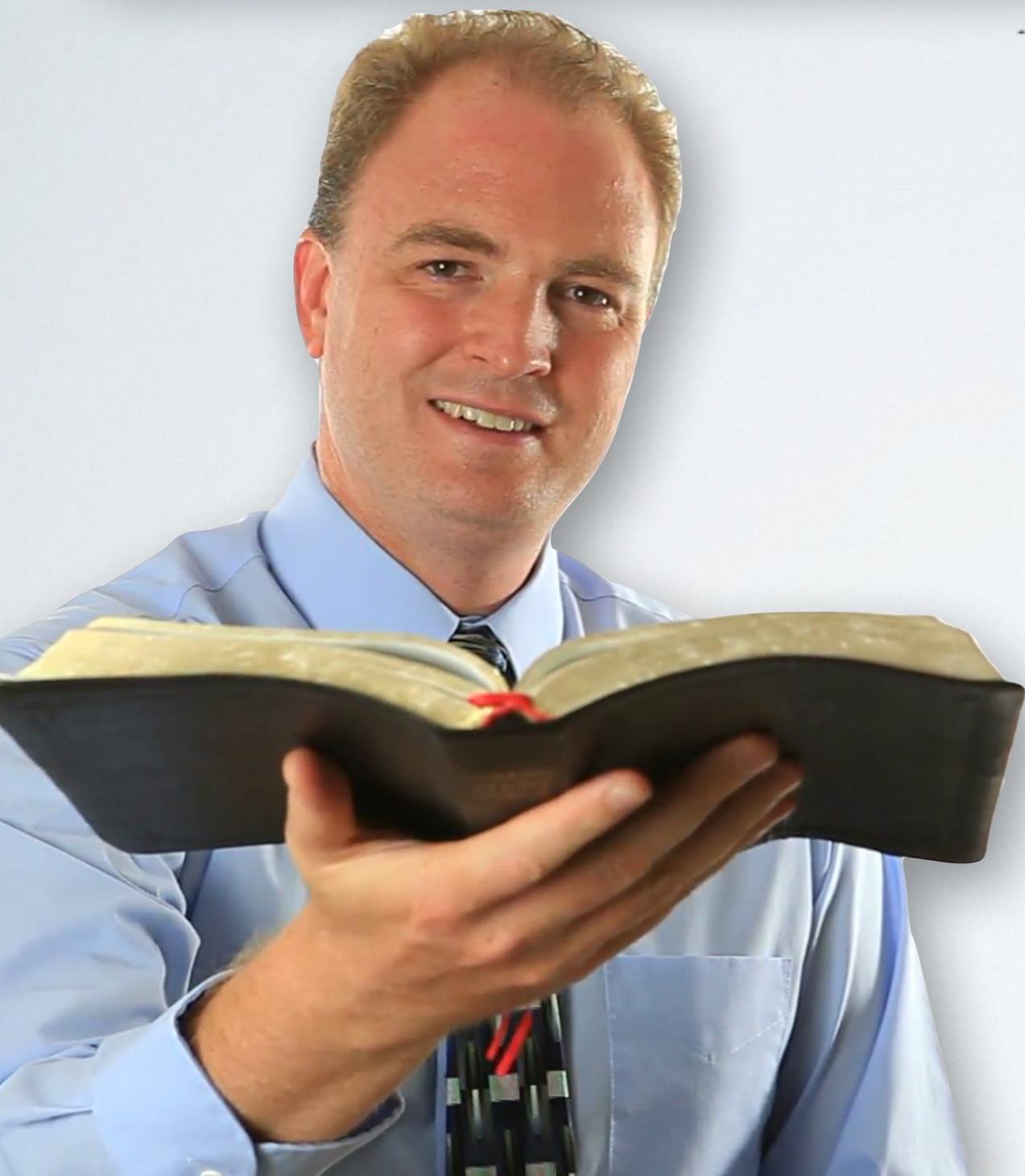


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SEC. 50. RULES BY WHICH THE MEANING OF WORDS SHALL BE ASCERTAINED.

Rule 1. All words are to be understood in their literal sense, unless the evident meaning of the context forbids.—Figures are the exception, literal language the rule; hence we are not to regard anything as figurative until we feel compelled to do so by the evident import of the passage. And even here great caution should be observed. We are very apt to regard contexts as teaching some theory which we have in our minds. And having so determined, anything to the contrary will be regarded as a mistaken interpretation; hence, if the literal meaning of the words shall be found to oppose our speculations, we are ready to give to the words in question some figurative import that will better agree with our preconceived opinions. Let us be sure that the meaning of the author has demanded that the language be regarded in a figurative sense, and that it is not our theory which has made the necessity.

Meaning of **WORDS** Determined By **CONTEXT**



- Coming
- Manifestation
- Judgment
- Resurrection
- Near / Soon / Quickly

Meaning of **WORDS** Determined By **CONTEXT**



- Uses highly figurative passages to interpret literal passages.
- Demands a singular definition for terms that have a plurality of meanings.
- Redefines Biblical terms to support his doctrine.
- Fabricates the background of a context to support his doctrine.

“Jesus Did Not Come To Redeem SKIN”

02 - Neubauer First Negative

Jesus didn't come to redeem SKIN

He came to redeem SIN



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Holger Neubauer: First Negative in Neubauer / Denham debate

“Jesus Did Not Come To Redeem SKIN”



- Was the resurrection of Jesus merely about His SKIN?
- How can you mock the future bodily resurrection of believers without mocking the bodily resurrection of Jesus?

“Jesus Did Not Come To Redeem SKIN”



Was the personal, bodily resurrection of JESUS **MERELY**...

- “Redemption of SKIN!” ...?
- “Biological ...” ?
- “Material ...” ?

One CANNOT use such terms to ridicule a future bodily resurrection without ridiculing the personal bodily resurrection of Jesus.

Decoding Preterist Terms

WHAT DO PRETERISTS REALLY MEAN?

- By RESURRECTION -
 - ▶ The resurrection of a cause or the transfer of souls from hades
 - ▶ Occurred in AD 70 in the destruction of Jerusalem.
 - ▶ Christians were not spiritually alive until AD 70.
- By the COMING OF CHRIST
 - ▶ The final coming of Jesus was in AD 70 and was a figurative coming,
 - ▶ The conquest of Jerusalem by Titus was the second & final coming of Christ.

THE RESURRECTION

Descriptions of Israel Deuteronomy 32	11th Cen. BC	10th Cen. BC	9th Cen. BC	8th Cen. BC	7th Cen. BC	6th Cen. BC
Not God's Children - 32:5				Isa. 1:4; 30:1; Hos. 4:6	Jer. 3:19-22; 16:1-5	
Perverse / Crooked Generation 32:5				Isa. 19:14	Hab. 1:4	
Foolish unwise 32:6	Ps. 74:18	Prov. 14:12				
Lack Counsel / Understanding & Unable to Discern Their End 32:28,29	Ps. 73:17	Prov. 19:20		Isa. 47:7	Lam. 1:9	
Vine of Sodom 32:32				Isa. 1:10; Amos 4:11		Eze. 16:46
Poison / Venom of Serpents 32:33	Ps. 140:3			Mic. 7:17		
God's Enemy 32:27				Isa. 1:24; Mic. 2:8		
Hate God 32:41						Mal. 1:6
Blood of God's Servants to Be Avenged at Israel's End 32:20,36.43			2 Kings 9:7	Isa. 34:8; Hos. 1:4	Jer. 5:9,29; 9:9; 46:10	

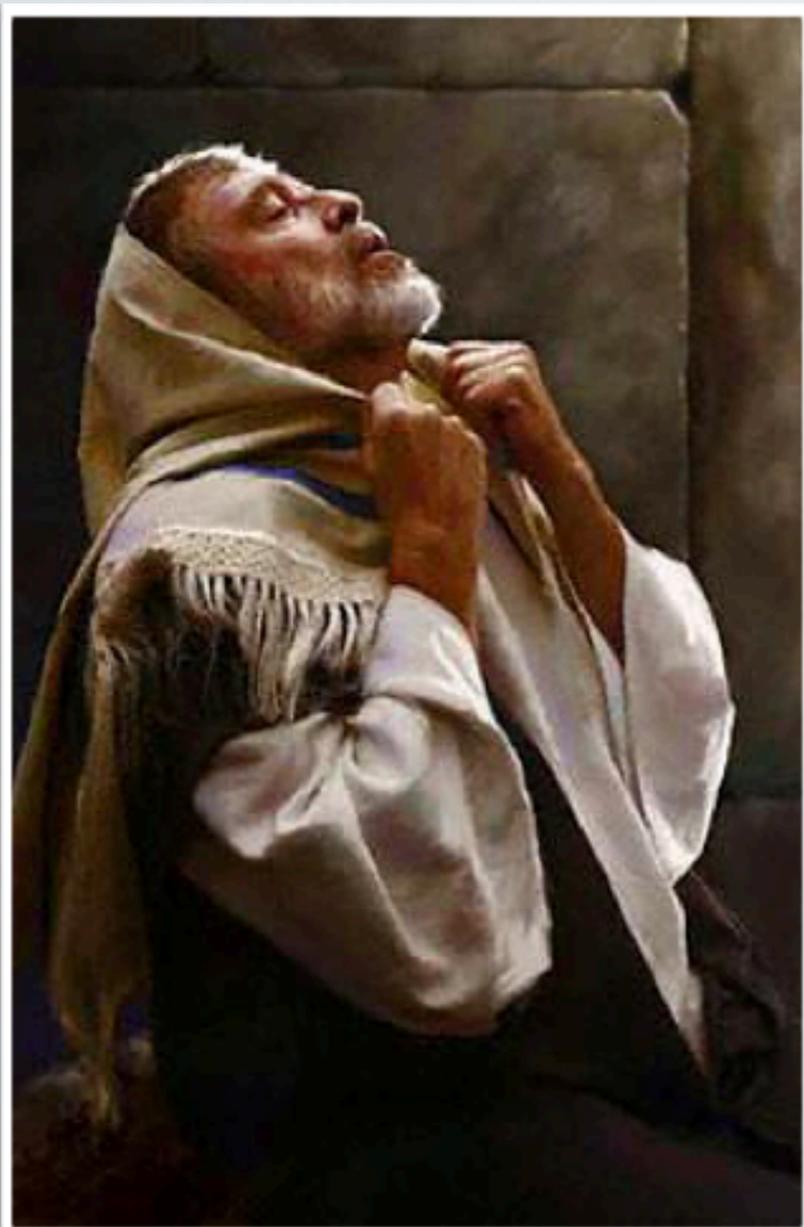
**A GENERAL
description of
the outcome of
God's people if
they rebelled.**

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

SEVENTY WEEKS & THE MESSIAH

DANIEL — “GOD’S PROGRAM FOR ISRAEL”

“Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city” (Daniel 9:24)



THESE THINGS WERE FULFILLED BEFORE AD 70

- To finish the transgression (Matt. 26:28; Acts 2:38; 3:19)
- To make an end of sin (1 John 2:1)
- To make atonement for iniquity (Rom. 5:11; 2 Cor. 5:18-19; Heb. 10:12-14; Titus 3:4-7)
- To bring in everlasting righteousness (Gal. 3:27; Acts 22:16; 1 Pt. 3:21; Rom. 4:22-25)

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- Anoint the most holy = this references God’s presence in the incarnate Christ, including His birth, baptism, life, death, and resurrection (Matt. 3:16,17; Jn 2:19-21; Acts 10:38).
- 9:26 - The Messiah will be cut off and have nothing (9:26; Phil. 2:6-8)
- The Messianic temple existed before AD 70 (Eph. 2:19-22; 1 Pt. 2:5; 1 Cor. 3:16)

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

R.E. & THE LAST DAYS / THE LAST DAY

← 40 yr Eschaton →

**THE
LAST
DAY**

- End of Law
- End of "Last Days"
- Second Coming
- Kingdom in Power & Glory
- "Kingdom of God"
- Eternal Kingdom
- Resurrection of Dead
- Redemption of Body
- Perfection of Saints
- Final Judgment
- End Of World (Age)
- New Heavens & Earth

LAW of MOSES

Process of RESURRECTION

Christian Dispensation

Mosaic Dispensation

Process of DEATH



AD 30

"Last Days"

AD 70

"Eternal Days"

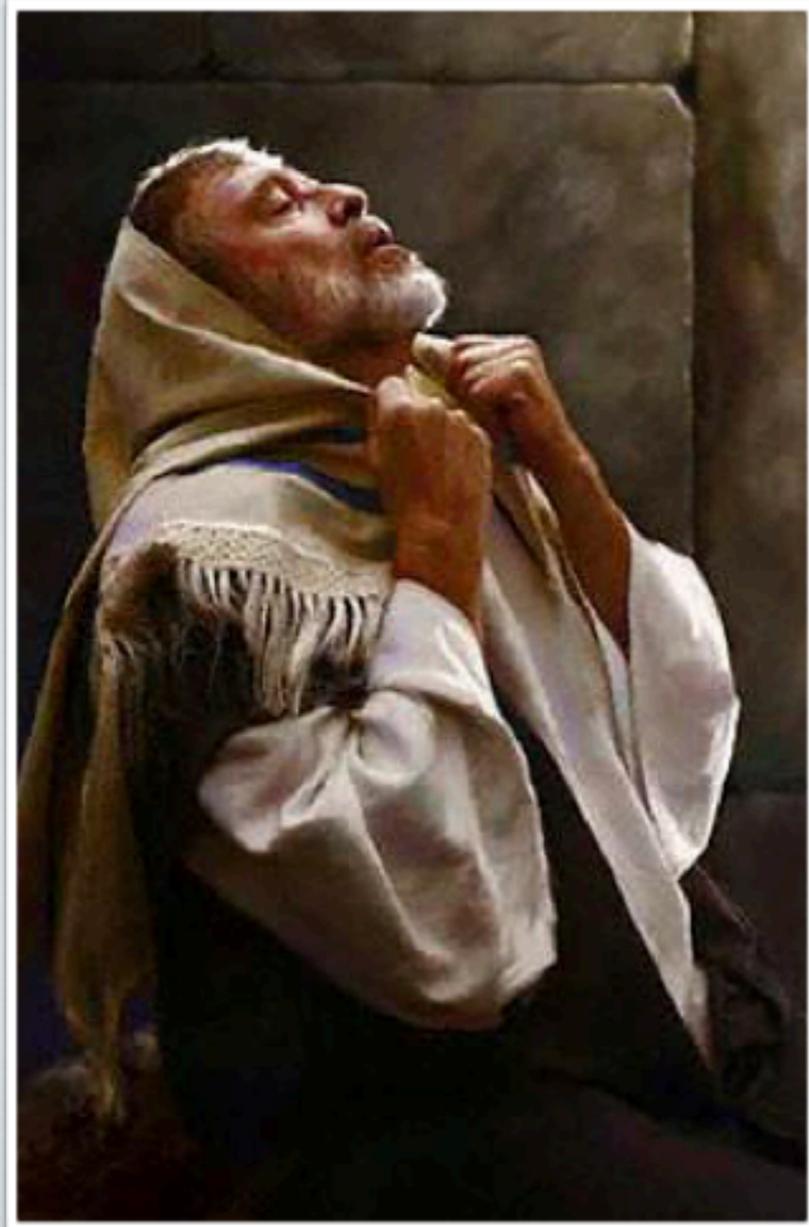


THE RESURRECTION

“THE END OF THE AGE” — DANIEL 11:20-12:13

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“... those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake.” (Daniel 12:2)



Daniel 12:2–3 (NASB95)

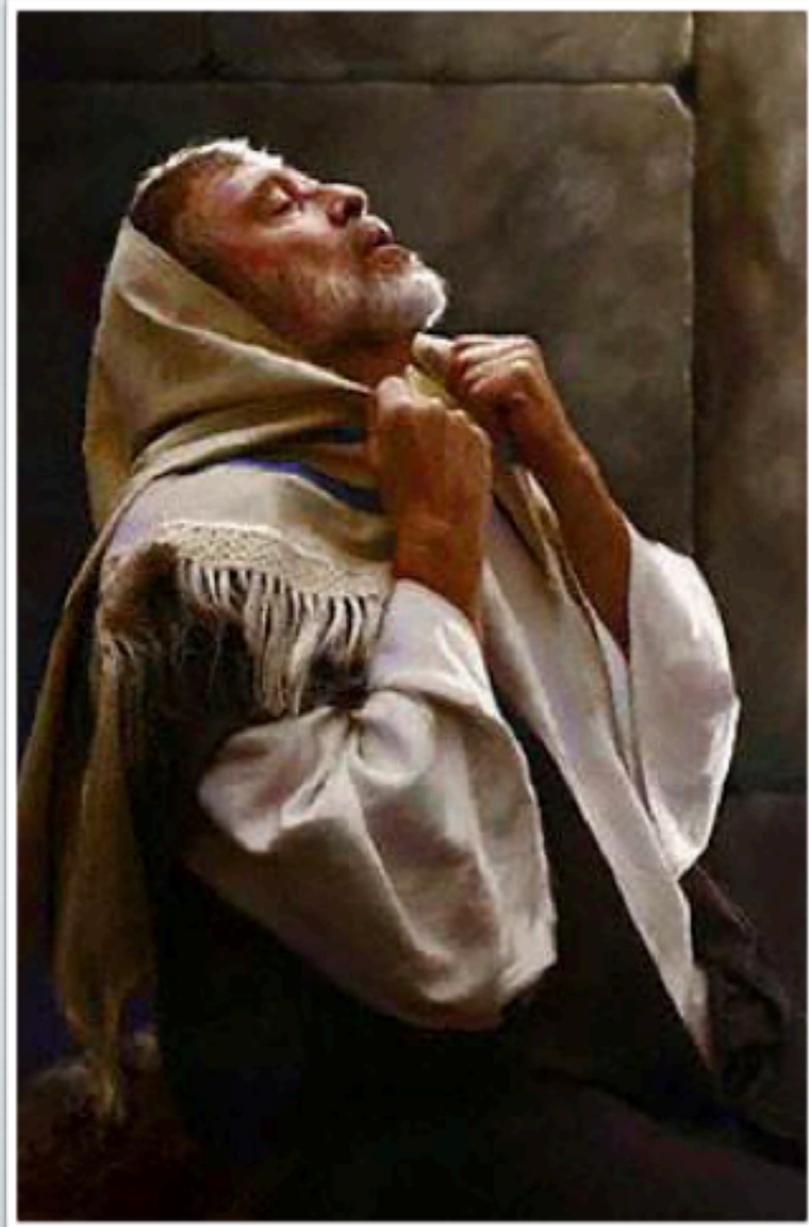
² “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace *and* everlasting contempt. ³ “Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

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Daniel 12:13 (NASB95)
13 “But as for you, go *your way* to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise *again* for your allotted portion at the end of the age.”

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- The faith in future resurrection did not originate in the exilic condition, but already existed in the understanding that God is Creator of life and is able to bring life from the dead (cf. Ex. 3:6, 15; Matt. 22:29-32).
- Metaphors function by using the known to explain the unknown.
- In order for the resurrection metaphor to function, the figure would need to draw from the literal reality of a future bodily resurrection.

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

“BUT OF THAT DAY AND HOUR” — MATTHEW 24:36

ZECHARIAH —“IN THAT DAY”



The heart of the message is the first coming of Christ to deliver Jerusalem, NOT AD 70 and the destruction of Jerusalem.

ZECHARIAH —“IN THAT DAY”

“IN THAT DAY” = FIRST COMING

The Lord Came
The Lord Betrayed,
Crucified, Buried,
Raised
Gospel Preached,
Salvation Available
The Exaltation &
Honor of the
CHRIST

2:11 – “My people”

3:9-10 – “People”

9:16 – “Lord save them”

11:11 – “Covenant broken...”
 (12:3, 4, 6, 8, 9-11)

13:1, 2, 4 – “Forgiveness”

14:4 – “Mount of Olives”

14:8 – “Living waters”

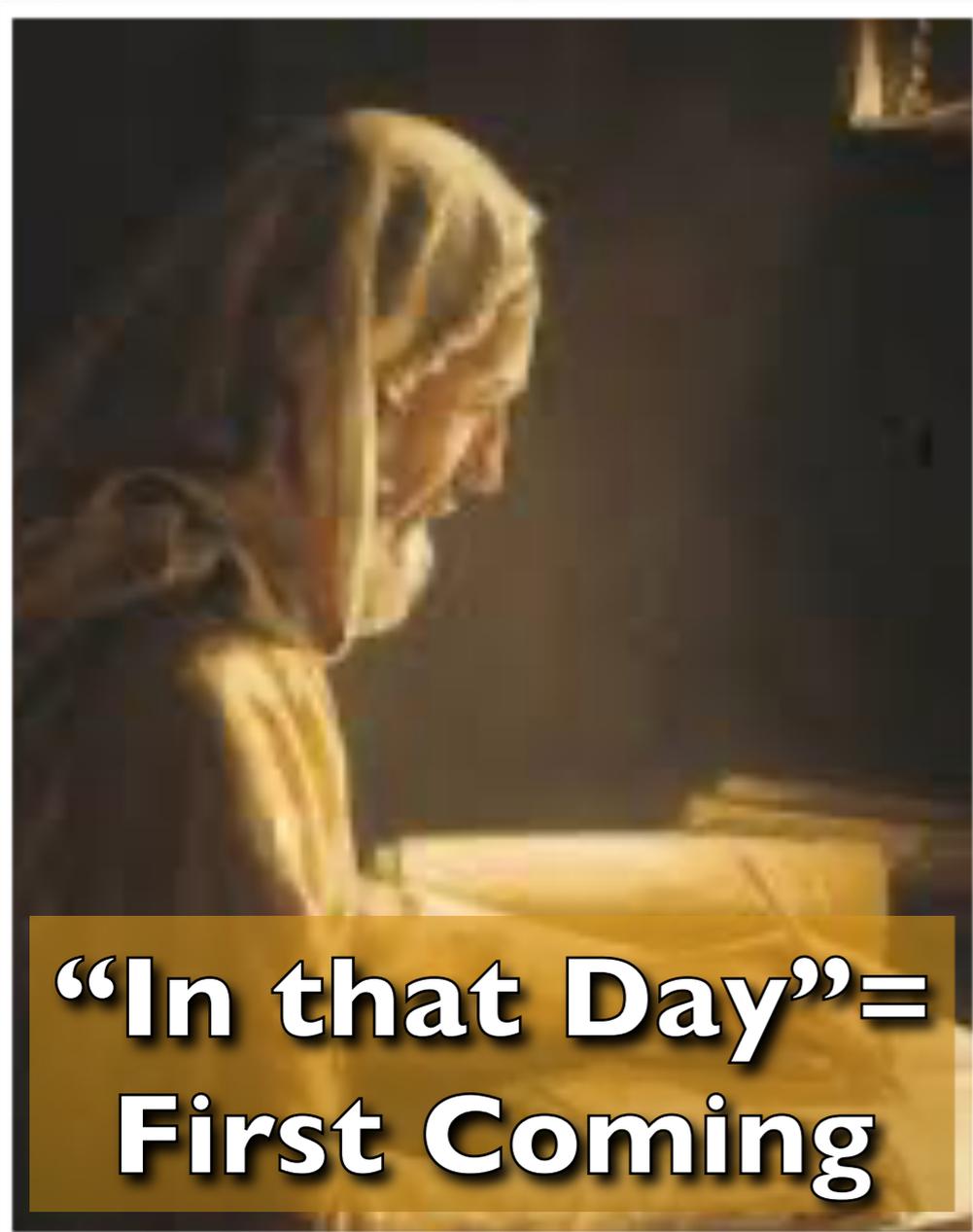
14:9 – “King - The **ONLY ONE**”

14:20,21 – “Holiness to the Lord”

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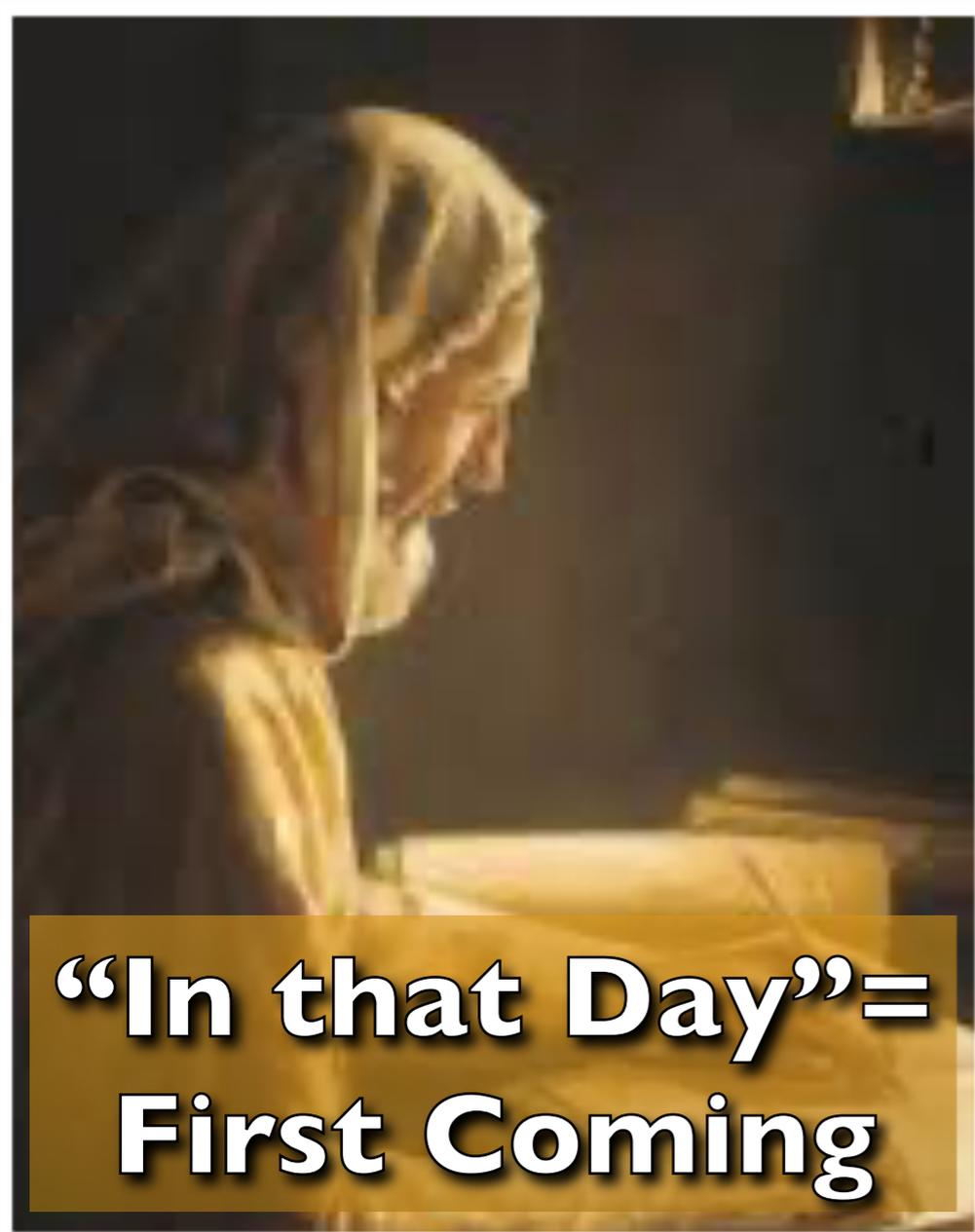


- **14:1b** speaks of the helpless condition of the early church, as Christians will be besieged.
- The description of **14:2** vividly describes events that would occur when a city was overcome. It should not be interpreted literally, but seen as representation of the church being persecuted (Hebrews 12:25-29).
- **14:3** – The Lord will fight for us or on our behalf.

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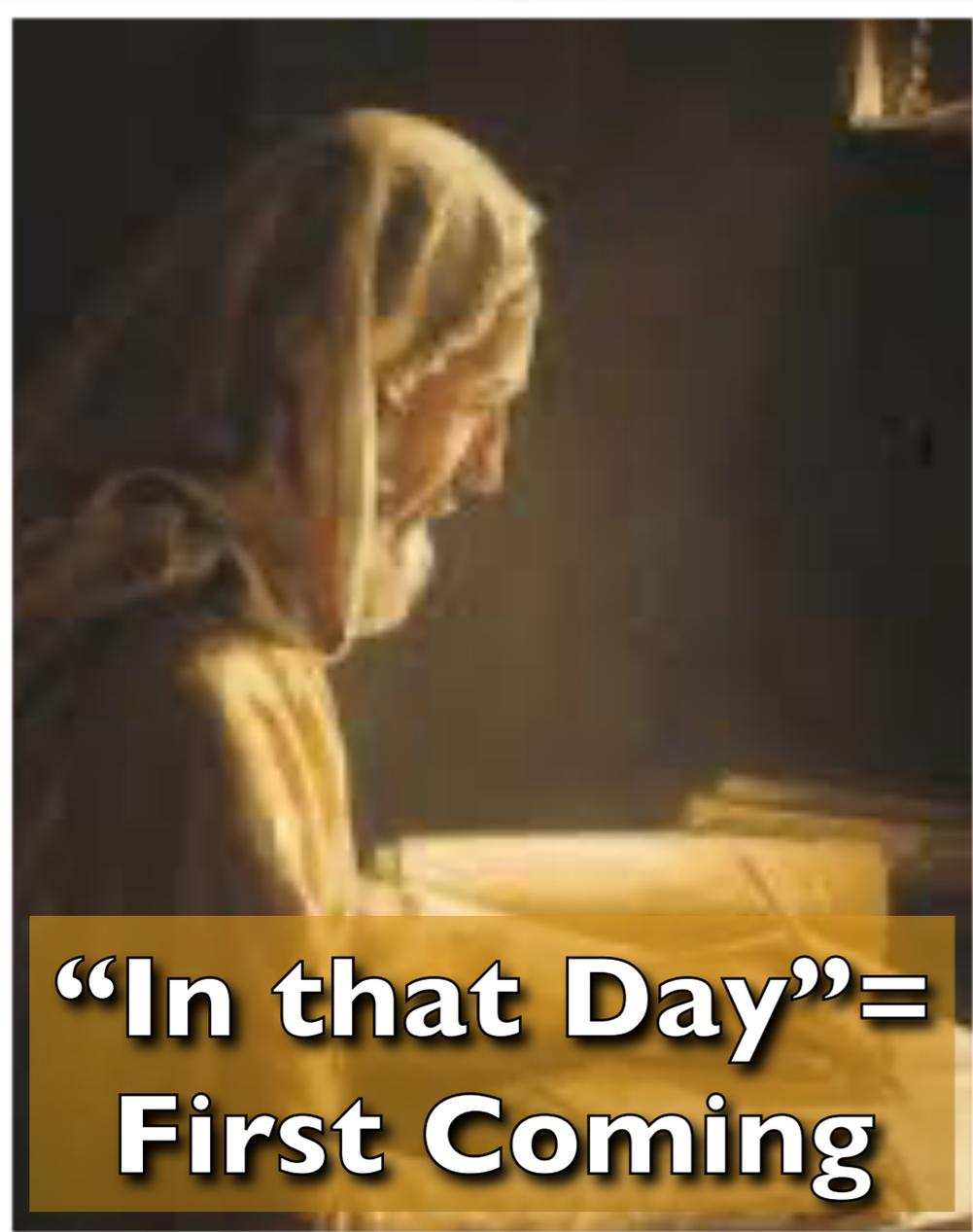
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- **14:4 – “His feet” indicates his presence.**
 - ▶ The Lord’s presence will return not to a physically reconstructed city, but to His “remnant” people, i.e. “New Jerusalem.”
 - ▶ The Mount of Olives presented an obstacle in the way of escape from Jerusalem to the east. But now the Lord’s presence in power means that the obstacle is transformed into an easy escape. Point being—Spiritual Jerusalem will be delivered.

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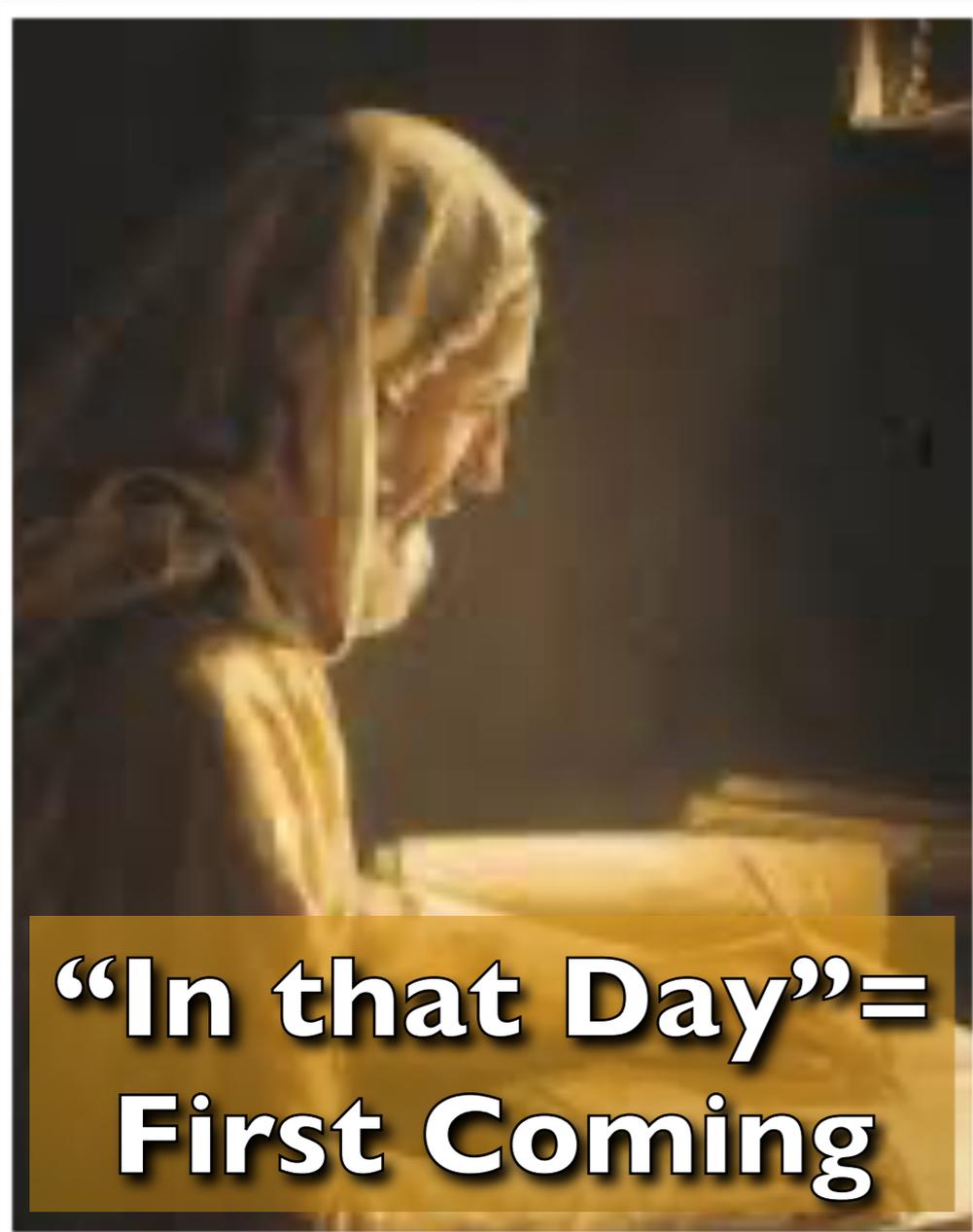
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- **14:5** “Then the Lord my God will come”
- **14:6-7** Unique Day: “But it will come about that at evening time there will be light” – The Messiah brought light into a dark world (John 1:9; 3:19; 9:5; 12:46)
- **14:8**: “Living waters” – Messiah himself (John 4; 7:38,39). The spread of the gospel - “Eastern” & “Western” refers to Jews and Gentiles (Matt. 8:11; cf. Isa. 2:3; Act 2).
- **14:9** Recognition of his dominion and authority (Matt. 28:18; Acts 2:36; Eph 1:20-23).

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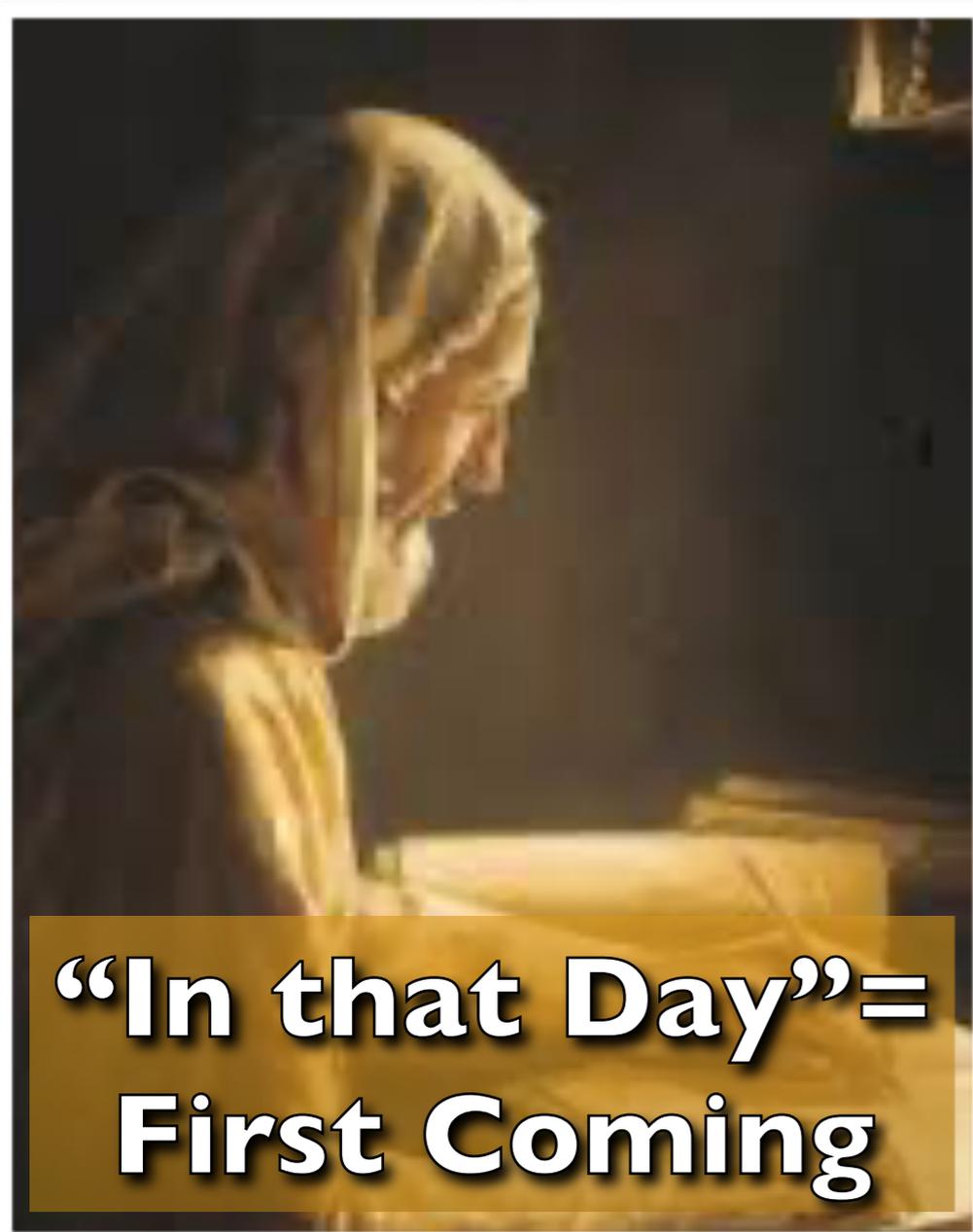
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- **14:10** Exalted Jerusalem (Isaiah 2), i.e. residue of remnant (Acts 15:14-17).
- **14:11** Spiritual Jerusalem made secure & immovable (Heb. 12:28; Daniel 2:44-45).
- **14:12-15** Plague upon the enemies of spiritual Jerusalem will ensure the gospel will still go forward and be victorious.
- **14:16** The Jews & Gentiles will worship together in Jerusalem (Acts 2; 15:9; Eph. 2:11-22; Gal. 3:26-28)

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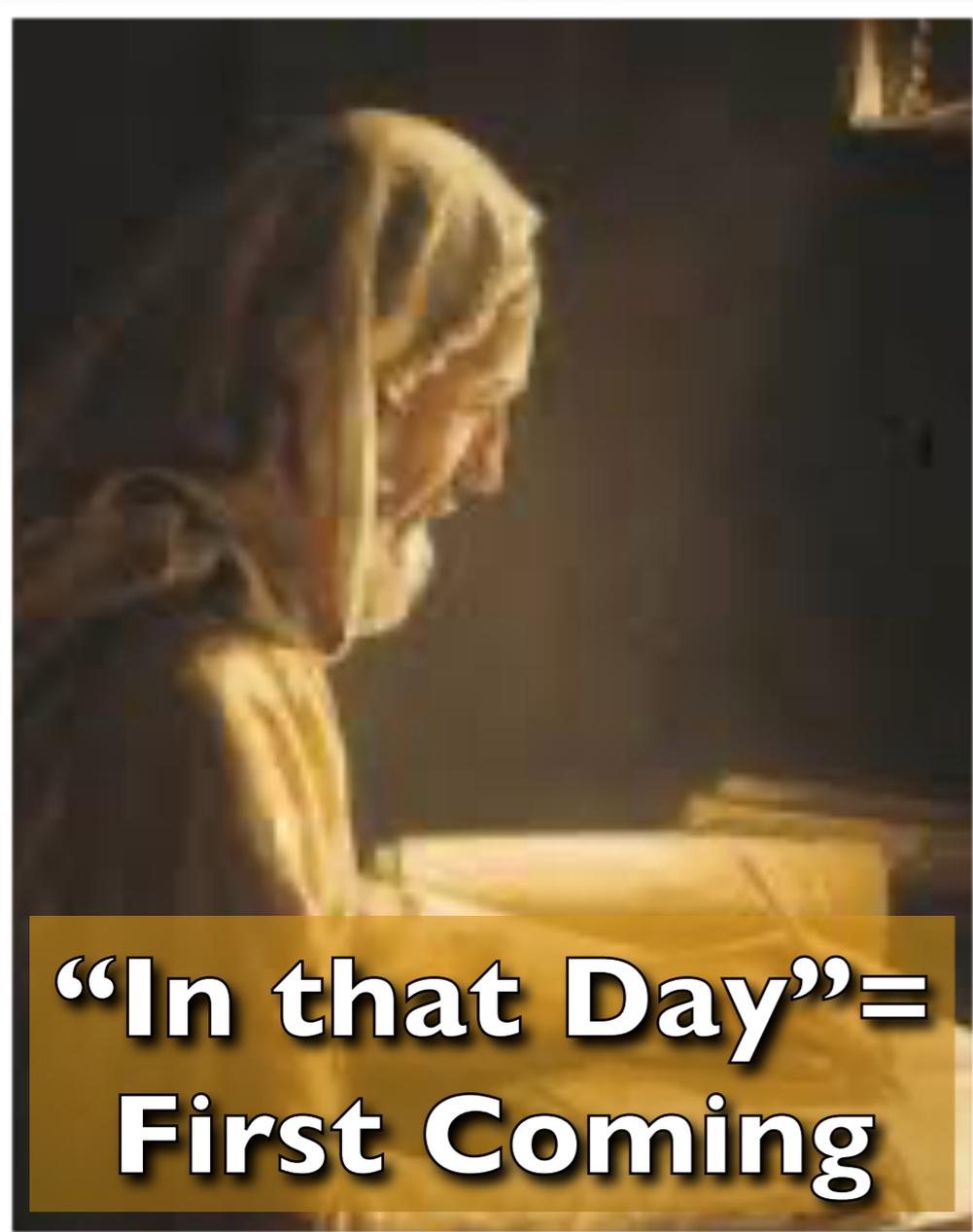


- **“If Zechariah 14 predicts the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70 ...”**
 - ◆ Who is the “one taken” and the “other left” Matthew 24:40?
 - ◆ Where was he taken? Where was the other left? (especially since Jesus told him to leave Jerusalem, 24:16).
 - ◆ How can the one who fled the city be called by Zechariah “the residue of the people” who are not cut off from the city? (Zechariah 14:2).

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- **“If Zechariah 14 predicts the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70 ...”**
 - ◆ When did those left in the city “flee to the valley of the mountains” (Matthew 24:16, 22)?
 - ◆ When did Jehovah fight for the residue of the Jews against Rome in AD 70 (Zechariah 14:3)?
- **Zechariah 14 is NOT about the destruction of Jerusalem, NEITHER is Matthew 24:36!**

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

ONE KING - TWO EVENTS

The Kingdom Came With Power On Pentecost



- Mark 9:1 “Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.” (Col. 1:13)
- Luke 24:49 “... but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”
- Acts 1:8 “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; ...” (Acts 2:4)

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“BUT OF THAT DAY AND HOUR” — MATTHEW 24:36

JUDGMENT SHADOWS

FUTURE REALITY

Matthew 24:36 (NASB95)

³⁶ “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

- ▶ No one knows (24:36,42,44; 25:13; 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10)
- ▶ Universal judgment (25:31,39; Jn 5:28,29; Ro. 2:5-11; 2 Pt. 3:1-13)
- ▶ Be ready (24:44; 25:1-30; 2 Pt. 3:10-14)

▶ Egypt (Ezk. 32:7-8)

▶ Assyria (Nah. 1:1-5)

▶ Israel (Amos 8:1-2, 9)

▶ Jerusalem (Jer. 4:1-6)

▶ Babylon (Isa. 13:10, 13)

▶ Edom (Isa. 34:4-6)

▶ Jerusalem (Dan. 11)

▶ Jerusalem (Matt. 24:1-34)

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FUTURE REALITY

Even the language in 24:29-31 while applying to the destruction of Jerusalem is not exhausted by that event and yet finds its full realization in the final return of Christ.

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“THOSE DAYS”

BUT

“THAT DAY AND HOUR”

Matthew 24:22
(NASB95)

22 “Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

NO ONE KNOWS:

“not even the angels of heaven” vs. 36

Acts 1:7; 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pt. 3:10

UNIVERSAL JUDGMENT:

“as the days of Noah” vs. 37-39; 25:31-46

Rom. 2:5-11; 14:10; 2 Thess. 1:7-10;

2 Pt. 3:1-14

LIKE A THIEF:

“you do not know what hour” vs. 40-45

1 Thess. 5:2,5:4; 2 Pt. 3:10

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DIFFERENT EVENTS

Dest. Of Jerusalem	Coming Of The Lord
<p>“Days” (24:19, 22, 29)</p>	<p>“Day” (24:36, 42, 44, 50; 25:13)</p>
<p>“Know” (24:15, 33)</p>	<p>“Know Not” (24:36, 42, 44, 50; 25:13)</p>
<p>Great Tribulation (24:4-13)</p>	<p>Everyday Life (24:37-42)</p>
<p>Warning (24:32-33)</p>	<p>No Warning (24:43-44)</p>

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DIFFERENT EVENTS

Dest. Of Jerusalem	Coming Of The Lord
<p>Flight Possible (24:16)</p>	<p>Flight Impossible (24:39, 43-44)</p>
<p>Local Judgment (24:15-22)</p>	<p>Universal Judgment (25:31-46)</p>
<p>Imminent Judgment (24:15-16, 34)</p>	<p>Delayed Judgment (24:48, 50; 25:5, 19)</p>
<p>Judgment > Time (24:15-18; cf. Lk. 21:22-24)</p>	<p>Judgment > Eternity (25:46)</p>

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

“But of that Day and Hour”



Holger Neubauer

“The scriptures do not have as a goal the end of the planet, but the end of a system that could not open heaven. There is no greater day in our future then (*sic*) what was in Peter’s immediate future, and there no greater day in our future then (*sic*) the day and the hour of Jerusalem’s fall.”

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“ONE OF THE DAYS OF THE SON OF MAN” LUKE 17:22,26

²² And He said to the disciples, “The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. Luke 17:22 (NASB95)



NOT BODILY / VISIBLE

- **Giving of Holy Spirit** (Jn. 14:16-18, 28)
- **Coming in His Kingdom** (Matt. 10:22,23; 16:28; cf. Mk. 8:38; 9:1; Lk. 9:26-27)
- **Punishing or Blessing Churches** (Rev. 2:5,16,25; 3:3,11,20; 16:15; 22:7, 12, 20)
- **Destruction of Jerusalem** (Mal. 4:1, 5; Matt. 23:37-39; 24:3; 26:64; Mk. 13:26; Lk. 21:27).

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BODILY & VISIBLE

- **Incarnation** (Jn. 1:11; 3:31; Acts 7:51-52; 1 Tim. 1:15; 2 Tim. 1:10; Heb. 9:26)
- **Final Coming** (Matt. 24:42-44; 25:31-33; Jn. 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:23; 1 Thess. 3:11-13; 4:13-18; 5:23; 2 Thess. 1:6-10; 2:1-3; 1 Tim. 6:13-16; 2 Tim. 4:1; Heb. 9:28; 2 Pet. 3:10-13)

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

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**NOT BODILY or
VISIBLE COMINGS**
(SAME IN KIND)

- **Giving of Holy Spirit**
- **Coming in His Kingdom**
- **Punishing or Blessing Churches**
- **Destruction of Jerusalem**

**BODILY & VISIBLE
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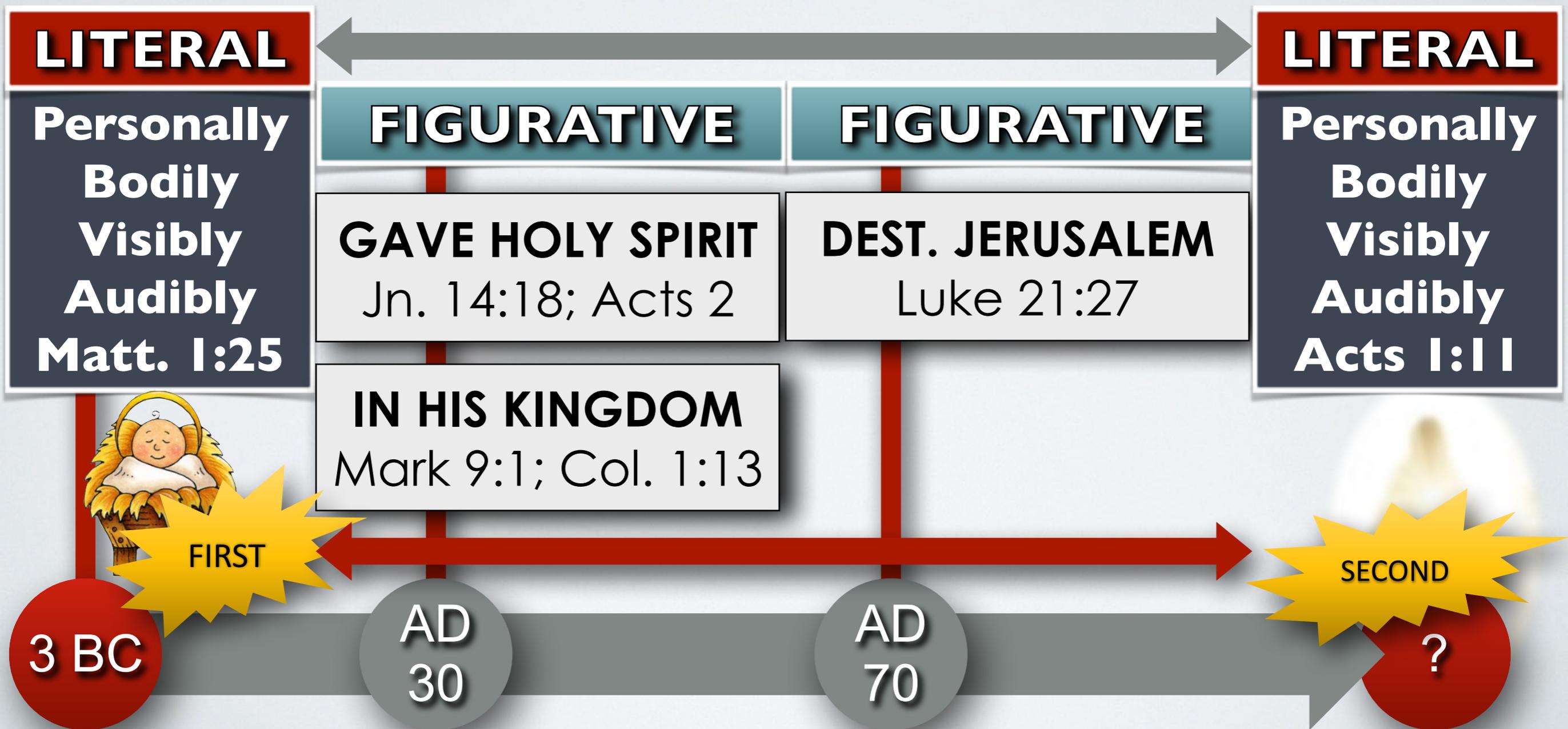
- **Incarnation** (1st coming)
- **Final Coming** (2nd coming)

DIFFERENT KINDS OF COMINGS

THE SECOND COMING

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If Jesus returns again it would be His third return, but the Bible says He would return again a second time unto salvation (Hebrews 9:28). Now check Luke 21:27 and Hebrews 10:37 and tell me if Jesus returned in the destruction of Jerusalem? If yes, He fulfilled His promises, If no, He failed to do what He promised to do, for He was coming in a "very little while."

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■ H.N. doesn't think a thing happens until it is over.

- ▶ H.N. doesn't think the Holy Spirit came until the gifts ceased.
- ▶ H.N. doesn't think Jesus redeemed from sin until He came "without reference to sin."
- ▶ H.N. doesn't think Jesus is king over His kingdom until He hands the kingdom over to the Father.



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Preterists must prove, *not just assert*, that **any particular coming of the Lord** refers to His coming in judgment on Jerusalem in AD 70

THE RESURRECTION

CONSEQUENCES OF R.E. POSITION ON LK. 20:34-36

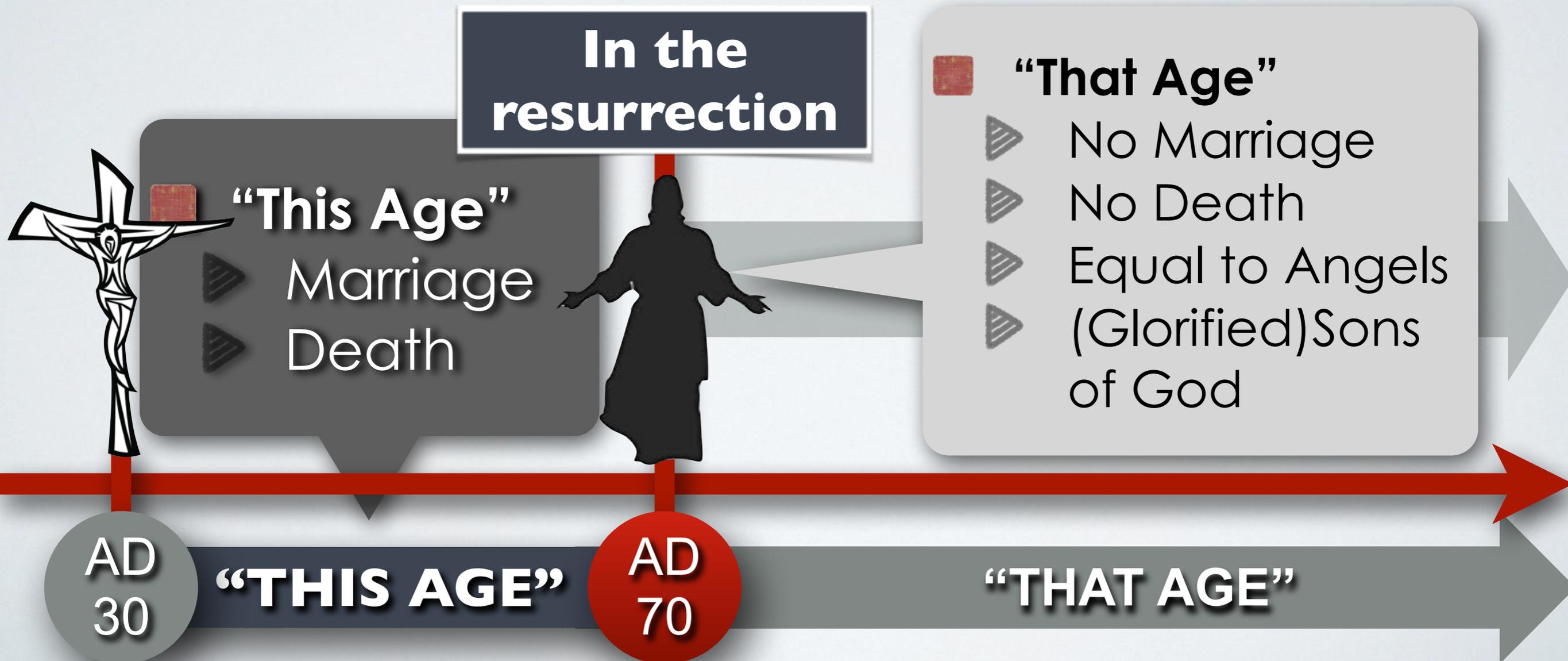
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SINCE

In “this age” men **marry** and **die**
but not in the age to come

SINCE

BUT

Men have continued to **marry**
and **die** since AD 70

BUT

THEN

“This age” **did not end in AD 70**,
and “the age to come” is **still future**

THEN

“This Age” Is Not The Jewish Age!

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

“REDEMPTION IS DRAWING NEAR” (LUKE 21:28)

**Luke 21:28
(NASB95)**

28 “But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

They would be delivered from God’s judgment upon Jerusalem.

- ▶ **PAST:** Christians who obeyed the gospel, beginning in Acts 2:38; were redeemed from sin (1 Pet. 1:18-23)
- ▶ **PRESENT:** Christians BEFORE and after AD 70 stand in a redeemed condition (Rom. 3:24; Eph. 1:7)
- ▶ **FUTURE:** All redeemed by the blood of Christ will receive the redemption of our body (Eph. 1:14; Rom. 8:23,24)

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

“THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NEAR” (LUKE 21:31)

**Luke 21:31
(NASB95)**

31 “So you also,
when you see these
things happening,
recognize that the
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near.

**Speaking of the SOVEREIGN
RULE & REIGN of God**

- ▶ “Who would not fear You, O King of the nations?” (Jeremiah 10:7)
- ▶ “Yours is the dominion, O Lord, and You exalt Yourself as head over all ... You rule over all” (1 Chron. 29:10-13)
- ▶ “... are You not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Your hand so that no one can stand against You ... “O our God, will You not judge them?” (2 Chron. 20:6, 12)

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(NASB95)**

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**Mark 13:29
(NASB95)**

²⁹ “Even so, you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that He is near, *right at the door*.

**Matthew
24:33
(NASB95)**

³³ so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, *right at the door*.

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- ▶ Jesus possessed and exercised His Messianic authority and reign prior to AD 70 (Matt. 28:18; Acts 2:25-36; Zech. 6:12,13)
- ▶ Christians were citizens of His kingdom BEFORE AD 70!! (Col. 1:13; Heb. 12:28; Rev. 1:6-9)
- ▶ God’s reign and rule through Christ was manifested in His judgment upon Jerusalem (Matt. 23:32-39)

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

“SINCE WE RECEIVE A KINGDOM”

Hebrews 12:28–29 (NASB95)

²⁸ Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

- ▶ The authority of Christ at that time (12:25; 8:1,2)
- ▶ They were currently in the kingdom by virtue of hearing Christ (vs. 25; 2:1-3; 3:1, 14, 15)
- ▶ The present tense of the participle suggests it was an ongoing relationship in which they were participating (1:2; 2:3; 3:7; 4:12-16; 6:4; 10:32-36)

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Vincent's Word Studies

Receiving a kingdom (βασιλείαν παραλαμβάνοντες)

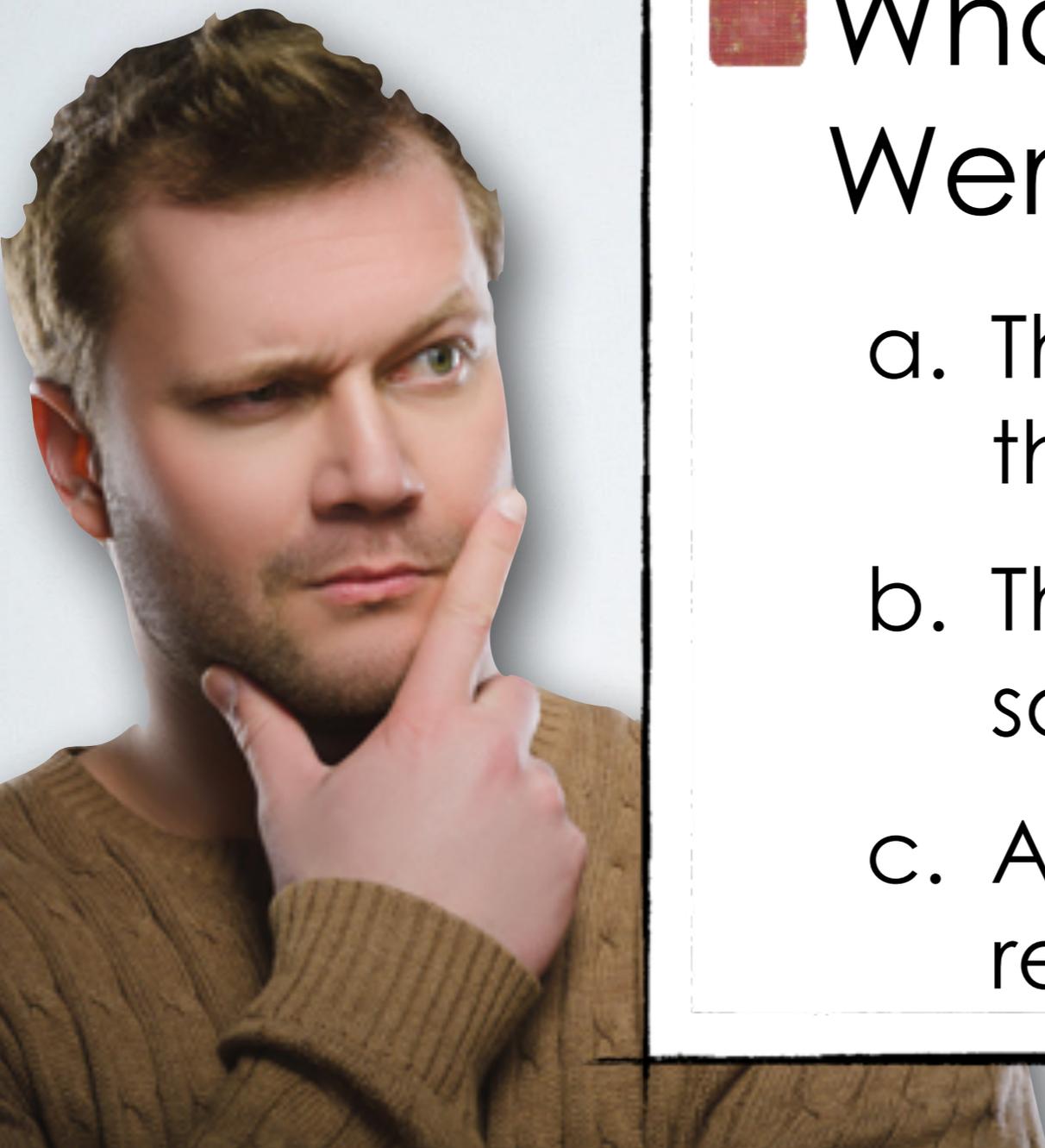
The participle gives no note of time, but simply indicates the fact that Christians as such receive. The compounded preposition **παρὰ** adds to the idea of receiving that of transmission or communication. They receive from God. See Daniel 7:18. **Βασιλεία** in the sense of the kingdom of Christ, in this epistle only here and Hebrews 1:8 (citn.). See on Matthew 3:2; see on Luke 6:20.

The Issue In First Corinthians 15

THE RESURRECTION

■ What The Corinthians
Were Denying: C

- a. The resurrection of a cause in the destruction of Jerusalem?
- b. The future resurrection of OT saints in 70 AD?
- c. A future, personal, bodily resurrection?



The Issue In First Corinthians 15 **THE RESURRECTION**

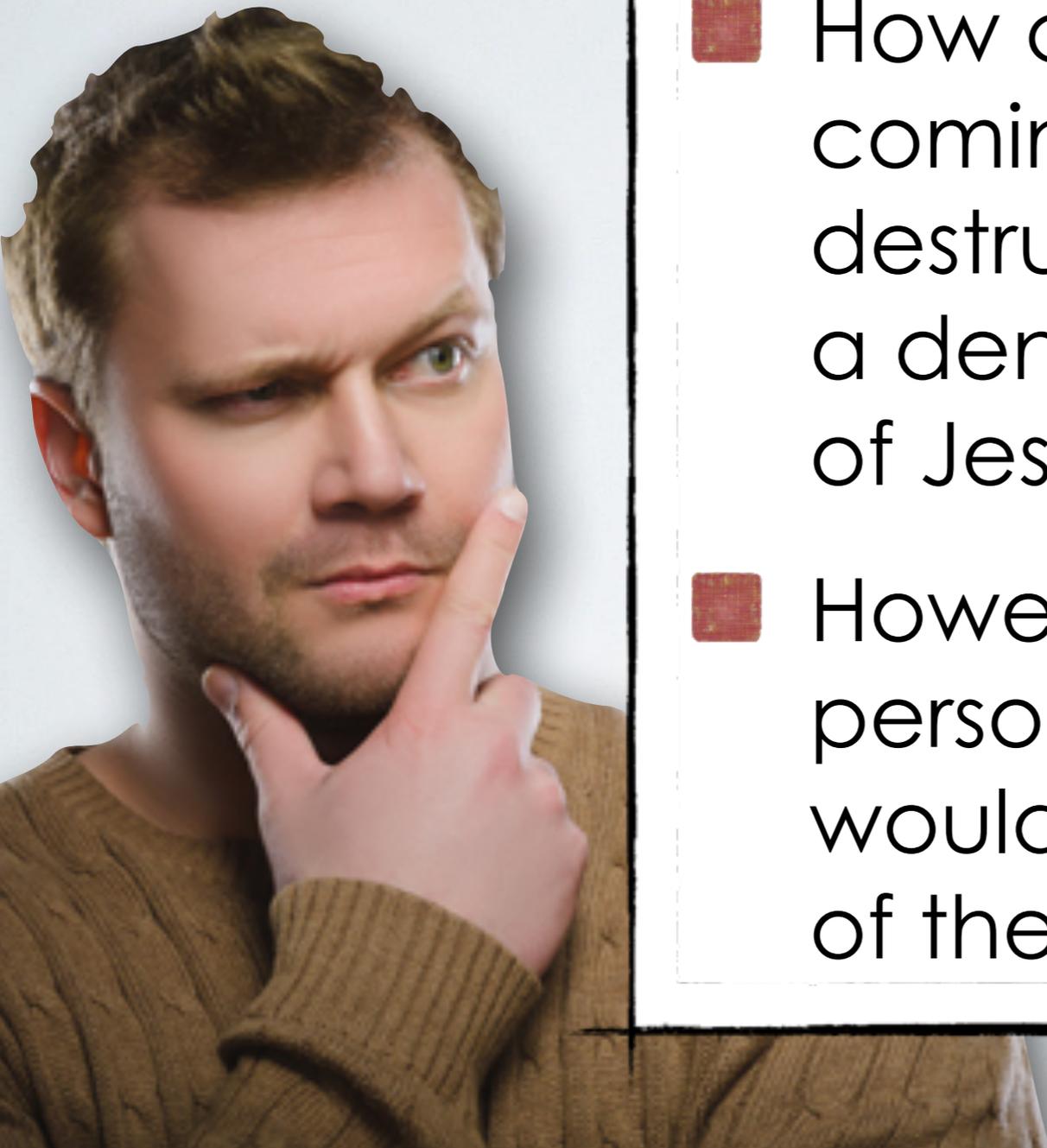
What I Mean By “BODILY RESURRECTION”



The resurrection of a person from the dead to a qualitatively different type of life in which death and decay no longer have an effect.

It is a transformation of the whole person - body and soul - suited for God's eternal presence in heaven.

The Issue In First Corinthians 15 **THE RESURRECTION**



- How could a denial of the coming of Jesus in the destruction of Jerusalem result in a denial of the bodily resurrection of Jesus?
- However, a denial of a future, personal bodily resurrection would logically result in a denial of the bodily resurrection of Jesus!

The Issue In First Corinthians 15

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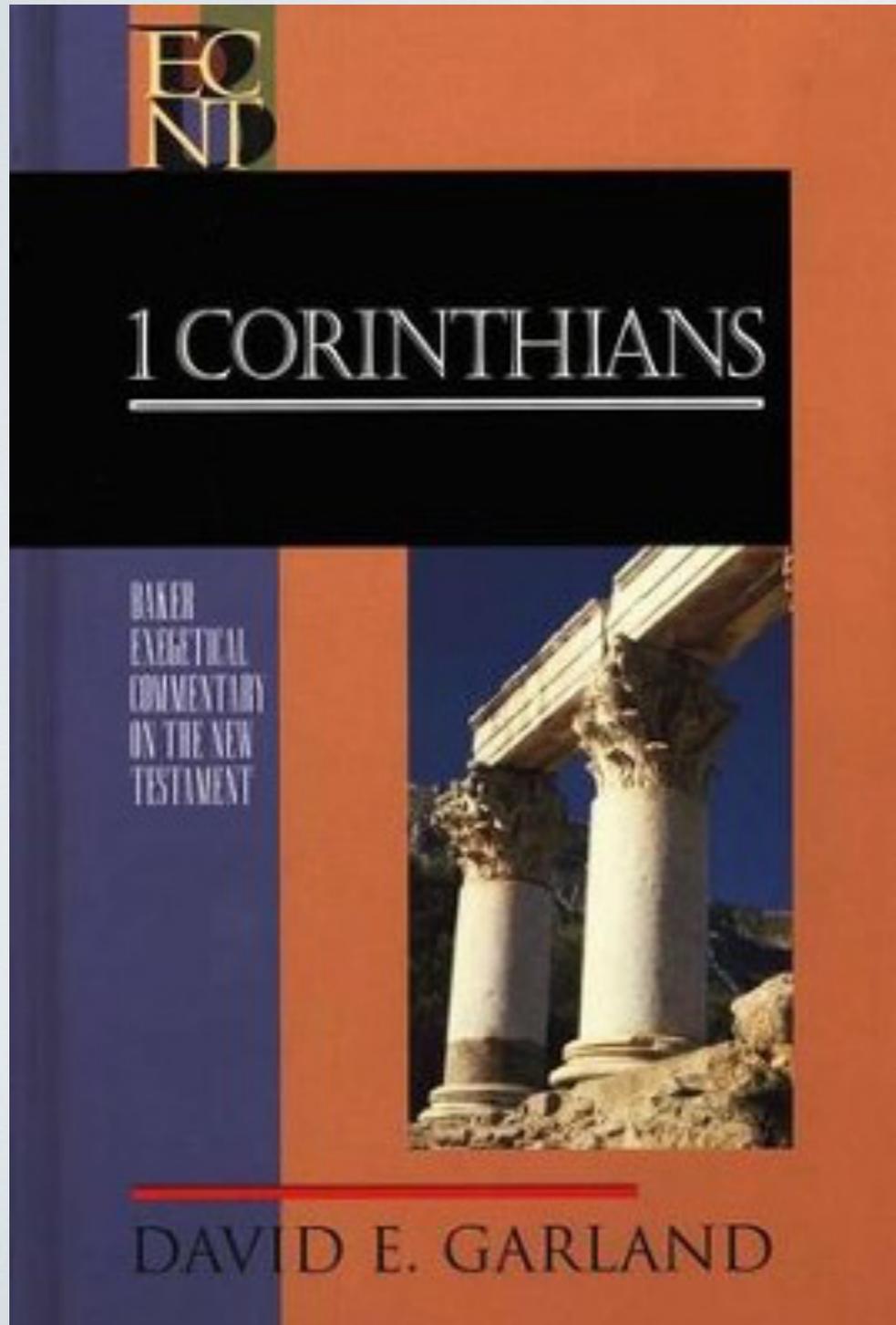
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“It is our view that some Corinthians, deeply dependent on the general dualism of Greek thought, probably denied the resurrection on the grounds of some form of a realized eschatology that misunderstood what it is to be ‘spiritual.’”

Paul Gardner, 1 Corinthians

The Issue In First Corinthians 15

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“It is most likely that the Corinthians rejected a materialistic aspect to the resurrection... The Corinthians apparently believed in an afterlife but retained the dualistic anthropology that was the legacy of their Hellenistic environment.

According to this view, humans are composed of two inharmonious parts, body and soul, that are of unequal value. At death, the mortal body is shed like a snake’s skin, and the immortal soul continues in a purely spiritual existence.”

David E. Garland, 1 Corinthians



DISTANCE FROM Corinth to Jerusalem
815 MILES
By Car 1,882 MILES

THE RESURRECTION

The Foundation of our Hope is the Resurrection of Christ

1 Corinthians 15:1–11 (NASB95)

¹ Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

- They had “received” & were presently “standing” in the “gospel” of the resurrected Christ (15:1-2).
- It was this very gospel of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ that saved them and to which they were encouraged to “hold fast” (15:2).

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■ If one believes in the BODILY resurrection of Christ, one should have no problem in believing in his/her own future bodily resurrection (15:12).

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³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

- Paul “received” this message from God (Galatians 1:11, 12; cf. 1 Corinthians 11:23).
- Christ died for our sins, “was buried,” (proof of death) and was “raised” “according to the scriptures” (15:3, 4; Luke 24:25-27; Acts 2:25-36; Psalm 22; Isaiah 53).

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⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; ⁷ then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; ⁸ and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

- “He appeared to Cephas” and the “apostles ...” (5-8)
- Paul’s affirmation of the bodily resurrection of Christ affirms the reality of a bodily resurrection for all.

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1 Corinthians 15:1–11 (NASB95)

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. ¹¹ Whether then *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

- Paul preached what he had seen on the road to Damascus, and the Corinthians believed him - 15:8-11; Acts 9:3–8; 22:6–11; 26:12–18.
- Paul saw the resurrected Jesus (just as the other apostles had) — 1 Cor. 9:1; John 20:27-29

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1 Corinthians 15:12–20 (NASB95)

12 Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

- The Corinthians were not denying the bodily resurrection of Jesus, but the future bodily resurrection of humanity.
- Over-Realized Eschatology does not deny the bodily resurrection of Jesus, but the future bodily resurrection of humanity.

THE RESURRECTION

Consequences of Denying the Future Resurrection (15:12-20)

1 Corinthians 15:12–20 (NASB95)

12 Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

- If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen (15:12)
- The logical consequence of denying the future bodily resurrection would lead to the denial of the bodily resurrection of Jesus.
- The resurrection they were denying had to be the same in kind as the resurrection of Jesus!

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**Bodily
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To DENY One

SAME IN KIND

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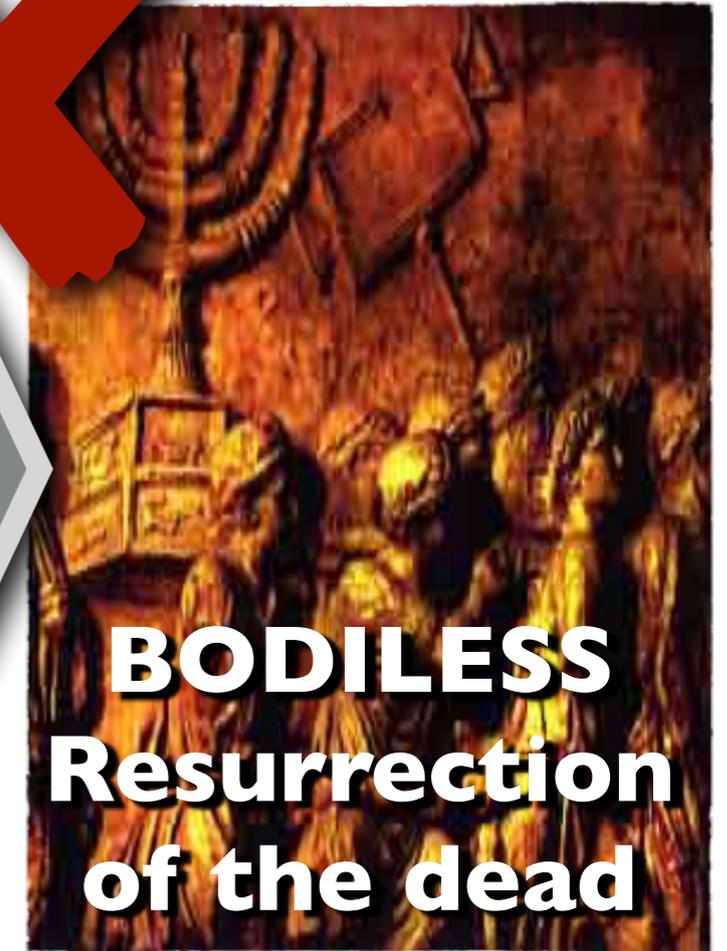


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**The Transfer
of the OT
spirits into
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1 Corinthians 15:12–20 (NASB95)

13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; 14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.

- The death and resurrection of Christ was the singular point driven home in every apostolic sermon in the book of Acts.
- Jesus' divinity was confirmed in His resurrection (Rom. 1:4).
- Lordship of Christ was secured in His resurrection (Phil. 2:9-11).
- If men do not rise from physical death – Jesus did not rise either!

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“ ... if Christ has not been raised ... ”



- “our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.”
- “and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise.”
- “those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.”

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Paul's Biblical Understanding of the Resurrection of the Dead

Acts 24:15–21 (NASB95)

¹⁵ having a hope in God, which these men cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. ... ²¹ other than for this one statement which I shouted out while standing among them, 'For the resurrection of the dead I am on trial before you today.' ”



Acts 26:6–8 (NASB95)

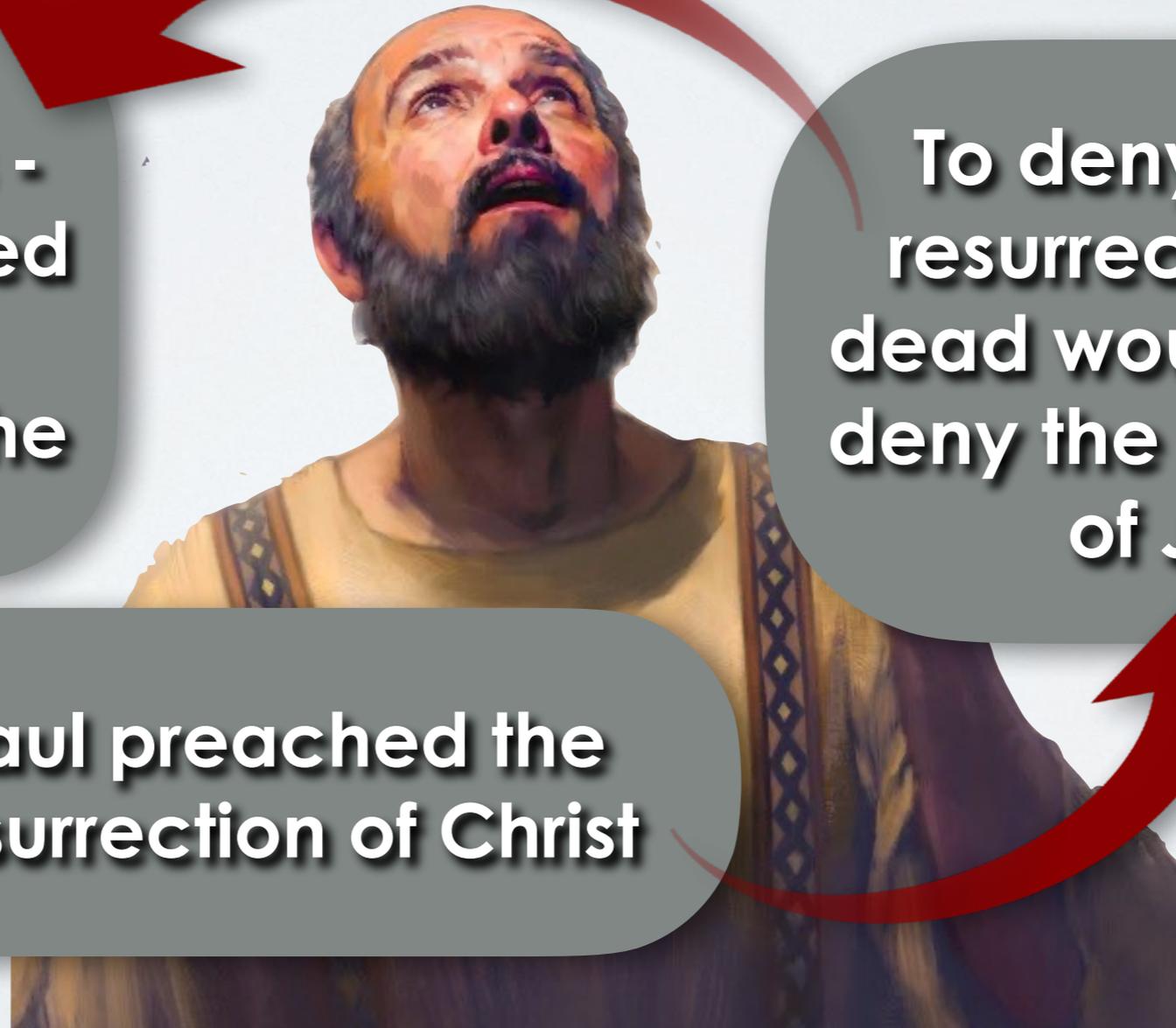
⁶ “And now I am standing trial for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers; ⁷ *the promise* to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly serve *God* night and day. And for this hope, O King, I am being accused by Jews. ⁸ “Why is it considered incredible among you people if God does raise the dead?”

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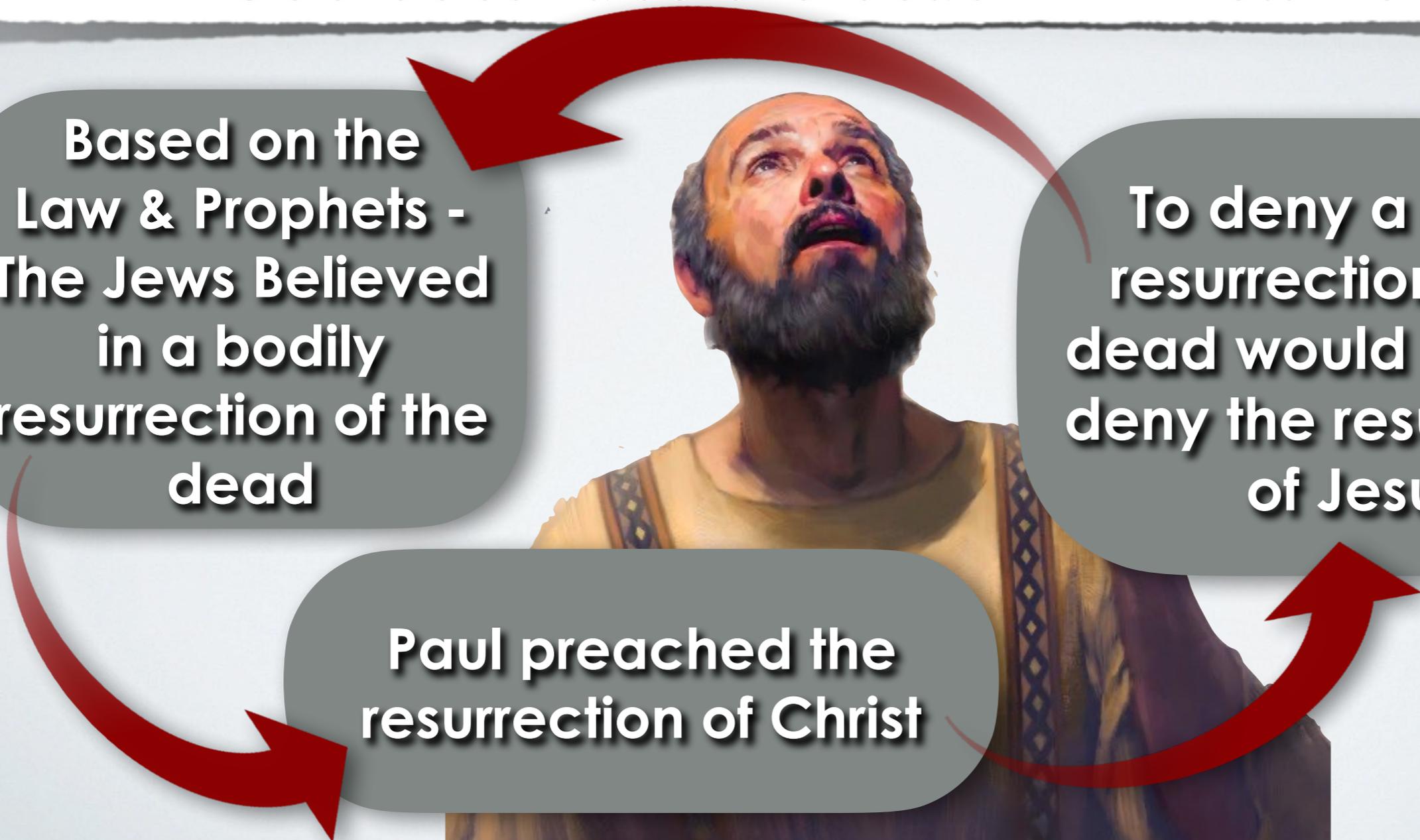
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Based on the Law & Prophets - The Jews Believed in a bodily resurrection of the dead



To deny a bodily resurrection of the dead would logically deny the resurrection of Jesus!

Paul preached the resurrection of Christ



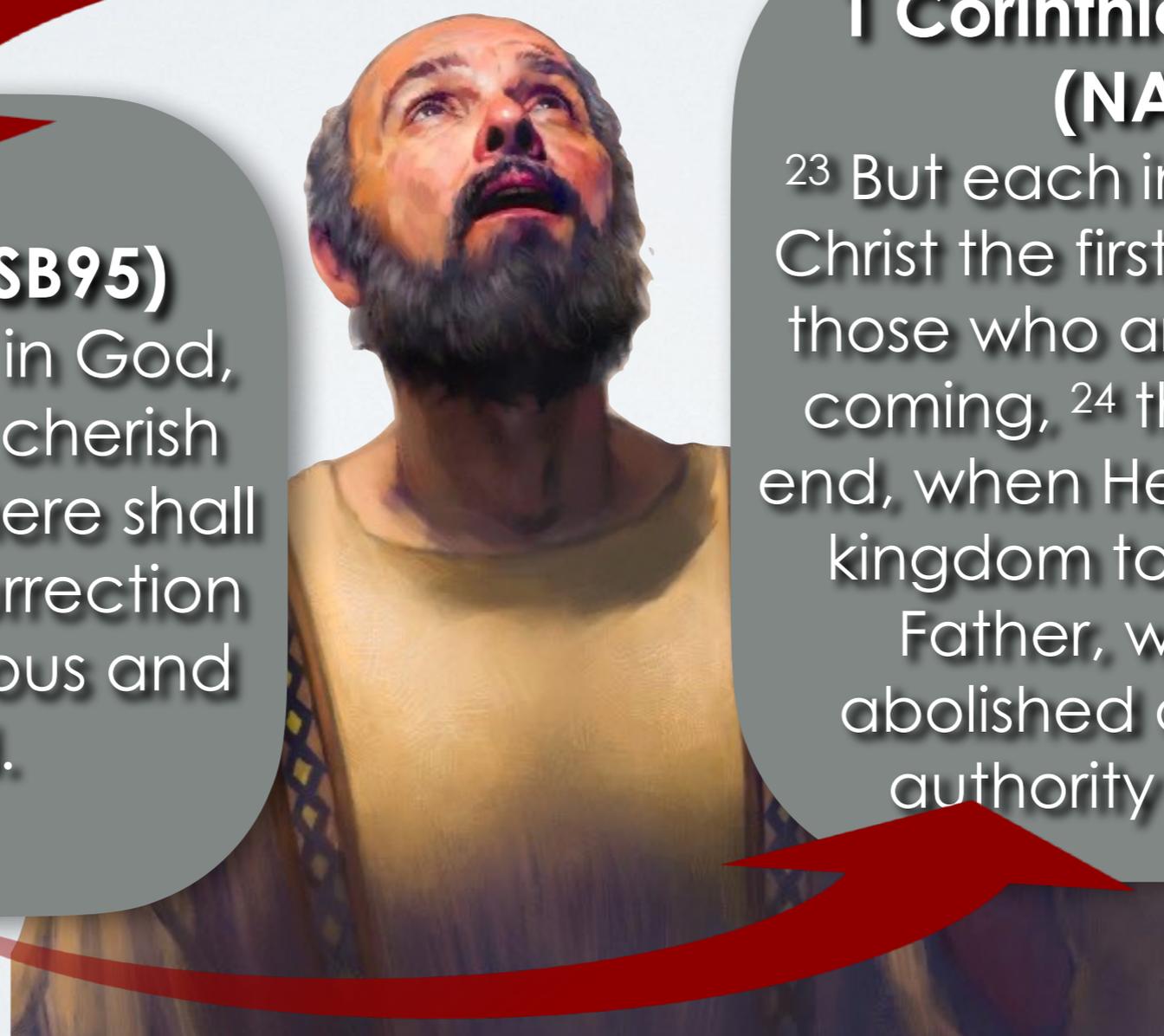
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1 Corinthians 15:23–24 (NASB95)
 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ’s at His coming, 24 then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.



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John 5:28–29 (NASB95)
28...an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, 29 and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

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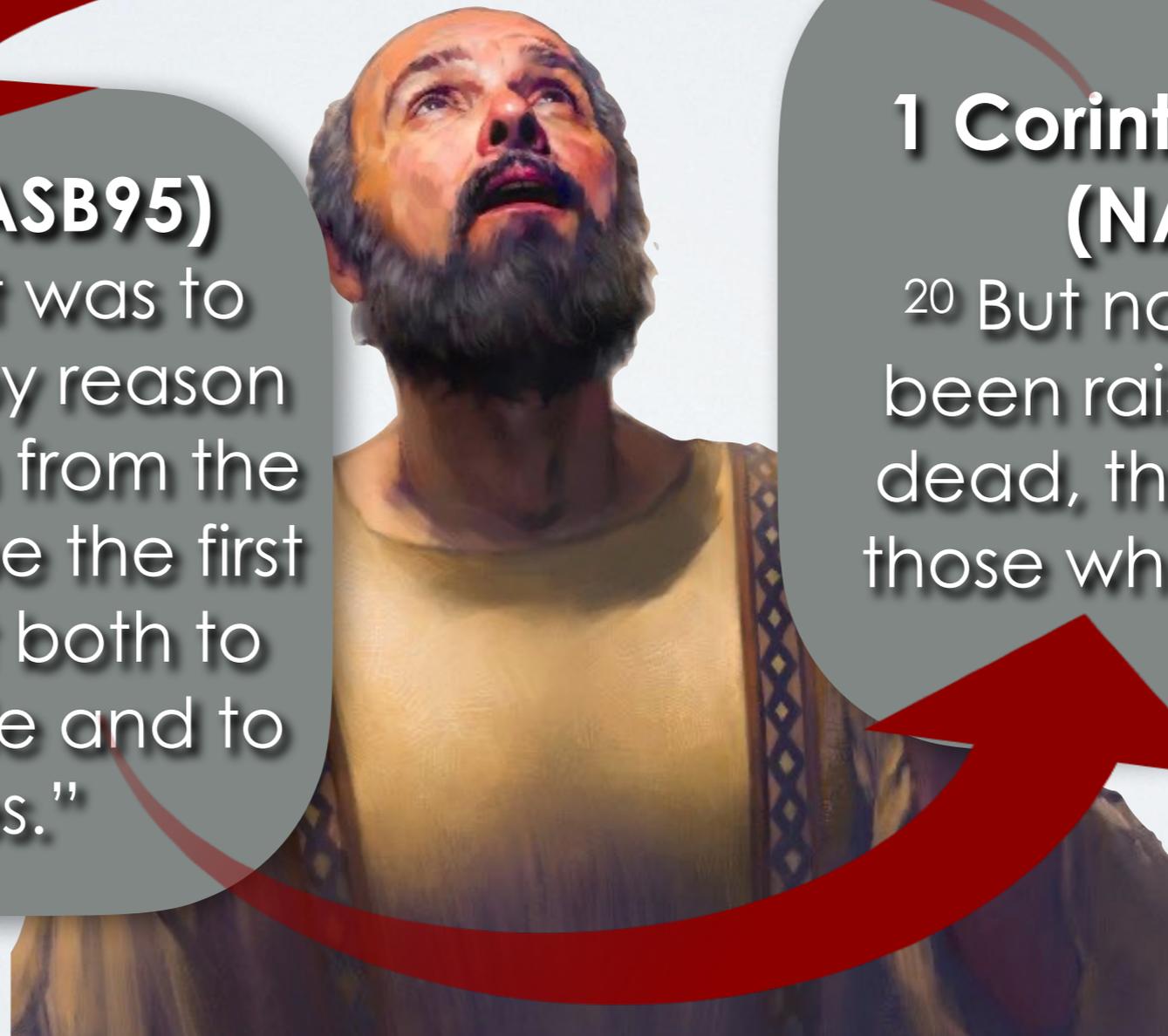
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Acts 26:23 (NASB95)

²³ that the Christ was to suffer, and that by reason of *His* resurrection from the dead He would be the first to proclaim light both to the *Jewish* people and to the *Gentiles*.”

1 Corinthians 15:20 (NASB95)

²⁰ But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.



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BODILY RESURRECTION

THE RESURRECTION

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1 Corinthians 15:20 (NASB95)

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1 Corinthians 15:49 (NASB95)

⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

- The first-fruits are the first of a kind - the latter-fruits are the same in kind.
- First-fruits, as the initial product, provides both the guarantee and representation of more to come.
- JESUS' BODILY resurrection serves as the guarantee of our bodily resurrection.

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OVER-REALIZED
ESCHATOLOGY



Jesus is the
ONLY individual
who will **EVER**
experience a
personal, bodily
resurrection to
never die again.

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1 Corinthians 15:21–22 (NASB95)

²¹ For since by a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.



- Just as the sin of Adam brought physical death upon all mankind, so the resurrection of Christ guarantees the bodily resurrection of ALL MEN.
- Jesus became man in order to rescue us from “the fear of death” (Hebrews 2:9, 14-18).

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- By Adam came PHYSICAL DEATH!
- If Adam had NOT sinned, he would NEVER have died physically!
- Because of Adam's sin - we ALL DIE physically!
- Because of Christ's resurrection - "ALL WILL BE MADE ALIVE!"

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Genesis 3:17–19 (NASB95)

¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life. ¹⁸ “Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return.”

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DICTIONARY of PRETERISM

“Death” =

To be separated from God in sin

“Resurrection” =

Reconciliation / Unification

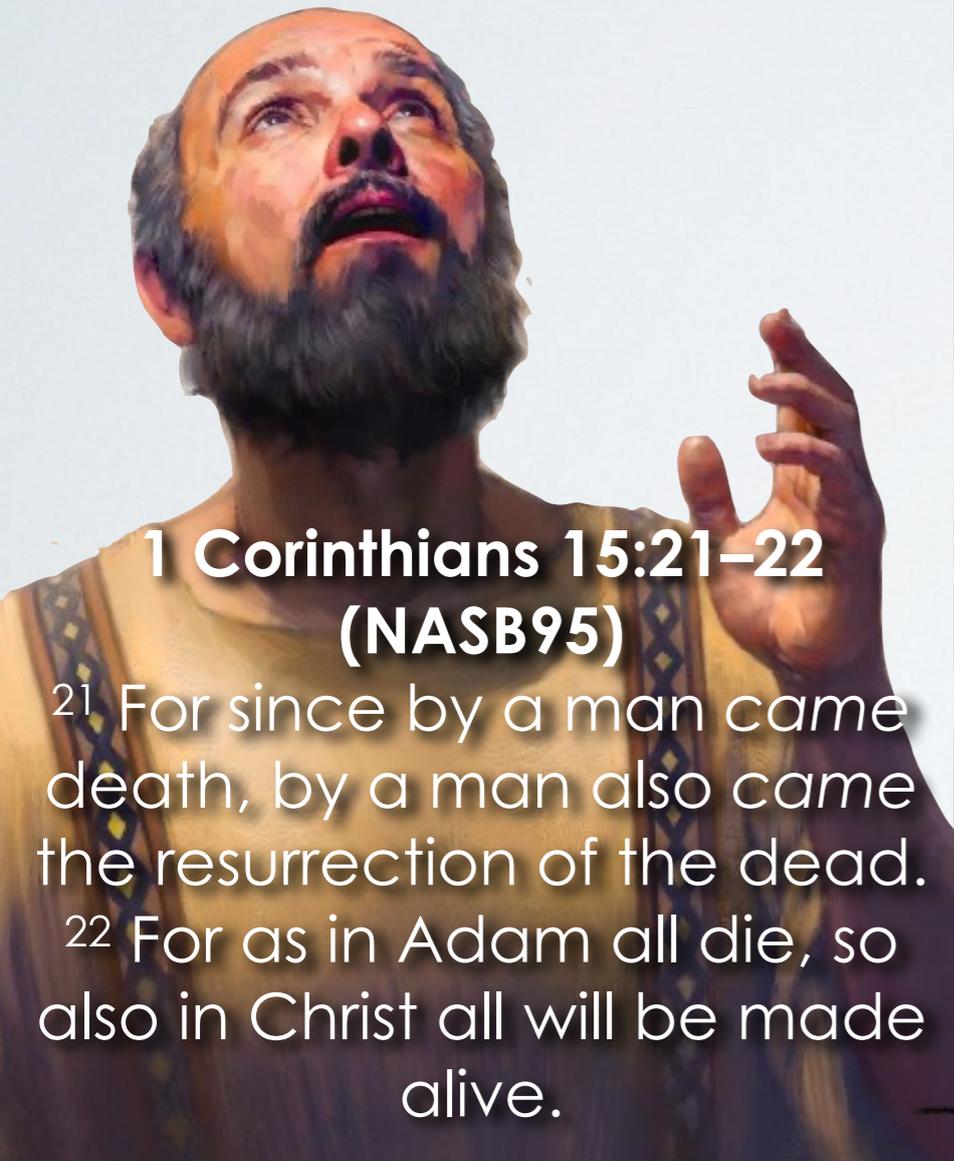
“Body” =

The church or OT saints

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FIRST CORINTHIANS 15 ADDRESSES PHYSICAL DEATH



**1 Corinthians 15:21-22
(NASB95)**

21 For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

- The death & resurrection of JESUS — 3,4, 12-17
- Some had fallen ASLEEP — 6,18, 20, - they were physically “DEAD” compare w/ vs. 12, 16, 21,22, 26, 29, 32, 35, 51, etc.
- Jesus would reign till He has put all enemies UNDER His feet - the last enemy would be physical DEATH — 24-28, 54

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Why DENY Paul is speaking of physical death?

- “Resurrection” in the passage is the same in kind as “death” in the passage.
- A physical death implies a tangible, bodily resurrection, which they deny (Lk. 24:39).
- Therefore, the definition of resurrection determines the definition of death.

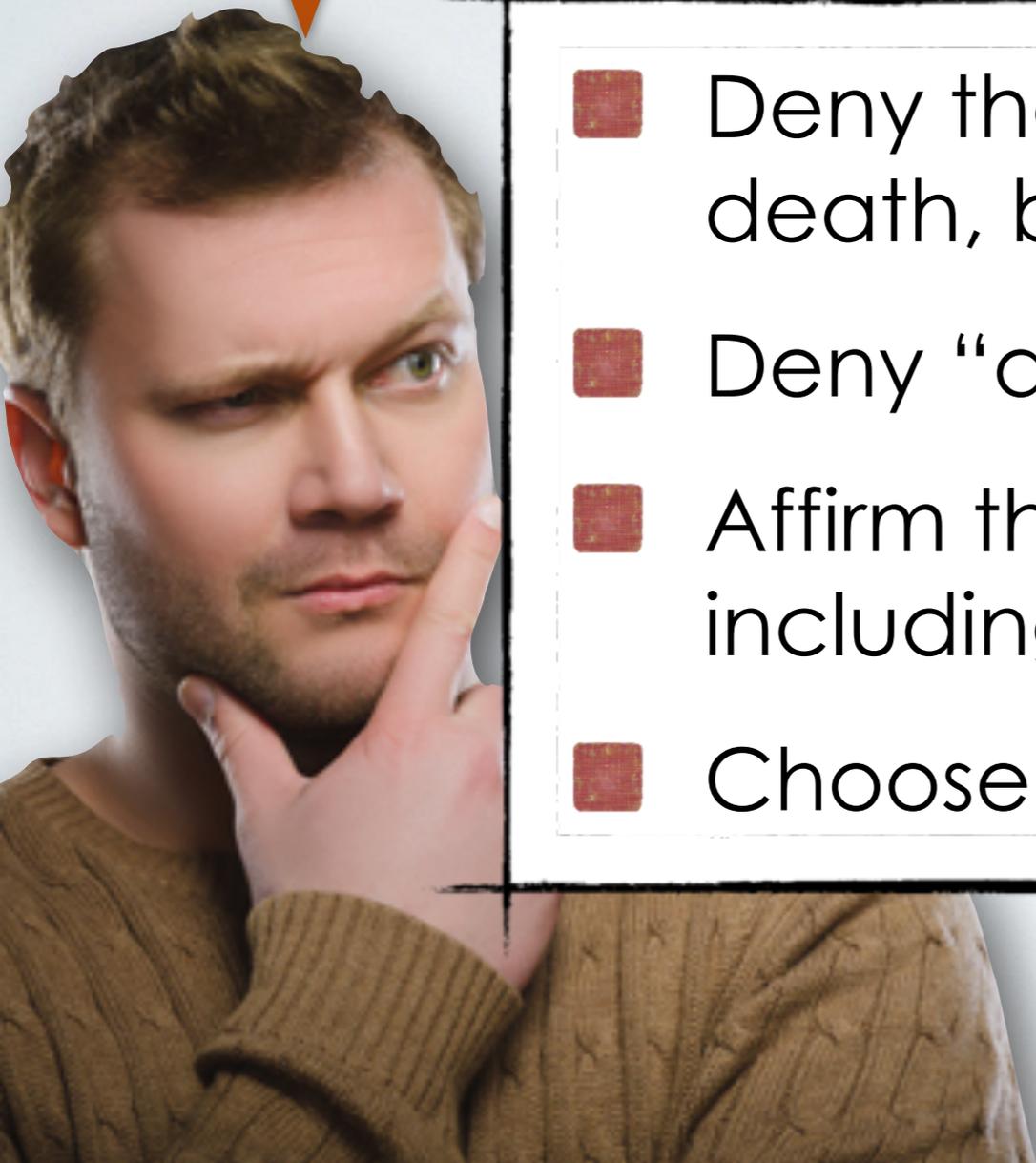


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IN FIRST CORINTHIANS 15 PRETERISTS MUST...

- Deny the text is speaking of the physical death, burial and resurrection of Jesus (20)
- Deny “death” is physical death (21)
- Affirm that sin is imputed to all mankind, including Jesus, because Adam sinned (22)
- Choose between Calvinism or Universalism.



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WHY DOES PAUL USE ADAM?

- If Paul used Abraham, we would think “ALL ISRAELITES” ...
- If Paul said “by Moses” we would think “ALL UNDER LAW” -
- But Paul uses ADAM - that points to EVERY HUMAN BEING!



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WHY DOES PAUL USE ADAM?

Rom 5:12
By ADAM sin entered

UNIVERSAL CAUSE



Rom 5:12
Spiritual death comes to all for all have sinned

UNIVERSAL PROBLEM



Rom 5:15
Grace to MANY through Christ

UNIVERSAL PROVISION

I Cor 15:21,22
By ADAM came PHYSICAL DEATH to ALL

I Cor 15:21,22
in ADAM ALL DIE PHYSICALLY



I Cor 15:21-23
ALL made alive —
John 5:28,29;
Acts 24:15

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1 Corinthians 15:23 (NASB95)

23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming,



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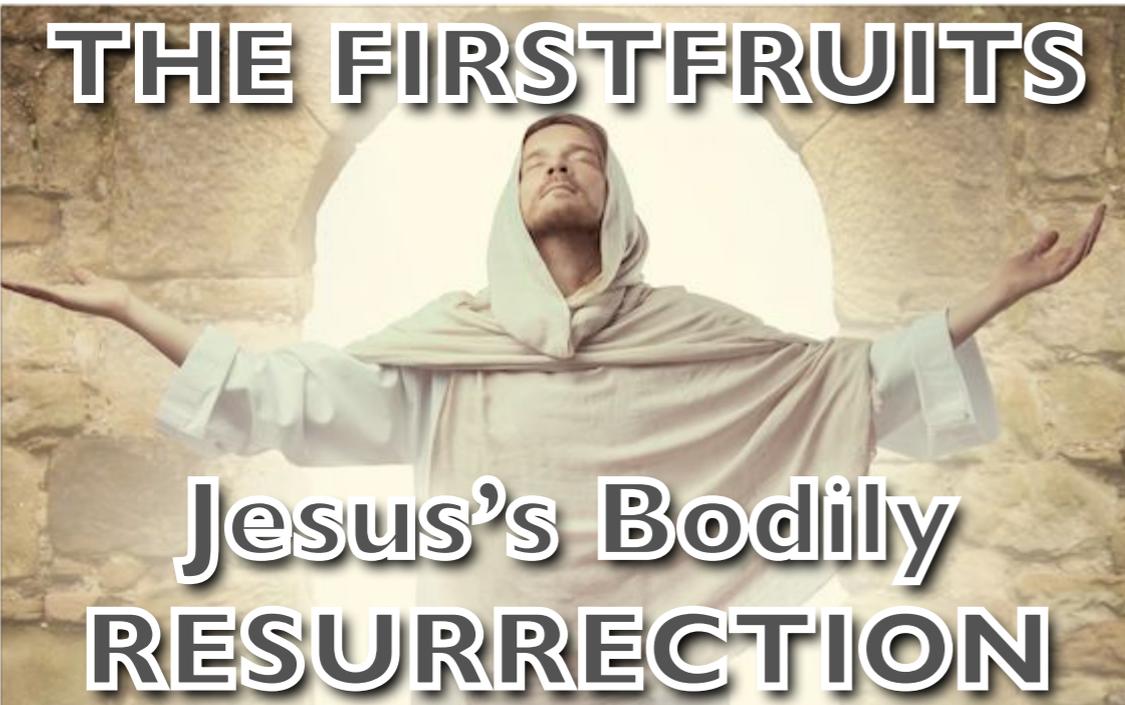
-  “Representation of the same quality or character”
-  “Promise of more of the same kind to come.”

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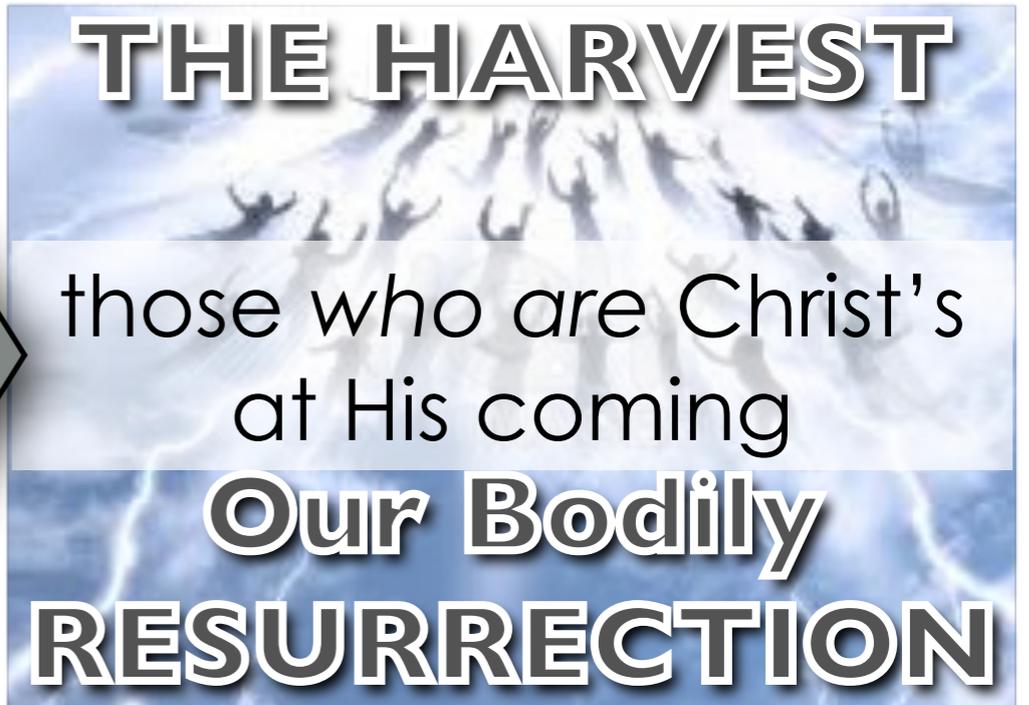
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**Jesus's Bodily
 RESURRECTION**

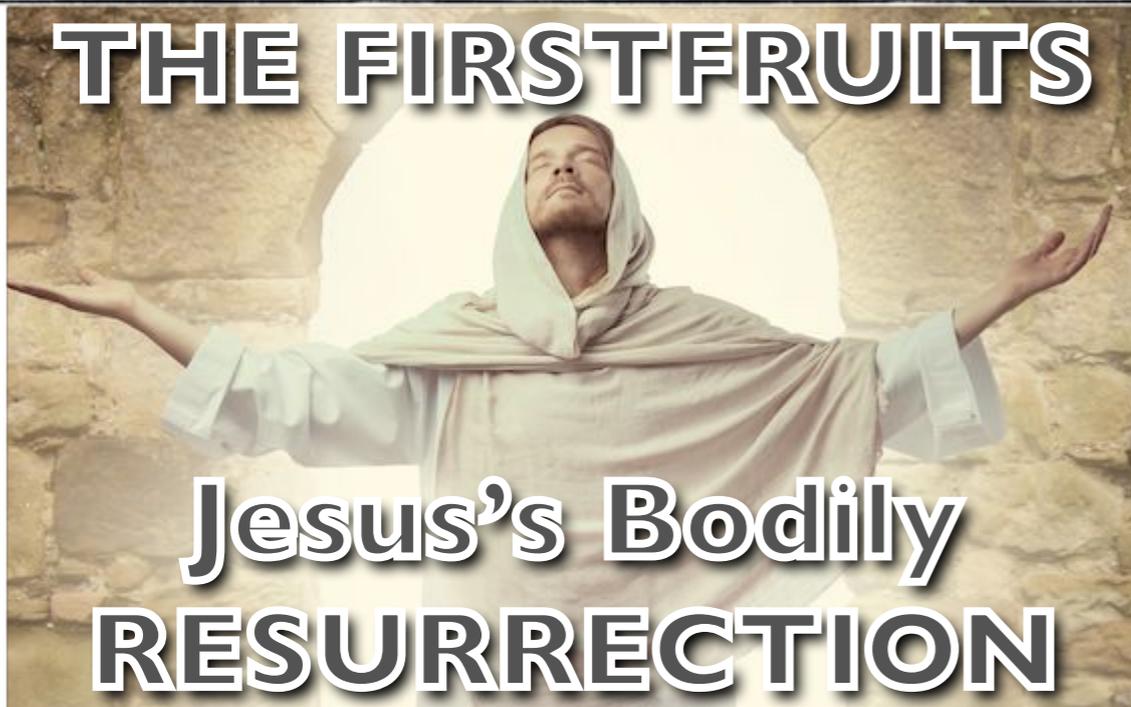
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**Our Bodily
 RESURRECTION**

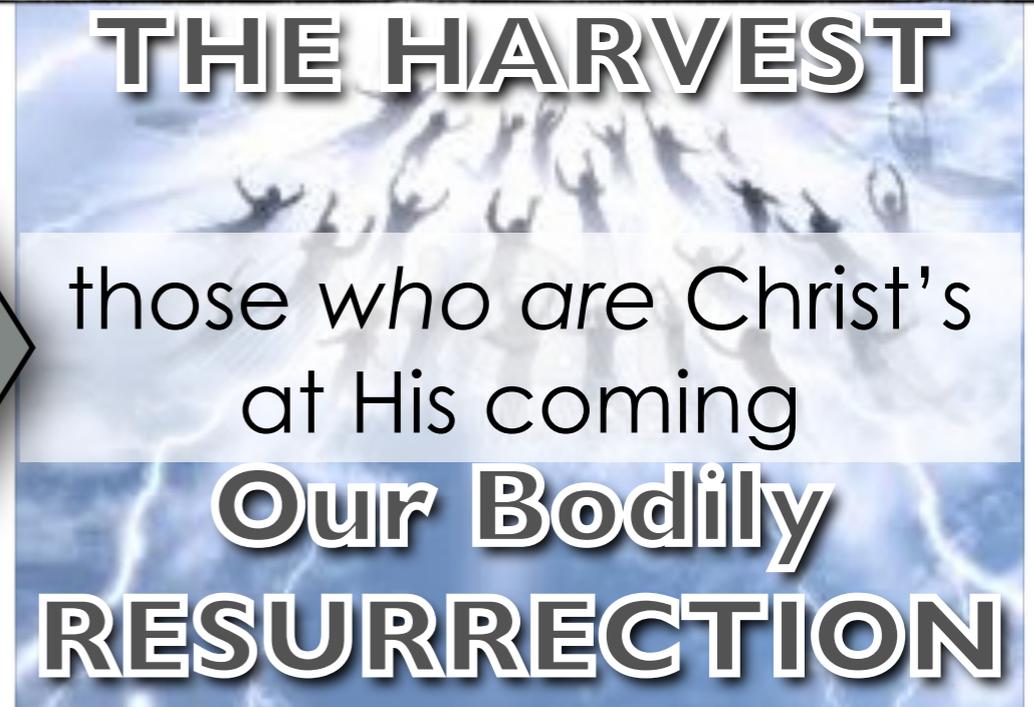
“Promise of more of the same kind to come.”

THE RESURRECTION

The Foundation of our Hope is the Resurrection of Christ



**AT HIS
COMING**



Preterists **HAVE** to **DENY**
Jesus's personal, bodily
resurrection as being the
"first fruits" in 1 Cor. 15:23

THEREFORE

Preterists **DENY** our
future personal, bodily
resurrection as being the
"HARVEST"

**PRETERISTS MUST REDEFINE THE FIRSTFRUITS TO EXCLUDE THE
PERSONAL BODILY RESURRECTION OF JESUS**

“RESURRECTION of JESUS” According To R.E.

BODILY, PERSONAL RESURRECTION OF JESUS ...

- ▶ Physical bodily resurrection NOT first fruits but ONLY a sign of Jesus’s release from Hades (= F.F.)
- ▶ This release from Hades in AD 30 only began the process of the “real resurrection”



FIRST FRUITS

AD 30

“REAL RESURRECTION”



THE HARVEST

AD 70

A.D. 70

- ▶ O.T. saints were released from Hades.
- ▶ This is the “REAL” resurrection, i.e., when the church is raised from spiritual corruption.
- ▶ The Law ends, the New Covenant begins, and the kingdom completed.

“STREETS of GOLD”

THE RESURRECTION

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... at His coming

1 Corinthians 15:24–26 (NASB95)

²⁴ then *comes* the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy that will be abolished is death.



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■ “Then comes the end”

- ▶ The Messianic reign lasts until Christ hands over the rule to the Father.
- ▶ The Messianic reign lasts until ALL opposition is finally and eternally conquered.
- ▶ The Messianic reign lasts until DEATH has been finally and completely abolished.

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1 Corinthians 15:24 (NASB95)

24 then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father ...

THE END



- The word “END” can point to a variety of different things.
- The immediate context determines the “END” that is in view!
- The “END” in view in 1 Cor. 15:24 involves a bodily resurrection which is grounded in the bodily resurrection of Jesus!

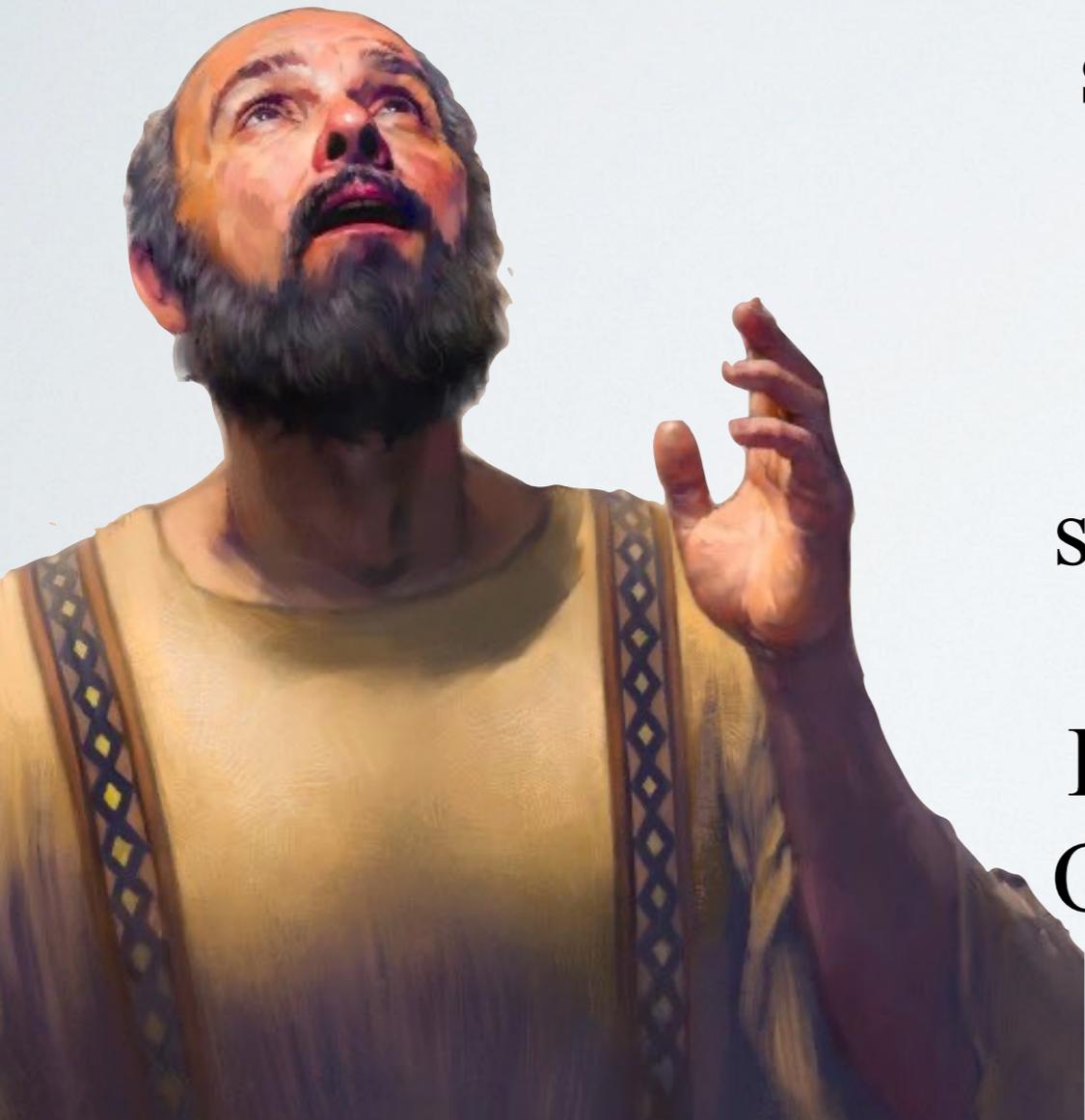
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1 Corinthians 15:27–28 (NASB95)

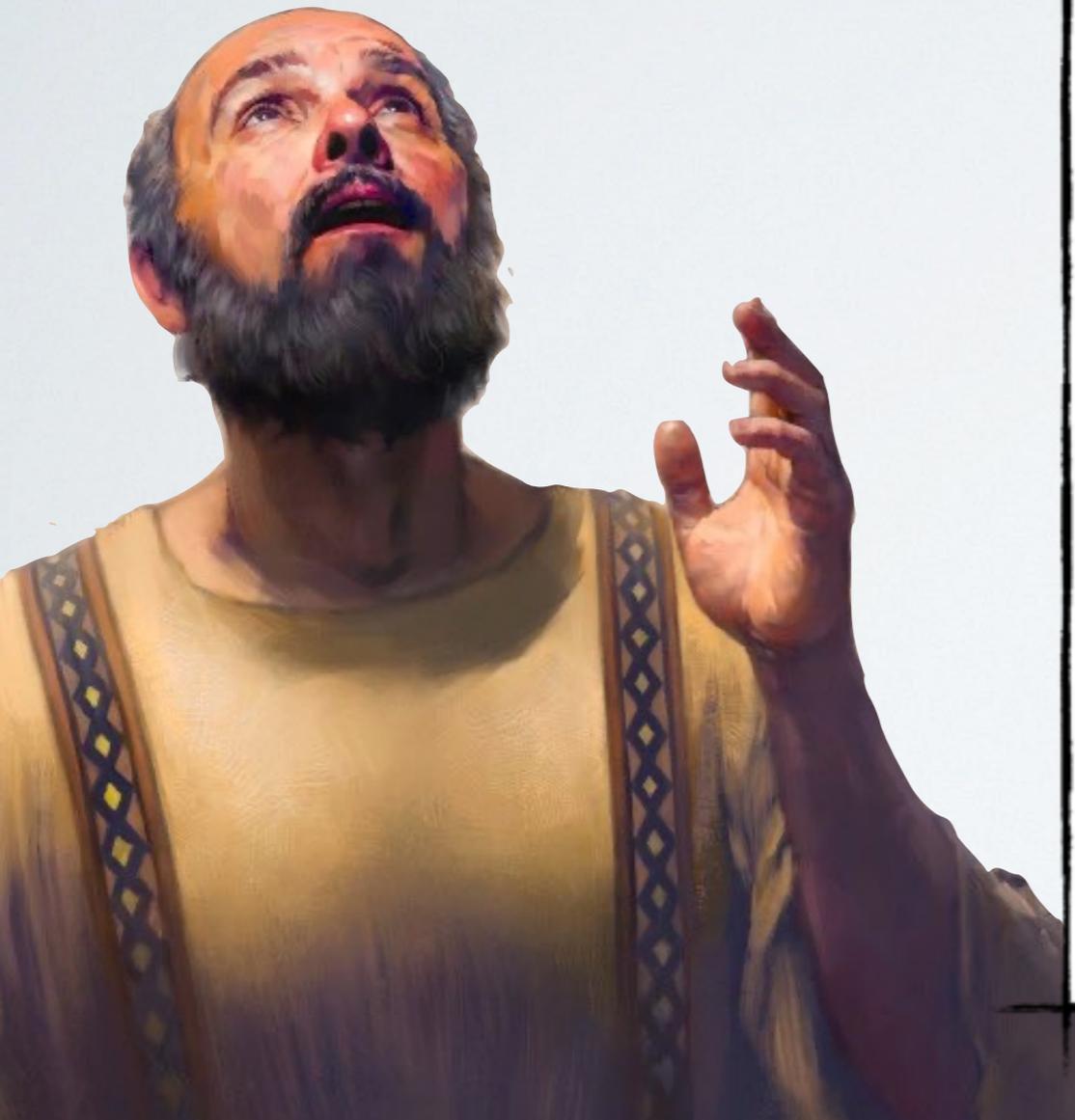
²⁷ For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. But when He says, “All things are put in subjection,” it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.



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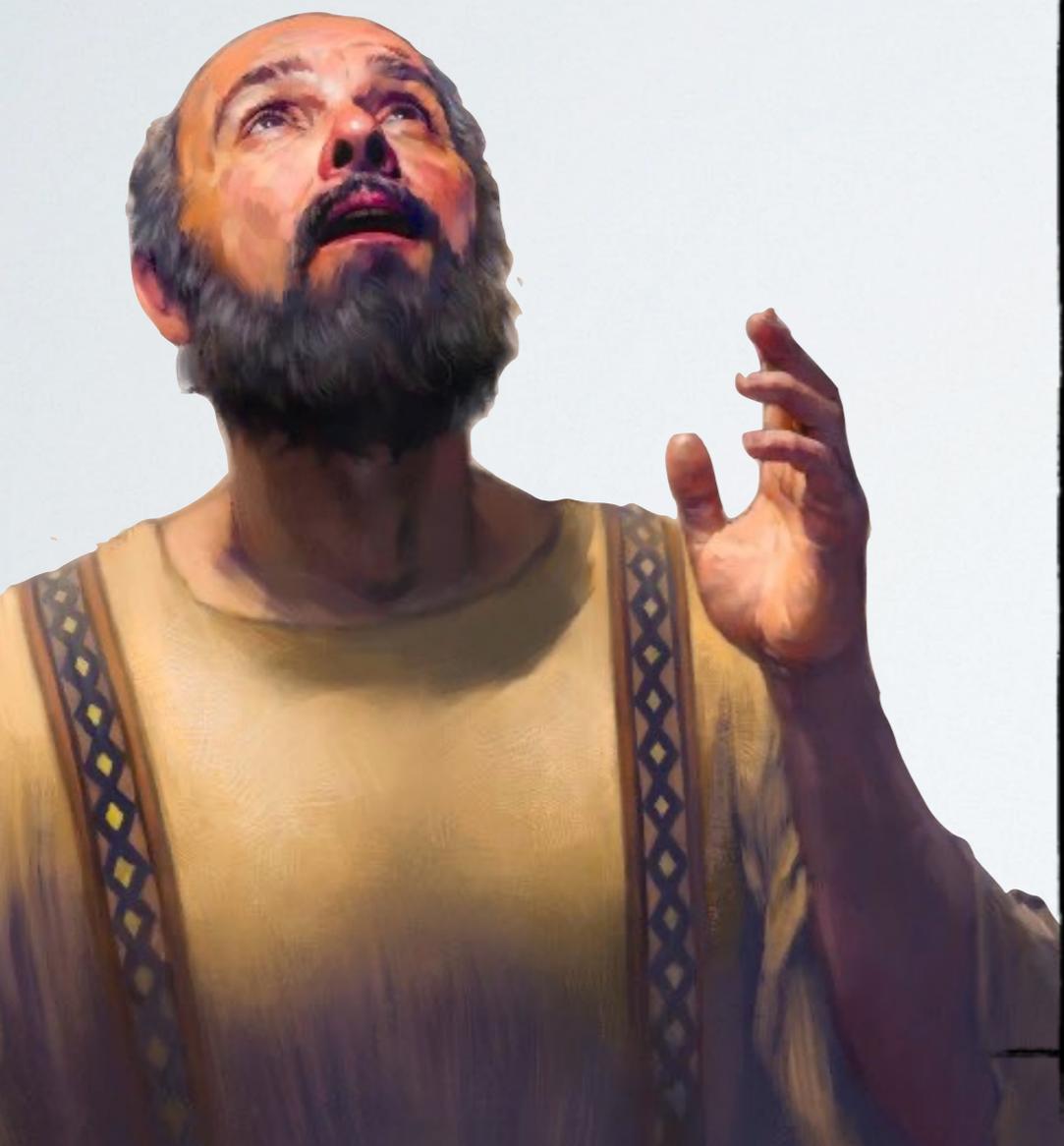
■ “When all things are subjected to Him”

- ▶ “The Son Himself also will be subjected to the” Father.
- ▶ Every remaining effect of sin will have been abolished.
- ▶ The ultimate conquering of death is accomplished in the bodily resurrection!

THE RESURRECTION

The Foundation of our Hope is the Resurrection of Christ

... at His coming



- Paul argues that the denial of a general resurrection is a denial of the Lordship of Christ and a rejection of the Lord's purpose.
- Any view that minimizes the absolute and total victory over sin and death accomplished in the bodily resurrection undermines the foundation of our hope in Christ.

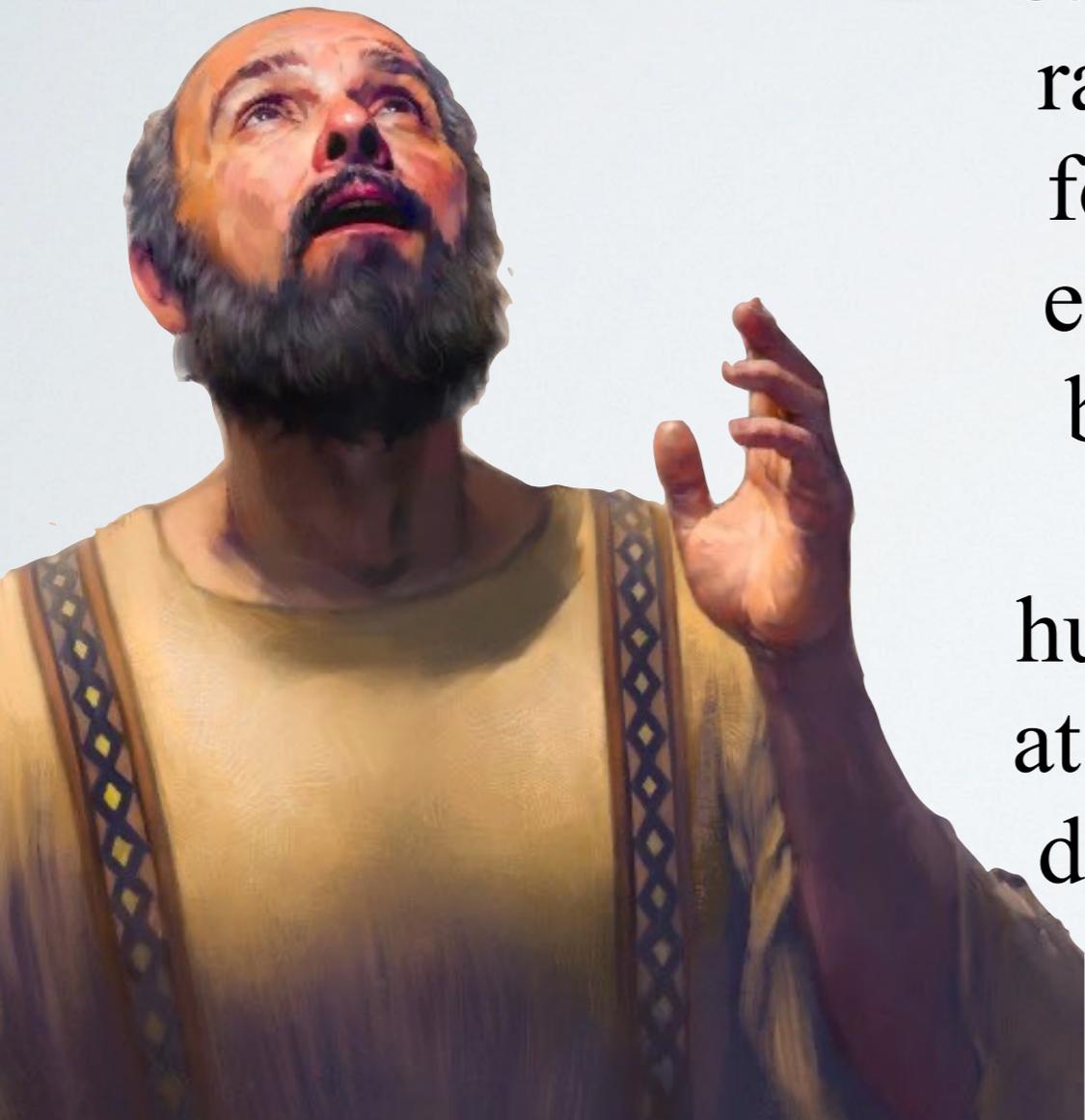
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The Foundation of our Hope is the Resurrection of Christ

“... if the dead do not rise at all?”

1 Corinthians 15:29–32 (NASB95)

²⁹ Otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them? ³⁰ Why are we also in danger every hour? ³¹ I affirm, brethren, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. ³² If from human motives I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.



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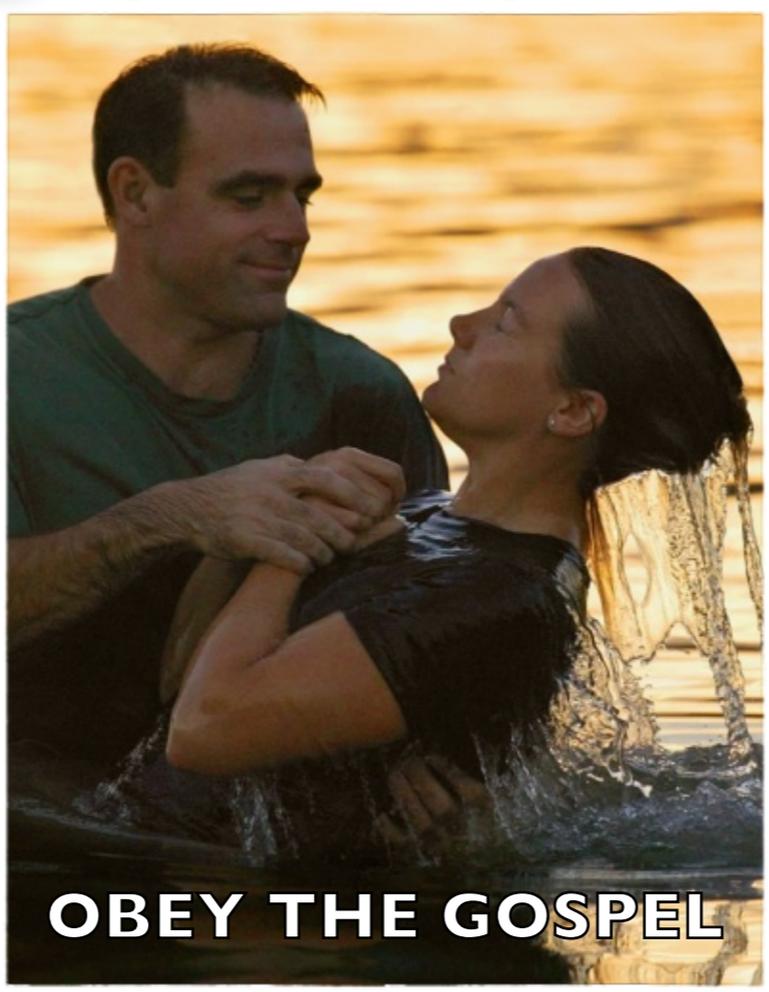
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FIRSTFRUITS

HARVEST



FACTS

OBEY THE GOSPEL

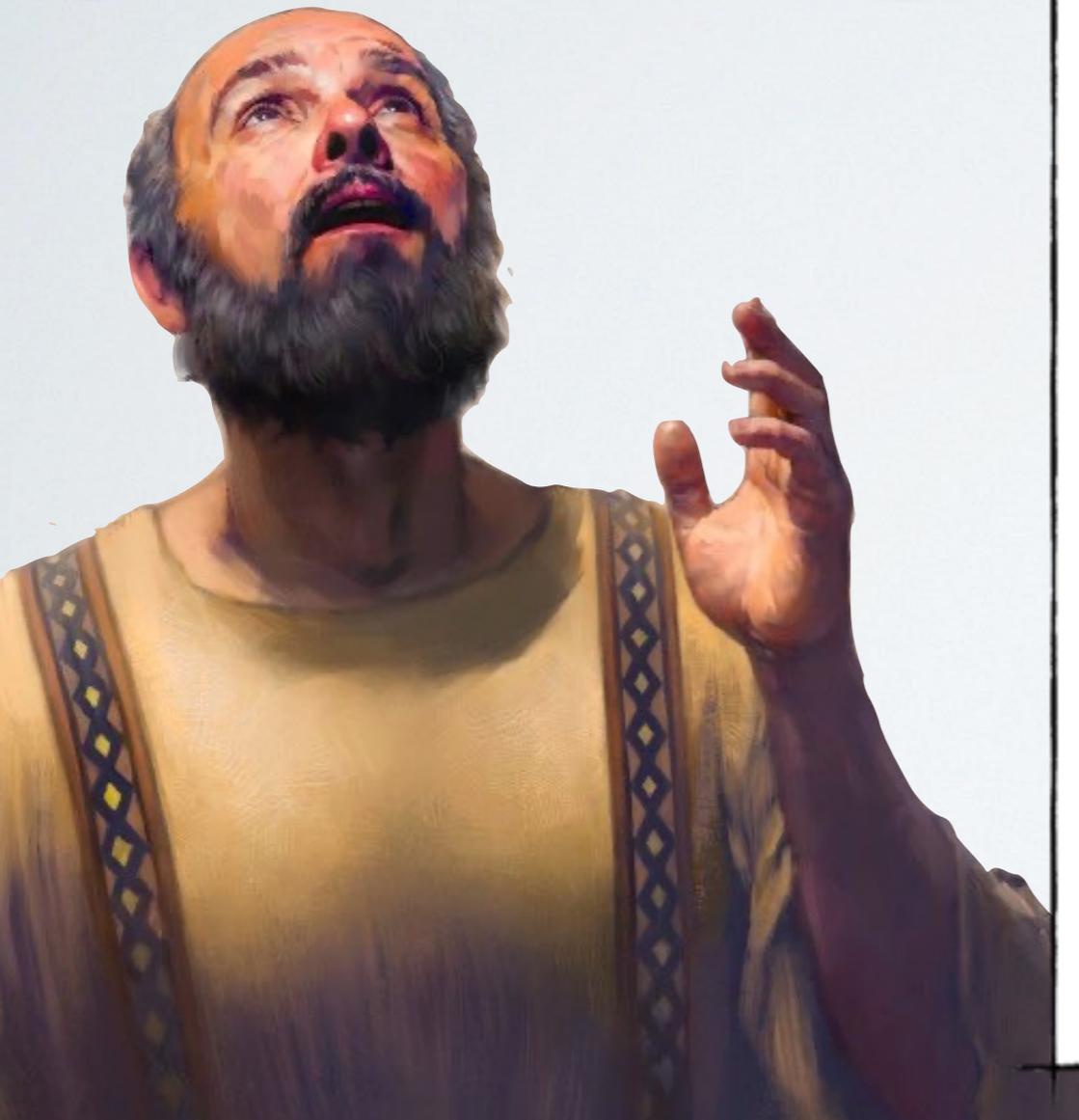
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“... if the dead do not rise at all?”



- If there is no resurrection of the dead, why risk your life in the preaching of the gospel (30-32).
- ▶ “We stand in jeopardy every hour?” = “I die daily” = “I have fought with beasts at Ephesus” (30-32; Acts 19:20-37).
- Why not just be a hedonist – party & die? “Eat, drink be merry?” — (32)
- **There is no doubt that this is speaking of physical death!**

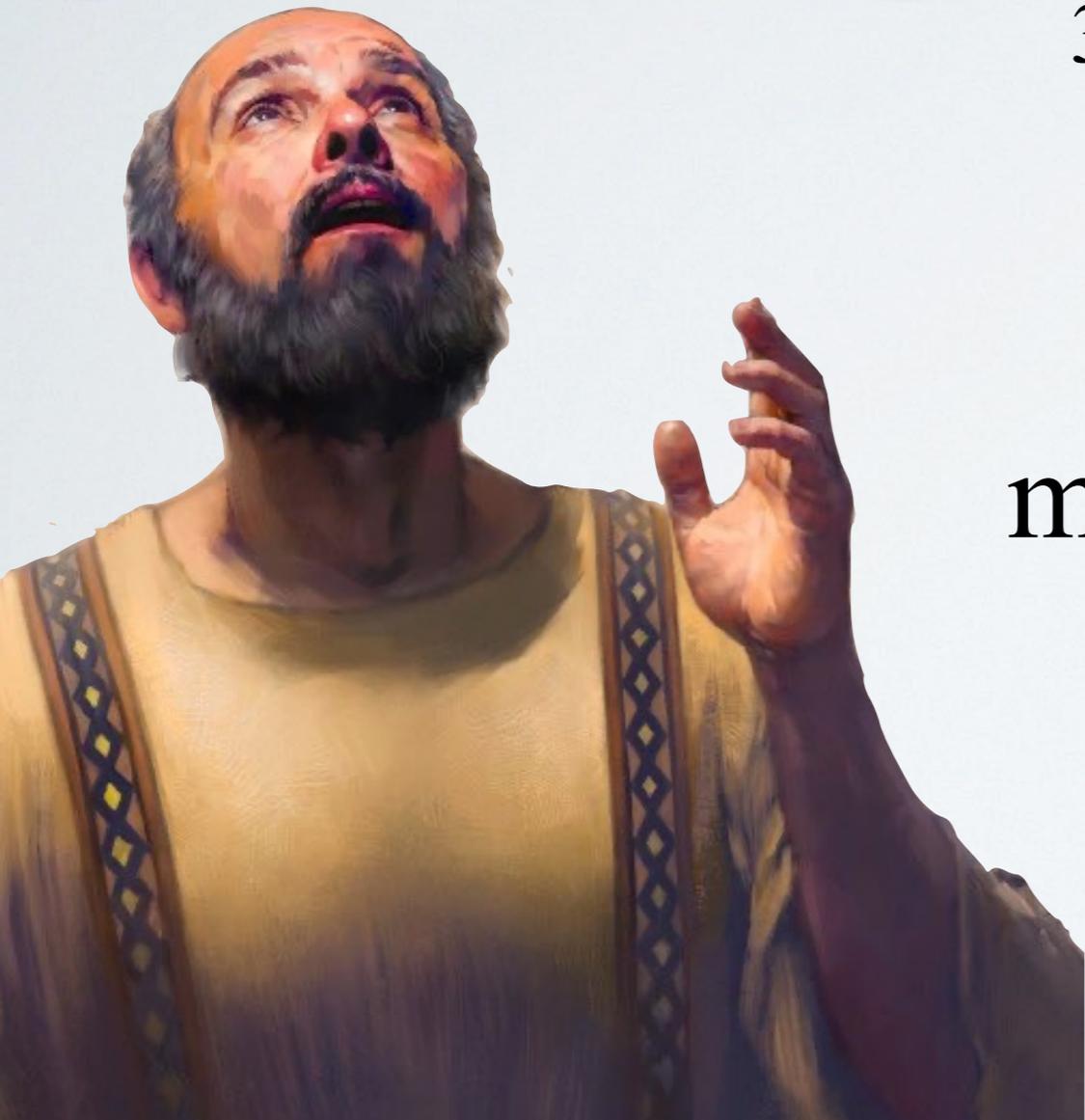
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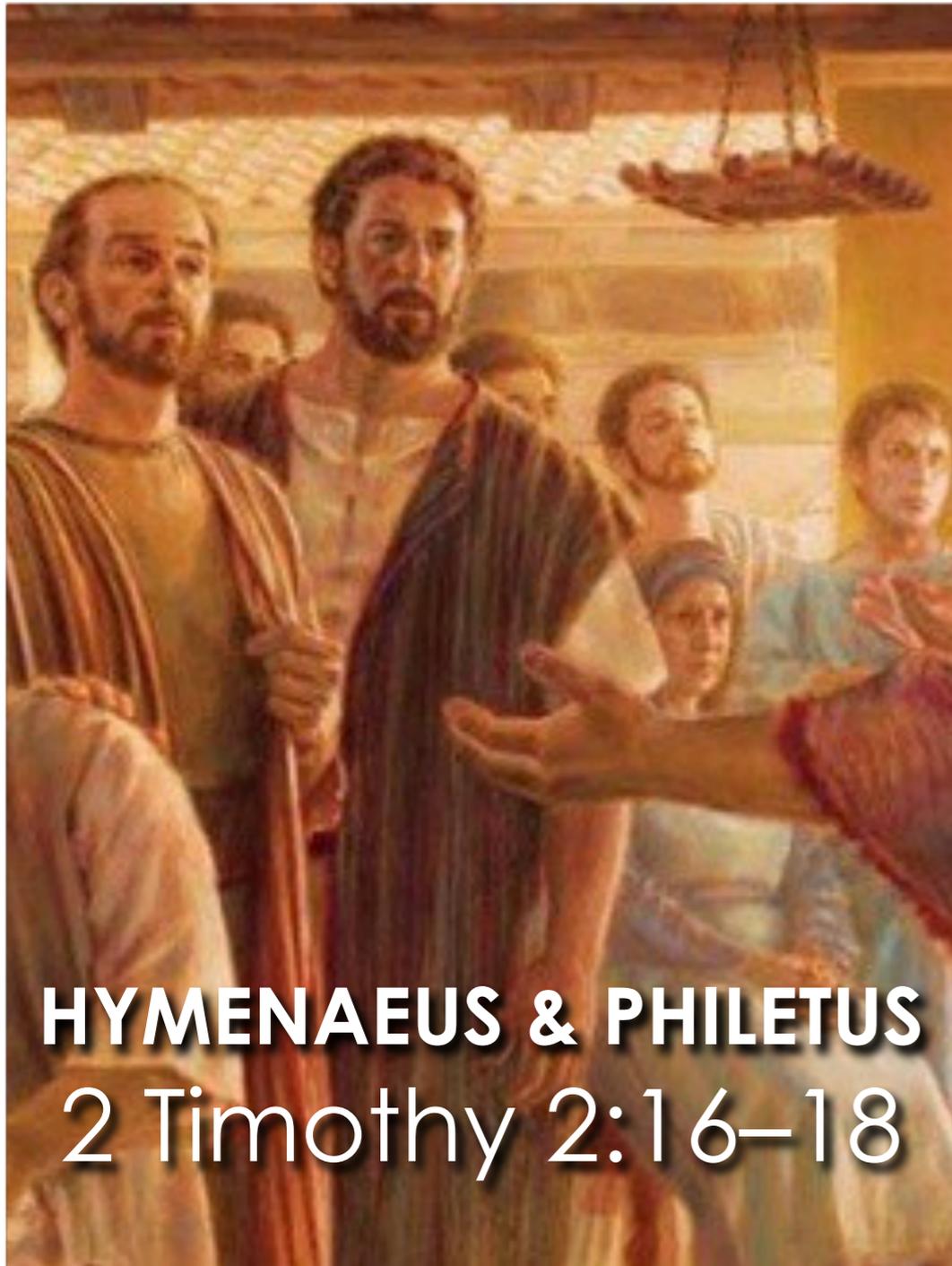
1 Corinthians 15:33–34 (NASB95)

³³ Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.” ³⁴ Become sober-minded as you ought, and stop sinning; for some have no knowledge of God. I speak *this* to your shame.



THE RESURRECTION

Consequences of Denying the Future Resurrection (15:12-20)



HYMENAÆUS & PHILETUS

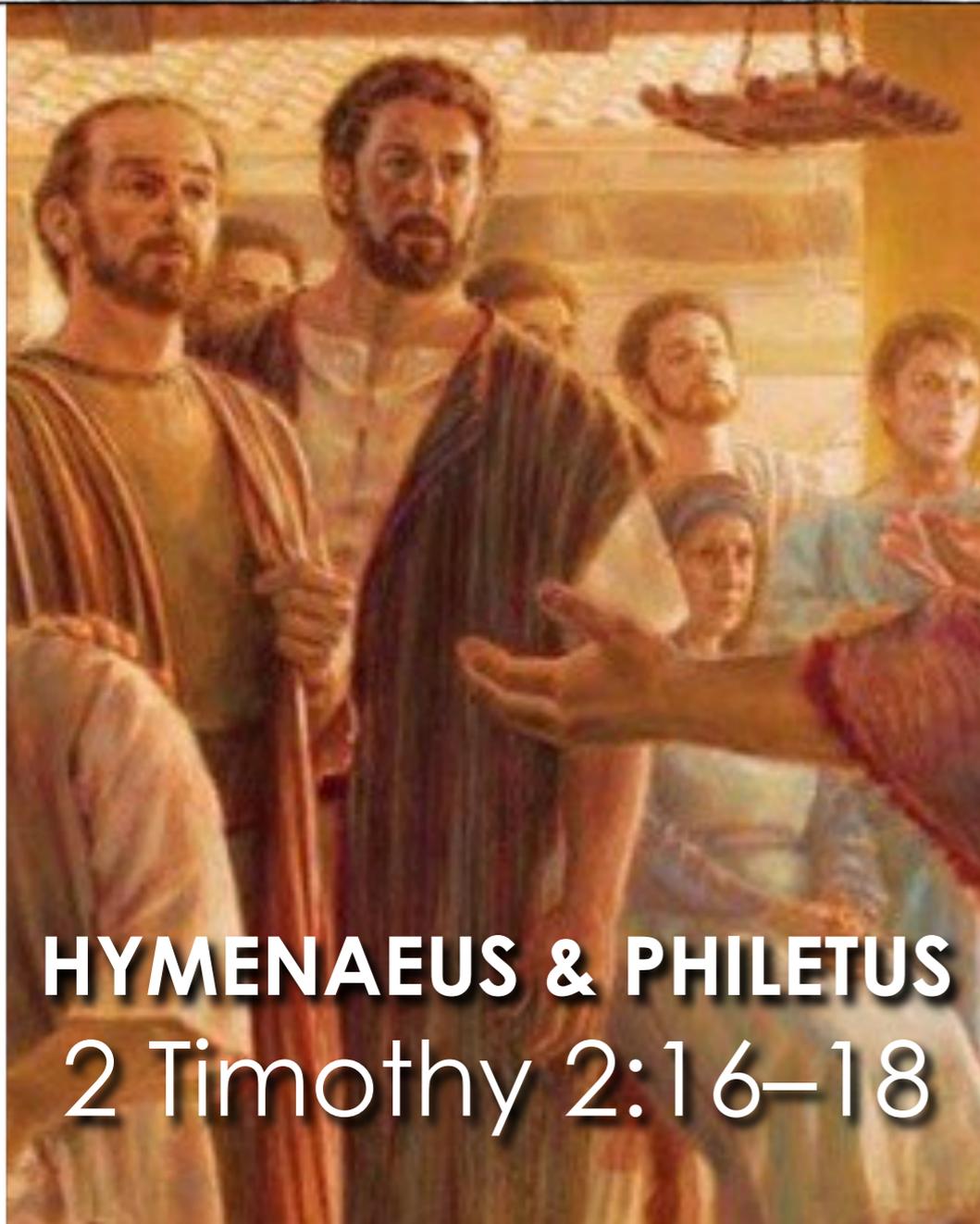
2 Timothy 2:16–18

2 Timothy 2:16–18 (NASB95)

¹⁶ But avoid worldly *and* empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, ¹⁷ and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸ *men* who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.

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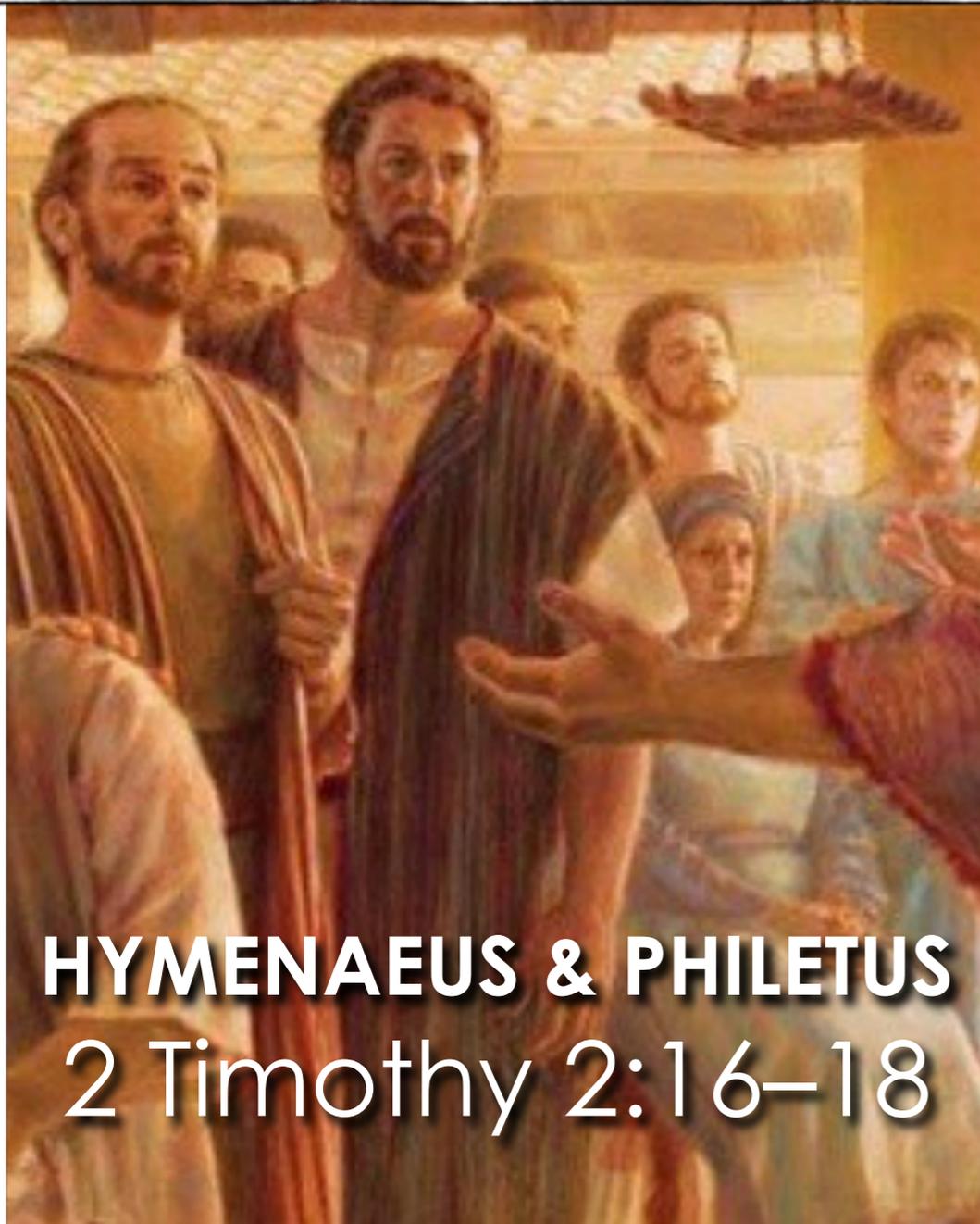


HYMENAÆUS & PHILETUS
2 Timothy 2:16–18

- False teachers **MUST** be exposed — v. 14-16, 25
- False teaching leads to **MORE** ungodliness / false doctrine multiplies! — v. 16
- False teaching spreads like **CANCER** — v. 17
- False teaching is the result of mishandling the word of truth — v. 18

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HYMENAÆUS & PHILETUS
2 Timothy 2:16–18

- FALSE TEACHING
“OVERTHROWS THE FAITH
OF SOME!” — v. 18
- To teach the
“RESURRECTION” had
already past was
destructive heresy —
AND STILL IS!
- **SUCH TEACHING STILL
MAKES SHIPWRECK OF
THE FAITH!**

THE RESURRECTION

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2 Timothy written in app. 67 AD

If **Hymenaeus's & Philetus's** error was only off three years, why would Paul speak of it as being so dangerous & destructive?

WERE THEY BRANDED AS FALSE TEACHERS **ONLY** BECAUSE THEY WERE 3 YEARS OFF????

THE RESURRECTION

DO NOT BE DECEIVED

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If **Hymenaeus's & Philetus's** error was only off three years, why would Paul speak of it as being so dangerous & destructive?

Their ERROR was NOT JUST a matter of timing - but also in regard to the **NATURE** of the **RESURRECTION!**

THE RESURRECTION

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PRETERISM STILL MAKES
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SO DO NOT BE DECEIVED

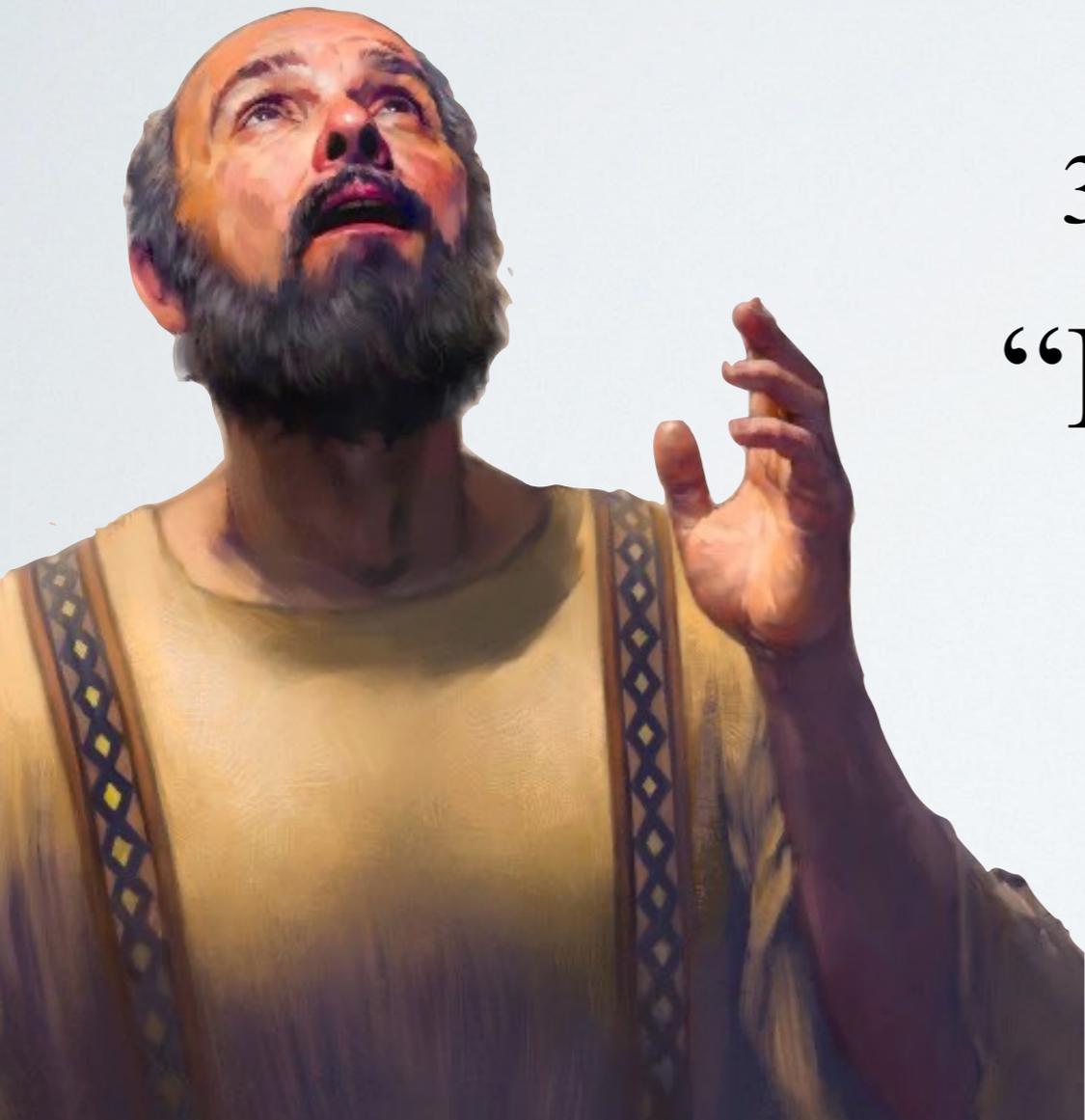
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BIBLICAL AFFIRMATION OF THE BODILY RESURRECTION

“How are the
dead raised? ...”

1 Corinthians 15:35 (NASB95)

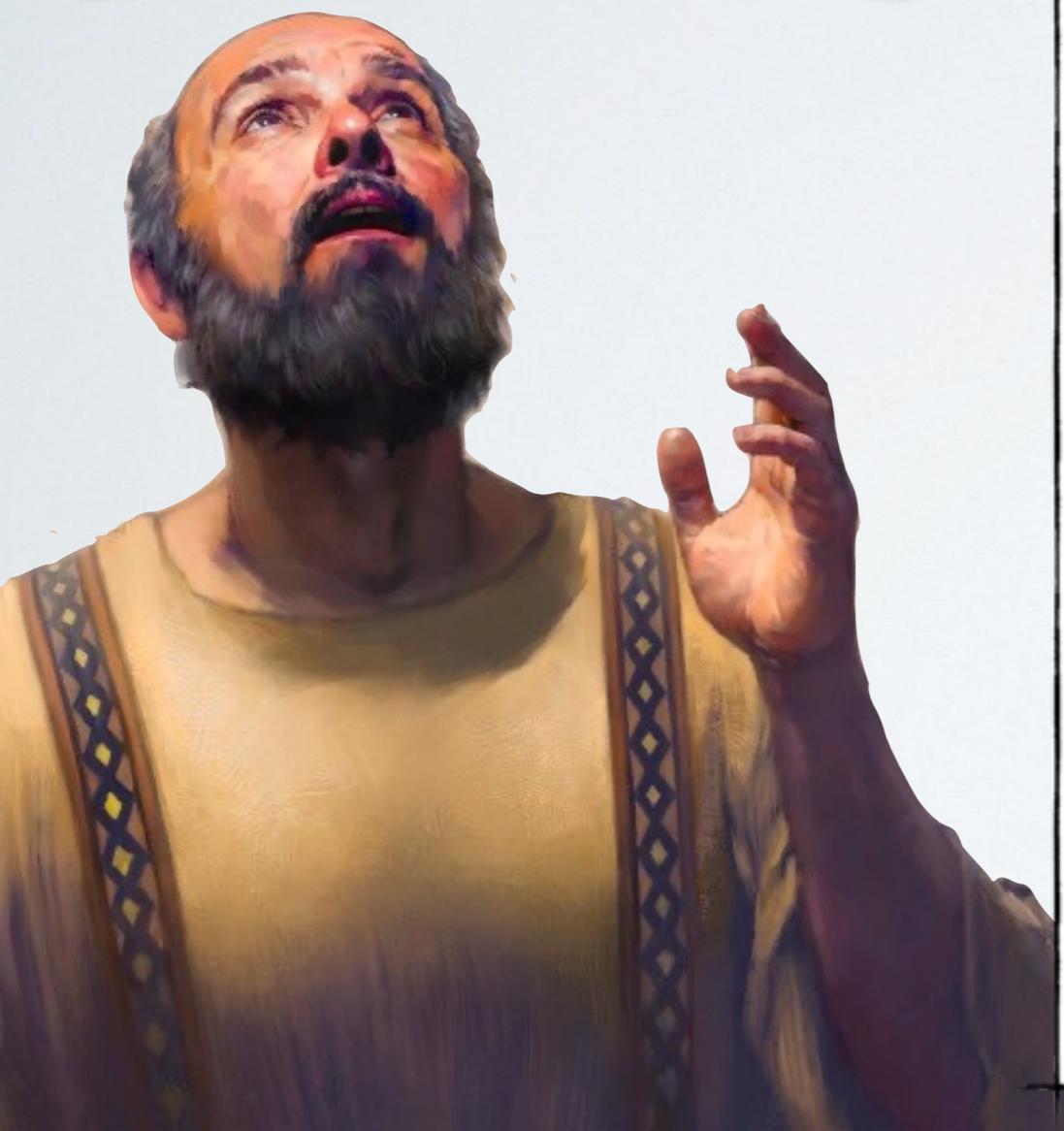
35 But someone will say,
“How are the dead raised?
And with what kind of
body do they come?”



THE RESURRECTION

BIBLICAL AFFIRMATION OF THE BODILY RESURRECTION

“How are the dead raised? ...”



- Why would ANYONE mock a future bodily resurrection?
 - ▶ Because of their denial of God’s plan to redeem the whole man (1 Thess. 5:23)
 - ▶ Because they deny “the power of God” to raise the body (Matt. 22:29-32)
- Answer: “You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies” (36).

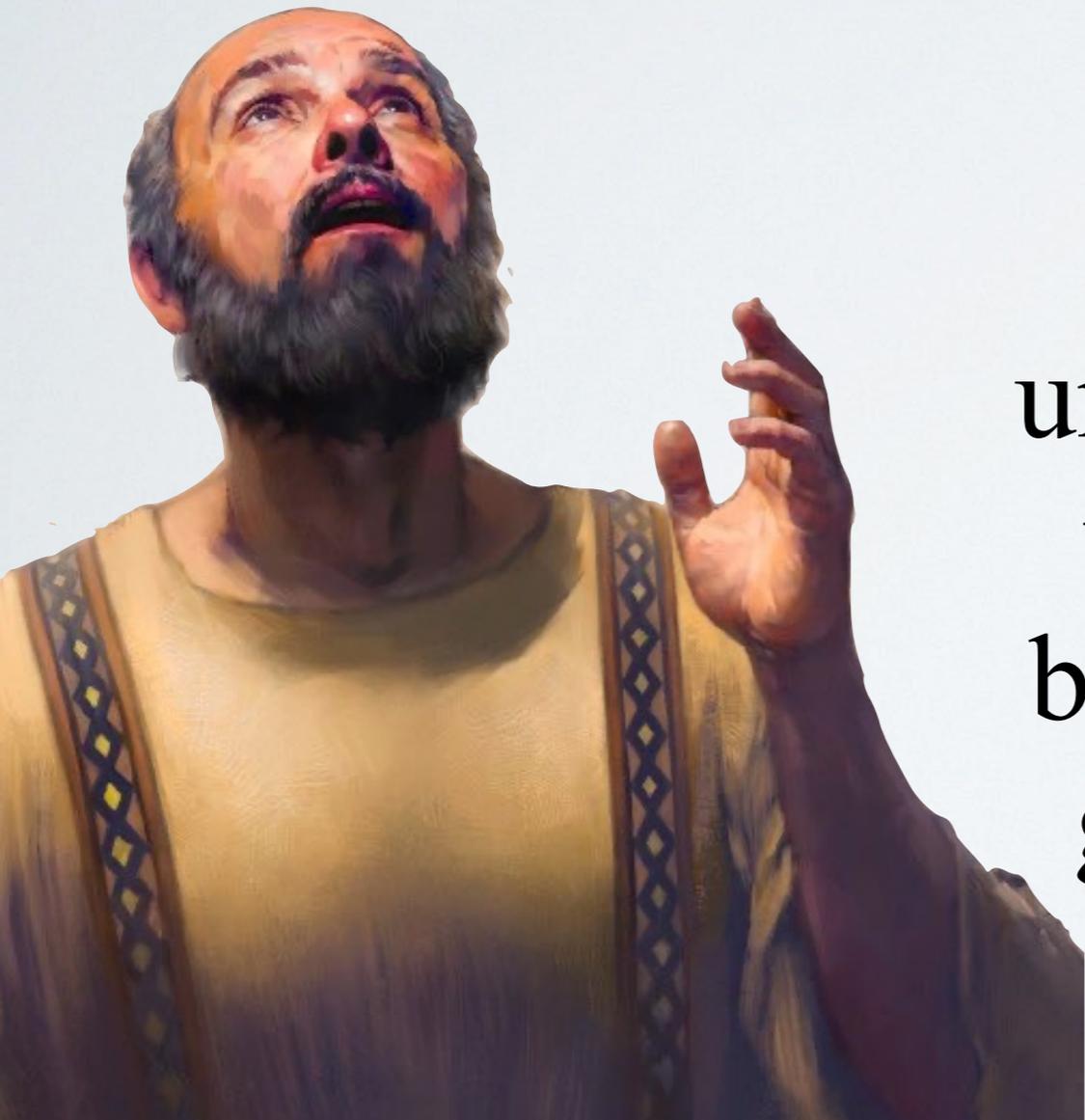
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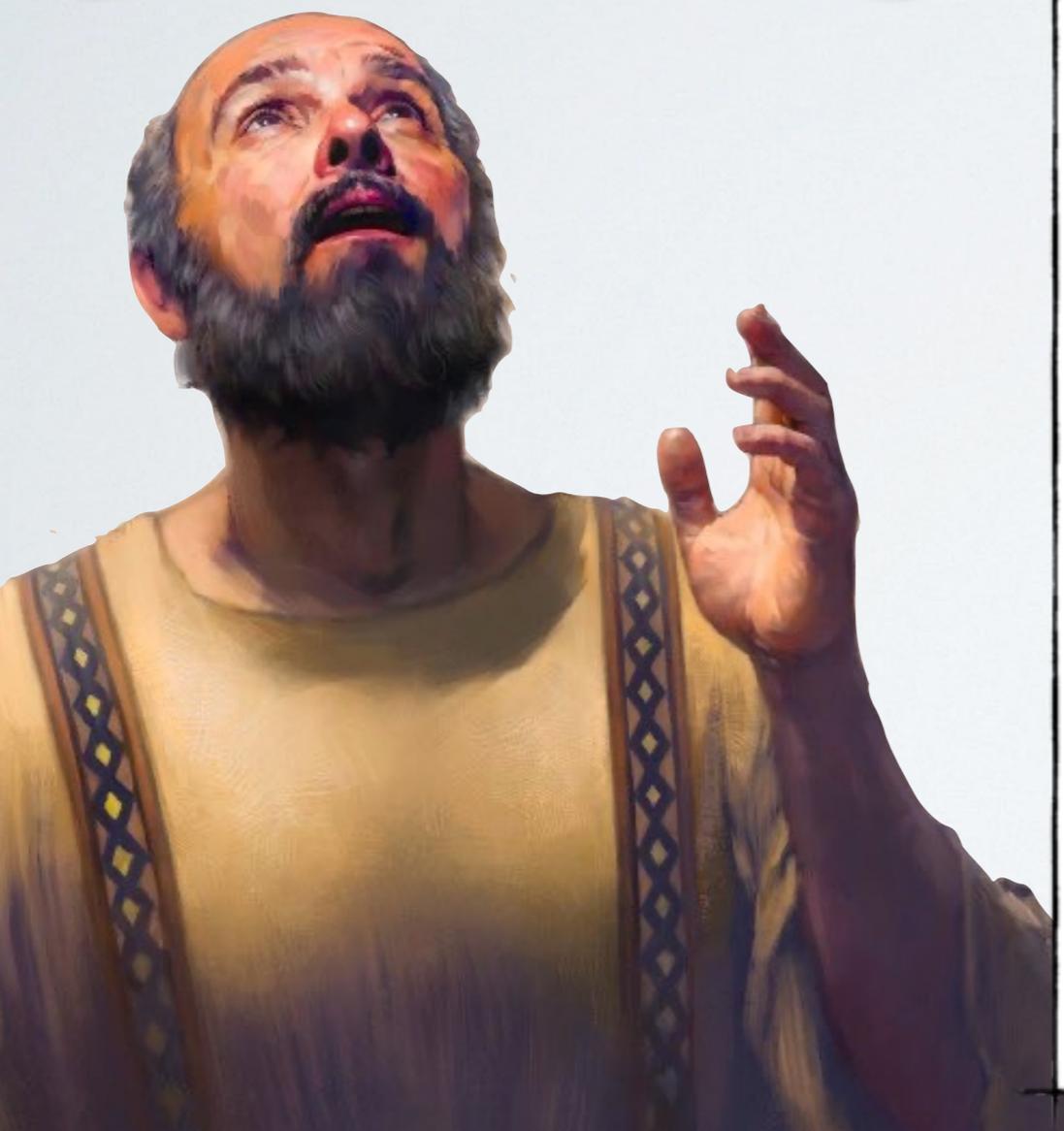
³⁶ You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies; ³⁷ and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else.



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“How are the dead raised? ...”

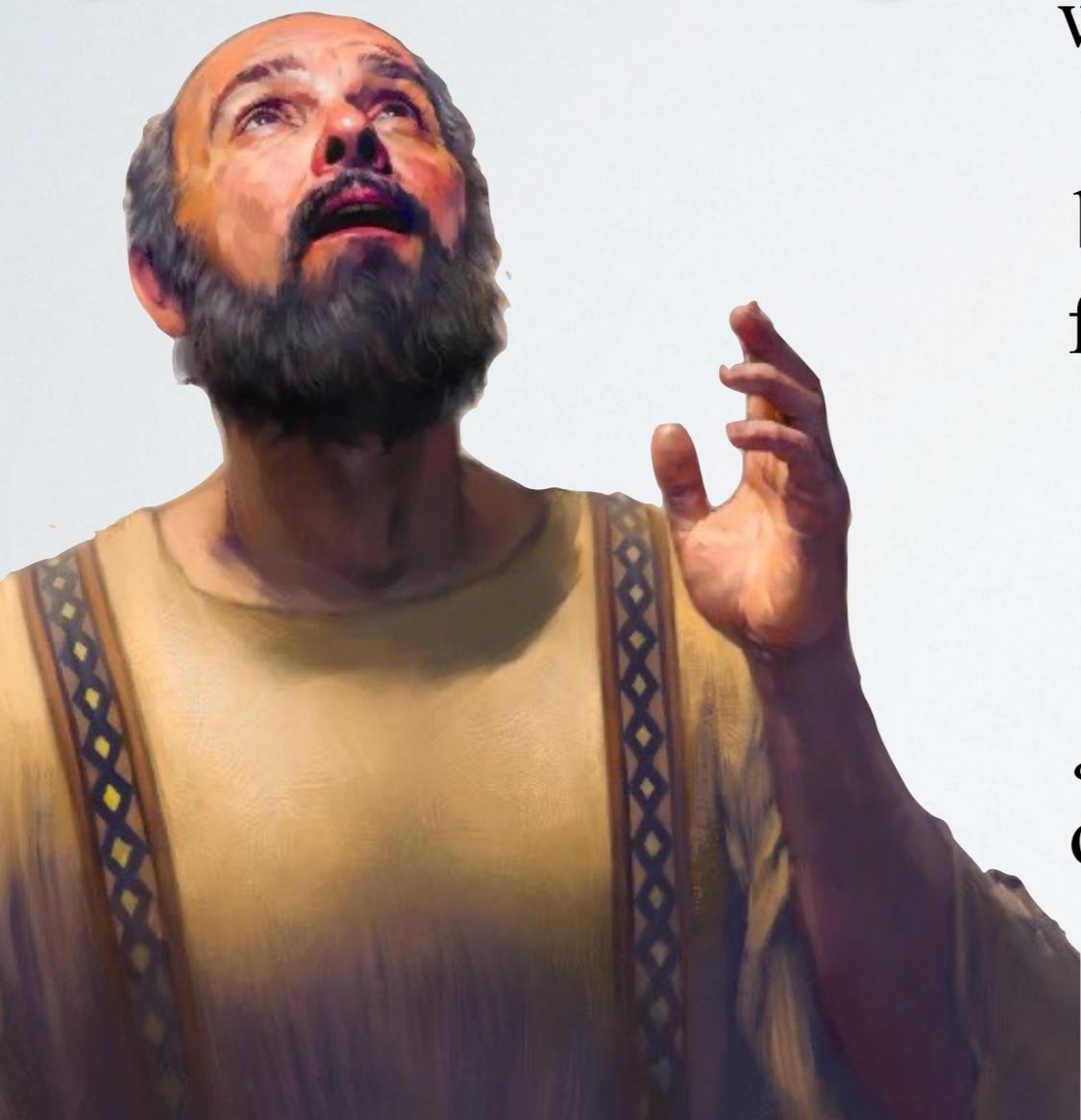


- Natural analogy (15:36-38)
 - ▶ Evident truth: We regularly plant seed in the ground and observe life.
 - ▶ A “seed” dies, is planted, and life comes forth from that seed in a different form.
 - ▶ We are not arguing for a corruptible, perishable body, but that our bodies will be changed and transformed by the power of God (36-37).

THE RESURRECTION

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“How are the dead raised? ...”



1 Corinthians 15:38–41 (NASB95)

38 But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own. 39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one *flesh* of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish. 40 There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the *glory* of the earthly is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

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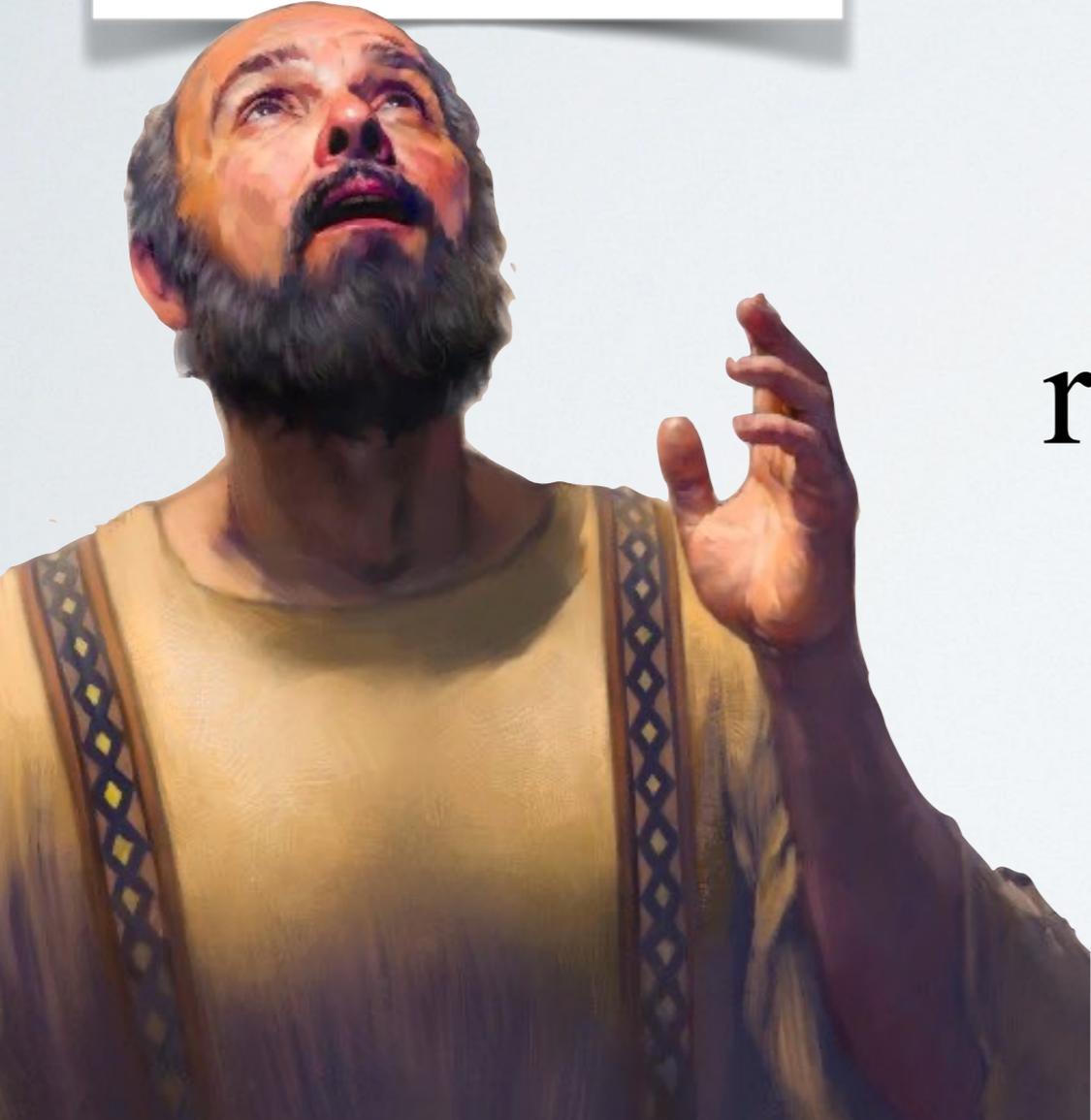
■ God's Purpose & Design (38-41)

- ▶ God gives a variety of “forms” or “bodies” for His creation, i.e. “just as He wished” (38).
- ▶ Just as God gave a body to each of his creations suiting their needs & his glorious plan.
- ▶ He will provide the type of body necessary for us to function in the spiritual realm throughout all eternity (39-41).

THE RESURRECTION

BIBLICAL AFFIRMATION OF THE BODILY RESURRECTION

“And with what kind of body do they come?”



1 Corinthians 15:42 (NASB95)

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable *body*, it is raised an imperishable *body*;

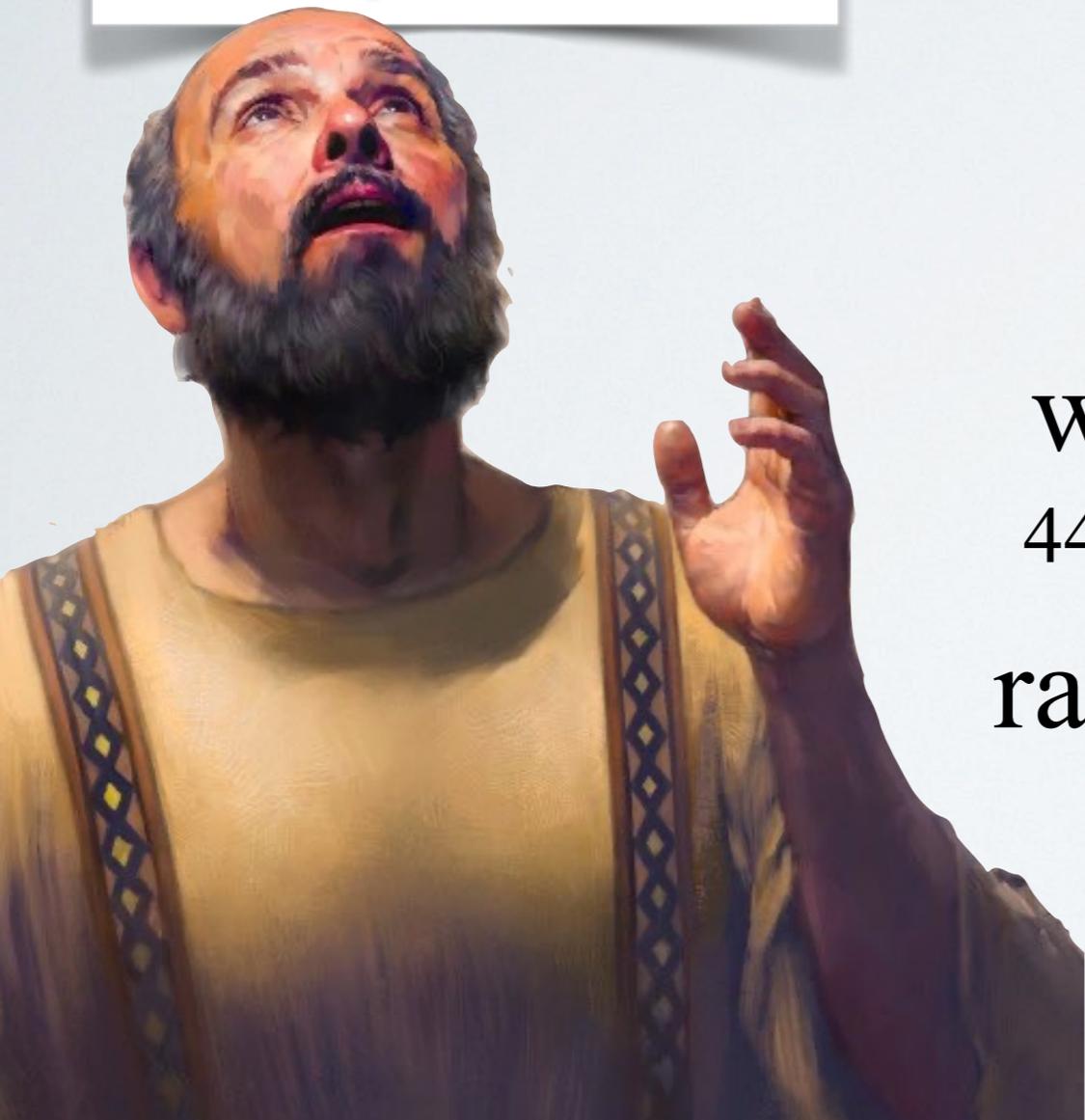
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“And with what kind of body do they come?”

1 Corinthians 15:43–44 (NASB95)

⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;
⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual *body*.



THE RESURRECTION

BIBLICAL AFFIRMATION OF THE BODILY RESURRECTION

“And with what kind of body do they come?”



**Incorruptible,
Glorified,
Powerful,
Spiritual BODY**

- Contrast Between the Pre-Resurrection Body and the Post-Resurrection Body (15:42-44).
 - ▶ “It” refers to our body, i.e. that which is sown is that which is raised (42-44).
 - ▶ The resurrected body will not be subject to decay or death.
 - ▶ Death will have been conquered in its totality.

THE RESURRECTION

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- Contrast Between the Pre-Resurrection Body and the Post-Resurrection Body (15:42-44).
 - ▶ Natural body functions in the natural realm, whereas the spiritual body is raised to function in the spiritual realm.
 - ▶ The phrase “spiritual body” is not equivalent to a bodiless spirit because that would be a denial of the very phrase.

THE RESURRECTION

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 - ▶ A spiritual body is an incorruptible, imperishable, powerful, and glorified body.
 - ▶ Those who mock the notion of a future resurrection body demean the resurrection body of our Lord.

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BIBLICAL AFFIRMATION OF THE BODILY RESURRECTION

“And with what kind of body do they come?”



- Contrast Between the Pre-Resurrection Body and the Post-Resurrection Body (15:42-44).
 - ▶ The contrast is not between our having a form versus having no form.
 - ▶ A spiritual body is not any less tangible than Christ's resurrection body (1 Cor. 15:5-8; Lk. 24:39; 1 Jn 1:1).

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 - ▶ The term “spiritual” modifies the term body - it does not replace it (Rom. 8:11,23,24; Phil. 3:20,21).
 - ▶ The separation of body & spirit is the definition of death, (James 2:26), whereas the reuniting of body & spirit is the definition of resurrection (Acts 2:31,32)

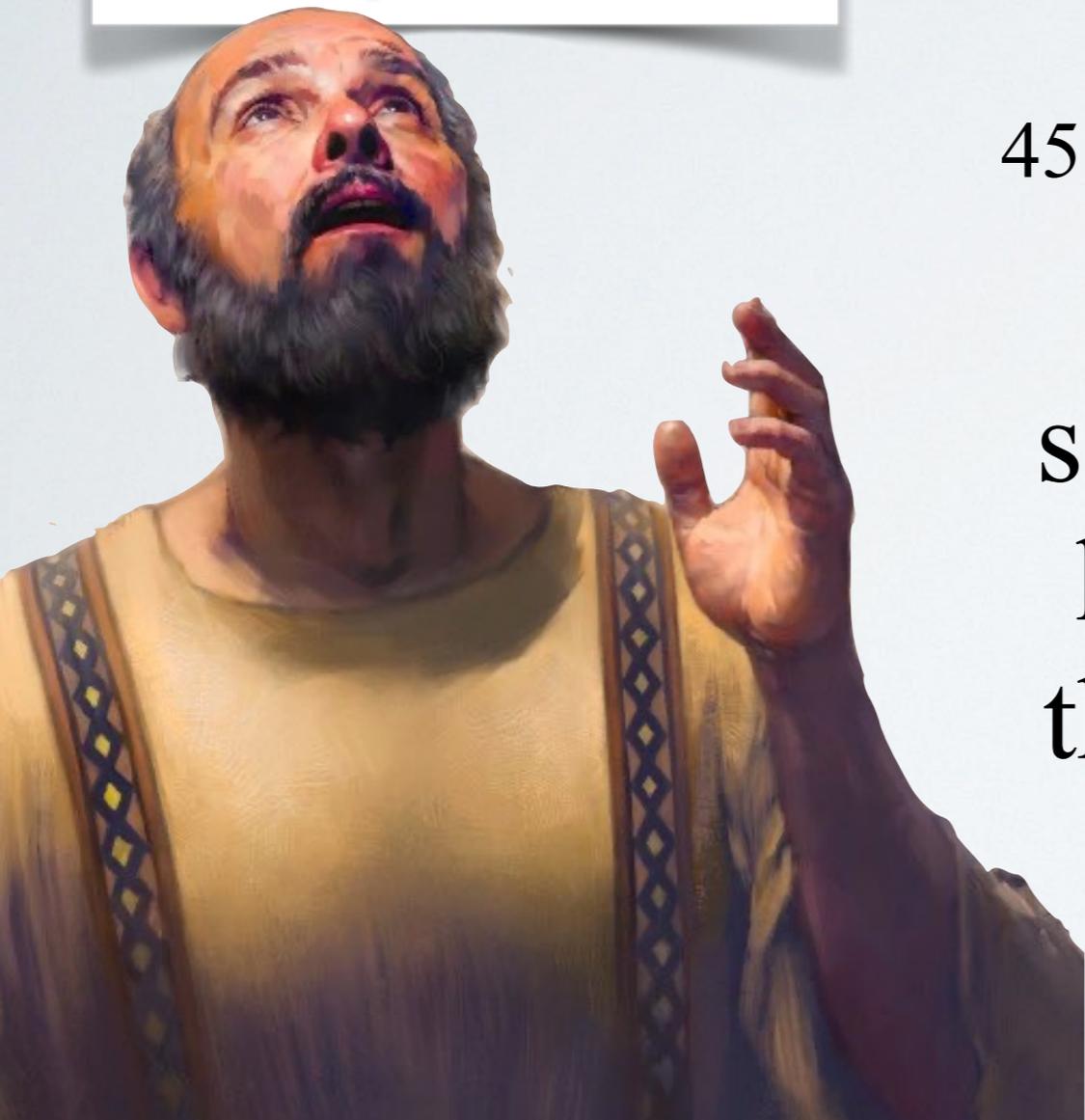
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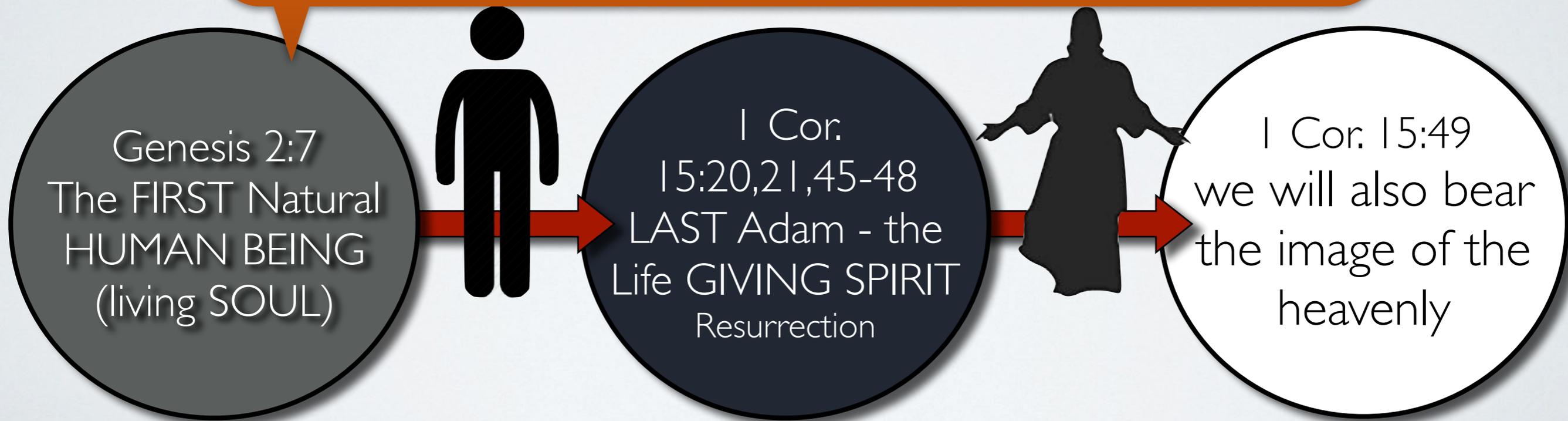
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WHY DOES PAUL USE ADAM?



ADAM = ALL HUMANITY

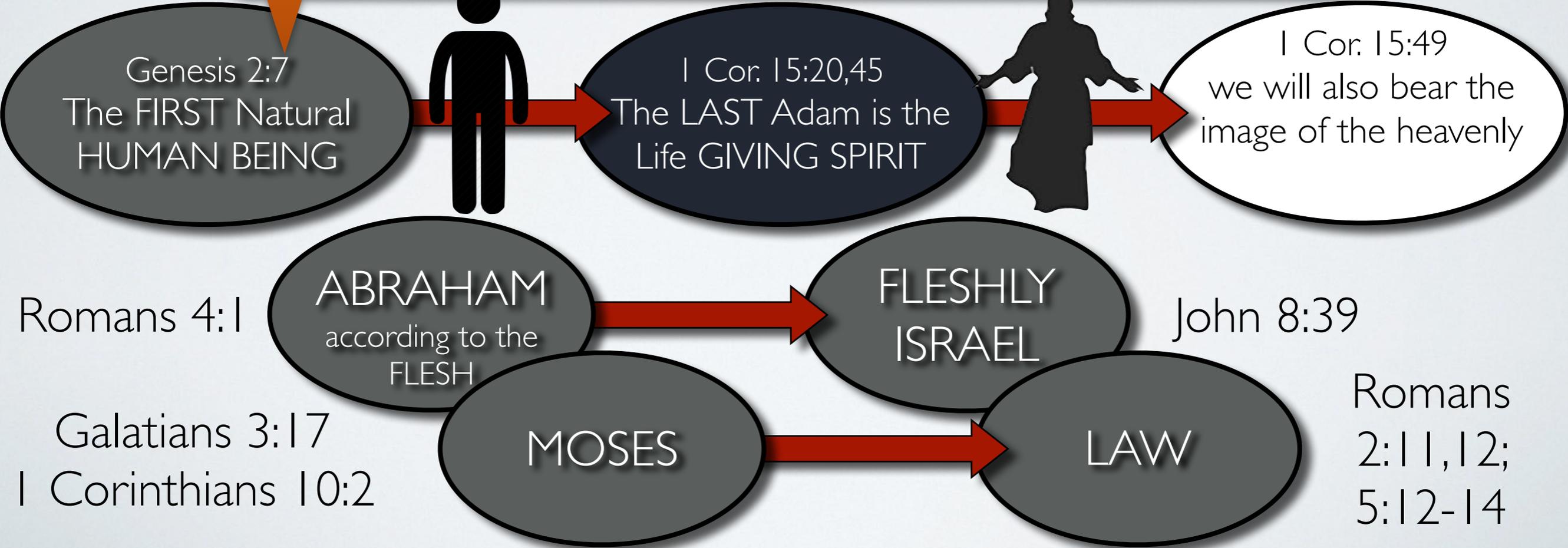
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ADAM = ALL HUMANITY



Genesis 2:7
The FIRST Natural
HUMAN BEING



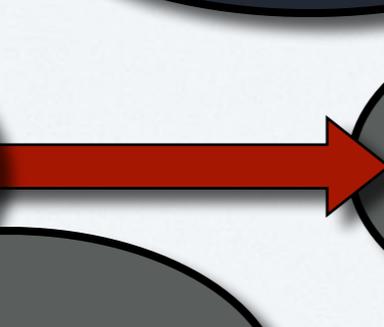
1 Cor. 15:20,45
The LAST Adam is the
Life GIVING SPIRIT



1 Cor. 15:49
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image of the heavenly

Romans 4:1

ABRAHAM
according to the
FLESH

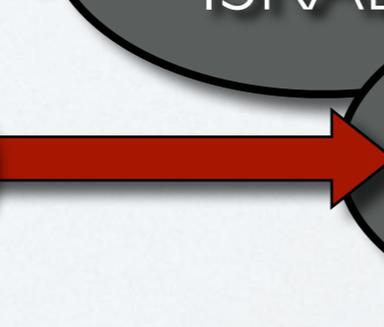


FLESHLY
ISRAEL

John 8:39

Galatians 3:17
1 Corinthians 10:2

MOSES



LAW

Romans
2:11,12;
5:12-14

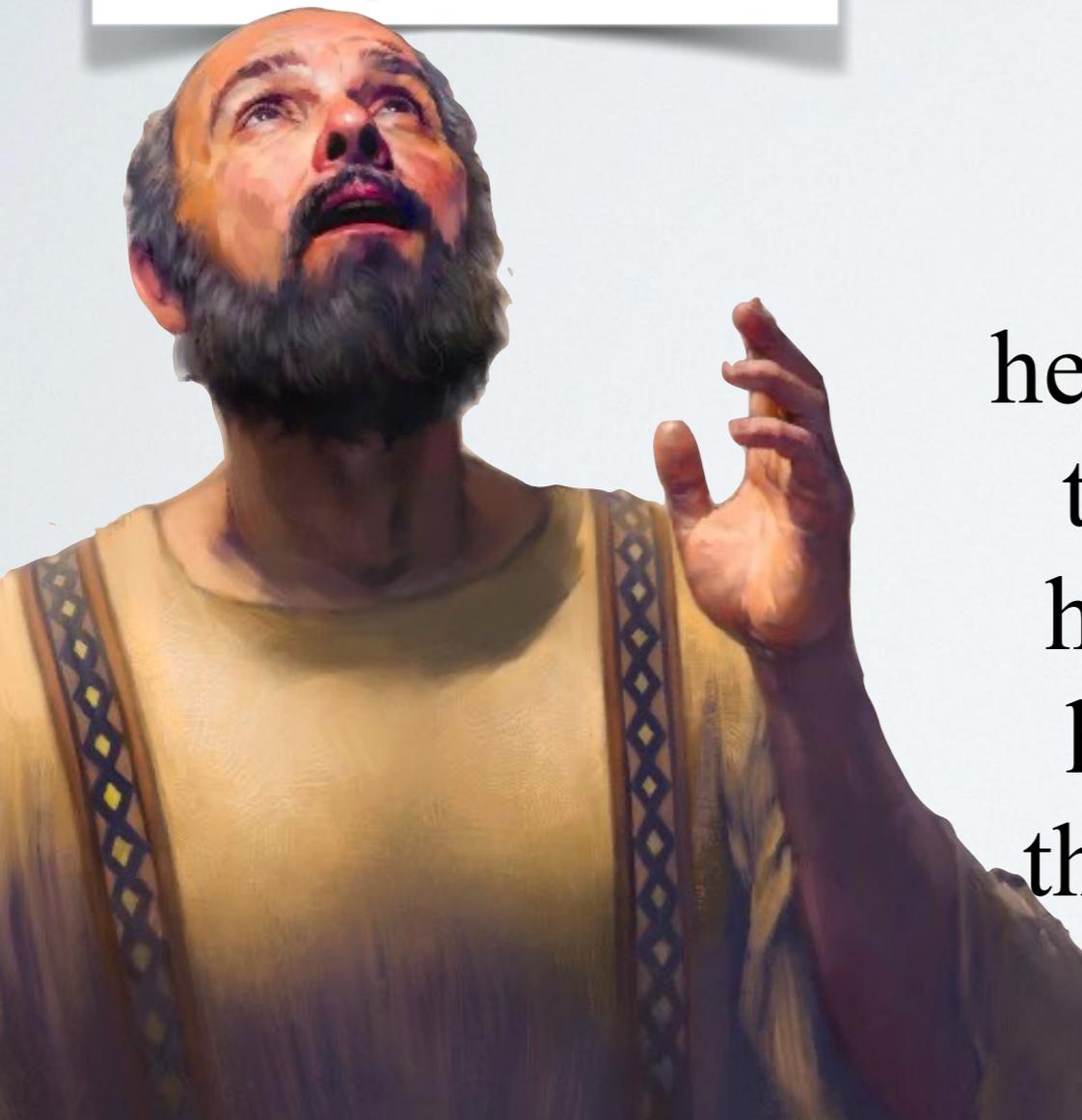
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1 Corinthians 15:47–49 (NASB95)

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Our current moral purity is rooted in our hope of the future bodily resurrection.
Vs. 30-34, 58; 1 Cor. 6:12-20
1 John 3:1-3



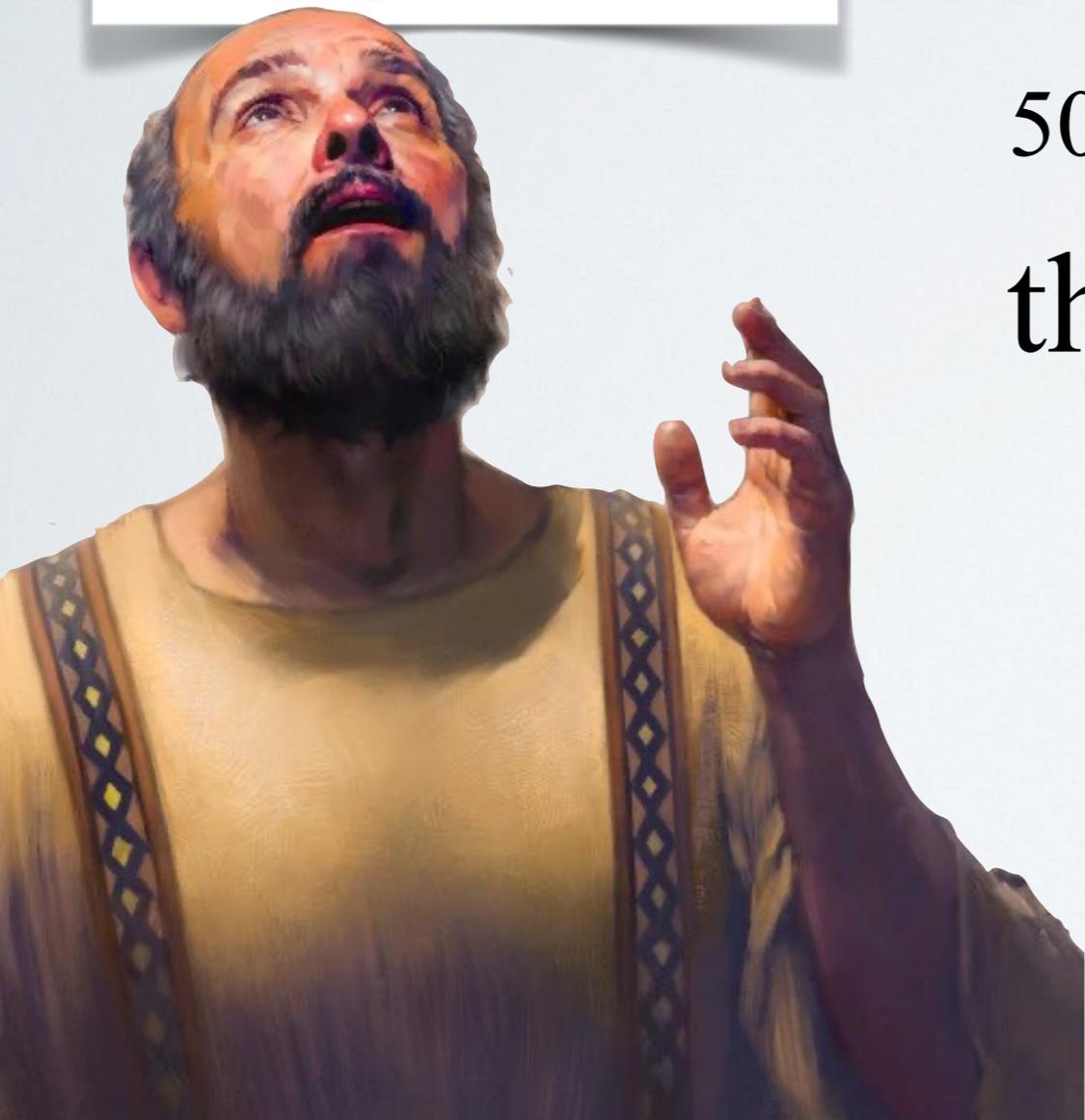
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1 Corinthians 15:50 (NASB95)

50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.



THE RESURRECTION

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“And with what kind of body do they come?”



- “Flesh and blood” does not negate a resurrection body – it references a corruptible, natural, perishable body (50-54).
- ▶ “Flesh & blood” = the current BODILY state of the Christians to whom Paul is writing — (Matt. 16:17; Gal. 1:16; Eph. 6:12; Heb. 2:14)
- ▶ These brethren, (50), were SPIRITUALLY alive, (1,2; 12:13), but yet needed to be CHANGED, (51)

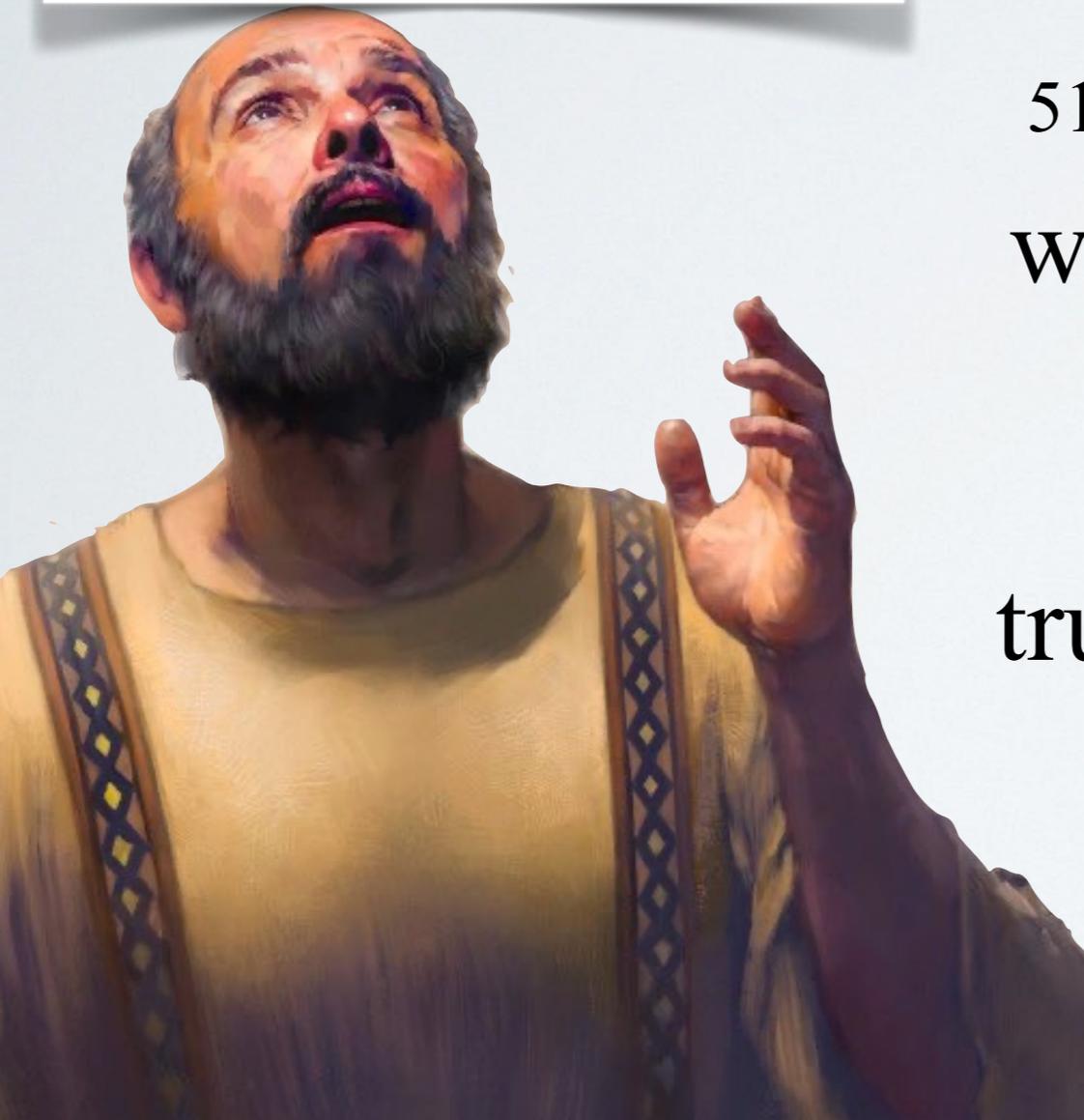
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1 Corinthians 15:51–52 (NASB95)

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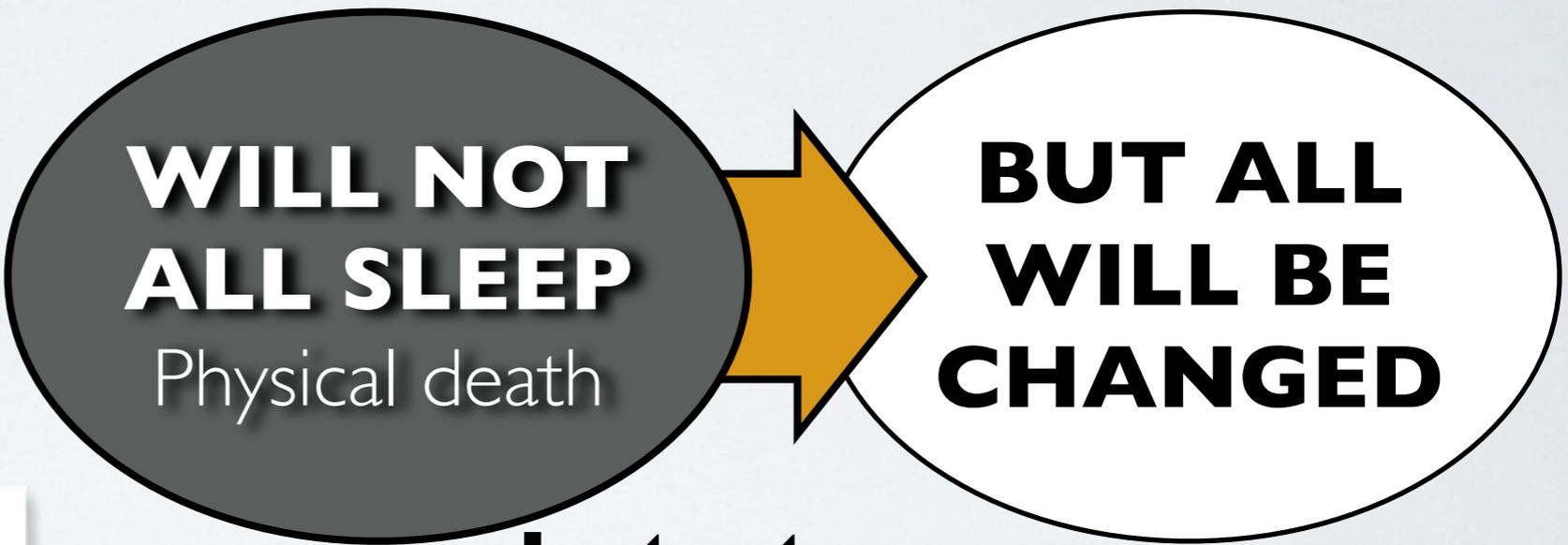


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Instantaneous
At the last Trumpet
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IMPERISHABLE
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Physical death

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**FAITHFUL CHRISTIANS WERE
SPIRITUALLY ALIVE PRIOR TO AD 70.
THEREFORE, THE CHANGE PAUL
SPEAKS OF MUST BE A BODILY
TRANSFORMATION.**

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“In a moment”:

67.149 στιγμή, ἥς *f*; ἄτομος, ον: an extremely short unit of time—‘moment, flash, instant.’

στιγμή: ἔδειξεν αὐτῷ πάσας τὰς βασιλείας τῆς οἰκουμένης ἐν στιγμῇ χρόνου ‘he showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time’ Lk 4:5.

ἄτομος: πάντες δὲ ἀλλαγησόμεθα, ἐν ἀτόμῳ ‘in an instant we shall all be changed’ 1 Cor 15:51–52.

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“In a moment”:

- ▶ The word *atomos* (ἄτομος, 823), refers to that which cannot be cut or divided because of its smallness, “indivisible” [W.E. Vines],
- ▶ Thus, it refers to a particle of time so small that it cannot be divided.



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“In the twinkling of an eye”

- ▶ Only time this phrase is used in the N.T.
- ▶ **67.114 ἐν ῥιπή ὀφθαλμοῦ**: (an idiom, literally ‘in the blinking of an eye’) an extremely short duration of time—‘quickly, suddenly.’ ἐν ῥιπή ὀφθαλμοῦ, ἐν τῇ ἐσχάτῃ σάλπιγγι ‘suddenly, when the last trumpet sounds’ 1 Cor 15:52. For another interpretation of the phrase ἐν ῥιπή ὀφθαλμοῦ, see 16.5.



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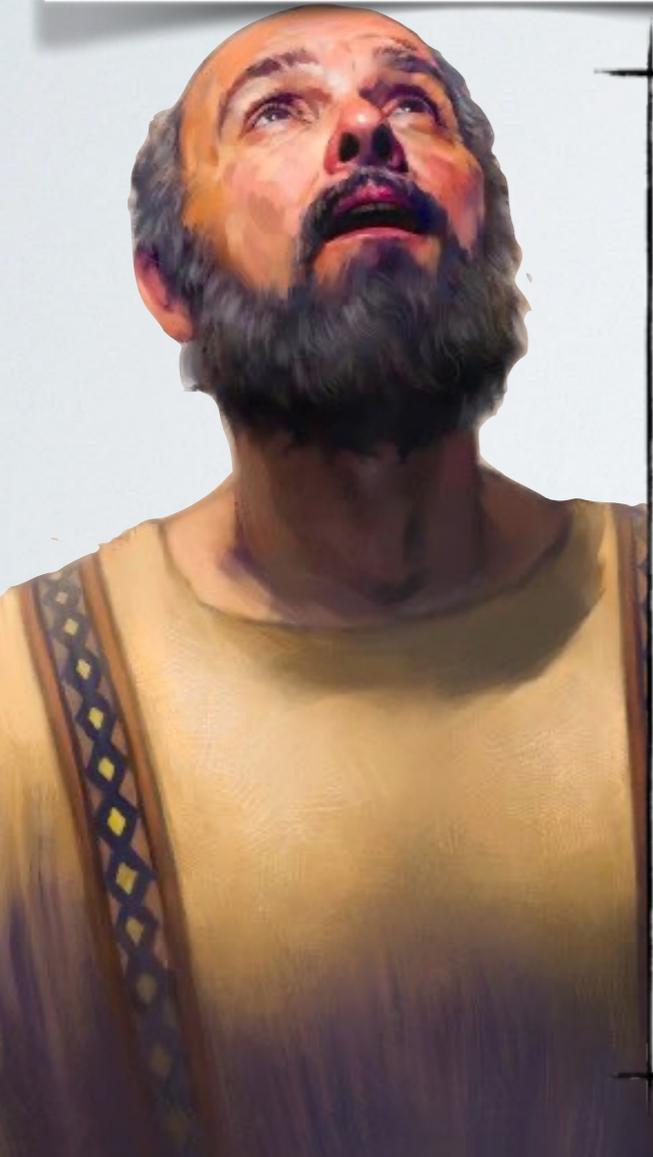
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“In the twinkling of an eye”

- ▶ The destruction of Jerusalem **WAS NOT** instantaneous. The destruction of Jerusalem **WAS NOT** “in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.”
- ▶ The final coming of the Lord and the bodily resurrection will be “in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.”



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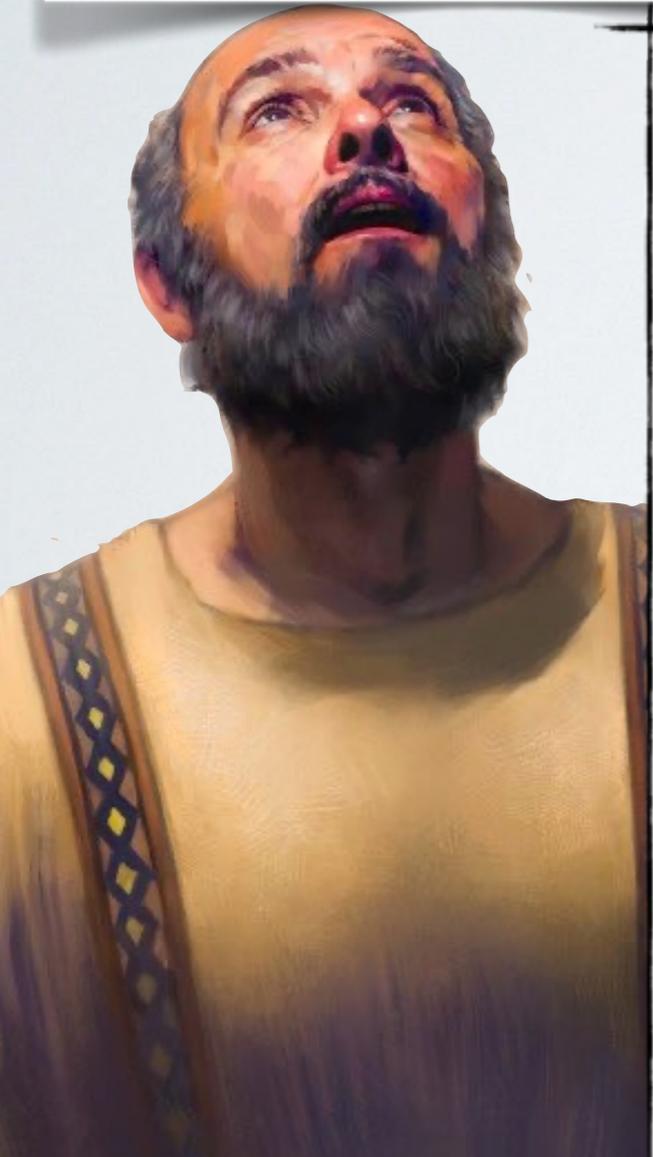
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- ▶ The figure is used in a variety of ways in Scripture. Context determines application.
- ▶ The figures in the O.T. of calling God’s people together (Isaiah 27:13; cf. Matt. 24:31) logically demand the reality of the personal, visible coming of Christ, the future bodily resurrection and the destruction of the world (1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).



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- ▶ To argue that a particular metaphor must always refer to the same event regardless of the context is hermeneutically flawed.



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“The dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed”

- ▶ Just as **“it”** will be **“sown”** and **“it”** will be **“raised,”** so “this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality” (15:52-54).
- ▶ Paul succinctly emphasizes this same point in Philippians 3:20-21.



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Perishable: *phthartos* (φθαρτός, 5349)

▶ **23.125 φθαρτός, ἡ, ὄν:** pertaining to that which is bound to disintegrate and die — ‘perishable, mortal.’ ἤλλαξαν τὴν δόξαν τοῦ ἀφθάρτου θεοῦ ἐν ὁμοιώματι εἰκόνος φθαρτοῦ ἀνθρώπου ‘they changed the glory of immortal God for the likeness of a mortal human being’ Ro 1:23.



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Imperishable: *aphtharsia* (ἀφθαρσία, 861),

- ▶ **23.127 ἀφθαρσία^a, ας f:** the state of not being subject to decay, leading to death—‘immortal, immortality.’
ἐγείρεται ἐν ἀφθαρσίᾳ ‘it will be raised immortal’ 1 Cor 15:42. It is possible to translate this clause as ‘it will be raised and will never again die.’



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Mortal: *thnetos* (θνητός, 2349),

- ▶ **23.124 θνητός, ἢ, ὄν:** pertaining to being liable to death (that which will eventually die)—‘mortal.’ μὴ οὖν βασιλευέτω ἡ ἁμαρτία ἐν τῷ θνητῷ ὑμῶν σώματι ‘sin must no longer rule in your mortal bodies’ Ro 6:12. The phrase ‘mortal bodies’ may be rendered as ‘bodies which will die.’



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Immortality: *athanasia* (ἀθανασία, 110),

- ▶ **23.126 ἀθανασία, ας f:** the state of not being subject to death (that which will never die)—“immortality.” ...
- ▶ **Vines:** - “deathlessness” ... it suggests the quality of the life enjoyed, as is clear from 2 Cor. 5:4; for the believer what is mortal is to be “swallowed up of life.



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2 Corinthians 5:1–4 (NASB95)

¹ For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For indeed in this *house* we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, ³ inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked. ⁴ For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life.



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Romans 2:5–11 (NASB95)

⁵ But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶ who will render to each person according to his deeds: ⁷ to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; ⁸ but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation. ⁹ *There will be* tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek, ¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹¹ For there is no partiality with God.

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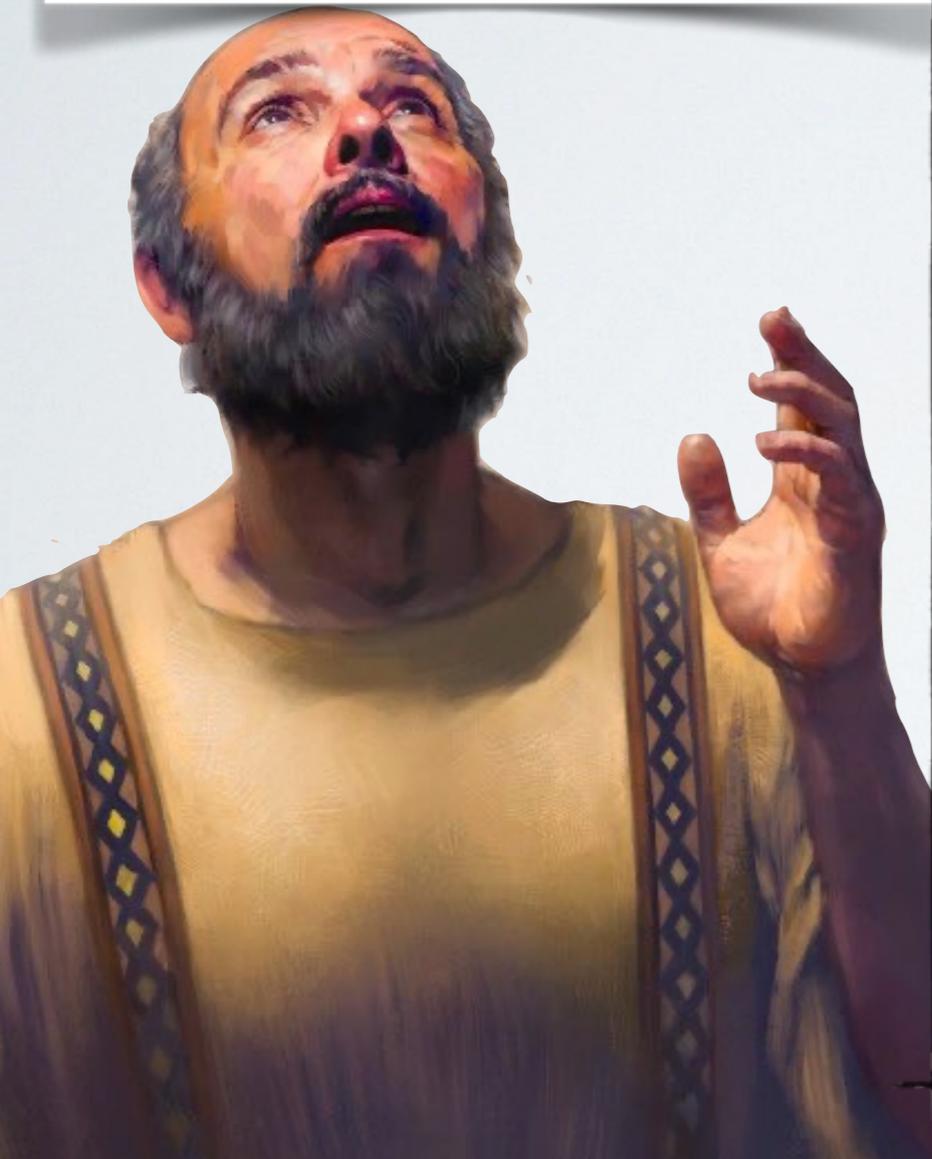
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- Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, combines these utterances of the prophets in support of his teaching as an inspired writer regarding the future bodily resurrection (Isa. 25:8; Hos. 13:14; 1 Cor. 15:54,55).



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■ **The Resurrection of Hosea 13:14**

- ▶ The judgment of this text is a reference to 722 BC
- ▶ IF this text is speaking of Israel's national restoration, 536 BC would be in view - NOT 70 AD
- ▶ The full application of Hosea 13:14 points toward a future bodily resurrection!

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■ **The Resurrection of Hosea 13:14**

- ▶ Idolatrous Israel was already spiritually dead (Hos. 13:1,2).
- ▶ The grave they stood in danger of was literal, physical death, due to their spiritual rebellion - not figurative! (Hos. 13:7-14)



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- ▶ Their hope was NOT in avoiding physical death!
- ▶ By faith in the Messiah they would be ransomed from the grave.
- ▶ They would overcome physical death in the bodily resurrection!
- ▶ This is precisely why Paul references the language of Hosea!



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- No one has a right to redefine Paul's words in a way that departs from the plain meaning of the text.
- The Holy Spirit reveals the meaning of Hosea's prophecy through Paul.
- This is often done by NT writers (1 Peter 1:10-12; Ephesians 3:3-9)



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⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures - 1 Corinthians 15:4 (NASB95)

■ **Neubauer's Rule ...**

- ▶ A New Testament writer cannot give a fuller understanding of Old Testament passages.
- ▶ If Paul references Hosea 6 and H.N.'s rule is correct, then Paul **MUST** be talking about Jerusalem going into Assyrian captivity.

■ **The Spirit's Rule ...**

- ▶ When the Holy Spirit quotes an O.T. passage in the N.T., it means exactly what the Spirit says it means in the N.T.

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New Testament Usage of Old Testament

cf. 1 Peter 1:10-12

**Hos. 11:1: Israel's Exodus
from Egypt**

Mt. 2:14-15 —Return of Joseph's family
from Egypt

**Jer. 31:15: Mourning of
Jewish exiles**

Mt. 2:17-18 —Mourning for slain infants

**Hos. 1:10 & 2:23:
Estranged Jews would
become God's people again**

Rom. 9:22-26 —Adoption of Gentiles

**Deut. 30:12-14
The giving of the Law**

Rom 10:6,7 —The giving of the gospel

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ALL FIGURATIVE REFERENCES TO A RESURRECTION ARE GROUNDED IN THE ACTUAL FUTURE BODILY RESURRECTION

- Dry bones (Ezek. 37:1-14)
- Salvation for Judah (Isa. 26:14, 19)
- Those awakened (Dan. 12:1-3)*
- Victory over death (Hos. 13:14)*
- Israel's renewal in Christ (Rom. 11:15)
- Resurrection of the Beast (Rev. 13:3)
- Resurrection of beheaded (Rev. 20:4-6)

***Even IF MOST OT references speak of a figurative resurrection - The FIGURE is GROUNDED IN THE REALITY!**

REALITY OF A BODILY RESURRECTION

**Acts 2:27, 31; Rom. 8:23; 1 Cor. 15:20,22;
2 Cor. 5:1-10; Phil. 3:20,21; etc.**

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Psalm 16:9–10 (NASB95)

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will dwell securely. ¹⁰ For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.

Acts 2:26–27 (NASB95)

²⁶ ‘Therefore my heart was glad and my tongue exulted; Moreover my flesh also will live in hope; ²⁷ Because You will not abandon my soul to Hades, Nor allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.

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Isaiah 55:3 (NASB95)

³ “Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *According to the faithful mercies shown to David.*”

Acts 13:34–35 (NASB95)

³⁴ “*As for the fact that He raised Him up from the dead, no longer to return to decay, He has spoken in this way: ‘I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.’*”

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Acts 13:35–36 (NASB95)

³⁵ “Therefore He also says in another *Psalm*, ‘You will not allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.’
³⁶ “For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption;

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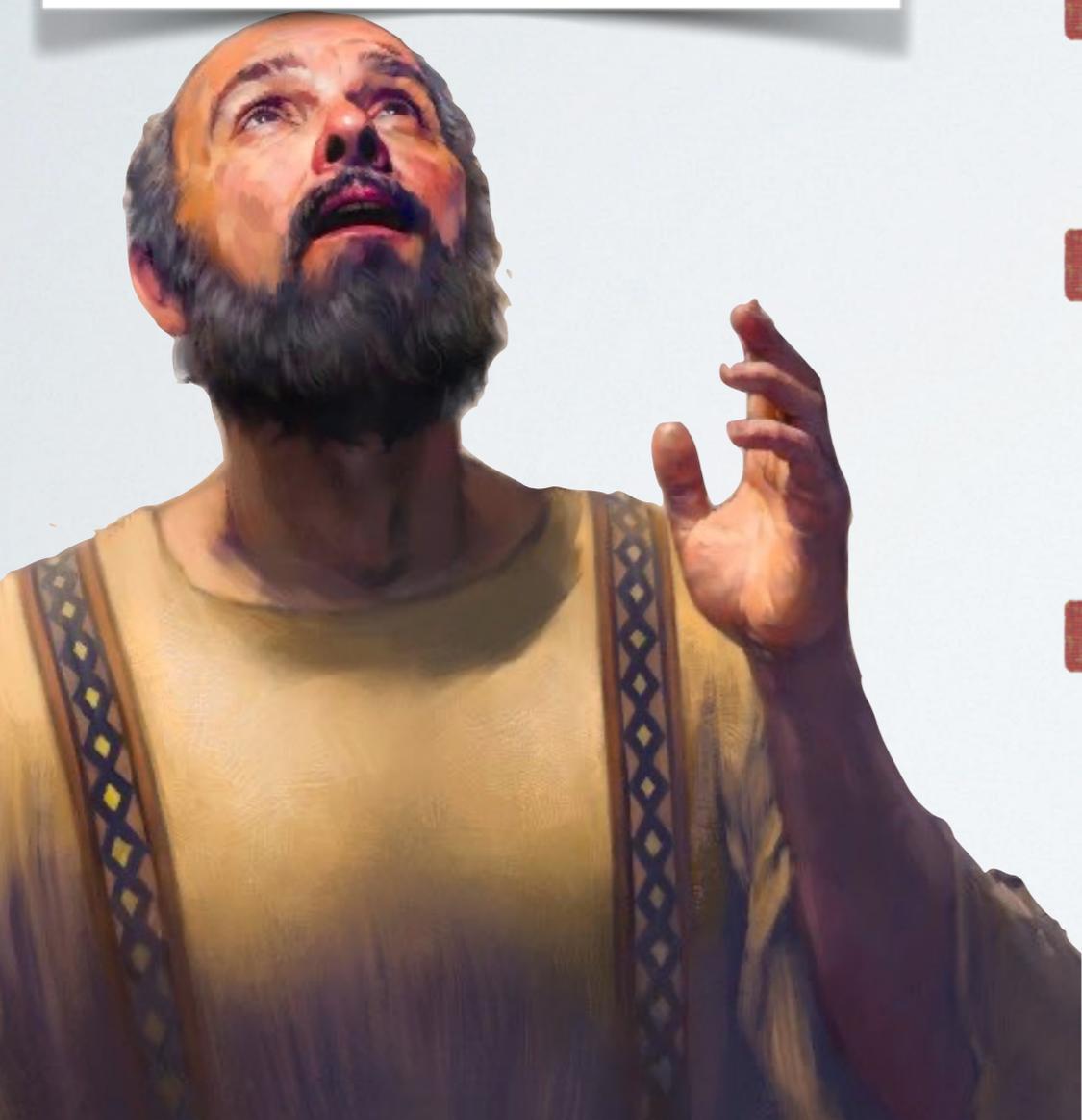
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- ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;
- If there is no law today there can be no sin today.
 - The covenant of grace does not preclude law; therefore, sin exists today.
 - If we can sin today the second coming of Jesus has NOT occurred (1 Corinthians 15:56; Romans 5:13).

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⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory...



To deny the bodily resurrection would be a denial of the gospel, leaving one enslaved to sin and thereby condemned.



To reject GRACE leaves one with nothing but LAW and thereby CONDEMNED

1 Corinthians 15:17
(NASB95)

¹⁷ and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

**A DENIAL of THE
FUTURE BODILY
RESURRECTION IS A
HOPELESS GOSPEL**

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- Were we to deny the future bodily resurrection of the dead we would logically deny the bodily resurrection of Jesus - therefore we would still be in our sins (1 Cor. 15:16,17).
- If we BELIEVE in the bodily resurrection of Jesus we will trust in the total victory over sin in both soul and body (Romans 8:11,23).

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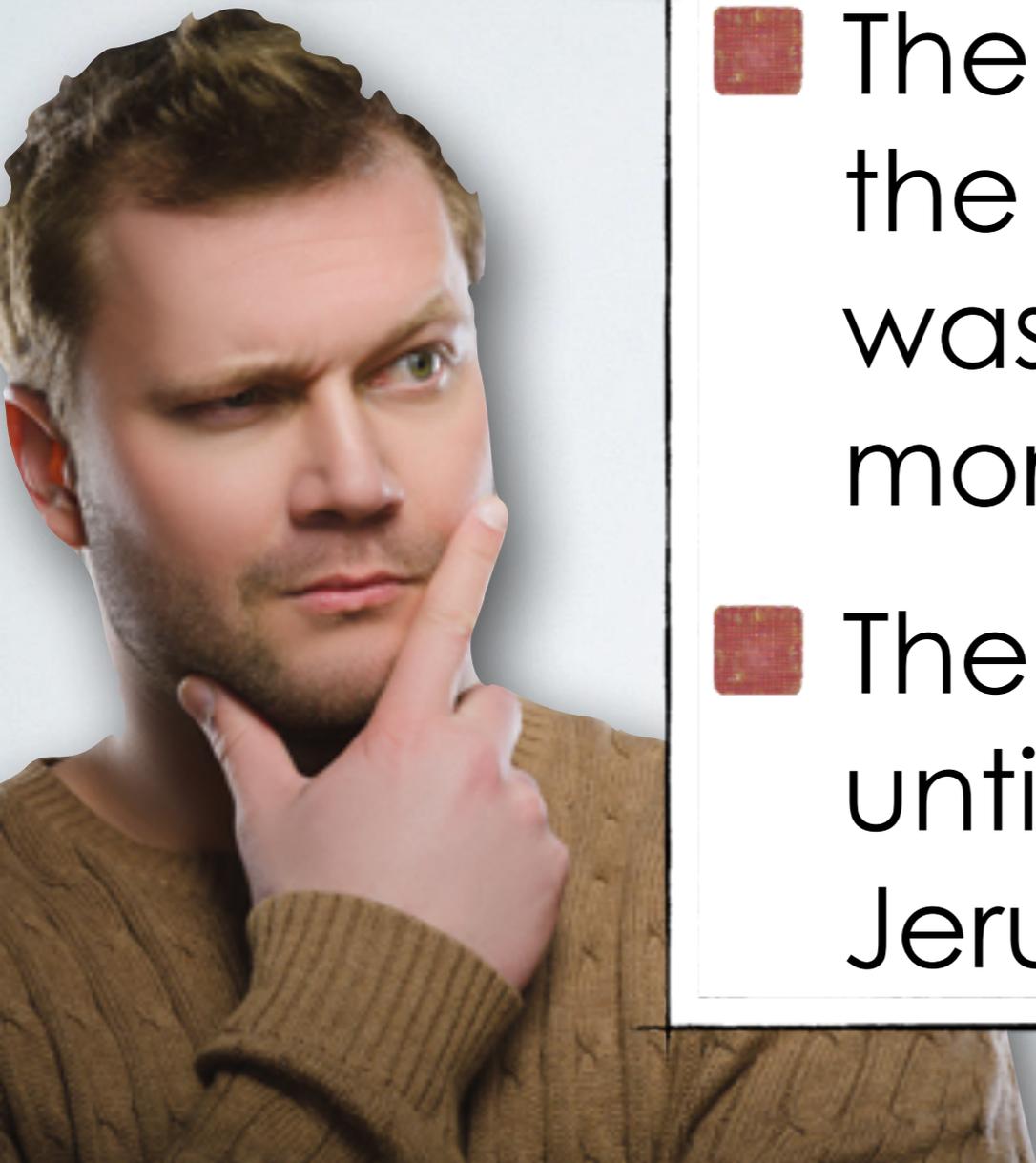
- Because you believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus and your future bodily resurrection, your labor is NOT in vain (1 Cor. 15:1,2).
- The firm foundation of the bodily resurrection of Jesus and the promise of the future harvest provides motivation for steadfastness in our labor (Heb. 6:18,19; 1 John 3:2,3).



CONSEQUENCES OF R.E. POSITION ON 1 COR. 15



- The Corinthian brethren were “spiritually DEAD!” (until 70 AD)
- The body of Christ, of which the Corinthians were a part was “corruptible, perishable, & mortal” — DEAD!
- The church was still dead in sin until 70 AD & the destruction of Jerusalem.



IN FIRST CORINTHIANS 15

REALIZED ESCHATOLOGY DOES NOT WORK ...

- With Paul's arguments on ...
 - ▶ The death, burial & resurrection of Jesus (3,4,12)
 - ▶ Firstfruits & harvest (20-22)
 - ▶ Adam/Christ Typology (20-23)
 - ▶ The universal victory over physical death — (22, 54-57)
 - ▶ Being changed in the “twinkling of an eye” — (51,52)



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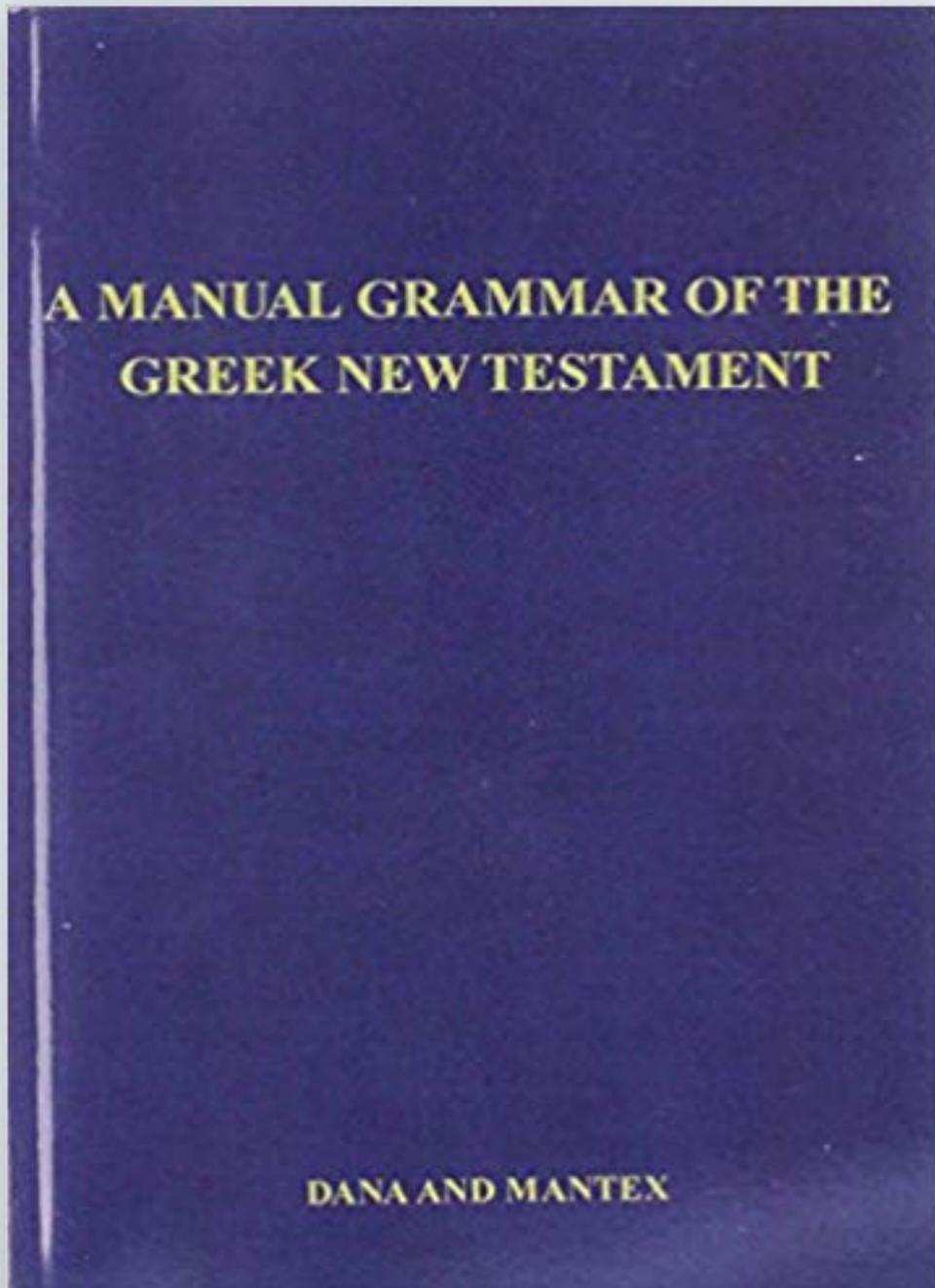
“NEO-GNOSTICISM”

- NO BODILY RESURRECTION ...
- NO BODILY SECOND COMING OF JESUS ...
- NO REAL NEED FOR THE BODY OF JESUS ...
- THE PHYSICAL DEATH OF JESUS NOT SUFFICIENT ...



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Uses of Present Tense



“The Futuristic Present. This use of the present tense denotes an event which has not yet occurred, but which is regarded as so certain that in thought it may be contemplated as already coming to pass.”

(Dana & Mantey: A Manual Grammar of the Greek New Testament, 185)

“The fundamental significance of the present tense is the idea of progress. It is the linear tense. This is not, however, its exclusive significance. It is a mistake to suppose ‘that the durative meaning monopolises the present stem’ (M. 119). Since there is no aorist tense for present time, the present tense, as used in the indicative, must do service for both linear and punctiliar action. But it is to be borne in mind that the idea of present time is secondary in the force of the tense. In the indicative the linear significance of the present may sometimes be found more or less remote, being modified by other influences. The other elements entering into the resultant import of the present tense are the meaning of the verb itself and the general significance of the context. That is, in dealing with the present tense we must consider not only the fundamental force of the tense, but also the meaning of the verb root, and the significance of the context. As affected by these three factors the present tense exhibits several variations in use.” *(A Manual Grammar of the Greek New Testament, 181)*

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Uses of Present Tense

Ernest De Witt Burton: “The Present for the Future. In a similar way the Present Indicative may be used to describe vividly a future event. “Rem. The term ‘Present for Future’ is sometimes objected to, but without good reason. The arguments of Buttman, pp. 203 f., and Winer, WT. pp. 265 ff.; WM. pp. 331 ff., are valid only against the theory of an arbitrary interchange of tenses. It is indeed not to be supposed that Greek writers confused the Present and the Future tenses, or used them indiscriminately. But that the form which customarily denoted an act in progress at the time of speaking was sometimes, for the sake of vividness, used with reference to a fact still in the future, is recognized by all grammarians. See, e.g., J. 397; K. 382, 5; G.MT. 32. The whole force of the idiom is derived from the unusualness of the tense employed.”

(Syntax of the Moods And Tenses In New Testament Greek, 9-10)

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Uses of Present Tense

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- “I **go** to prepare a place for you” (Jn. 14:2)
 - “Son of Man **is delivered** up” (Mt. 26:2)
 - “I **keep** the Passover at thy house” (Mt. 26:18)
 - “After three days **I rise** again” (Mt. 27:63)
 - “The Son of man **is** delivered up” (Mk. 9:31)
 - “The axe also **lieth at the root** of the trees” (Lk. 3:9) [All quotes from ASV]

The "BODY" According To Brother Neubauer

What Is It That DIES & IS RAISED in 1 Corinthians 15?

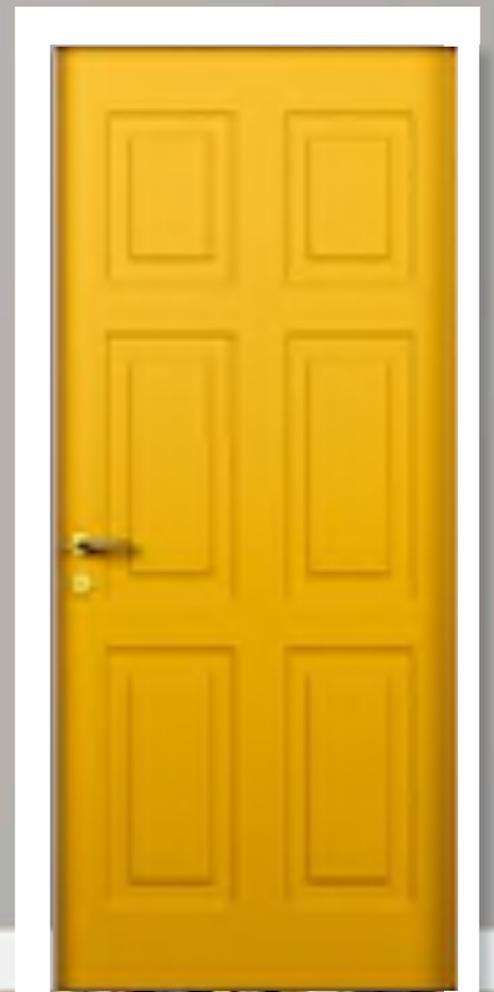
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OUR BODY



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What Is It That DIES & IS RAISED in 1 Corinthians 15?

- “The Old Testament saints, (Abraham, Noah, Moses, Daniel, etc)” ?
- “The Old Covenant people ... (Paul’s body of 1 Cor. 15)” ?
- “Old Jewish saints” ?
- “‘They’ refers to those who were becoming ‘heavenly’ during the transition period as the church was stripping off its layers of Judaism” ?
- “The transitional body of suffering and humiliation ... This is a picture of the church” ?



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“The transitional body of suffering and humiliation
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PRE-70 AD CHURCH?

It is sown a perishable *body*

it is sown in dishonor

it is sown in weakness,

it is sown a natural body,

If there is a natural body,

POST-AD 70 CHURCH?

it is raised an imperishable *body*;

it is raised in glory;

it is raised in power;

it is raised a spiritual body.

there is also a spiritual *body*.

**THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH WAS ALIVE,
NOT DEAD, PRIOR TO 70 A.D!**

An Examination & Refutation of 70AD DOCTRINE



**All Prophecy
Fulfilled**

- End of Law
- End of "Last Days"
- Second Coming
- Kingdom in Power & Glory
- "Kingdom of God"
- Eternal Kingdom
- Resurrection of Dead
- Redemption of Body
- Perfection of Saints
- Final Judgment
- End Of World (Age)
- New Heavens & Earth

LAW of MOSES

Process of RESURRECTION

Christian Dispensation

Mosaic Dispensation

Process of DEATH



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"Last Days"

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"Eternal Days"



THE RESURRECTION

CONSEQUENCES OF R.E. POSITION ON 1 COR. 15

■ The CHURCH was

- ▶ Corruptible
- ▶ Perishable
- ▶ Dishonorable
- ▶ Natural
- ▶ Earthly
- ▶ Mortal
- ▶ Naked
- ▶ Lowly / Vile
- ▶ DEAD

**All HOPE
REALIZED**

■ The CHURCH is

- ▶ Incorruptible
- ▶ Imperishable
- ▶ Honorable
- ▶ Spiritual
- ▶ Heavenly
- ▶ Immortal
- ▶ Clothed
- ▶ Glorious
- ▶ ALIVE



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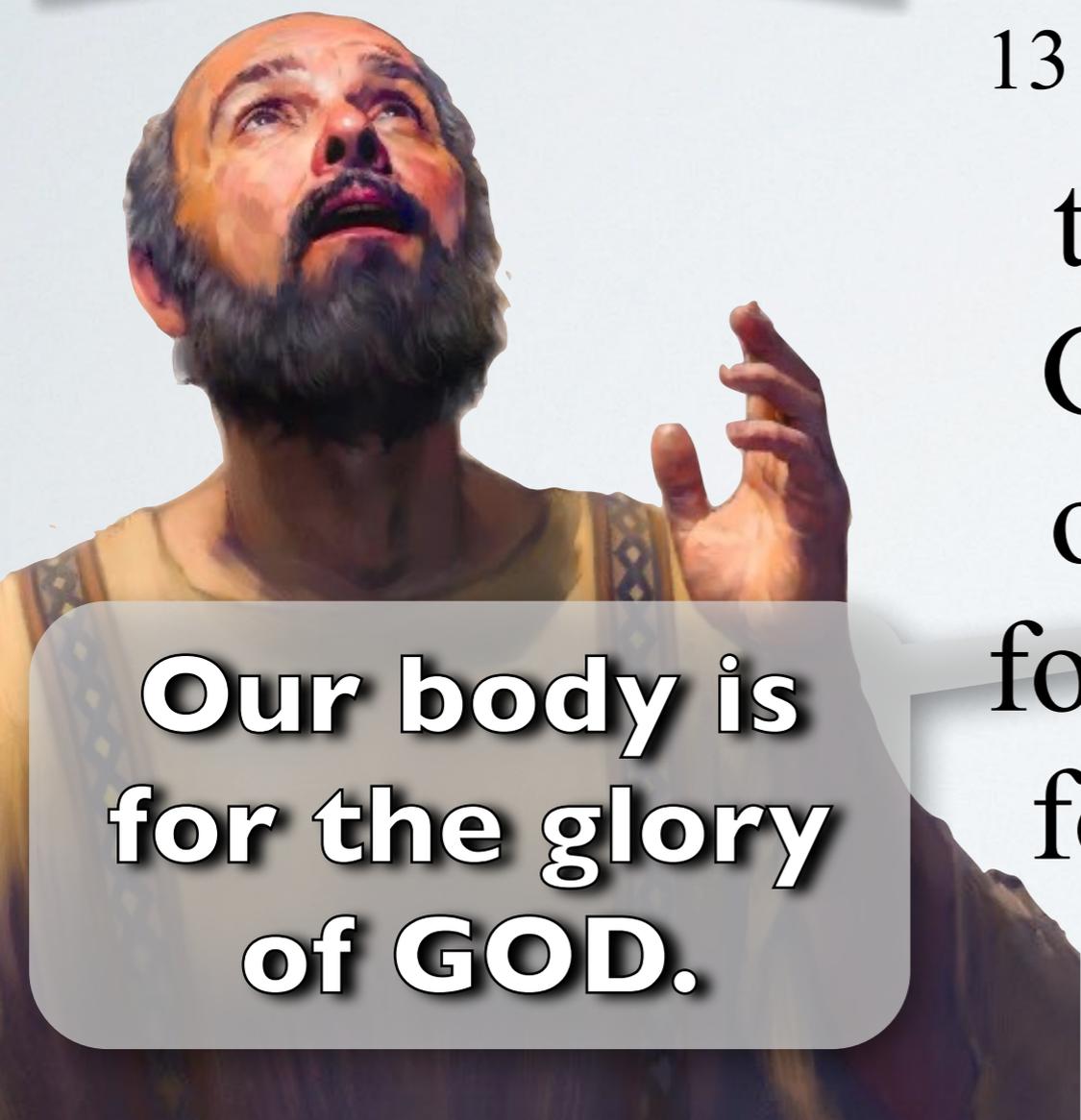
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THE RESURRECTION

The "BODY" Singular IS NOT ALWAYS THE CHURCH

"... the body is not for immorality ..."



Our body is for the glory of GOD.

1 Corinthians 6:13 (NASB95)

13 Food is for the stomach and the stomach is for food, but God will do away with both of them. Yet the body is not for immorality, (πορνεύω) but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body.

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cf. 1:2; 6:9-11



Our body is NOT for sexual immorality - Our BODY will be RAISED!

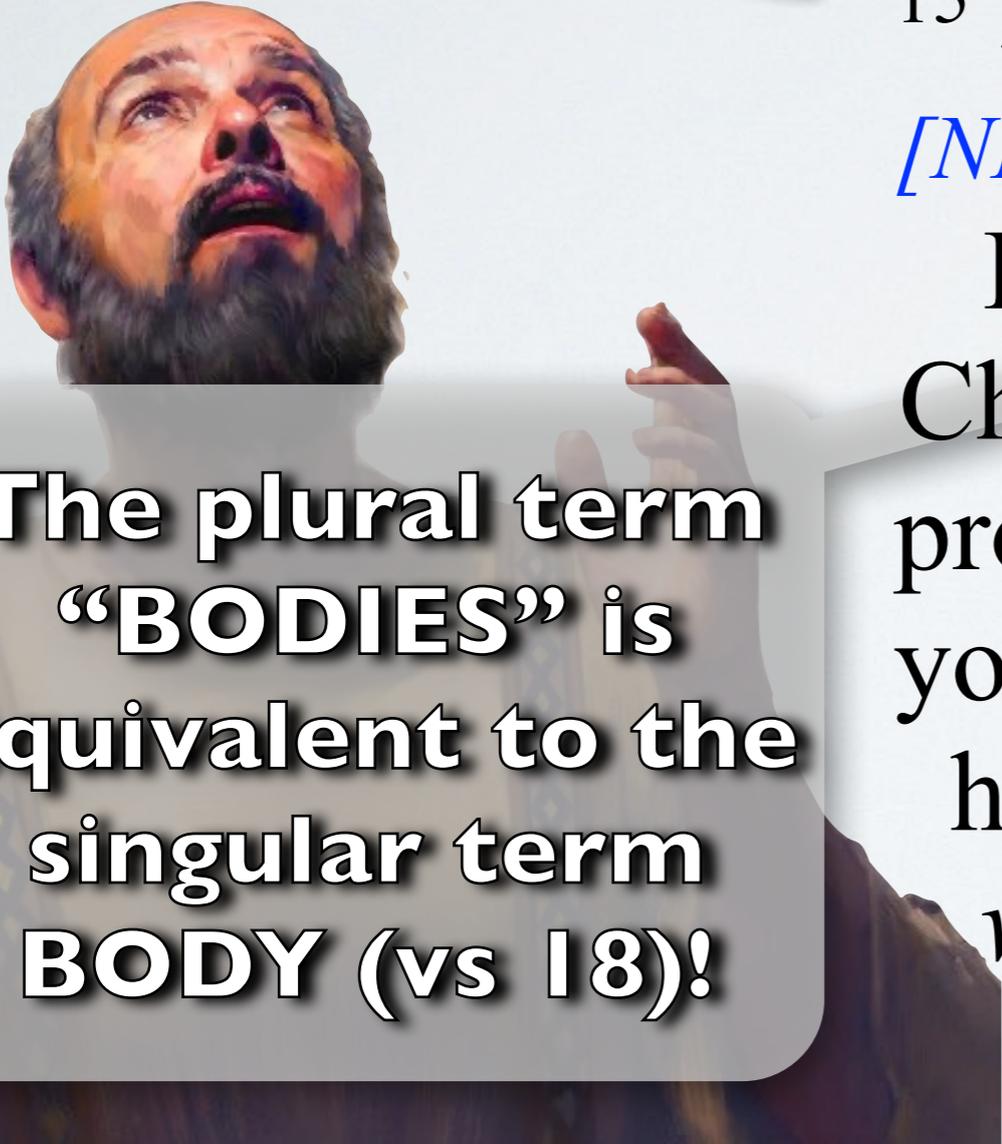
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The plural term “BODIES” is equivalent to the singular term BODY (vs 18)!

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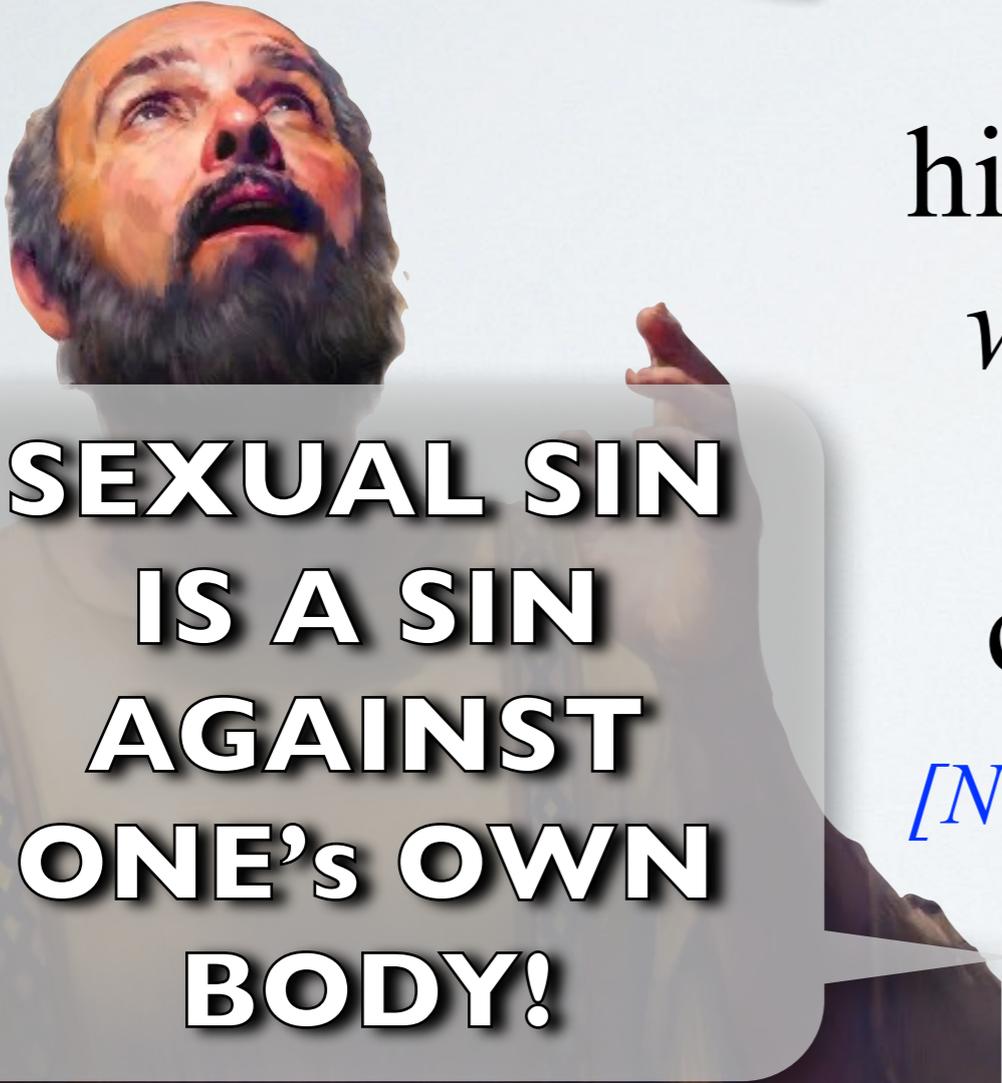
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17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*. 18 Flee immorality.

Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, *[NGSN]* but the immoral man sins against his own body.



**SEXUAL SIN
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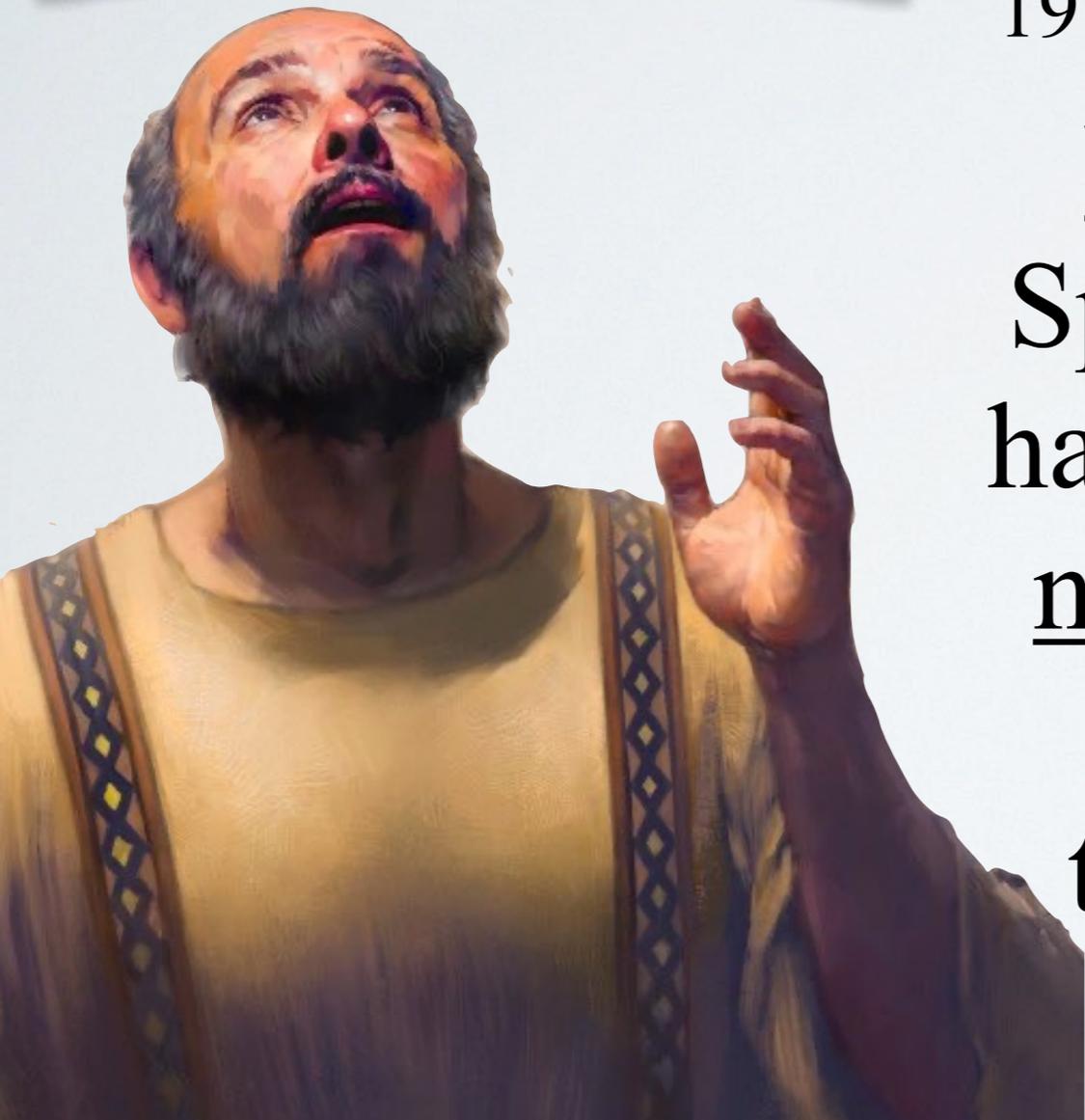
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1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (NASB95)

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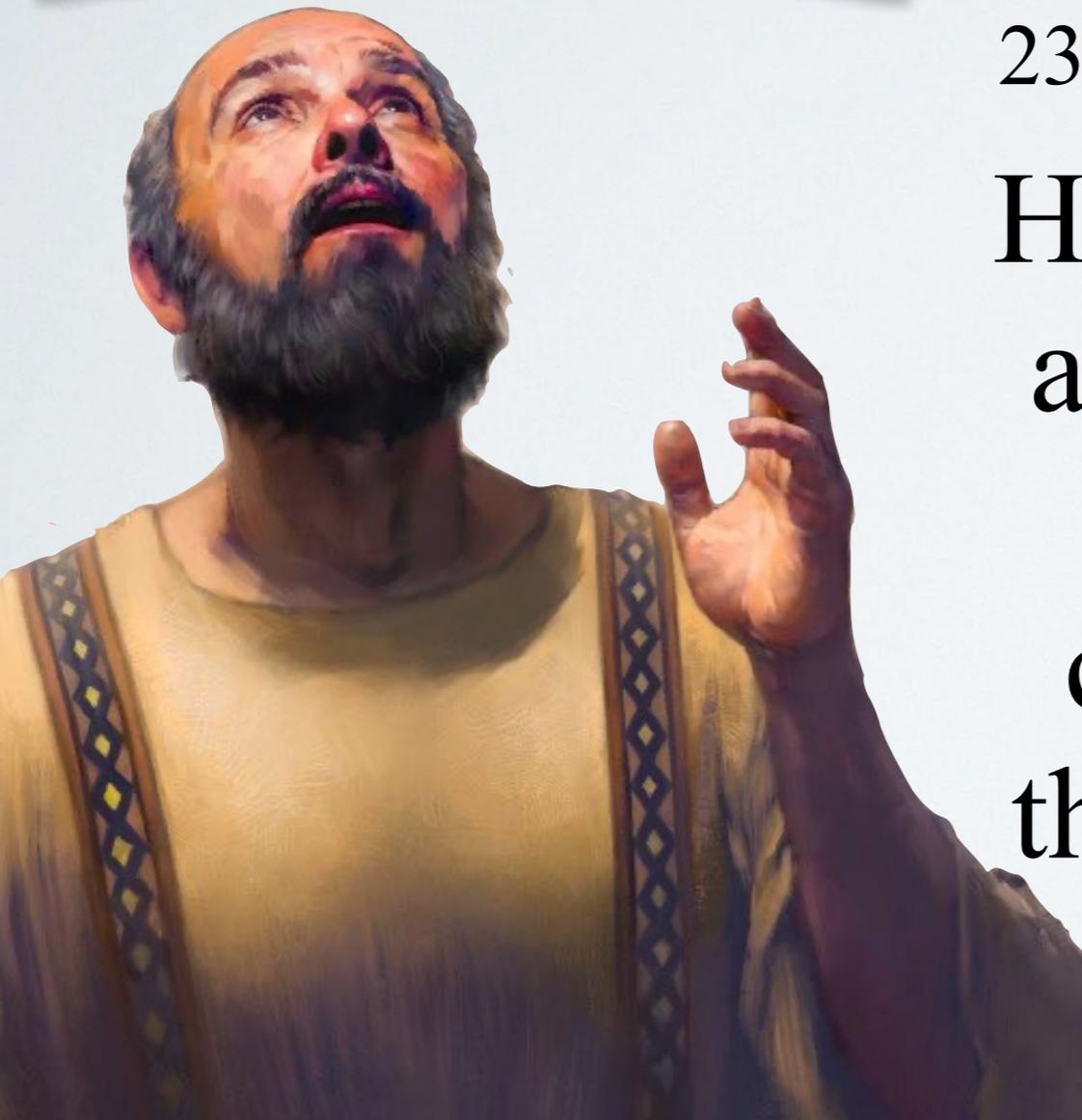
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1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NASB95)

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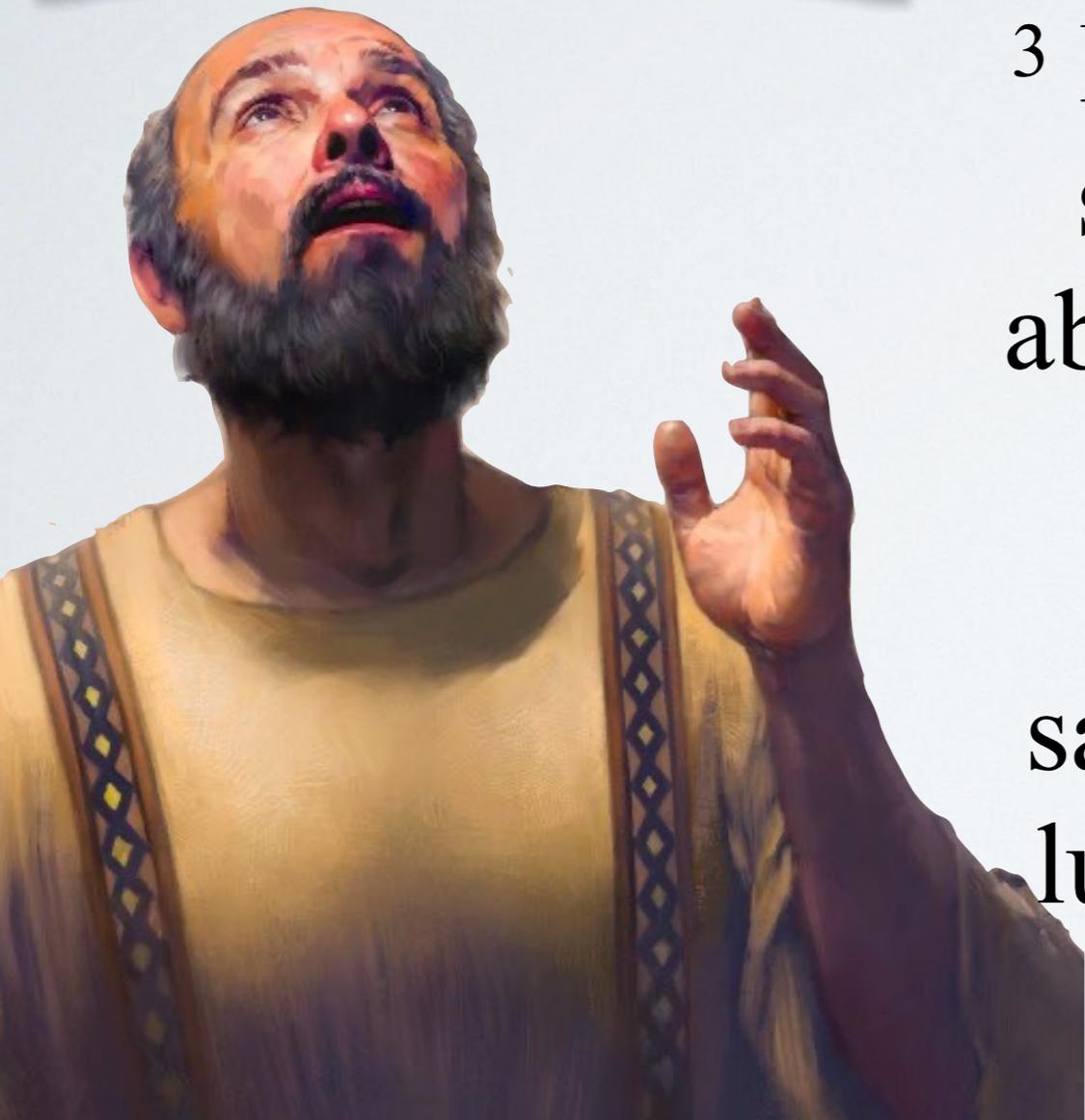
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1 Thessalonians 4:3–5 (NASB95)

³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification; *that is*, that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ⁵ not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God;



THE RESURRECTION

The "BODY" Singular IS NOT ALWAYS THE CHURCH

There is One Body



“There is only one body that is purchased by the sacrifice of Christ. There is only one body that brings salvation. There is only one body that contains all the sons of God. There is only one body that is adopted and now receives full inheritance. There is only one body that the Spirit revealed the truth in!!!! The biological body is promised to return to the dust from whence it came but the spirit would return to God (Ecclesiastes 12:7). The only body that the spirit of man needs to have access to God is the church.”

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Holger Neubauer on I Cor. 6:13-20

“He is affirming that his teaching should not be interpreted to allow the harlot of Judaism to ruin the church. ...

Every sin would be committed without the consent of the body, the church. But, if one ruined the fellowship of the church with Judaism, he sinned against His own body; i.e., Christ’s own body, which was in fact, the church.”

THE RESURRECTION

THE BODY OF 1 CORINTHIANS 6



“He is affirming that his teaching should not be interpreted to allow the harlot of Judaism to ruin the church”



- Immorality was actual sexual immorality (incest) in chapter 5:1-9
- Fornication was actually fornication in chapter 6:9
- Immorality is actually sexual immorality in chapter 6:13-18, not a metaphor for Judaism.
 - Brother Neubauer’s explanation of this text ignores the immediate context and the use of plain language in order to sustain his false system.

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THE BODY OF 1 CORINTHIANS 15



“The ‘we’ of Paul’s statement refer (sic) to those in the ‘body’ or the church.”

His PATTERN Argument DOES NOT WORK!

- 2 Cor. 5:8-10 “I say, and prefer rather to be absent from **the body** and to be at home with the Lord ... “each one may be recompensed for his deeds **in the body**”
- Rom. 8:23 “the redemption of **our body**”
- 1 Cor. 6:19,20 “**your body** is a temple ... glorify God in **your body**.”
- Phil. 3:21 “**the body** of our humble state into conformity with **the body** of His glory”



THE RESURRECTION

THE BODY THAT SAVES? (BY? / IN?)



- “There was only one body that could bring redemption and it was the church body that was suffering and was going through the change” (108).
- “There is only one body that can bring about redemption and it is the process that Paul spoke of when mentioning the ‘body of death’ and ‘body of humiliation.’ Philippians 3:21 is a reference to the suffering body of the church during ‘Jacob’s trouble’ (Jeremiah 30:6,7; Acts 14:22)” (185).
- “There is only one body that brings salvation. ... The only body that the spirit of man needs to have access to God is the body of Christ. ... The church was created to sufficiently take care of every spiritual need and bring us to God and open heaven. I believe in the full access to Heaven by the finished work of Christ in His church.” (218)

THE RESURRECTION

THE BODY THAT SAVES?

THE SAVING BODY	THE SAVED BODY
Hebrews 10:5 “a body” (cf. 2:9)	Ephesians 5:23 “Savior of the body”
Hebrews 10:10 “offering of the body” (cf. 10:14)	Acts 2:47 “added to the church”
Hebrews 10:19,20 “the blood ... His flesh” (cf. 2:14)	Acts 20:28 “purchased with His own blood”
Ephesians 5: 25 “gave Himself for her” (Acts 20:28)	Ephesians 5: 26 “that He might sanctify and cleanse her ...”
THE PERSONAL, INCARNATE BODY of CHRIST	THE SPIRITUAL, CORPORATE BODY of CHRIST

The “BODY” According To Brother Neubauer

WHAT ARE THE “BODIES”??????



2 BODIES prior to 70 AD?

The 2 BODIES of Jewish and Gentile believers were both “MORTAL”?

The ONE body did not exist until 70 AD?

When Paul says, “will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Holy Spirit who dwells in you,” (8:11), he is not speaking of individual physical bodies, but corporate bodies comprised of both Jew and Gentile. Notice the same theme in Ephesians 2:15,16, “to create in himself, one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross.” The “one body” is the church and it is that body that is Paul’s focus in the scheme of redemption.

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“FOR WE WHO ARE IN THIS TENT GROAN”

¹⁴ knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you. —2 Corinthians 4:1–5:11 (NASB95)



- These Christians in Romans 8 were spiritually alive AS CHILDREN OF GOD!
- ▶ Led by the Spirit thus “sons of God” - 14
- ▶ Had received a spirit of adoption thus able to cry out “ABBA FATHER” - 15
- ▶ The Spirit testified they were “children of God” - 16
- ▶ Thus fellow heirs with Christ and if they suffered with Christ they would be glorified - 17

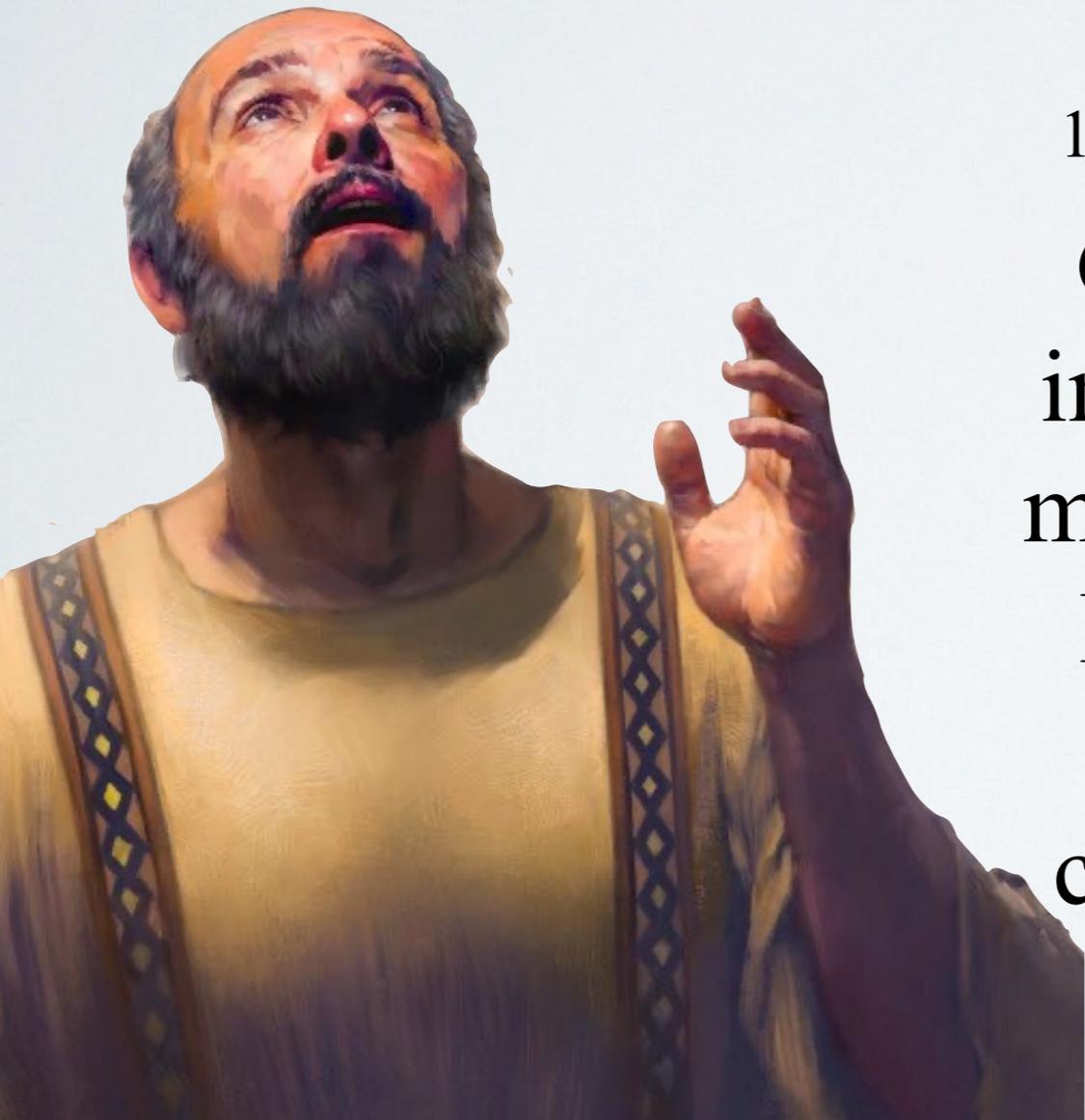
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REALIZED ESCHATOLOGY =

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INHERITANCE

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GLORIFICATION

A REALIZED
BODILY
REDEMPTION

A REALIZED HOPE

- The “first-fruits of the Spirit,” demands a future harvest ...
- ▶ **Inheritance** — Rom. 8:17,18,23; Eph. 1:13,14; Titus 3:7; 1 Pet. 3,4
- ▶ **Glorification** — Rom. 8:17,18; Col. 3:4; 1 Pet. 1:5
- ▶ **Bodily redemption** — Rom. 8:23; 1 Thess. 5:23; 2 Cor. 5:1-5
- ▶ **Hope** — Rom 8:24,25; Heb. 6:11; Titus 1:2; 2:13

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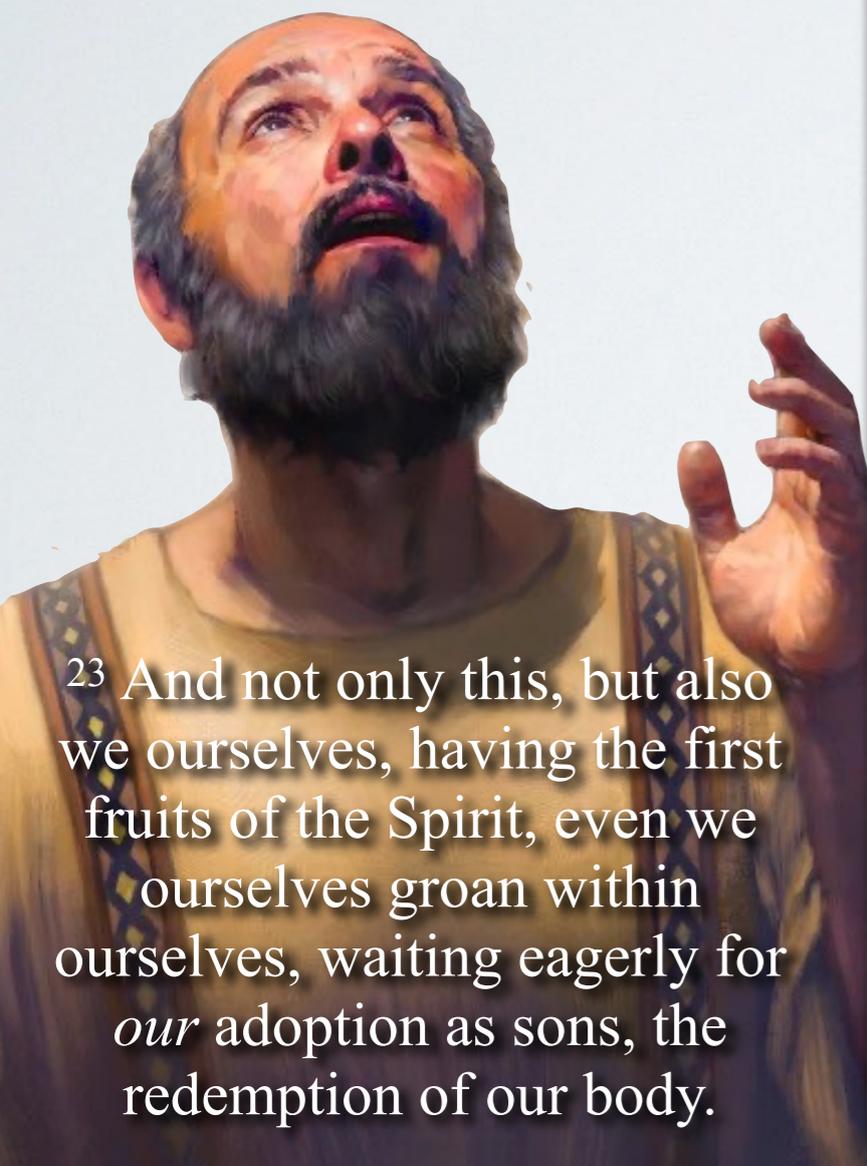
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- “Waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.”
- ▶ As children of God, they had received the “firstfruits of the Spirit,” i.e., they had been justified, sanctified, and washed. Rom. 6; 1 Cor. 6:11; 1 Pet. 1:18,19
- ▶ The Holy Spirit had confirmed and assured the future glorification which will come. Rom. 8:17,18; Col. 3:3,4; 2 Thess. 1:7-12; 1 Pet. 1:13; 1 John 3:2

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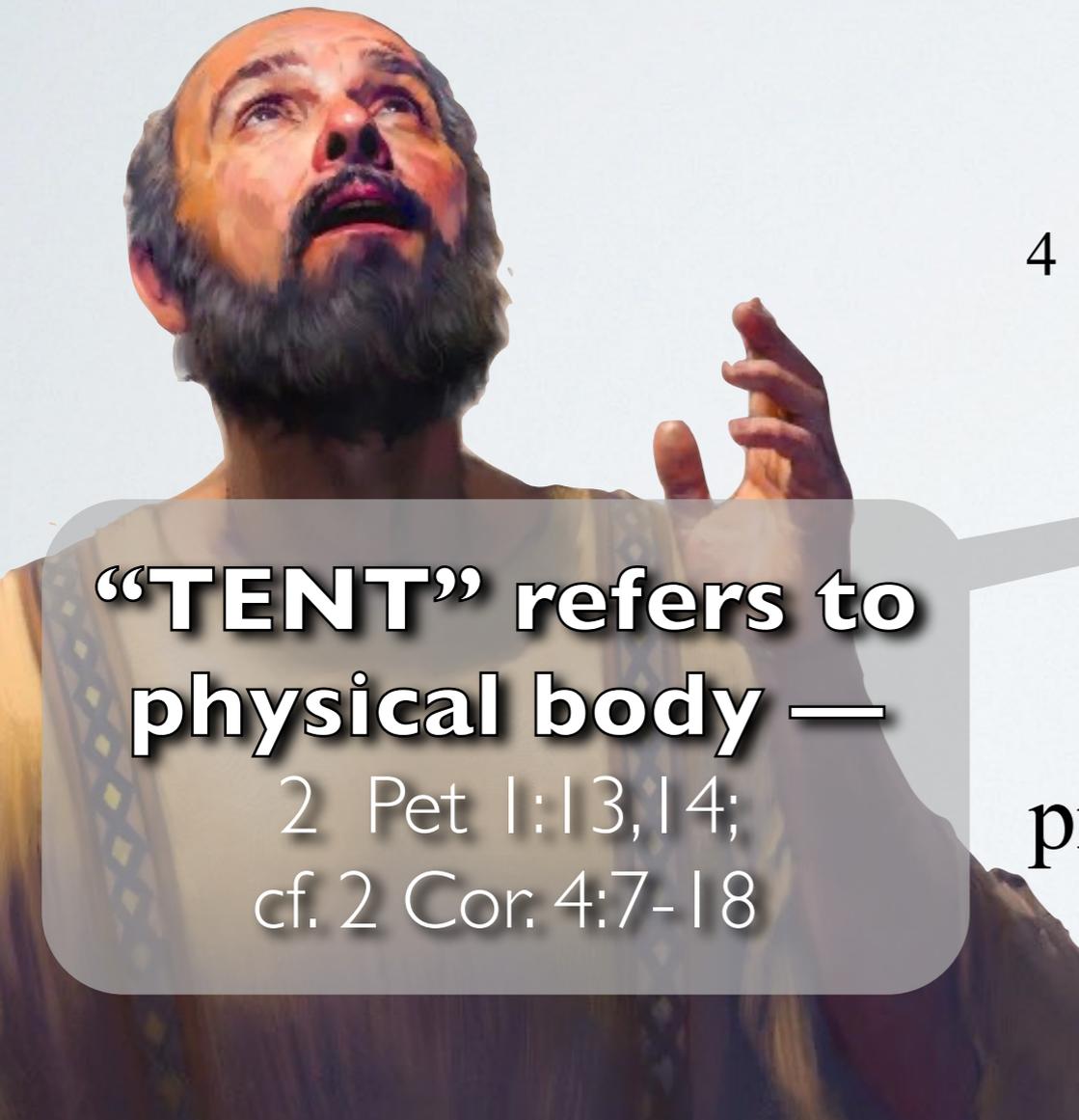
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“TENT” refers to physical body —

2 Pet 1:13,14;
 cf. 2 Cor. 4:7-18



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Paul depicts the life of the faithful child of God.

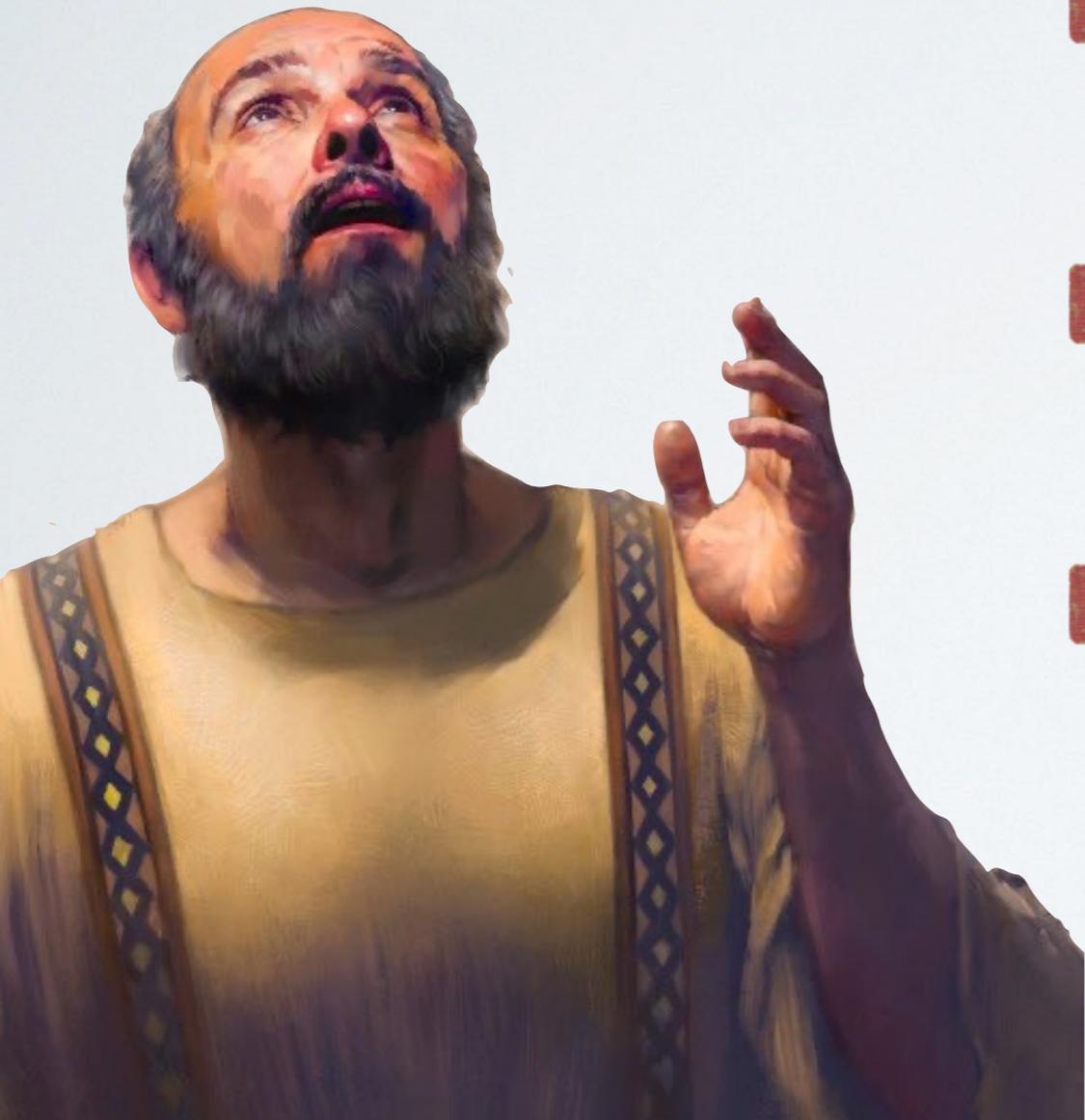
Paul **CANNOT** be speaking of the Jewish believer under the Law

Gal. 2:19,20; Rom. 7:6

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- Paul died to the Law & was ALIVE to God - Gal. 2:19,20
- Paul was released from the Law - Rom. 7:6; Rom 8:2
- Paul was NOT under the Law - he was not OBLIGATED to keep the Law in order to be pleasing to God! - 1 Cor. 9:20,21

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⁶ Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight—⁸ we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

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2 Cor. 4:7,10, 11; 5:1,4
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⁹ Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether **at home or absent**, to be pleasing to Him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his **deeds in the body**, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. ¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences.

We Are
**PILGRIMS on OUR
 WAY HOME —**

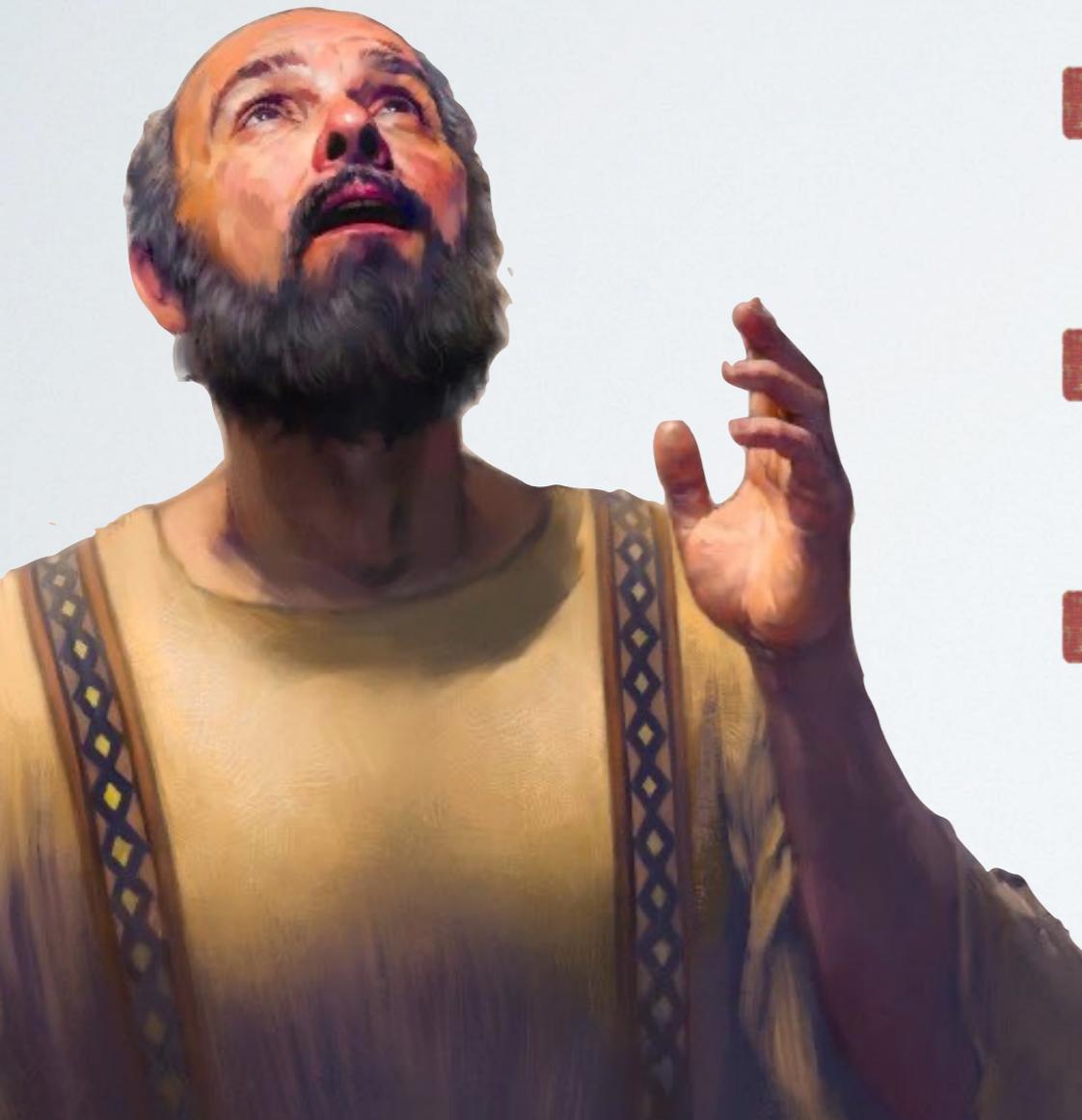
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- Vs. 6 - At home in the body = being absent from the Lord.
- Vs. 8 - Absent from the body = to be at home with the Lord.
- Vs. 9 - At HOME (with the Lord) OR ABSENT (in the body) - we are to be PLEASING TO THE LORD — Rom 14:18; Col 1:10; 1 Thess 4:1

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- But one CANNOT please God in the “FLESH” (Old Covenant) - Rom 8:8
- One CANNOT please God in spiritual fornication - Rom 7:1-6
- One CANNOT be in the SPIRIT and in the FLESH at the SAME TIME - Rom 7:2-6; 8:1-9
- The BODY of 2 Cor. 5 CANNOT be the O.C. body but MUST BE our physical body.

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In that same context, Paul writes, “Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent to be well-pleasing to the Lord.” (2 Corinthians 5:9). It is the transitioning Jewish body that Paul has in mind, not a new biological body in which he desired to be pleasing to the Lord. It is Paul’s Jewish existence in the body while the Law was still operating that is Paul’s subject.... Either with his Jewish existence or without it, his aim and goal was to be pleasing to the Lord. Paul was confident, that when the Jewish body changed, and he was absent from it, he would be “present with the Lord” (2 Corinthians 5:8). Let the reader be reminded, “there is one body.”

THE RESURRECTION

“FOR WE WHO ARE IN THIS TENT GROAN”

“our outer man is decaying.” (2 Cor. 4:16)

- earthen vessels (4:7)
- our body (4:10)
- mortal flesh (4:11)
- outer man (4:16)
- earthly tent (5:1)
- our house (5:1)
- this *house* (5:2)
- this tent (5:4)
- what is mortal (5:4)
- the body (5:6, 8, 10)

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THE RESURRECTION

CONSEQUENCES OF R.E. POSITION ON 2 COR. 4 & 5

- **The CHURCH was**
 - ▶ 2 "bodies" - Jew & Gentile (Rom 8:11)
 - ▶ Mortal - (4)
 - ▶ Absent from the Lord (6)
 - ▶ To walk by faith (7)

ALL HOPE REALIZED

- **The CHURCH is**
 - ▶ 1 Body (2)
 - ▶ Swallowed up by life (4)
 - ▶ Present with the Lord (6)
 - ▶ Walking by sight (7)



AD 30

"ABSENT"

AD 70

"At Home With The Lord"



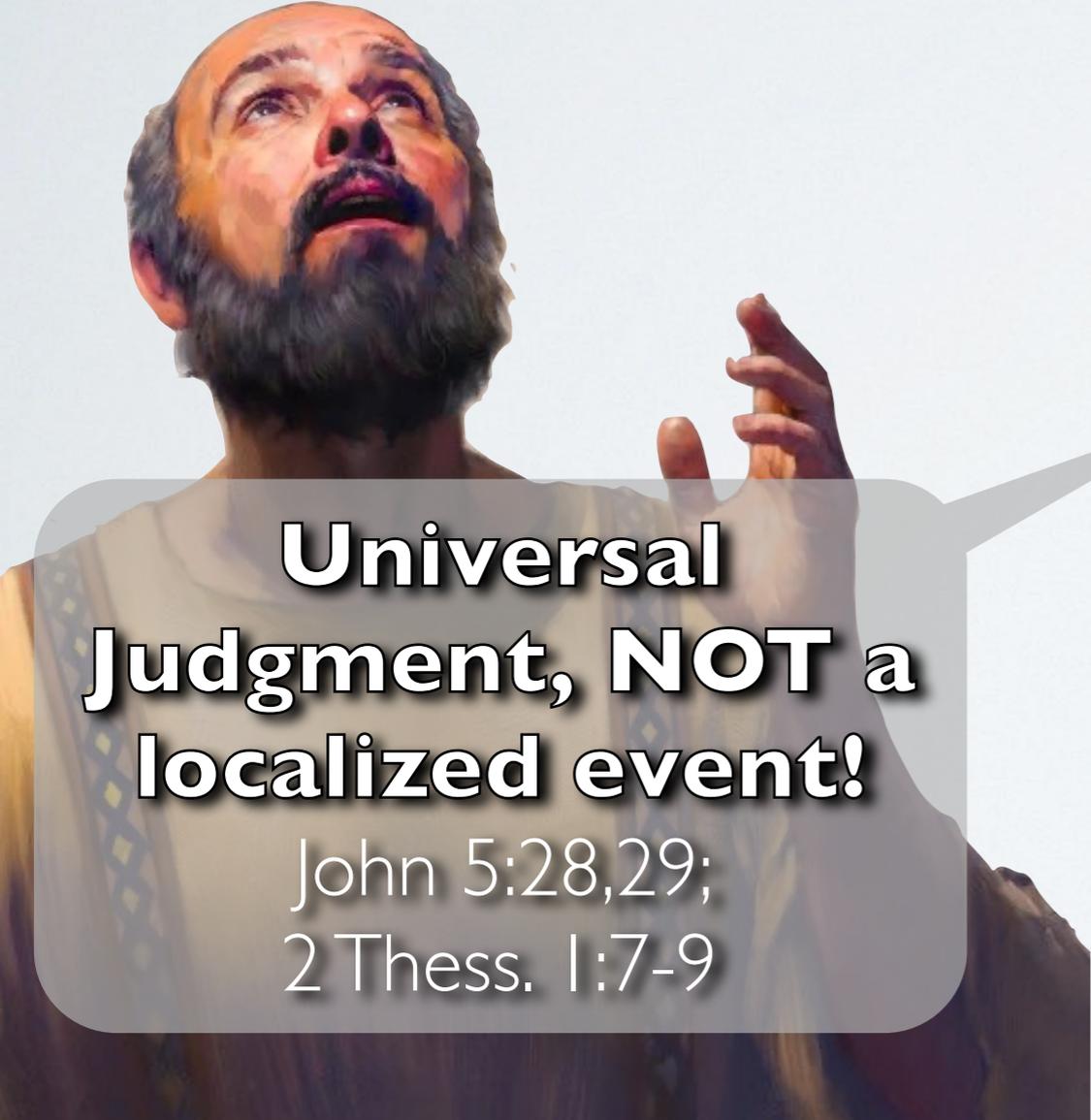
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Universal Judgment, NOT a localized event!
John 5:28,29;
2 Thess. 1:7-9

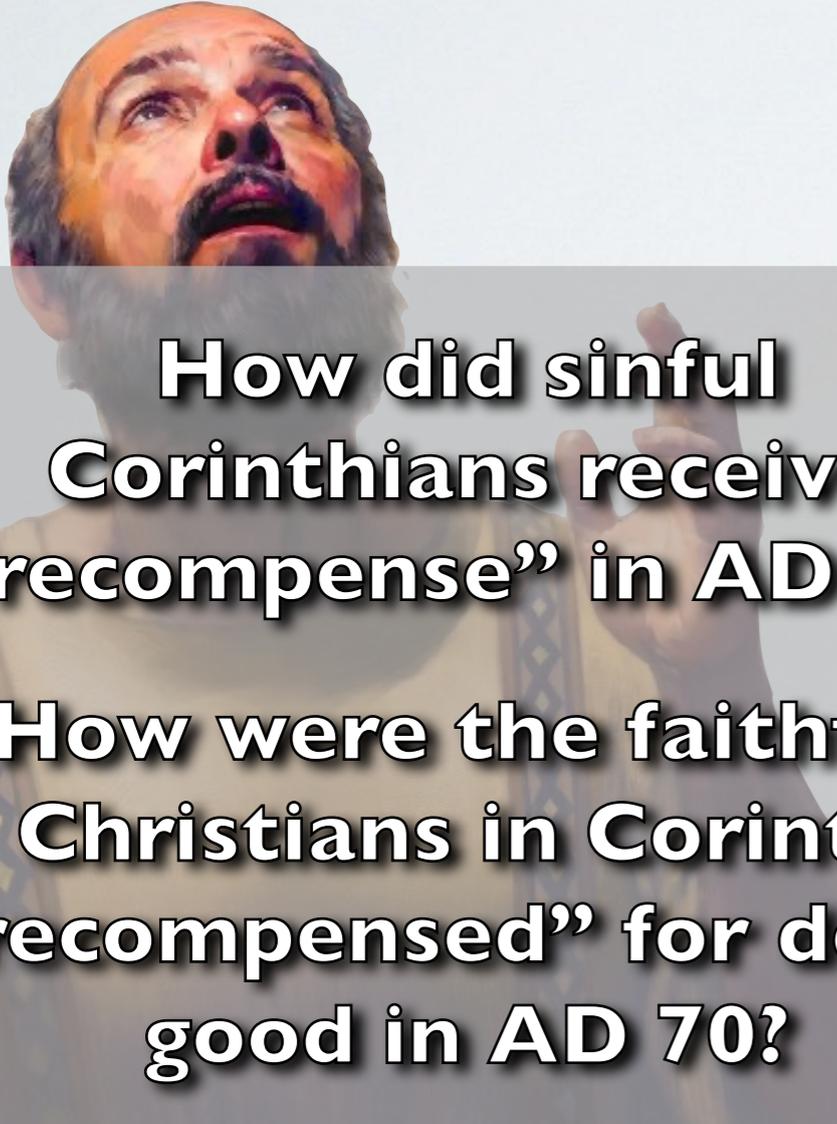
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- ◆ We agree the “we” of Paul’s statement refers to the same group of whom Paul said, “We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.”
- ◆ We also agree the phrase “the body” refers to the same body in both passages.
- ◆ It is absurd to argue that the term “body” in either passage refers to anything other than their personal, individual bodies.

THE RESURRECTION

THE BODY OF 1 CORINTHIANS 15



“The ‘we’ of Paul’s statement refer (sic) to those in the ‘body’ or the church.”

His PATTERN Argument DOES NOT WORK!

- 2 Cor. 5:8-10 “I say, and prefer rather to be absent from **the body** and to be at home with the Lord ... “each one may be recompensed for his deeds **in the body**”
- Rom. 8:23 “the redemption of **our body**”
- 1 Cor. 6:19,20 “**your body** is a temple ... glorify God in **your body**.”
- Phil. 3:21 “**the body** of our humble state into conformity with **the body** of His glory”



THE RESURRECTION

“FOR WE WHO ARE IN THIS TENT GROAN”

² For indeed in this *house* we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven,
³ inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked. — 2 Corinthians 5:2–3

Speaking to PAGAN
GENTILES!

ALL HUMANITY!

Every individual to repent in
view of the day of
JUDGMENT!

AD 70 & the destruction of
Jerusalem CANNOT be the
judgment in this passage!

Acts 17:30–31 (NASB95)

³⁰ “Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all *people* everywhere should repent, ³¹ because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”

THE RESURRECTION

“OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN”

¹¹ “in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.”
Philippians 3:11 (NASB95)

Philippians 3:20–21 (NASB95)

²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; ²¹ who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.



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Pre-AD 70 Christians actually had heavenly citizenship



- “Our” in Phil. 3:20 is distinct from the “dogs, evil workers” of Phil 3:2
- “Our” (Phil 3:20-21) = those who put no confidence in the flesh (Phil. 3:3)
- “Our” = those who know Christ Jesus as Lord
- “Our” = those who are actually in Him through faith and are justified/righteous

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- IF the pre AD 70 church was corrupted, defiled, vile because it was influenced by Judaism, why is the church today not corrupted, defiled, and vile because of the multiple false doctrines taught today?

THE RESURRECTION

“OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN”

ALREADY ...

**Philippians 3:20
(NASB95)**

²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

BUT NOT YET ...

**Philippians 3:21
(NASB95)**

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THE RESURRECTION

“OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN”

ALREADY ...

1 Peter 1:3–4 (NASB95)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

BUT NOT YET ...

1 Peter 1:3–4 (NASB95)

⁴ to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

THE RESURRECTION

“OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN”

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Philippians 3:11 (NASB95)

Philippians 3:21 (NASB95)

²¹ who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

- The body of our humble state must be a reference to our physical body and CANNOT refer to a corporate body.
- “Our body” (NKJV) is distinct from “the body of His glory” - Our body will be like Jesus’s glorified body (1 John 3:1,2).
- Just as Jesus’s humble body was glorified, our lowly body will also be glorified (Phil. 2:6-10; 3:10-11).

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²¹ who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

- Our present lowly body will be changed into a glorified body **LIKE** the already existing resurrected, personal, glorious body of Christ (1 Cor. 15:43, 49)
- Paul’s language DEMANDS distinct bodies - Jesus’s and ours (conformity [NASB] / like [ESV]).

THE RESURRECTION

“OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN”



“The transitional body of suffering and humiliation” was constantly being transformed so that it might be “fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things to himself” (Philippians 3:16). This is a picture of the church, not a picture of flesh and blood as the futurist avers.”

- **If the church is being transformed LIKE UNTO the glorious body of Jesus:**
 - ▶ The church was NOT glorious before AD 70.
 - ▶ The church is NOT His body, but LIKE His body (Will the church be “fashioned like unto” His church? Or will our personal bodies be changed like unto His personal, resurrected body?) (1 John 3:2)

THE RESURRECTION

“WE WILL MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR”

17 ... will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:17 (NASB95)

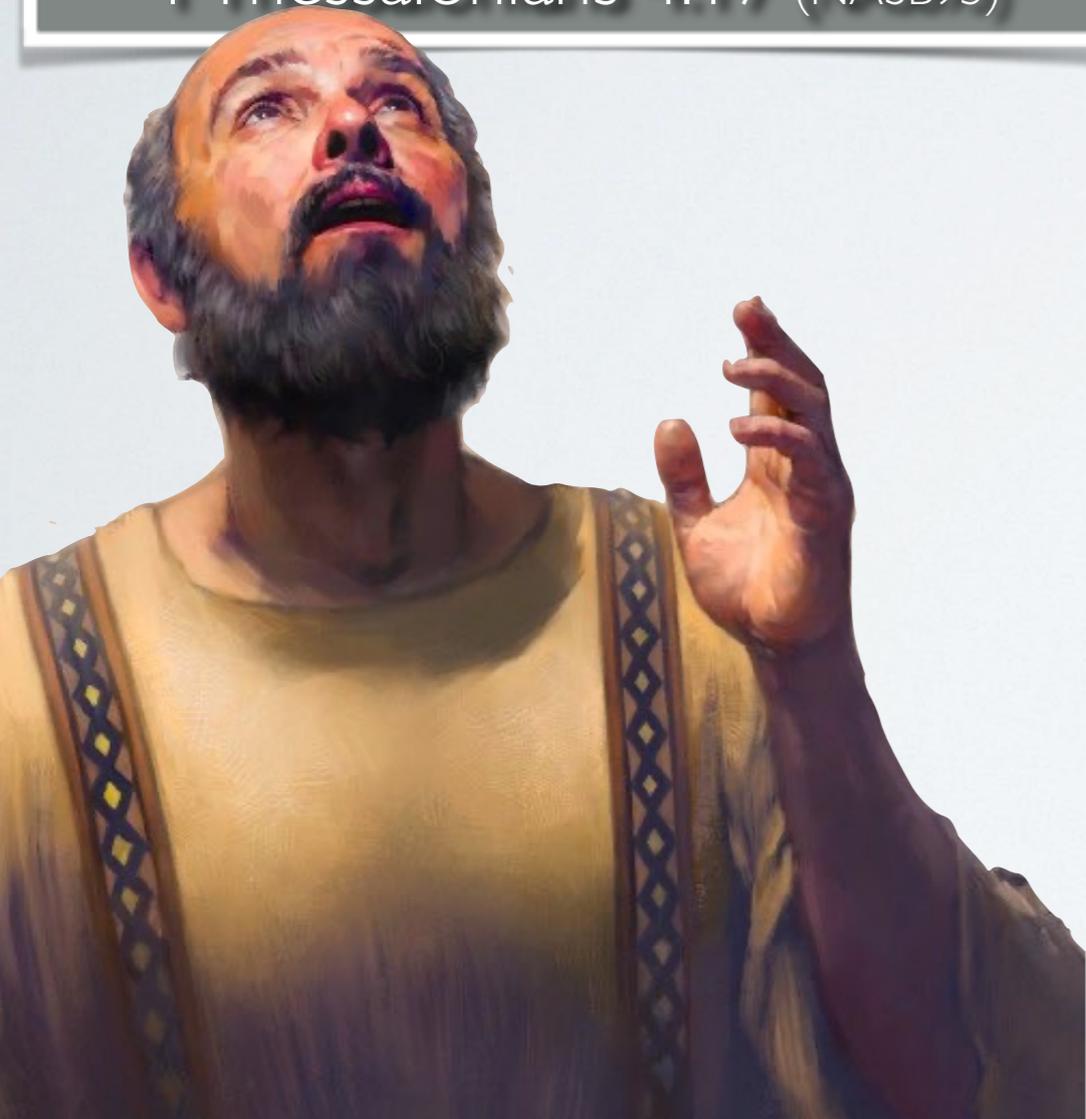
- The epistle to the Thessalonians is written to encourage those Christians who had “turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God” who were to “wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come” (1 Thess. 1:9-10).



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- There was a Jewish element in the church at Thessalonica (Acts 17:1-10).
- Yet, there are at least three reasons to conclude there was a significant Gentile element in the church at Thessalonica:
 - ▶ They had turned from serving idols to serving the living God (1:8-10).
 - ▶ Gentiles were struggling with sexual immorality (1 Thess. 4:1-6).
 - ▶ First Thessalonians focuses on issues confronting Gentile believers (2:14; 4:3,5; Acts 17:5-9)

DISTANCE FROM JERUSALEM 1,504.34 MILES By Car



Thessalonica

Jerusalem

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Thessalonica

- Gentile believers did not need to be rescued from the destruction of Jerusalem (1:10).
- The destruction of Jerusalem would not cause Gentile Christians to be “quickly shaken” (2 Thess. 2:1-2).
- The Thessalonians were already **spiritually living** with the Lord (1 Thess. 1:3,6; 5:10).
- It would be absurd for Paul to warn these Gentile Christians about the need of their “spirit, soul and body” being “preserved complete, without blame” because Jerusalem will be destroyed (5:23; cf. 2:19-20; 3:13)

Jerusalem

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Amman

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THE RESURRECTION

“WE WILL MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR”

will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; — 4:13

■ I Thessalonians 4:13-18

- ▶ The contrast is between those who are physically alive and physically dead – 13
- ▶ Christians needed to be informed about what happens when believers die physically. — 13
- ▶ Paul is encouraging all of the Thessalonian believers (Jewish and Gentile) regarding those who had died (“asleep”), lest they “grieve as those who have no hope.” — 13; (cf. Eph. 2:5-8, 12; 1 Cor. 15:19)

I Thessalonians 4:13 (NASB95)

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.

THE RESURRECTION

“WE WILL MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR”

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■ **I Thessalonians 4:13-18**

- ▶ Paul clarifies that those who “have fallen asleep in Jesus” are saved and secure thanks to the death and resurrection of Christ (14).
- ▶ Those who had “fallen asleep in Jesus” were Christians who had died (Jn. 11:24; Acts 8:2).
- ▶ Jesus “died” physically and he arose bodily (4:14; cf. Ro. 8:11)

I Thessalonians 4:14 (NASB95)

¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

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■ **I Thessalonians 4:13-18**

- ▶ They had future hope of a bodily resurrection because Jesus Himself had been raised bodily as the first fruits of a future harvest (14; cf. 1 Cor. 15:20-23).
- ▶ “We who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord,” — Those physically alive when Jesus comes again will be transformed /changed (1 Cor. 15:51-54) and will not “precede” those who have “fallen asleep,” i.e. physically died.

1 Thessalonians 4:15 (NASB95)

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- ▶ What does he mean by “will not precede” if this section was fulfilled in A.D. 70?
- ▶ Those in Christ were already spiritually alive (1:8-10)!
- ▶ Did all those Christians who were physically alive in A.D. 70 enter heaven when Jerusalem was destroyed?

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■ I Thessalonians 4:13-18

- ▶ Is there ANY ASPECT of ANY PROMISE God has made to His people that is to be fulfilled in our future?
- ▶ Do we PRESENTLY have EVERYTHING God has promised His people?
- ▶ What place does **HOPE** have in Realized Eschatology?

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■ **I Thessalonians 4:13-18**

- ▶ “For the Lord Himself will descend...” (16)
- ▶ The phrase offers an intensifier to distinguish the Lord’s personal appearance from an appearance through human representation (1 Thess. 1:9; 2:1; 3:3, 11; 4:9, 23; Heb. 2:13, 18; 13:5)

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▶ **“From heaven...” (16)**

▶ Acts 1:9-11 — Jesus would return the same way he left in his ascension — He left with a glorified resurrection body and will return in the same body! — Phil. 3:20,21

▶ He literally ascended into the air, therefore His return will literally be in the air — Acts 1:11

▶ “This same Jesus,” (see Acts 2:22-36), will return visibly and audibly! — Acts 1:11; I Thess. 4:16; John 5:28,29

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Acts 1:9–11 (NASB95)

⁹ And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. ¹¹ They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

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■ Acts 1:9-11

- ▶ Luke’s description of Jesus’ ascension is a straightforward historical narrative – with emphasis on the presence of **eyewitnesses**.
- ▶ The disciples were literally “looking at Him” (9) just as the angel said, “... as you have watched Him go to heaven” (11). (BAGD, “absolute” re: definition of “saw (blepo)” (BAGD, xxxix).
- ▶ It should also be noted they were “looking,” “gazing,” and “saw.”

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■ Acts 1:9-11

- ▶ Jesus ascended to the point that he was taken “out of their sight,” meaning he was previously in their sight.
- ▶ Jesus Himself is not currently visible, but will **descend** and once again be “in our sight” (Acts 1:9,11; 1 Thess. 4:16; 2 Thess. 1:7-10)

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THE RESURRECTION

“WE WILL MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR”

FOR THE LORD HIMSELF WILL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN

Acts 1:9-11 (NASB95)

“As they were
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Bodily Ascent
(11; Luke 24:39)



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THE RESURRECTION

“WE WILL MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR”

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Acts 1:9-11 & 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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“the **coming** of the
Lord” (15)

“the Lord Himself will
descend from heaven” (16)

“**caught up** together with
them **in the clouds to**
meet the Lord in the
air” (17)

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THE RESURRECTION

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THE RESURRECTION

“WE WILL MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR”

SINCE

- Jesus will return **bodily** and **visibly**
(Acts 1:9-11; 1 Th. 4:13-18)

BUT

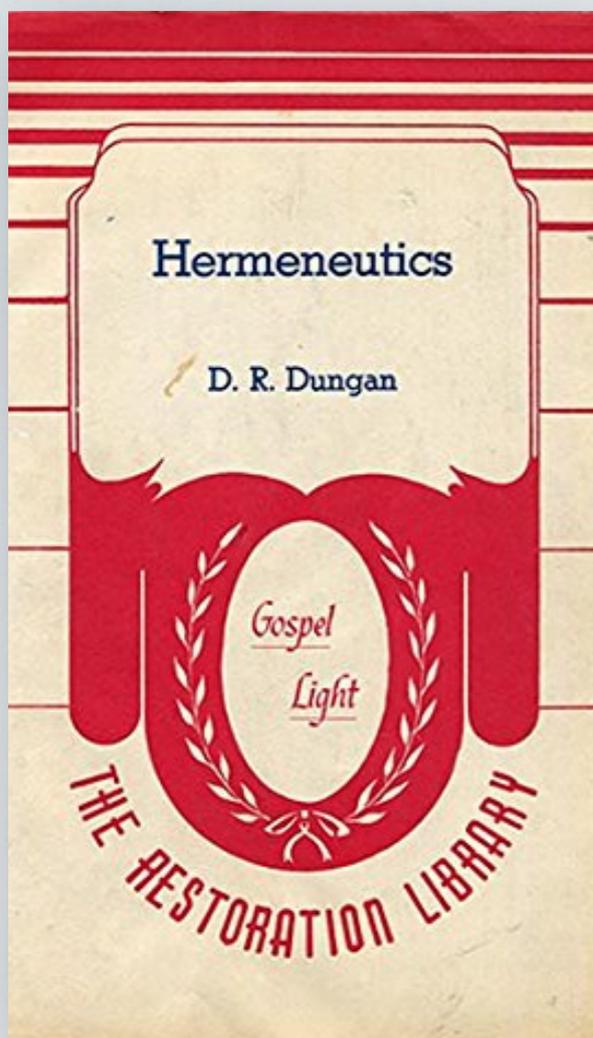
- Jesus **did not return** bodily and visibly in
AD 70

THEN

- Therefore, Jesus will return bodily and
visibly at **some future time**

THE RESURRECTION

“WE WILL MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR”



D. R. Dungan: “Rule 8. It must be remembered that figures are not always used with the same meaning.--A lion may not always symbolize the same thought, nor need a sheep, water, or fire always be employed for the purpose of expressing the same calamity or blessing.

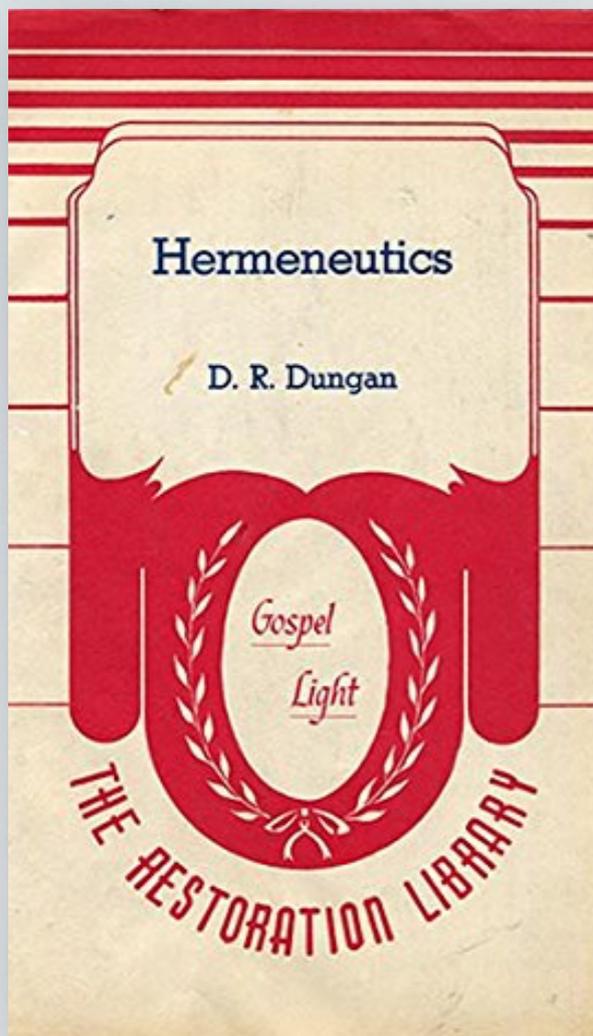
“There is a very grave error among an untaught class of exegetes in compelling every word that has, at any time, been used figuratively, to always represent the same thought as in that passage.”

(Hermeneutics, 216)

D.R. Dungan Page
216,217 Rule 8

THE RESURRECTION

“WE WILL MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR”



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D. R. Dungan: “Many seem disposed to regard themselves as at liberty to make anything out of the Bible which their theology may demand or their whims require. And if, at any time, they find a passage that will not harmonize with that view, then the next thing is to find one or more words in the text used elsewhere in a figurative sense, and then demand that such be the Biblical dictionary on the meaning of that word, and hence that it must be the meaning in that place.”
(Hermeneutics, 217)

THE RESURRECTION

“WE WILL MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR”

COMING BODILY & VISIBLY?



- Coming in His Kingdom (Mt. 16:28)
- Sending the Holy Spirit (Joh. 14:18)
- Judgment on Jerusalem (Mt. 23:37-39)
- Coming to preach to Gentiles (Joh. 2:17)
- Coming to bless orthodox churches (Rev. 1:6, 25; 3:3, 11; 16:1; 22:7, 12, 20)
- Coming to punish persecutors (Rev. 11:16-18)

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■ I Thessalonians 4:13-18

▶ **“with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God...” (16)**

▶ “With a shout” – (16; cf. Jn 5:28-29).

▶ “With the voice of the archangel” – Angels will accompany Christ when he returns (16; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).

I Thessalonians 4:16 (NASB95)

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■ I Thessalonians 4:13-18

▶ **“with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God...” (16)**

▶ “With the trump of God” - used in a plurality of ways in Scripture. This context is pointing to the future, personal, visible, bodily coming of Jesus (1 Cor. 15:52).

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■ I Thessalonians 4:13-18

▶ **“the dead in Christ will rise first.” (16b)**

▶ The Thessalonians’ concern was over the **dead who are in Christ** (16)

▶ **MUST** be a reference to physical death **NOT** spiritual! (13-15)

▶ They were already spiritually alive **in Christ!** (Eph. 2:4-8; Col. 2:11-13).



I Thessalonians 4:16b, 17 (NASB95) and the dead in Christ will rise first.
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■ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

▶ **“Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together” (17a)**

▶ Those physically alive will be “caught up together” — (those believers who are physically alive qualifies the “WE” - whoever they are)

▶ Those physically alive when Jesus comes again will be “caught up together with” those Christians who had physically died.

▶ Not a uniting, but a REUNITING!

THE RESURRECTION

“CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS”

will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, — 4:13

■ I Thessalonians 4:13-18

▶ **“together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air” (17a)**

▶ To explain away literal passages by laying figurative passages over them is hermeneutically flawed!

▶ The reason some of this language can be used figuratively is because it is grounded in a reality.



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THE RESURRECTION

“CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS”

“GATHERING” DOES NOT ALWAYS (if ever) REFER TO THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM

**Genesis 49:10
(NASB95)**

¹⁰ “The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him *shall be* the obedience of the peoples.

- ▶ This passage is clearly Messianic and points to Jesus as King.
- ▶ However, the word translated as “gathering” actually means “obedience, cleansing, purging” (ASV, NASB, NKJV).

THE RESURRECTION

“CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS”

**“GATHERING” DOES NOT ALWAYS (if ever)
REFER TO THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM**

**Psalm 102:22
(NASB95)**

**22 When the peoples
are gathered
together, And the
kingdoms, to serve
the Lord.**

- ▶ This psalm simply affirms that God will be with all generations and desires the unity of His people.
- ▶ There is nothing explicit that indicates it is eschatological, but if it is such was fulfilled in the early church prior to A.D. 70.

THE RESURRECTION

“CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS”

“GATHERING” DOES NOT ALWAYS (if ever) REFER TO THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM

Isaiah 11:12 (NASB95)

¹² And He will lift up a standard for the nations
And assemble the banished ones of Israel,
And will gather the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.

- ▶ This was fulfilled **BEFORE** A.D. 70 (Rom. 10:12; Rom. 5:10-11).
- ▶ Paul does not describe the gathering of the remnant of Israel or the reconciliation of Jew and Gentile as something that would come in A.D. 70.
- ▶ Rather he claims that “through the death of His Son” they HAD been reconciled and already received the reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:17,18)

THE RESURRECTION

“CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS”

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**Isaiah 40:11
(NASB95)**

¹¹ Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, In His arm He will gather the lambs And carry *them* in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

- ▶ This too speaks of Jesus as the Messianic Shepherd.
- ▶ Earlier in the chapter we find the text that will be applied in the N.T. to the work of John the Baptist (Isa. 40:3-5; Luke 3:4-6).
- ▶ Jesus is described as the Shepherd (John 10:9-16) and the church is depicted as the flock of the Good Shepherd (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2) prior to A.D. 70.

THE RESURRECTION

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“GATHERING” DOES NOT ALWAYS (if ever) REFER TO THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM

**Jeremiah 31:10
(NASB95)**

¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, And declare in the coastlands afar off, And say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him And keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.”

- ▶ This is a Messianic text – later in 31:31-34 speaks of the New Covenant.
- ▶ This remnant is spoken of in Romans 9-11.
- ▶ Jews who believed in Christ were already reconciled to God prior to A.D. 70 (Rom. 5:9-10; Eph 2:11-22).

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**Ezekiel 34:13
(NASB95)**

¹³ “I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the streams, and in all the inhabited places of the land.

- ▶ Once again this verse has Messianic overtones, but it was accomplished at the cross and in the gospel of Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 5:18-20).
- ▶ Whether Jew or Gentile, those in Christ were already ONE in Christ (Gal. 3:28; 1 Cor. 12:13)

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Ezekiel 37:21–22 (NASB95)

²¹ I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; ²² and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king will be king for all of them; and they will no longer be two nations and no longer be divided into two kingdoms.

- ▶ This unity of one people under the Messiah occurred before A.D. 70. See Eph. 2:11-22; 1 Peter 2:9
- ▶ Jewish and Gentile believers were already in the kingdom of Christ (Col. 1:13)

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Hosea 1:10 (NASB95)

¹⁰ Yet the number of the sons of Israel Will be like the sand of the sea, Which cannot be measured or numbered; And in the place Where it is said to them, “You are not My people,” It will be said to them, “*You are the sons of the living God.*”

- ▶ Believers were considered “sons of the living God” well before A.D. 70
- ▶ Paul’s use of the text once again demonstrates the redefinition of the true Israel as those who obey the truth (Rom. 9:25-27)

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Micah 2:12 (NASB95)

¹² “I will surely assemble all of you, Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of Israel. I will put them together like sheep in the fold; Like a flock in the midst of its pasture They will be noisy with men.

- ▶ Again this happened before A.D. 70 (John 10:1-11, 14-18; 1 Pet. 5:4)
- ▶ Believers were united in Christ through His death & resurrection (John 10:16-18; Eph. 2:16)

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Isaiah 2:2–3 (NASB95)

² Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the Lord Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. ³ And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths.” For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

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Isaiah 2:2–4 (NASB95)

² ... In the last days ... And all the nations will stream to it. ... For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ... ⁴ they will hammer their swords into plowshares

- ▶ “Latter days” cf. Heb. 9:26
- ▶ “Many nations” cf. Eph. 2:15-16
- ▶ Peace – Eph. 2:17-19
- ▶ “the law will go forth from Zion ...” (Acts 1:8; 2:1).
- ▶ “The Lord will reign over them in Mt. Zion forever” (Col. 1:13; Dan. 2:44).

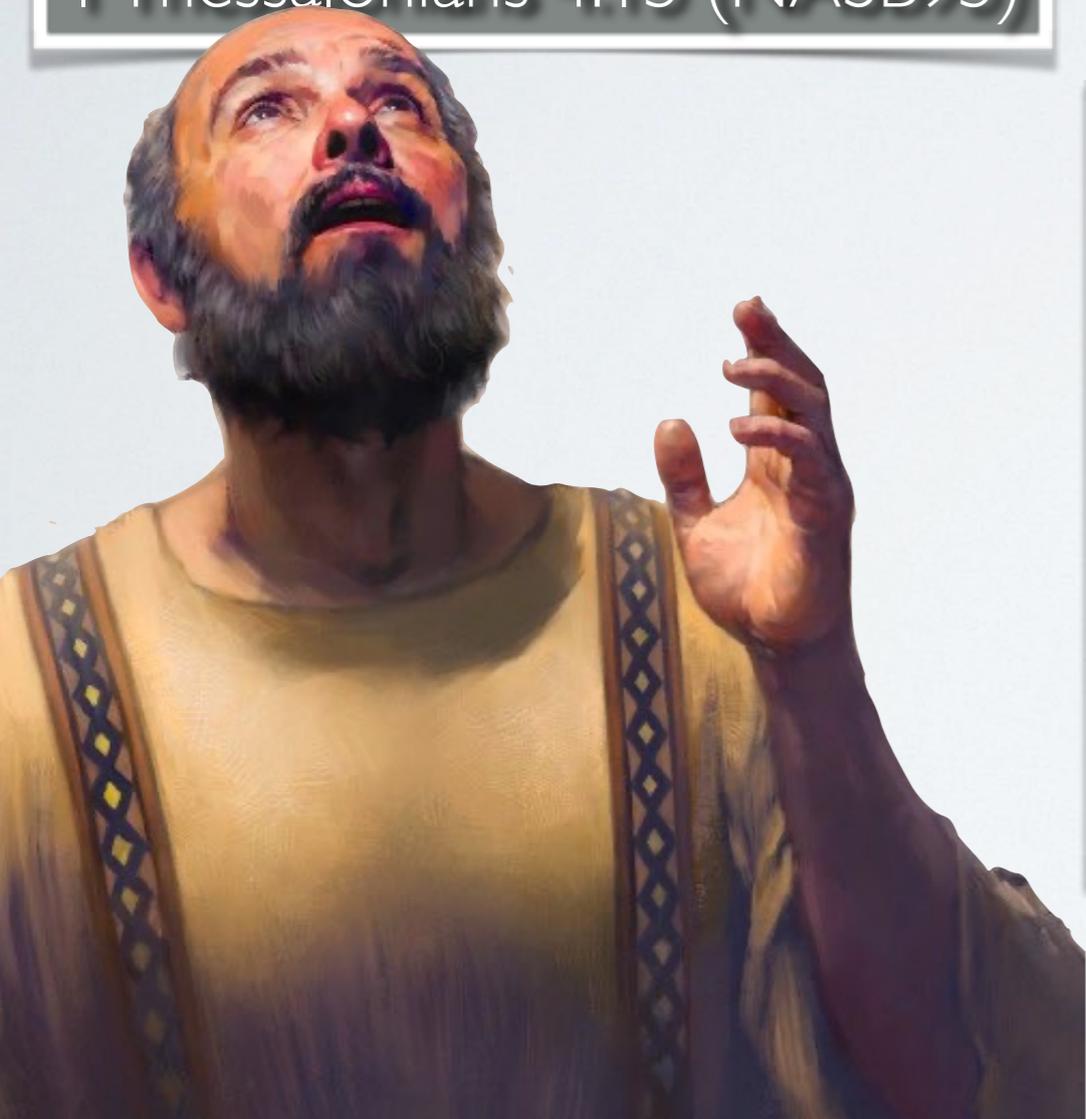
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I Thessalonians 4:15 (NASB95)

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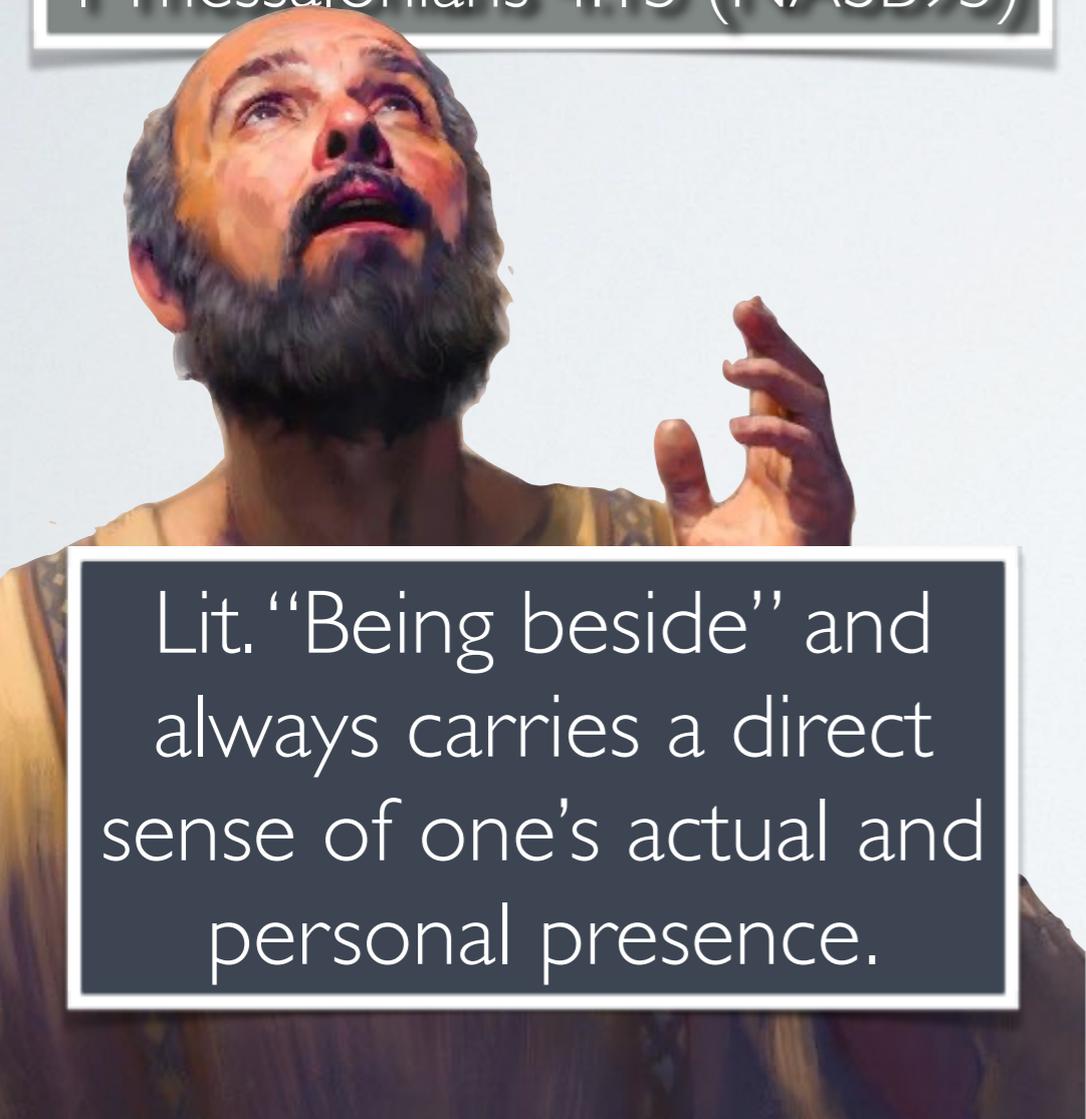
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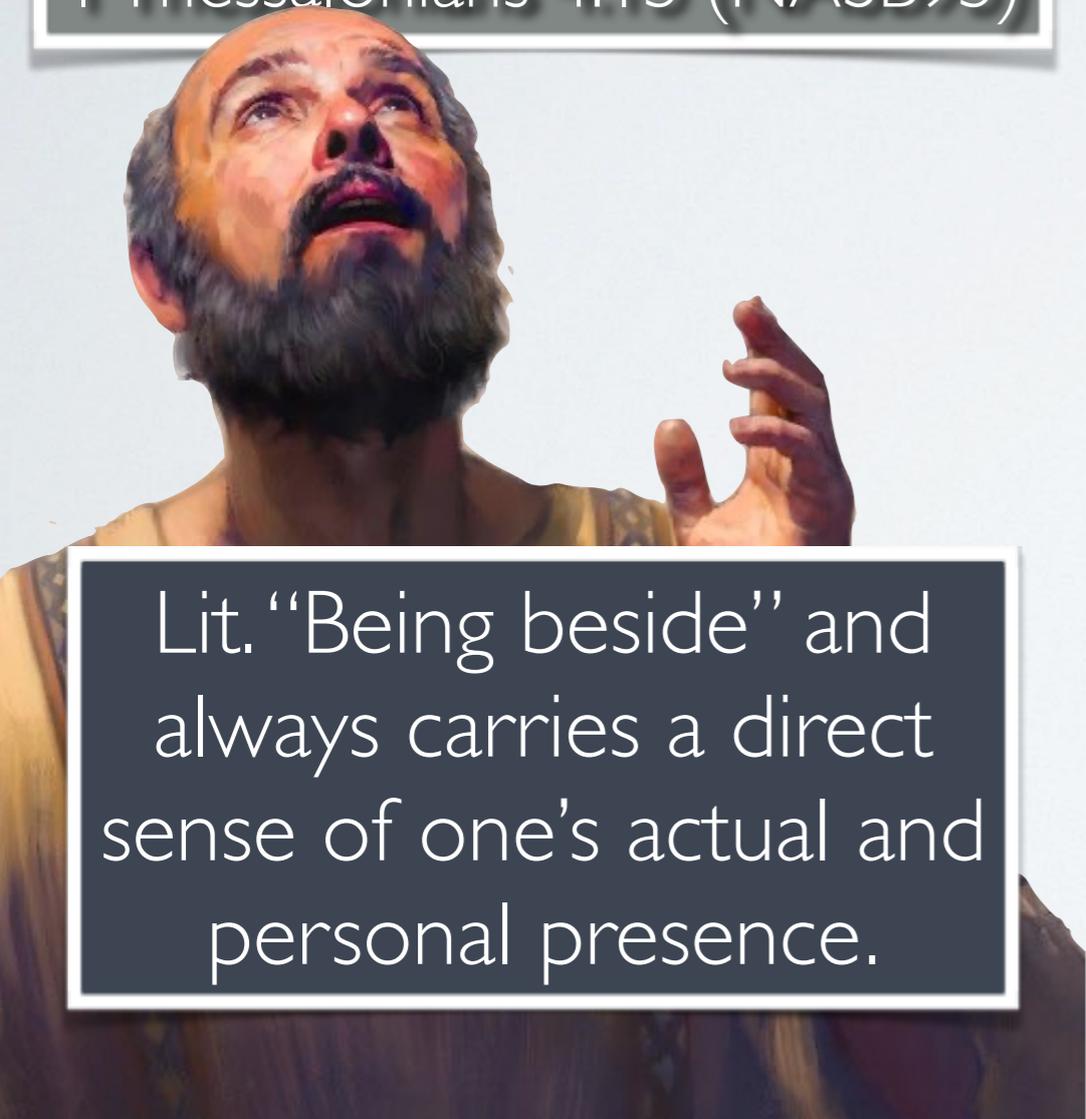
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- ▶ Matthew 24:3: “...What will be the sign of your **coming**, and of the end of the world (age)?”
- ▶ Matthew 24:27: “For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the **coming** of the Son of Man be.”
- ▶ Matthew 24:37: “For the **coming** of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah”
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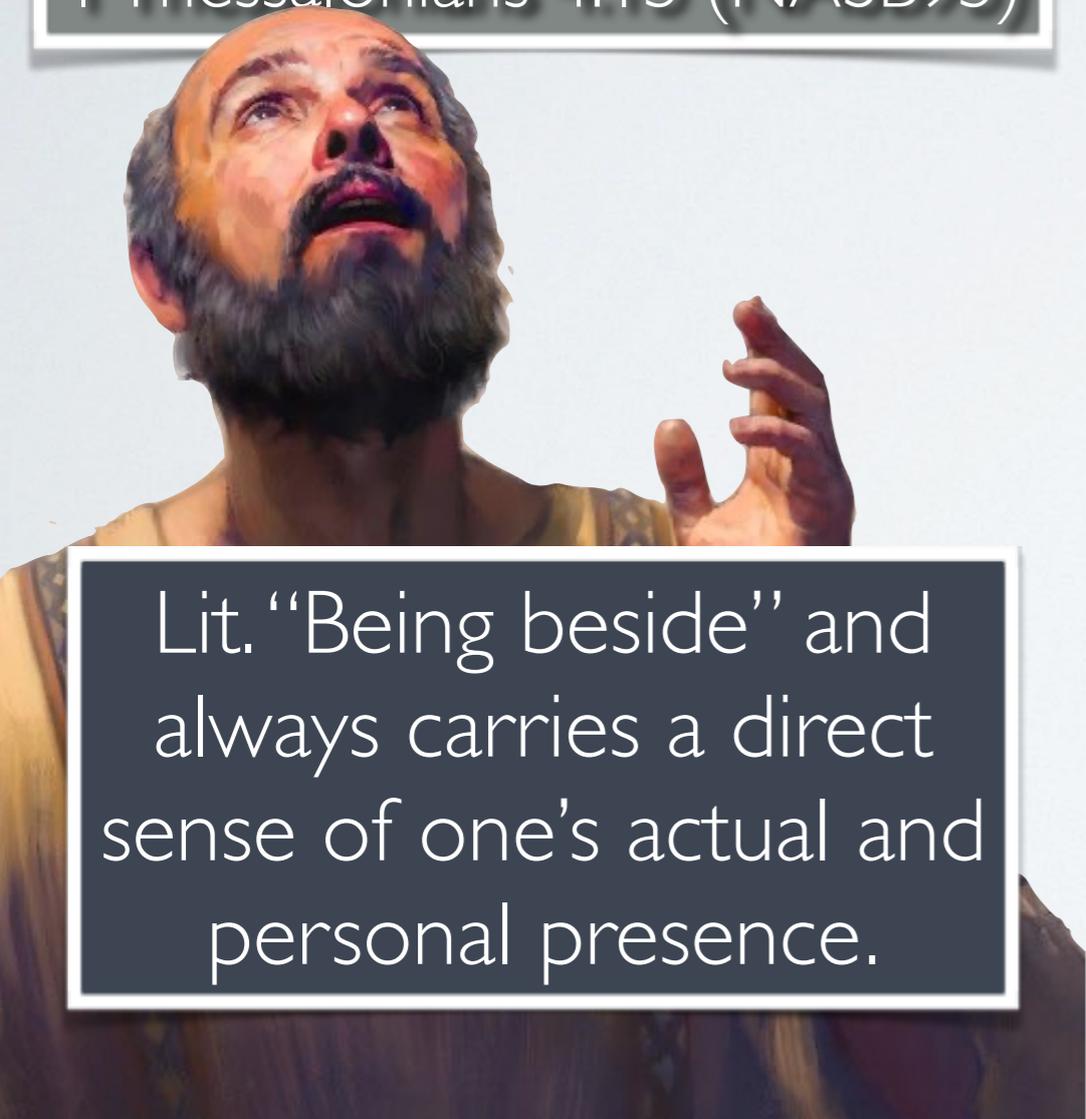
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- ▶ I Corinthians 15:23: “For each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ’s at His **coming**.”
- ▶ I Thessalonians 2:19: “For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His **coming**?”
- ▶ I Thessalonians 3:13: “...So that we may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the **coming** of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.”

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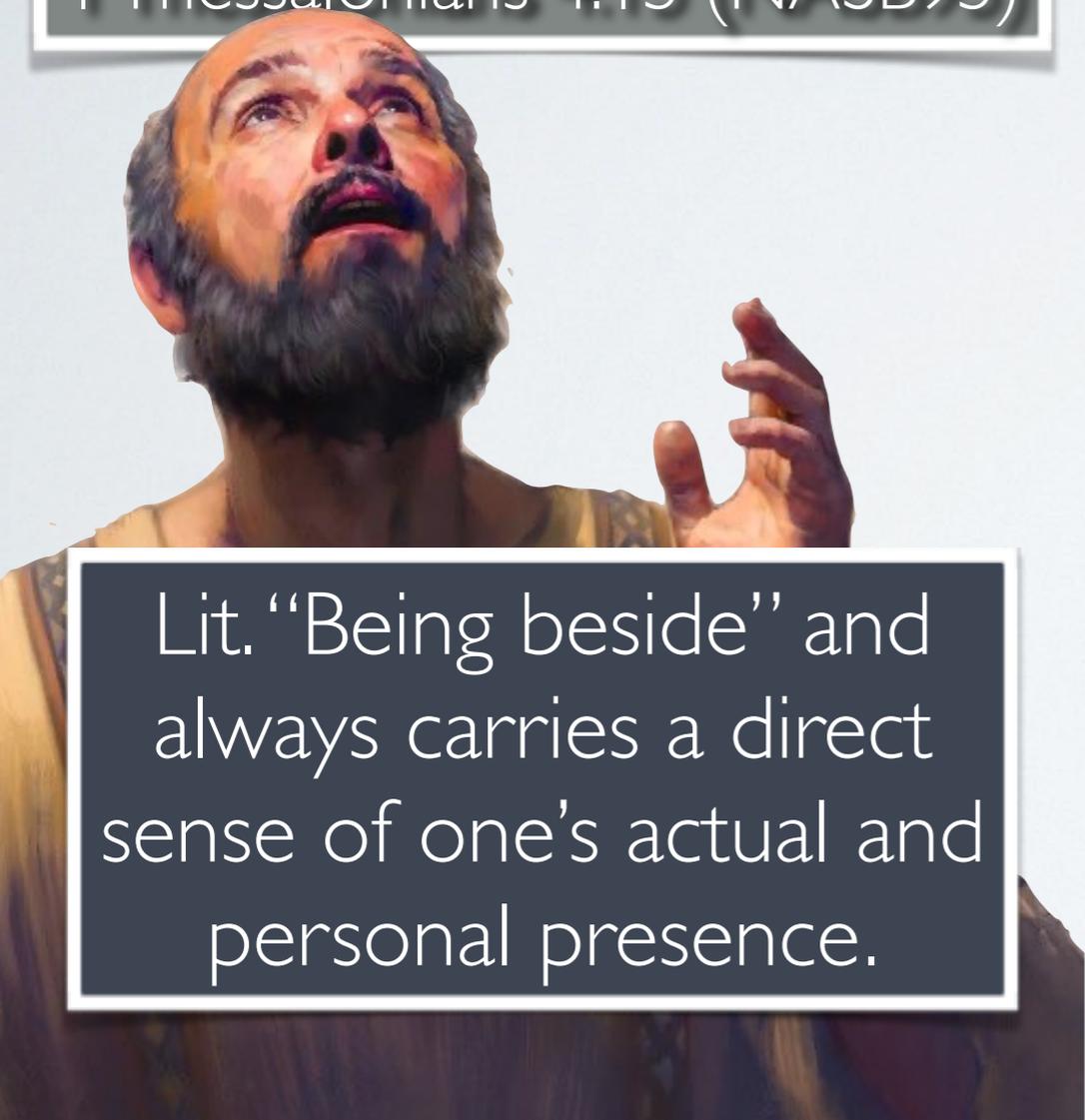
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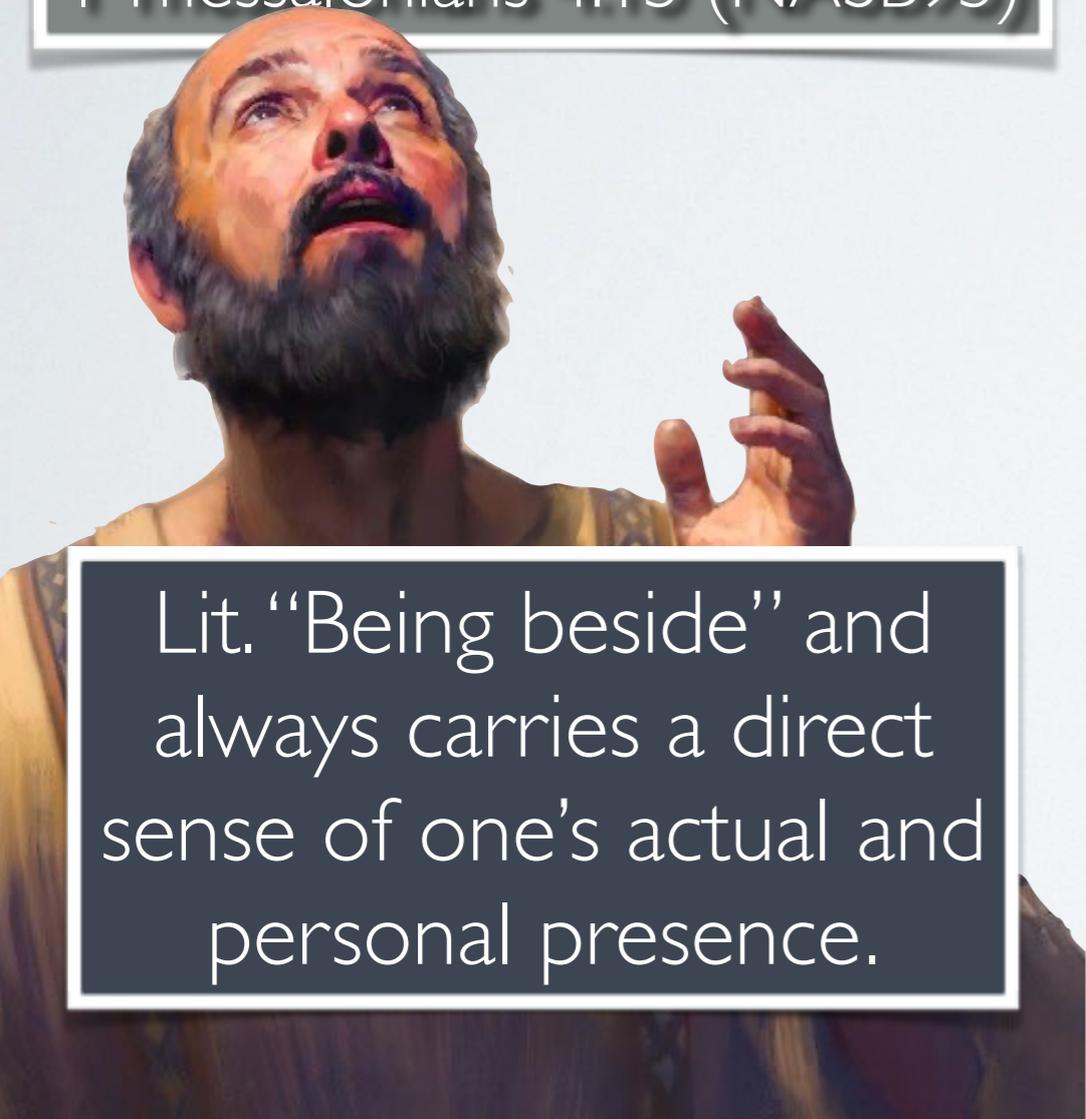
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- ▶ 2 Thessalonians 2:1: “Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him.”
- ▶ 2 Thessalonians 2: 8-9: “Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His **coming**; that is, the one whose **coming** is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders...”

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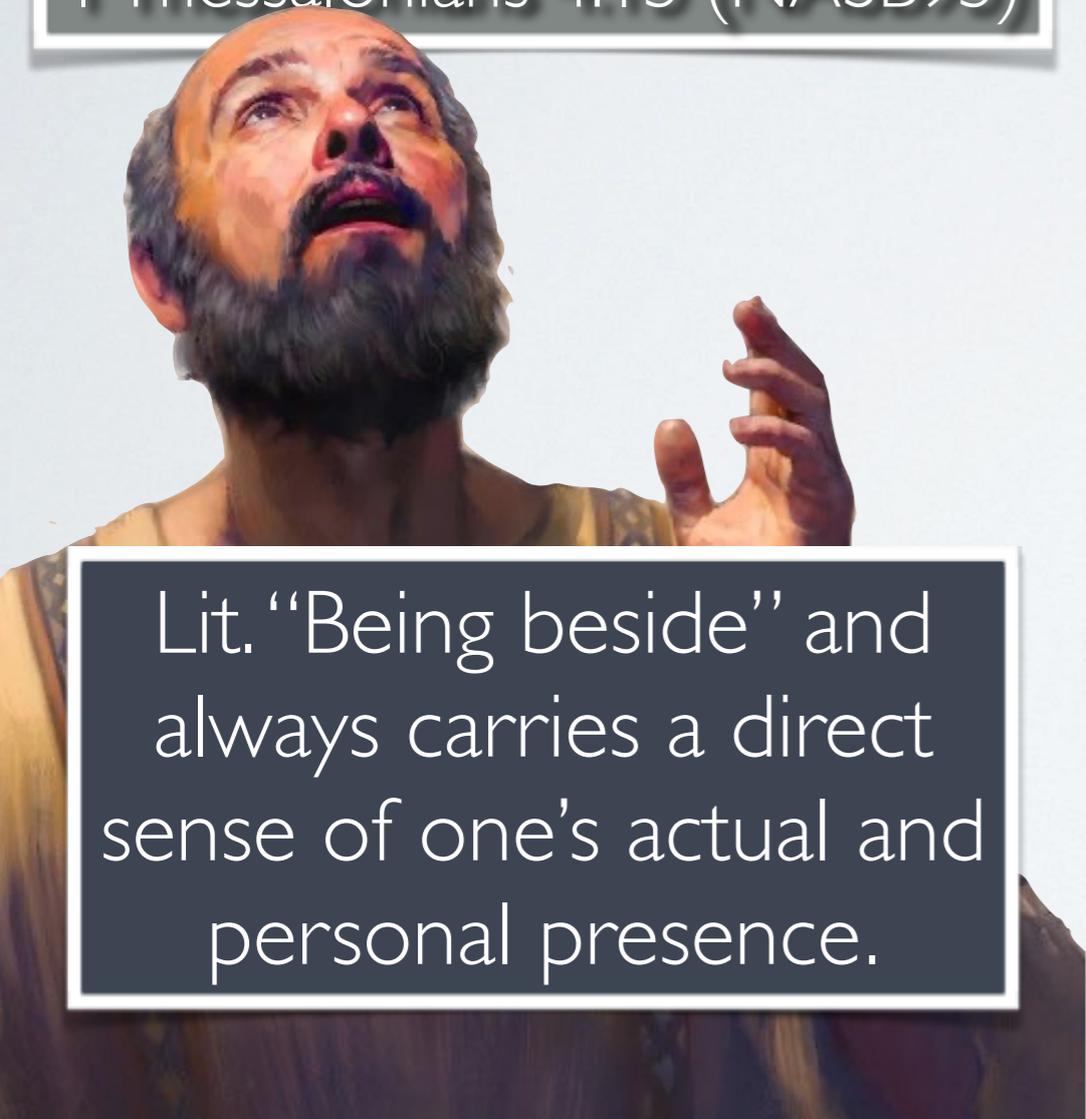
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- ▶ James 5:7, 8: “... be patient, brethren, until the **coming** of the Lord... You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.”
- ▶ 2 Peter 1:16: “For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.”
- ▶ 2 Peter 3:4: “And saying, ‘Where is the promise of His **coming**? ...’”

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- ▶ 2 Peter 3:12: “Looking for and hastening the **coming** of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat.”
- ▶ 1 John 2:28: “Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have the confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His **coming**.”

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (NASB95)

(W/ R.E. INTERPRETATION IN PARENTHESIS)

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, (*Old Testament Saints*), so that you will not grieve, (*over Old Testament Saints*), as do the rest who have no hope, (_____???). ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus, (*Old Testament saints like Abraham, Isaac, John the B., Stephen & James ...*). ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, (*Figurative coming in A.D. 70*), will not precede those who have fallen asleep, (*Old Testament saints like Abraham, Isaac, John the B., Stephen & James ...*).

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (NASB95)

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¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend, (*not really Himself but figuratively*) from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, (*all referencing God's judgment on Jerusalem through Rome*), and the dead in Christ, (*Old Testament saints like Abraham, Isaac, John the B., Stephen & Paul ...*), will rise first, (*non-bodily*). ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together, (*figuratively*), with them in the (*figurative*) clouds to meet the Lord in the air, (*figuratively, receiving full forgiveness in the N.C.*), and so we shall always be with the Lord, (*Post A.D. 70 [OSAS?]*). ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words. (*which will be fulfilled in A.D. 70*)

“The Man of Sin” According To Brother Neubauer

A Jewish High Priest?



“In 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4 reference is made to the “man of sin” who “sitteth in the temple of God.”

Nero never sat in the temple of God, but the High Priest surely did.”

Holger Neubauer - <http://westsidecoc.org/jm/index.php/study/21-studies-by-holger-neubauer/71-666-nero-pope-or-high-priest>

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Has to **PROVE:**

- The “temple of God” refers to the Jewish Temple & a Jewish Priest (which is inconsistent with his use of the term “body.”)
- Corrupt Judaism was growing both weaker and stronger in its “lawless” influence.
- There was a historical mass apostasy among Christians before A.D. 70 (within 20 years).
- The destruction of this priest would have a direct effect on the Thessalonians.

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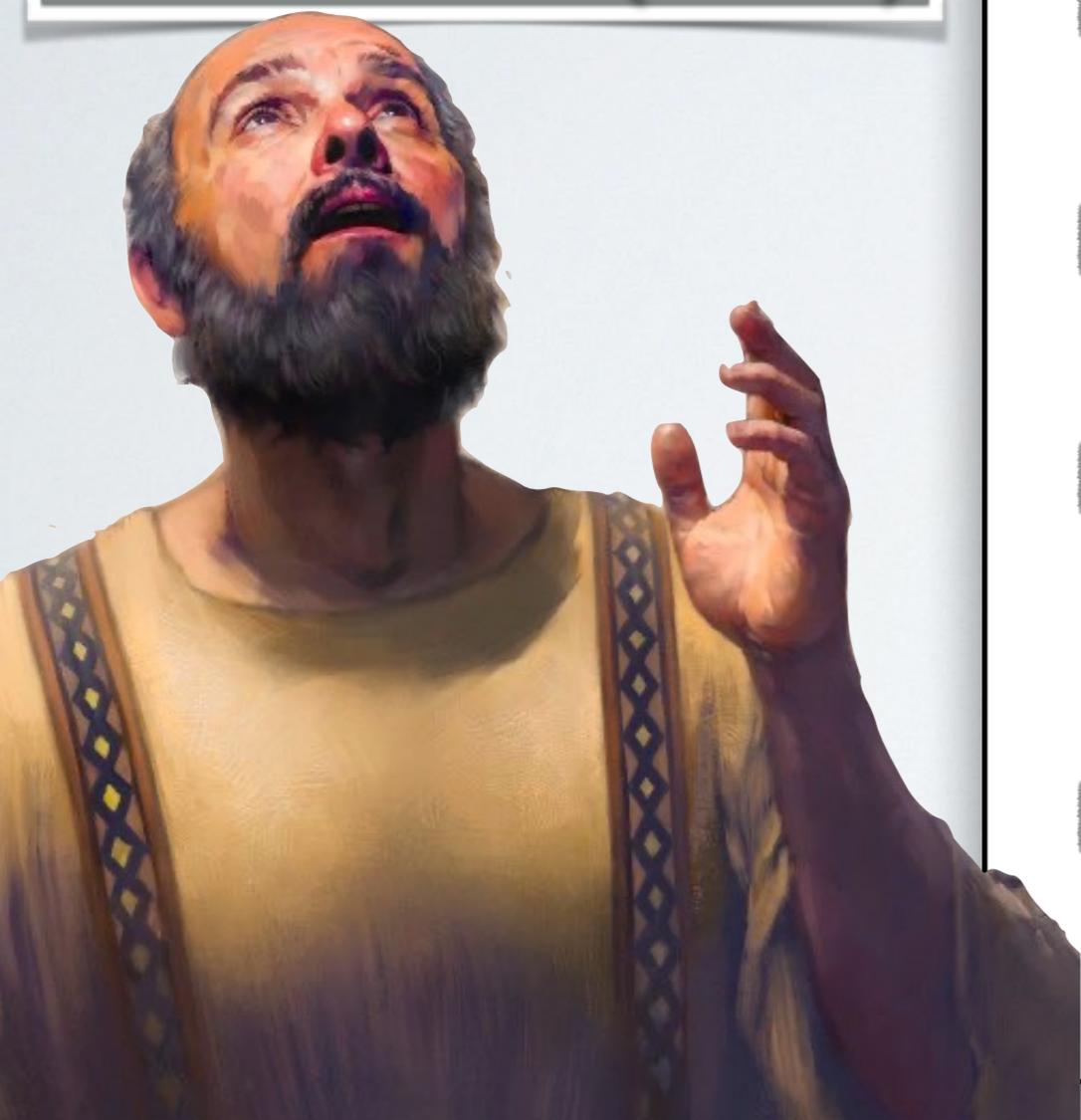
- This view of the text is short sighted and dismissive of what the apostle Paul actually writes.
- This text has much more in common with Romans I and the pagan, idolatrous practices of the Gentiles - NOT JUDAISM (idolatry, lawlessness, deception of wickedness, pleasure in wickedness ...) (Rom. 1:18-32; 1 Cor. 8:5; 1 Thess. 1:9).

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“WHEN HE COMES, IN THAT DAY”

³ ... for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, ...

2 Thessalonians 2:3 (NASB95)



■ What does the falling away mean?

- ▶ Was the falling away of Christians who left the truth to follow the high priest?
- ▶ Was the falling away in Jerusalem or in Thessalonica?
- ▶ Christians going back to Judaism was already a problem - Galatians is dated about the same time as Thessalonians -
- ▶ Judaism was decreasing NOT increasing, therefore could NOT be the great falling away to which Paul refers!

THE CROSS & THE COVENANT²⁷⁸

OLD COVENANT PASSED AWAY PRIOR TO AD 70

“... not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.” Matt. 5:18

Hebrews 8:13 (NASB95)

13 When He said, “A *new covenant*,” He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

- **The passage quoted is from Jeremiah 31:31-34.**
 - ▶ The writer is addressing the conditions existing when God spoke to Jeremiah, not conditions when the Hebrew writer wrote.
 - ▶ It was vanishing away when God said “I will make a new covenant” in Jeremiah 31:31 (cf. 2 Cor. 3:7,11).
 - ▶ In Jeremiah’s time, it was ready to vanish away, but when the Hebrew writer wrote, it had already vanished away (Heb. 7:12,18,19).

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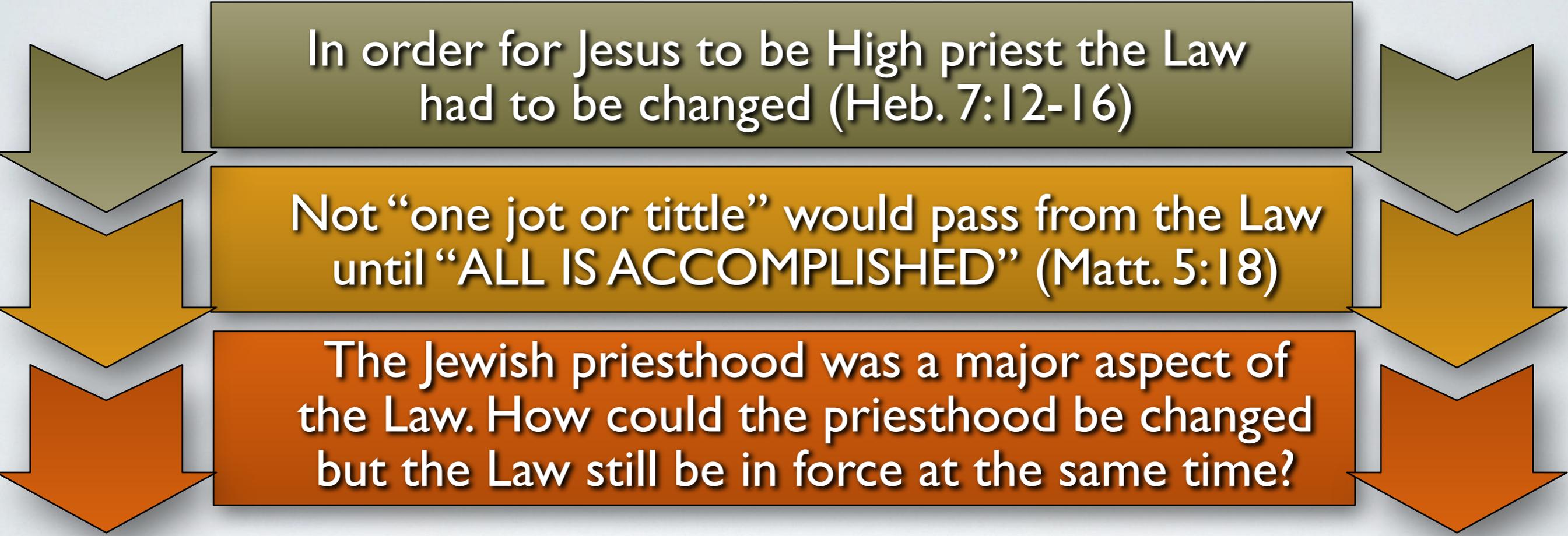
- In order for Jesus to be High priest the Law had to be changed (Heb. 7:12-16)
- Not “one jot or tittle” would pass from the Law until “ALL IS ACCOMPLISHED” (Matt. 5:18)
- The Jewish priesthood was a major aspect of the Law. How could the priesthood be changed but the Law still be in force at the same time?
- There had been “*a setting aside of a former commandment*” prior to the writing of the book of Hebrews.

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- A “faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ... He is able to aid those who are tempted.” (Heb. 2:17,18)
- “consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession” (Heb. 3:1)
- “we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God ...” (Heb. 4:14ff)
- “Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, ... “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.”⁶ “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek” (Heb. 5:5,6)

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- “having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, called by God as High Priest “according to the order of Melchizedek” (Heb. 5:9,10)
- “where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever ...” (Heb. 6:20)
- “to have such a high priest ... exalted above the heavens ... but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, *appoints* a Son, made perfect forever.” (Heb. 7:26-28)
- “we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens” (8:1)

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- “it is necessary that this high priest also have something to offer ... He has obtained a more excellent ministry, ... He is also the mediator of a better covenant” (Heb. 8:3,6)
- “when Christ appeared as a high priest ... but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.” (Heb. 9:11)
- “we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all ... having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time” (Heb. 10:10-13)
- “and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near ...” (Heb. 10:21,22)

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¹⁵ For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were *committed* under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

- The New Covenant was/is the means to the promise of our eternal inheritance (Eph. 1:12-14).
- The New Covenant was fully in force and completed by the blood of Jesus prior to AD 70 (Heb. 9:15-18).
- Faithful Christians since Acts 2 were actually in the New Covenant body of Christ and enjoyed every spiritual blessing therein (Acts 2:38-47; Eph. 1:3-16)

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Acts 2:38 (NASB95)

³⁸ Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

- Those who obeyed the gospel in Acts 2 actually received the forgiveness of sins and every other spiritual blessing mentioned in Ephesians 1:3-16.
- How could they receive these blessings without the New Covenant being fully in force?
- The New Covenant was in full force when it was inaugurated in Acts 2.

THE CROSS & THE COVENANT²⁸⁶

CONSEQUENCES OF R.E. POSITION REGARDING LAW

“... not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.” Matt. 5:18

■ LAW of Moses still in effect:

- ▶ 2 “bodies” / Jew & Gentile
- ▶ 2 Priesthoods at the same time.
- ▶ 2 Sacrificial systems “ “ “
- ▶ 2 concurrent covenants.

**LAW ENDS
&
New Cov.
COMPLETED**

■ Are we under ANY law today?

■ Can we sin today? OSAS? Universalism?

■ Can the New Covenant condemn today?

■ Why: Lord’s supper? Baptism? Etc.



AD
30

“UNDER LAW”

AD
70

“NEW COVENANT AGE”

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Doctrinal Implications of Preterist Eschatology

By Edward E. Stevens



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

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“If we are living in the paradise of God again, does this mean that rituals, ceremonies, sacrifices (such as baptism, Lord’s Supper, etc.), physical temples (‘church’ buildings), priesthood (clergy) and other such physical trappings are no longer ‘imposed’ on us (see Heb. 9:10)? ...”

(“Preterist Principles & Their Implications,” 1)

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“... Adam and Eve didn't have those things in the Garden, nor did they need them until after the Fall and the Curse. Do we need those things now that the conditions of the Garden have been restored? But, do we go to the extreme of throwing them out with the proverbial 'bath water', or could they still have some value if observed as teaching, confessional and edificational tools (even though no longer obligatory and binding)?”

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■ If Overlapping Covenants in Galatians 4:21-31

- ▶ Spiritual adultery (Rom. 7:1-6)
- ▶ Old covenant not done away (2 Cor. 3:14)
- ▶ Galatians still obligated to the tutor (Gal. 3:23-25)
- ▶ Galatians not actually free (Gal. 4:21-31; 5:1)
- ▶ Cross didn't reconcile Jew & Gentile (Eph. 2:13-18)
- ▶ Cross didn't remove old covenant (Col. 2:13-15)
- ▶ Two priesthoods at same time (Heb. 7:11-14)
- ▶ Two sacrificial systems at the same time (Heb. 9:13,14)

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THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THOSE IN EPHESUS



Ephesians 2:15–16 (NASB95)

¹⁵ by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is* the Law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, *thus* establishing peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

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THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THOSE IN EPHESUS

Ephesians 1:3 (NASB95)

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,



- They were actually in the chosen class (1:4)
- They were actually in the predestined class (1:5)
- They were actually in grace (1:6)
- They actually had redemption (1:7)
- They actually had forgiveness (1:7)
- They actually had knowledge of God's will (1:9)
- They actually were made God's possession (1:11)
- They actually had been sealed (1:13)

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THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THOSE IN EPHESUS

Baptized Into

Rom. 6:3-6
Gal. 3:26,27
Acts 2:38,47

Prior to baptism

Outside Christ

Lost Without Hope

- 1. NO spiritual blessings**
- 2. NOT chosen**
- 3. NOT children of God**
- 4. NOT accepted**
- 5. NO redemption**
- 6. NO forgiveness**

**Prior to AD 70 THEY
ACTUALLY HAD**

- 1. ALL spiritual blessings In Christ**
- 2. Been CHOSEN**
- 3. Been ADOPTED as children of God**
- 4. ACCEPTED**
- 5. REDEEMED**
- 6. FORGIVEN**

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- “Made us alive together with Christ” (Eph. 2:5)
- “Raised us up with Him” (Eph. 2:6)
- “And seated us with Him in the heavenly *places*” (Eph. 2:6)
- “That in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.” (Eph. 2:7)
- For by grace you have been saved (Eph. 2:8)

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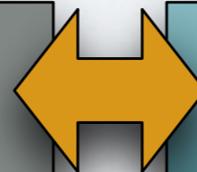
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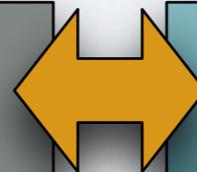
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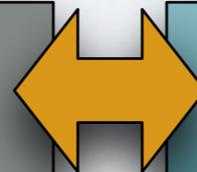
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Ephesians 2:17 (NASB95)

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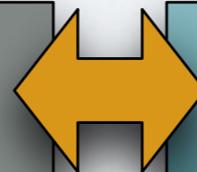
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Ephesians 2:18–19 (NASB95)

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Ephesians 2:20–22 (NASB95)

²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

Building was being added to in Acts 2:47

Through the preaching of the gospel, the building continued to grow (1 Cor. 3:6-16)

The building is still **GROWING** (Eph. 2:21,22)

THE CROSS & THE COVENANT ³⁰¹

CONSEQUENCES OF R.E. POSITION REGARDING LAW

“... not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.” Matt. 5:18

■ Spiritual blessings NOT REALIZED:

- ▶ NOT chosen
- ▶ NOT children of God
- ▶ NOT accepted
- ▶ NO redemption
- ▶ NO forgiveness
- ▶ Not reconciled ...

**Middle wall
broken
down
- ONE
BODY!**

■ Christians prior to AD 70 did NOT ACTUALLY have ANY spiritual blessing.

■ There were two bodies in one church prior to AD 70

■ Hope prior to AD 70 - NO HOPE TODAY!



AD
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“NOT YET”

AD
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“SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS”

THE CROSS & THE COVENANT³⁰²

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Colossians 1:20–22 (NASB95)

²⁰ and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven. ²¹ And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds, ²² yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—

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Colossians 2:14–16 (NASB95)

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Colossians 2:14–16 (NKJV)

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Nailed To The Cross (Col. 2:13-15)

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THE CROSS & THE COVENANT³⁰⁶

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Handwriting		Law Of Moses
Col. 2:14	Requirements	Rom. 2:26; Eph. 2:15; Heb. 9:9-10
Col. 2:14	“Against Us”	Acts 15:10; Rom. 7:5; 8:3-4; Gal. 3:10-12; Heb. 7:18-19; 10:1-4, 11
Col. 2:14	Taken Away	Eph. 2:14-16; Heb. 7:18-19; 8:13; 10:8-9
Col. 2:16	Food or Drink	Lev. 11; Heb. 9:9-10
Col. 2:16	Feast, New Moon, Sabbaths	1 Chr. 23:31; 2 Chr. 2:4; 8:13; 31:3; Neh. 10:33; Ezek. 45:17
Col. 2:17	Shadow of Things to Come	Heb. 8:3-5; 10:1

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“...But if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband.” (Rom. 7:2)

Romans 7:1–3 (NASB95)

¹ Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives? ² For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband. ³ So then, if while her husband is living she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress though she is joined to another man.

Romans 7:4–6 (NASB95)

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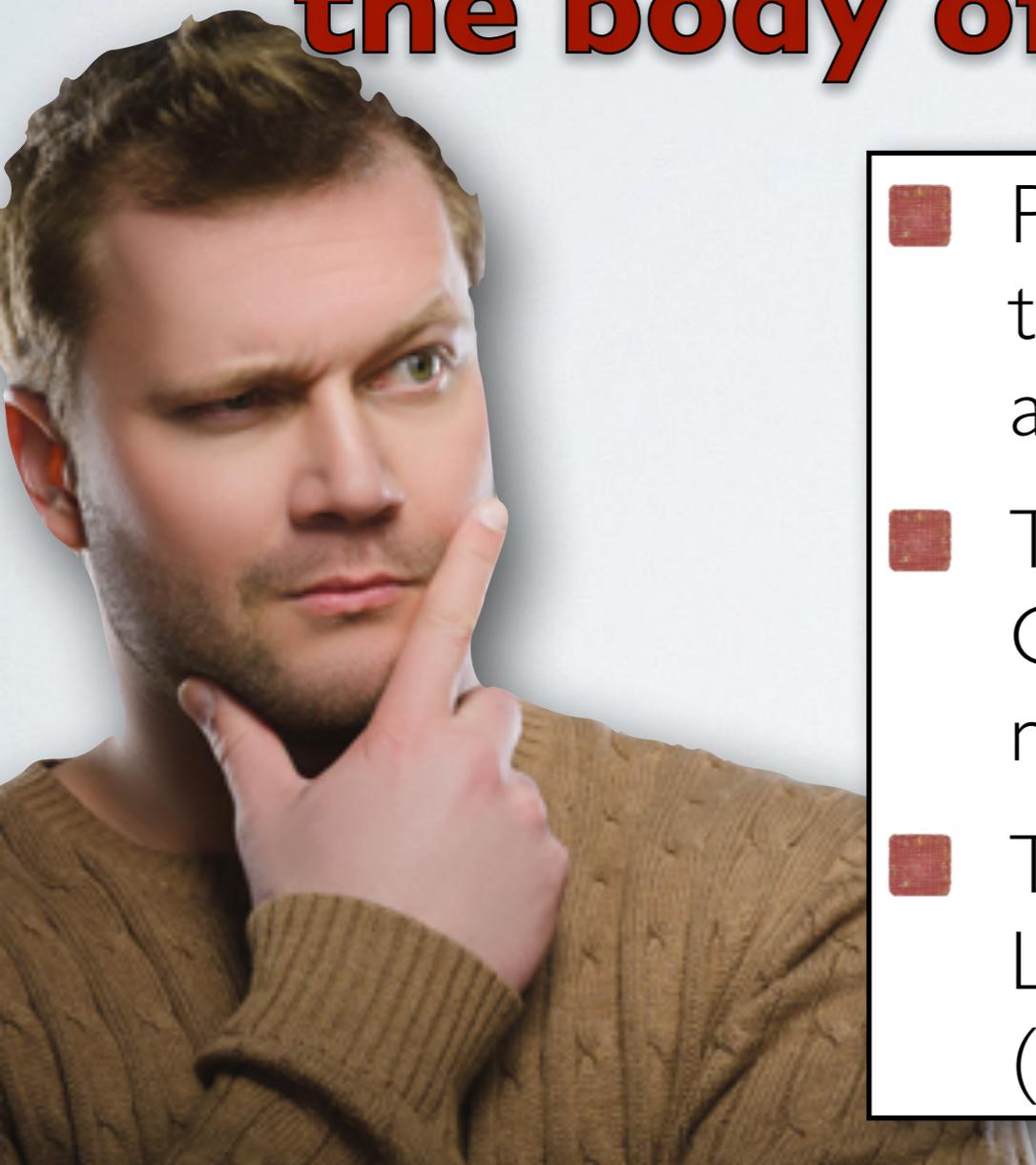
- If pre-AD 70 believers were married to Christ while the Law was still alive, they were spiritual adulterers.
- If pre-AD 70 believers were joined to Christ but not married to Him while the Law was still alive, (to which they were joined), they were unfaithful to the Law.
- If pre-AD 70 believers were not actually joined to Christ, they were still bound to the Law.

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“...made to die to the Law through the body of Christ” (Rom. 7:4)



- Pre-AD 70 believers were free to be married to Christ due to the Law having been done away through the body of Christ (Eph. 2:15).
- These believers had actually been united with Christ and raised to walk in newness of life - no longer under the law (Rom. 6:3-6, 15)
- They were actually in Christ, free from the Law, spiritually alive and children of God (Rom. 8:1,2,10,16; Gal. 3:26,27)

THE CROSS & THE COVENANT³¹¹

OLD COVENANT PASSED AWAY PRIOR TO AD 70

Paul “Kept The Law” ?



- Not to be justified (Acts 13:38-39; Gal. 2:15-16).
- But out of respect for their Jewish heritage (Acts 21:20-26).
- To become all things to all men (1 Cor. 9:19-23).

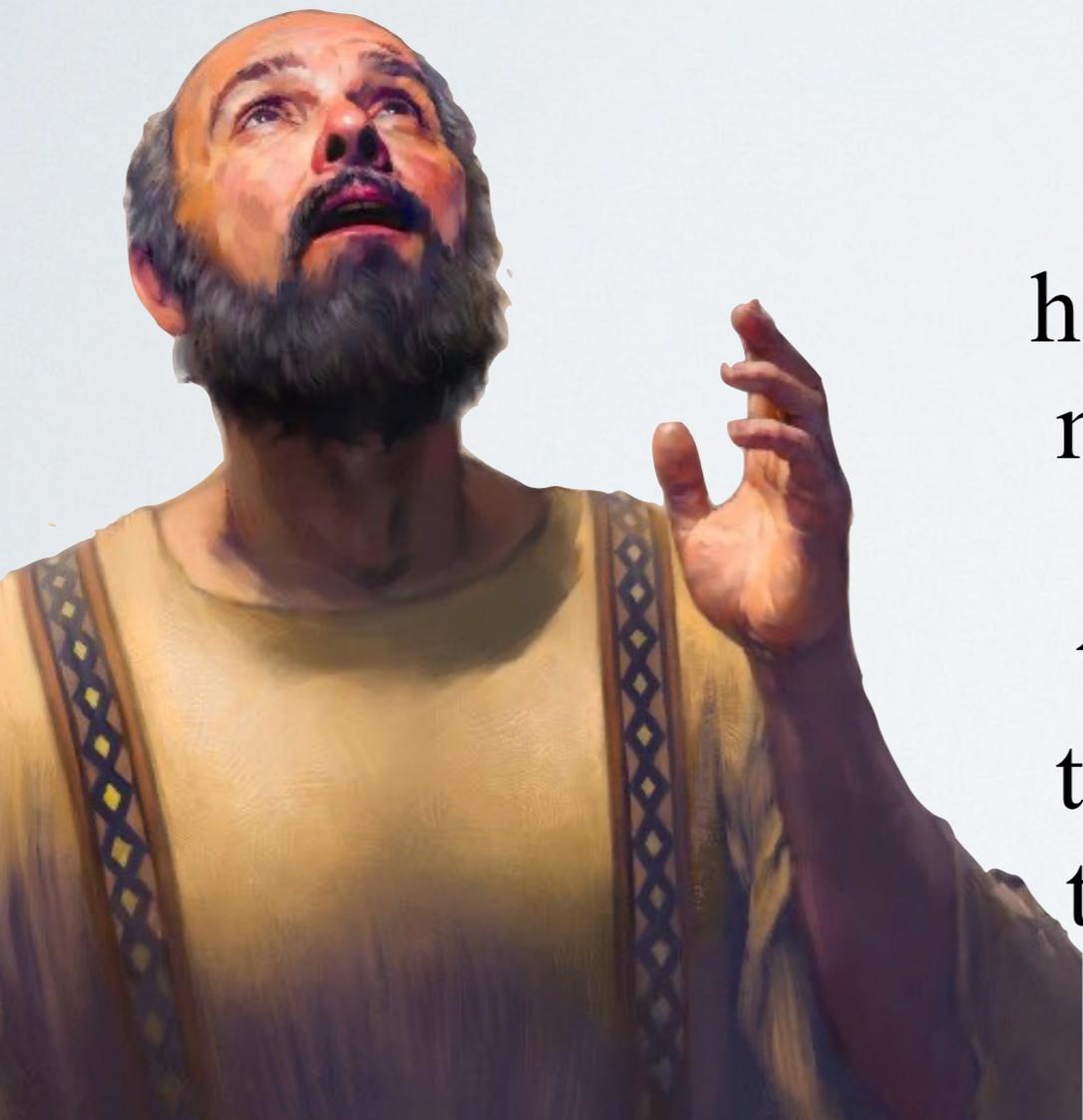
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1 Corinthians 9:19–23 (NASB95)

¹⁹ For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law;



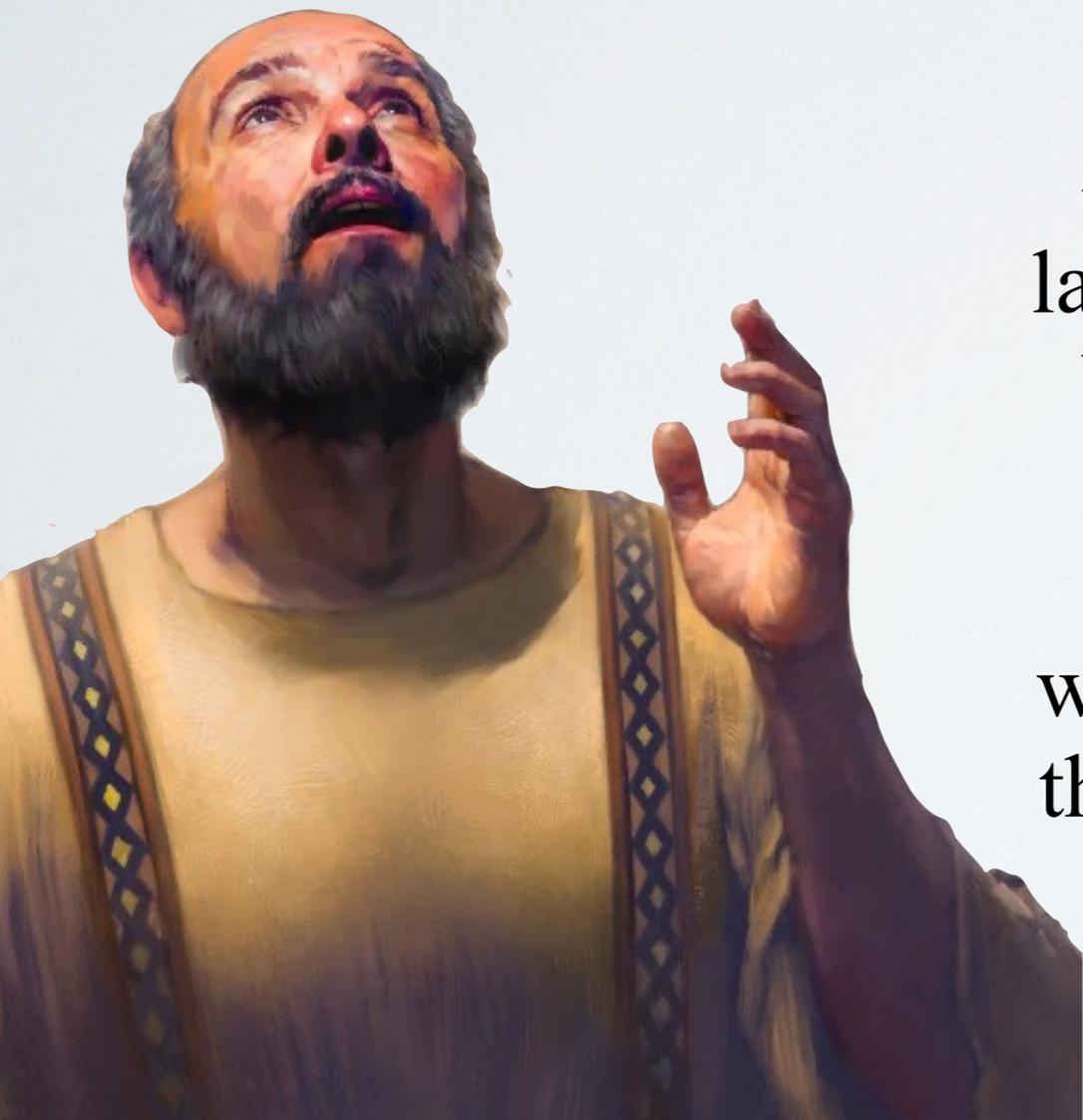
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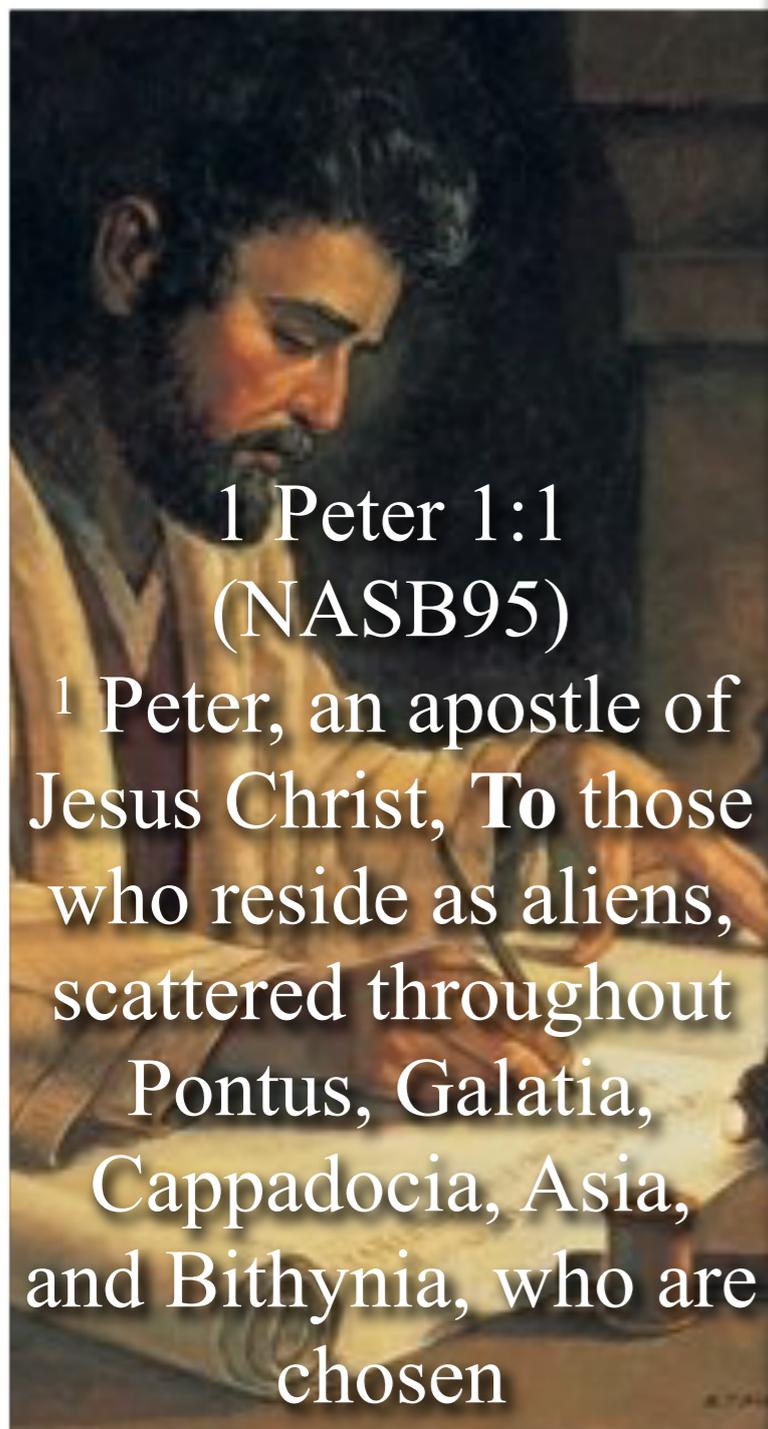
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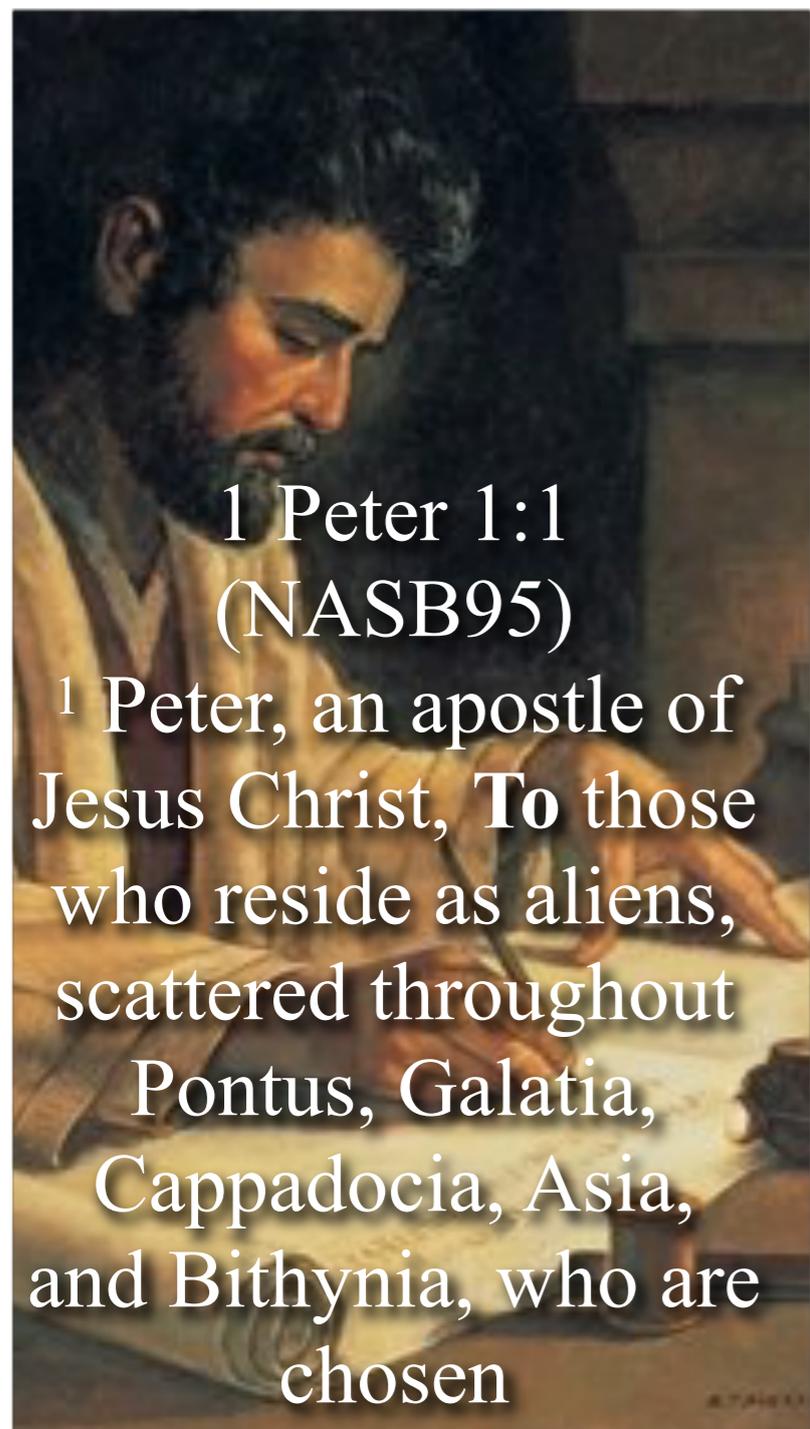
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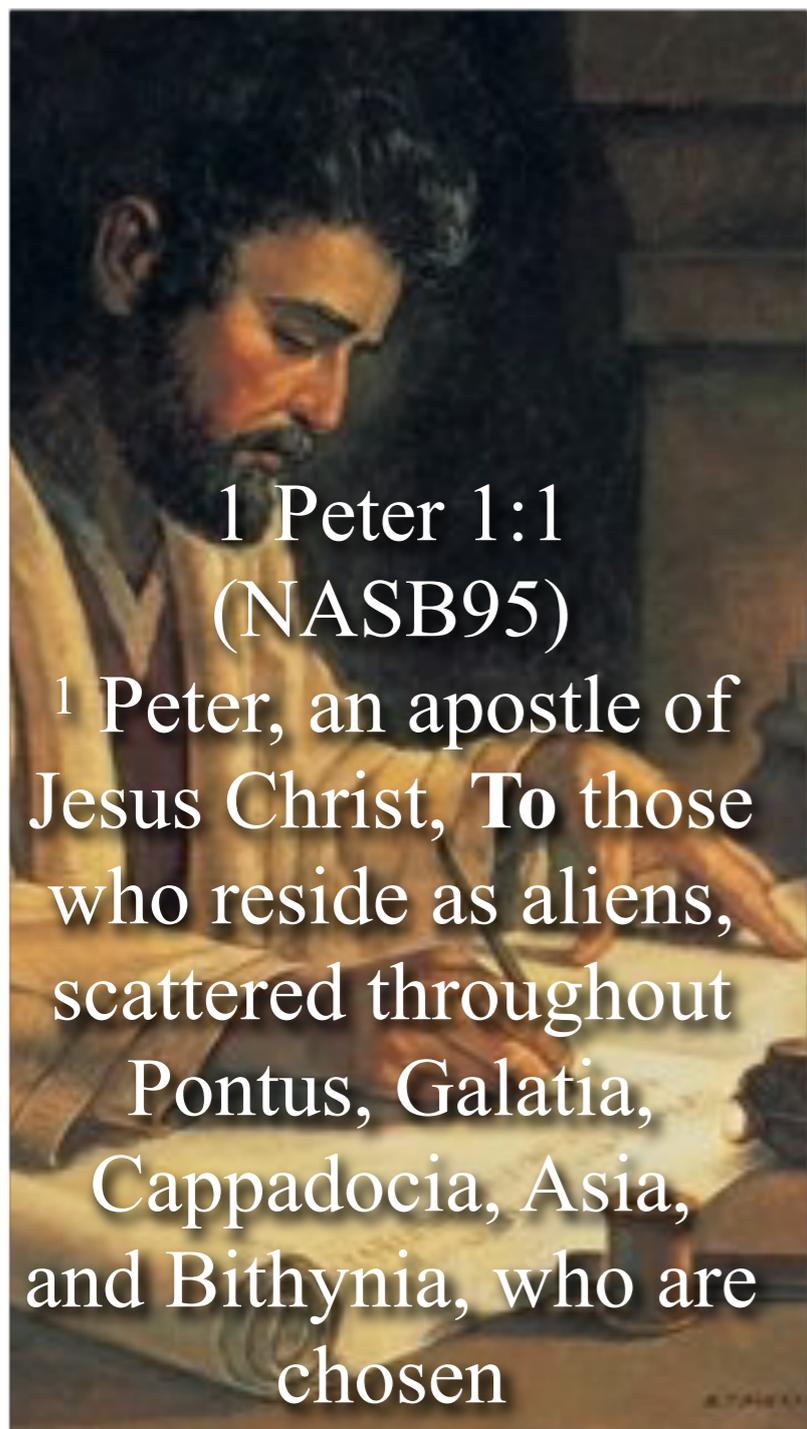
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- **Written to BOTH Jewish & Gentile - Christians**
- ▶ Makes some comments Jews would more clearly understand — (1:1-12; 3:5,6; 2:5,6)
- ▶ However, Peter also speaks specifically to Gentile Christians — (1:18; 2:9,10; 4:3,4)
- ▶ Thus the teaching, admonitions and warnings applied (apply) to all Christians.

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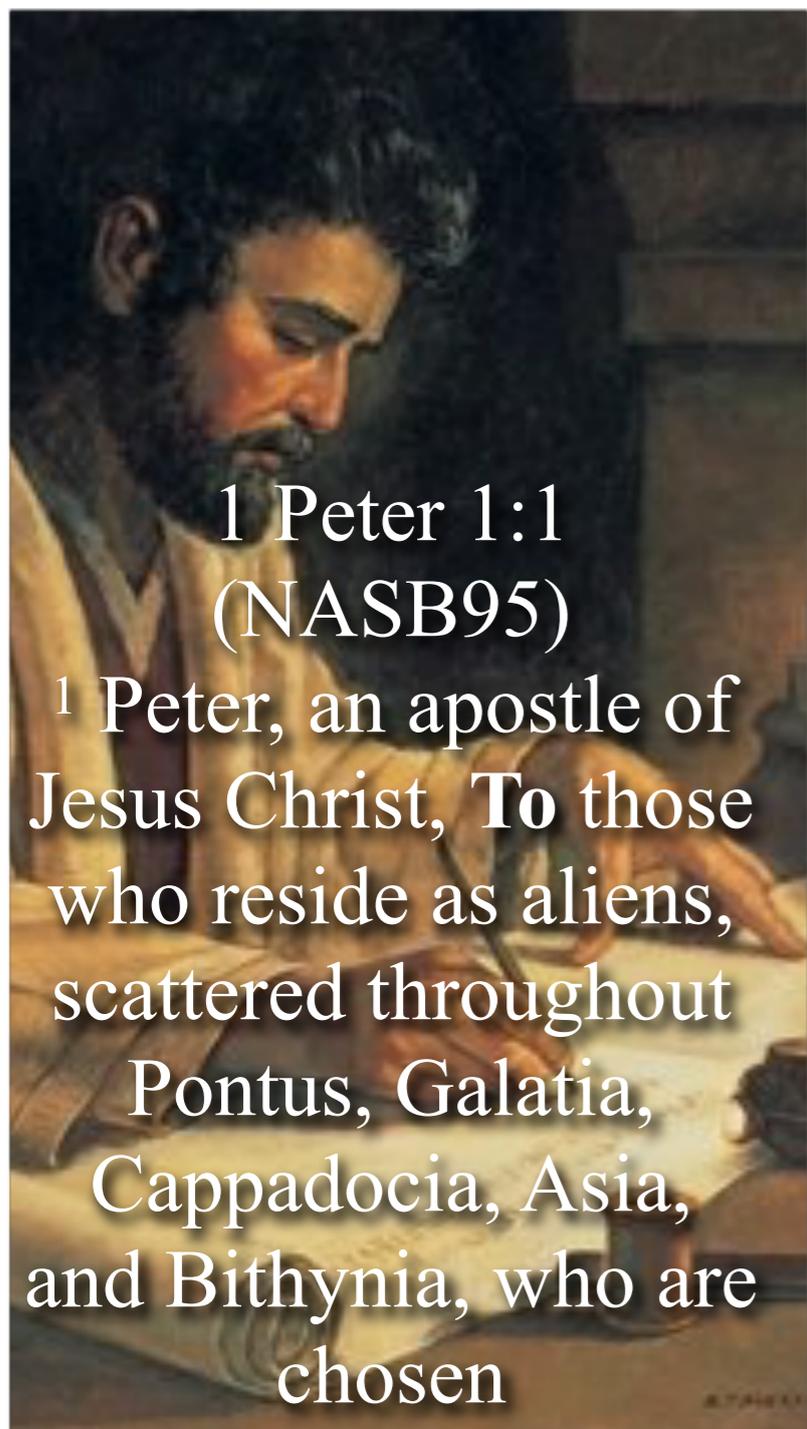
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■ **Written to BOTH Jewish & Gentile - Christians**

- ▶ First & Second Peter were written between 60-65 A.D.
- ▶ These afflictions Peter is speaking of were worldwide (1 Pet. 5:8-9).
- ▶ These Gentiles would not experience any judgment at all from the destruction of Jerusalem.
- ▶ Why talk about a judgment they would not experience?

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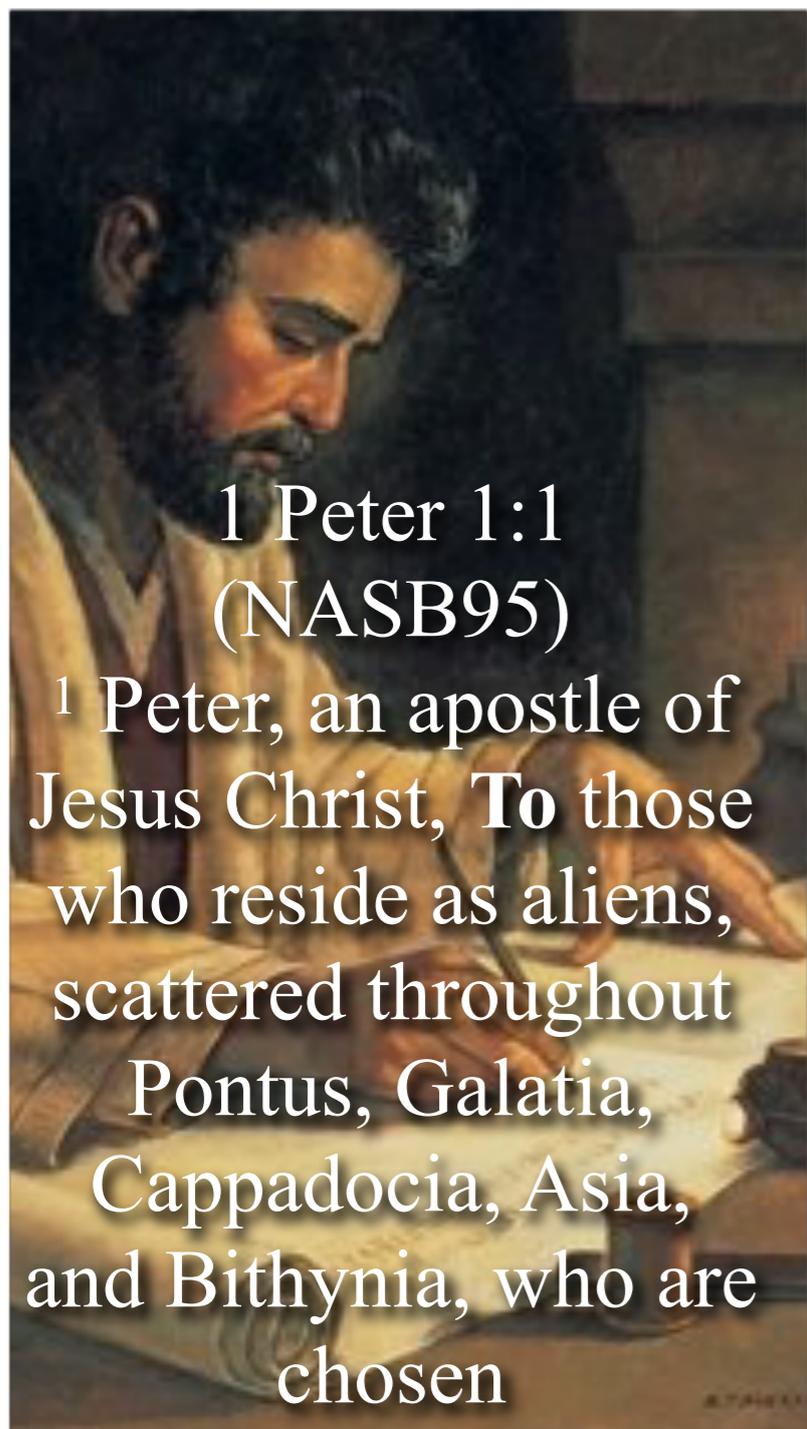
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- **These Gentiles would not receive any relief from the persecution they were suffering when Jerusalem fell:**
 - ▶ Jews were still persecuting Christians AFTER Jerusalem fell in A.D. 70.
 - ▶ Christians throughout the world were suffering the afflictions Peter referenced (1 Peter 5:8.9).
 - ▶ If the sufferings they were experiencing were from the persecution of Gentiles – how would the fall of Jerusalem change that at all?

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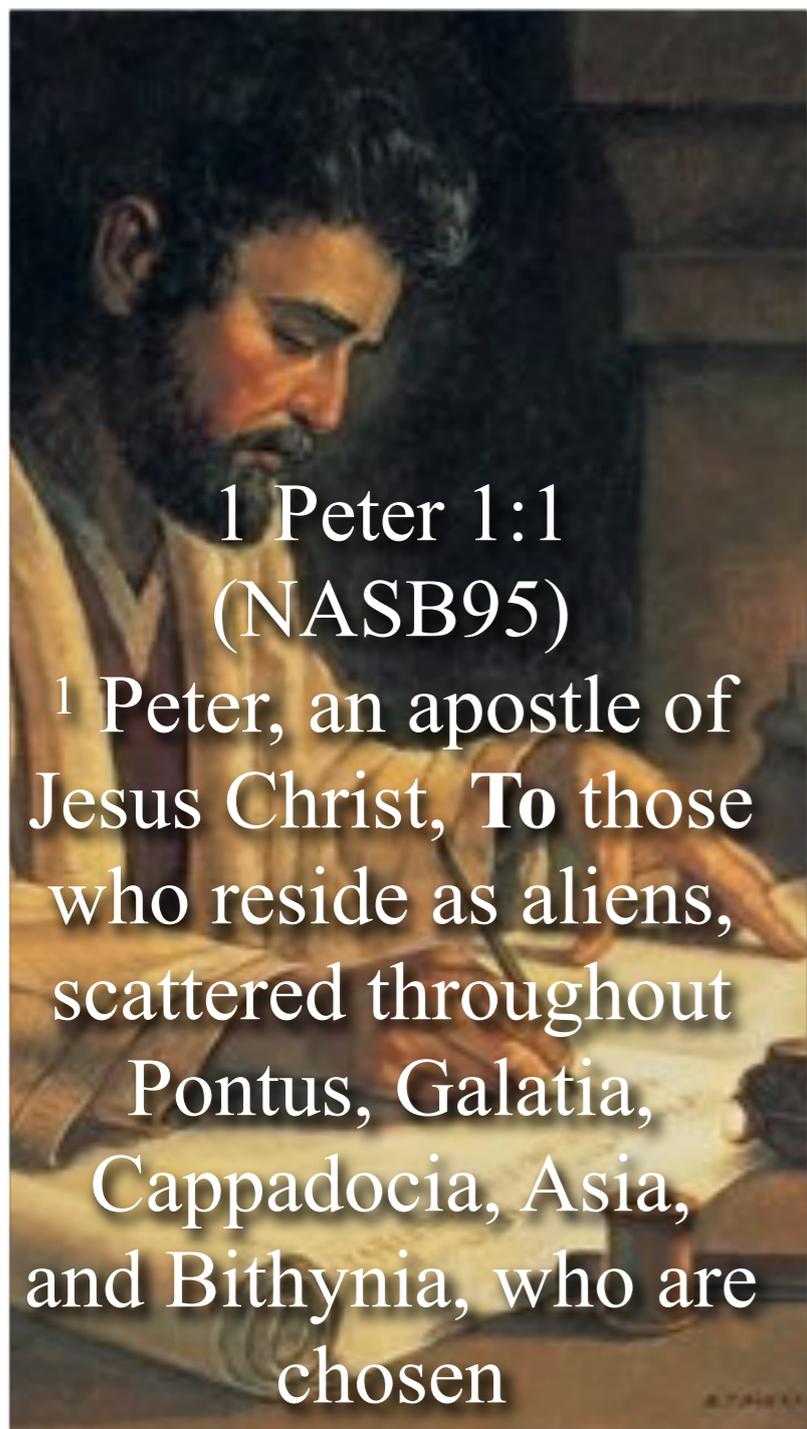
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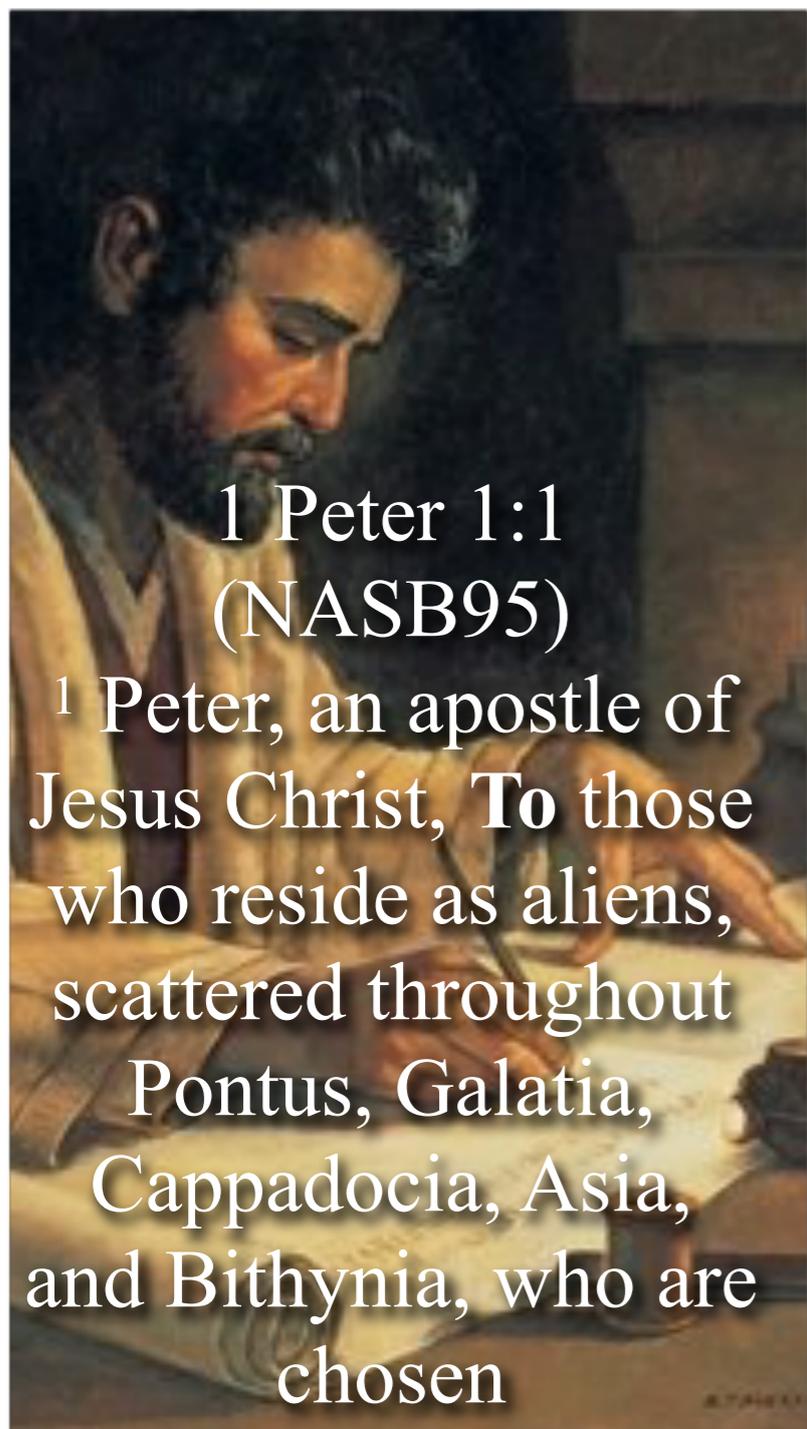
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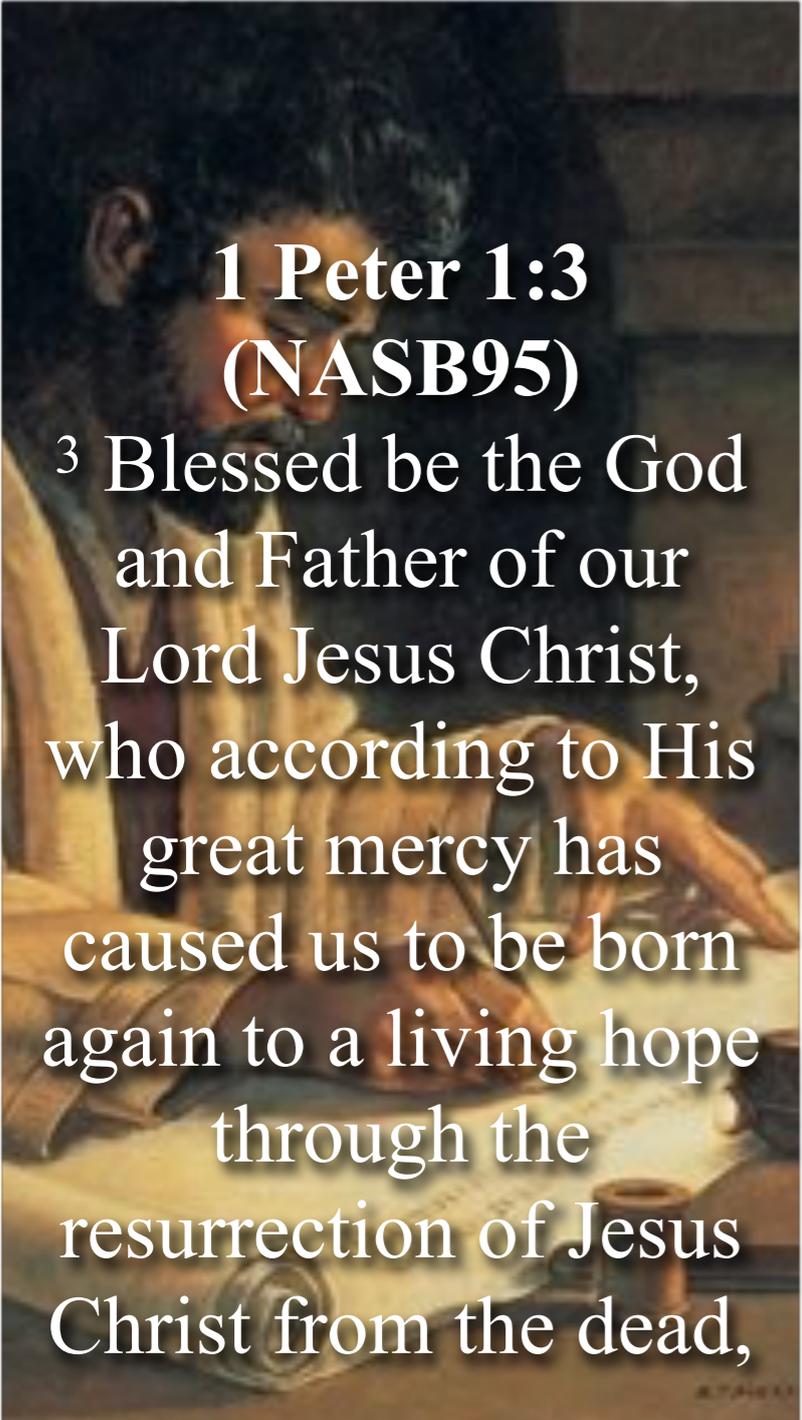
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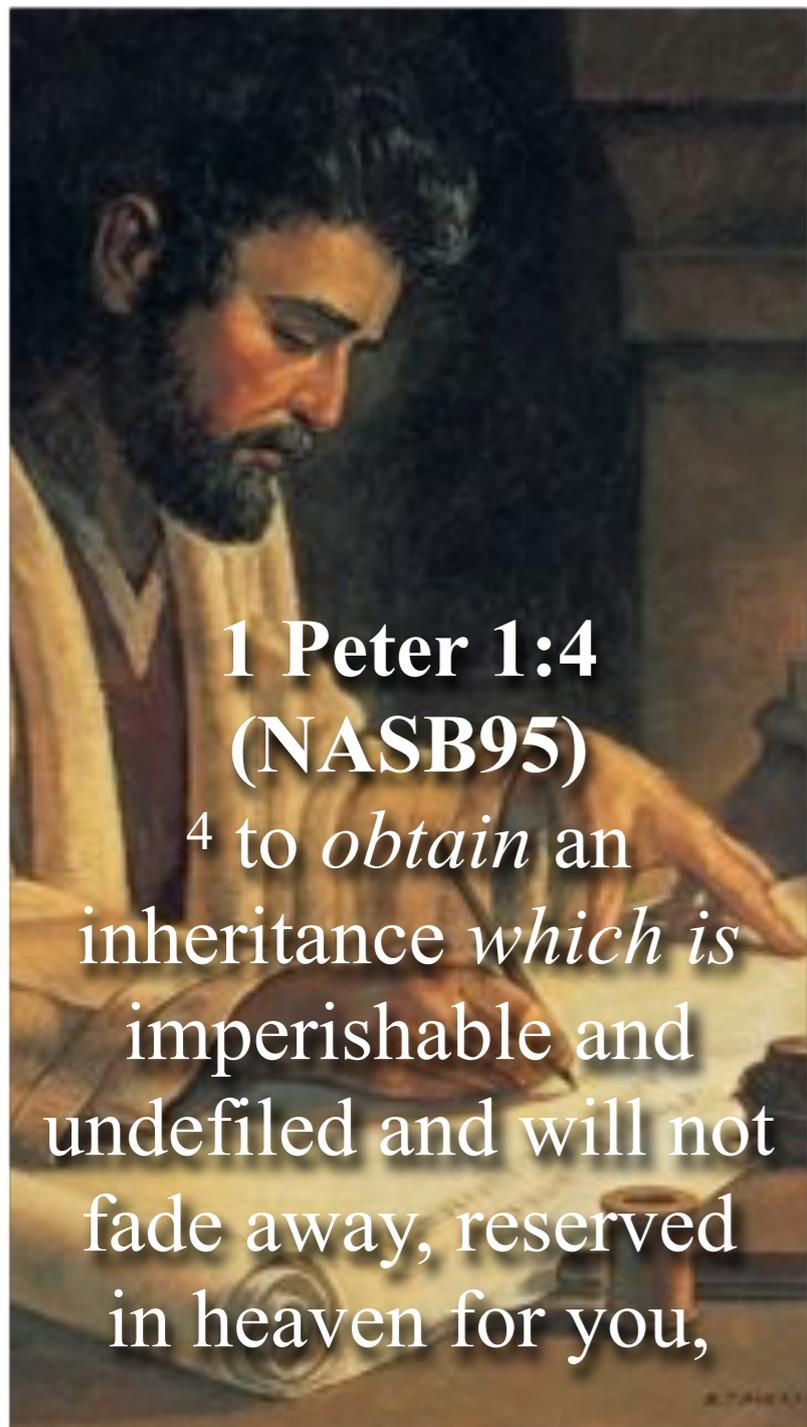
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- ▶ We have been born again to a living hope — Was this hope **FULFILLED** when Jerusalem was destroyed in AD 70? **NO!**
- ▶ Jesus’ “bodily resurrection” gave all believers a “living hope” of a future bodily resurrection at the end of time, which offers assurance (1 Peter 1:3-9; Romans 8:23-25; 1 Cor. 15).

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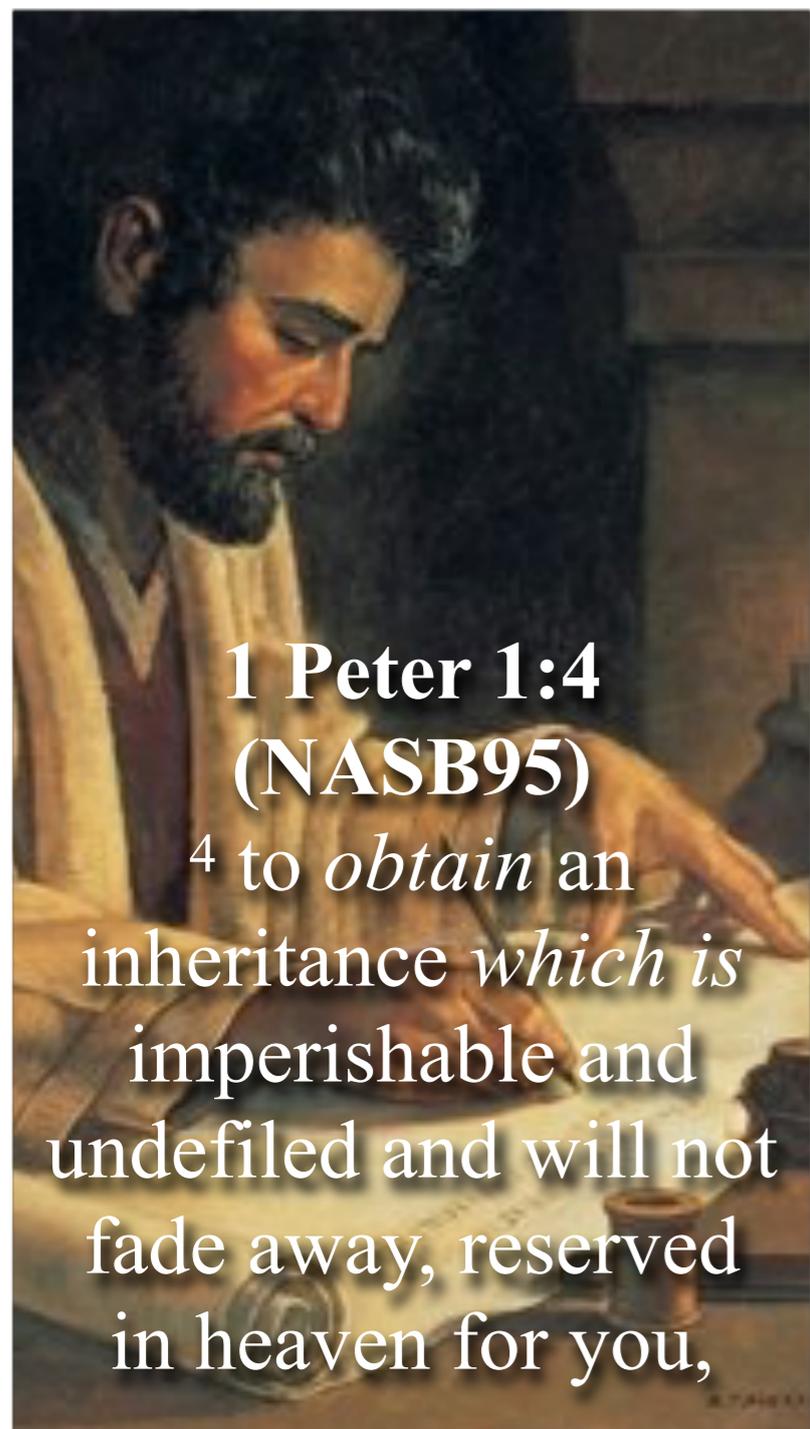
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- ▶ Peter promises an INHERITANCE which, when realized, is imperishable & undefiled - it CANNOT be lost, it CANNOT be tainted!
- ▶ If my opponent believes this inheritance has ALREADY been realized by Christians, how could it ever be lost?
- ▶ THIS HOPE IS RESERVED FOR US IN HEAVEN — OUR IMPERISHABLE INHERITANCE IS NOT ON EARTH!
- ▶ Are we in HEAVEN NOW?

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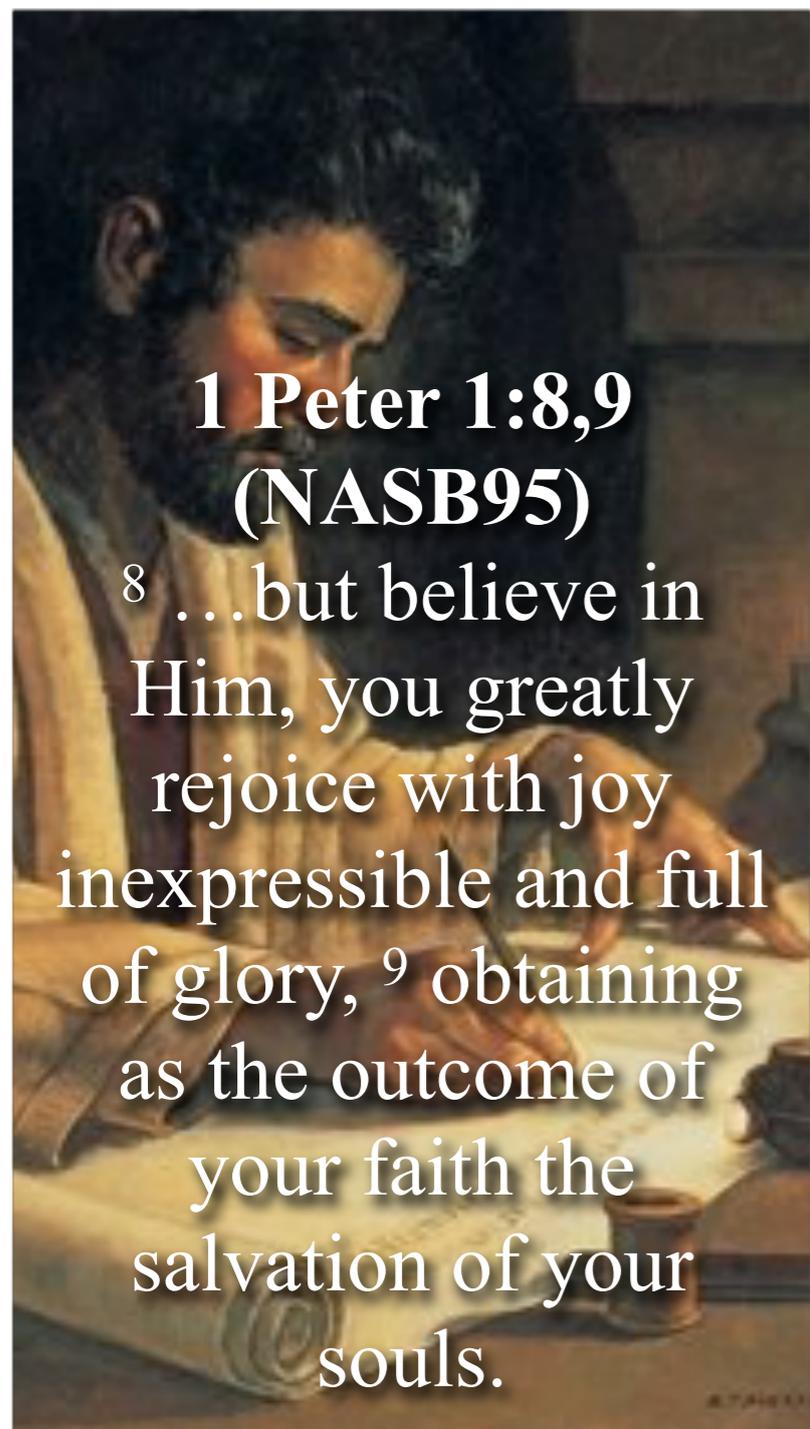
**1 Peter 1:4
(NASB95)**

⁴ to *obtain* an inheritance *which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,*

- ▶ The INHERITANCE Peter speaks of is NOT exhausted by the giving of the New Covenant.
- ▶ The New Covenant contains the promise of our hope and the means of receiving it - which these elect, sanctified, born again, Christians had.
- ▶ We TOO, as elect, sanctified, born again children of God are presently living in the hope provided by the New Covenant.

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- ▶ Have we received our full inheritance?
- ▶ Can a Christian apostatize and be lost?
- ▶ In what sense would A.D. 70 bring about the “salvation” of the “souls” of Gentile believers in a way different than when they were baptized into Christ?
- ▶ The consequence of the R.E. position is that the cross of Christ and the gospel first preached on Pentecost were insufficient to bring about the “full forgiveness of sins.”

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CONSEQUENCES OF R.E. POSITION In 1 PETER

Things **NOT YET** REALIZED

- ▶ Sanctified
- ▶ Cleansed
- ▶ Grace & Peace
- ▶ Born Again
- ▶ Living Hope
- ▶ Their faith
- ▶ End of Trials / Testing

**All HOPE
REALIZED
IN AD 70**

Now Realized

- ▶ Final Inheritance
- ▶ Hope of Heaven
- ▶ Final Salvation
- ▶ Final Glorification
- ▶ Final Revelation
- ▶ Faith REALIZED
- ▶ Hope REALIZED
- ▶ End of TRIALS



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“Pilgrimage”

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“End of your faith the
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THE TRUTH - Teaching of 1 Peter

THINGS WE HAVE ALREADY ...

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- ▶ Cleansed
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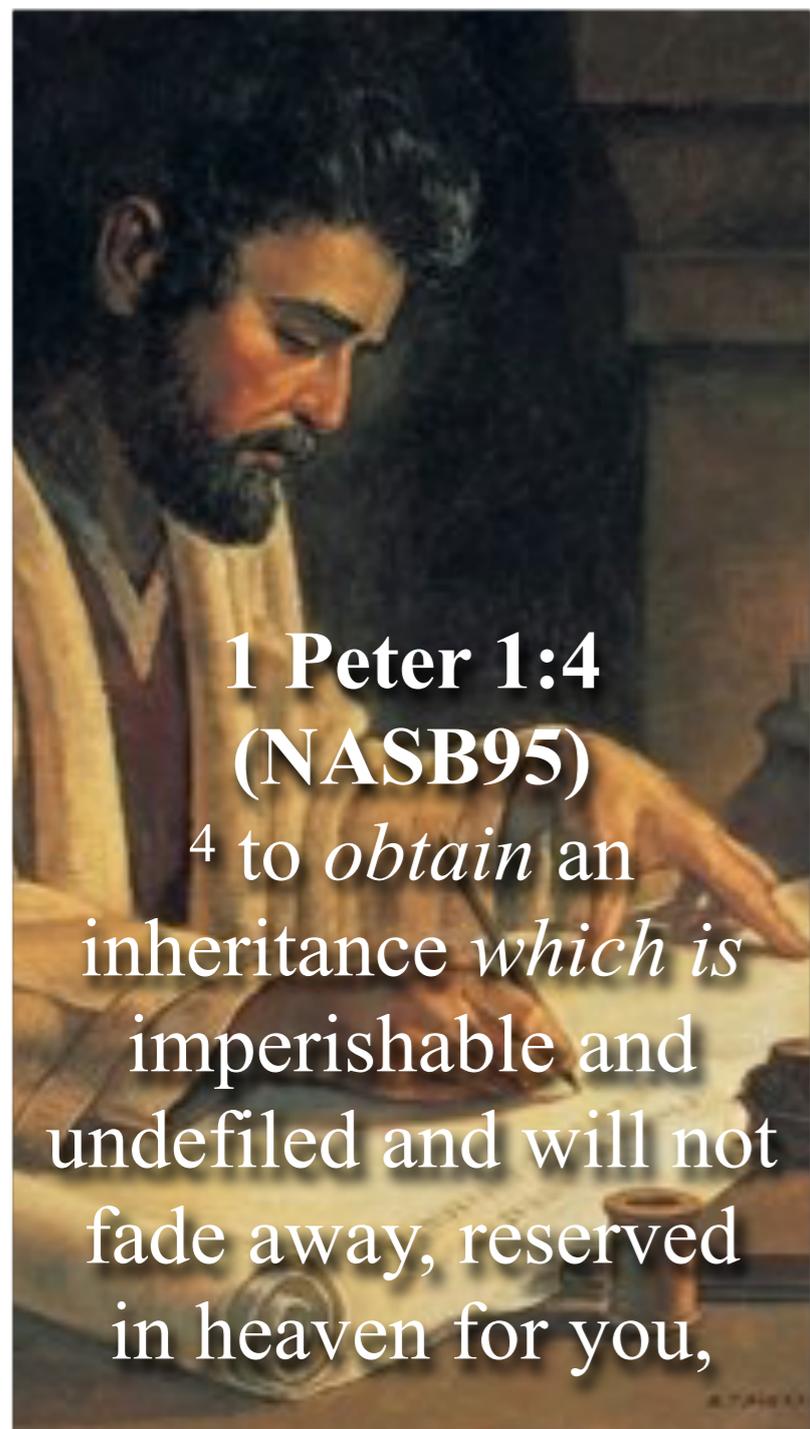
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1 Peter 1:13 (NASB95)
13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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THE REAL “ALREADY BUT NOT YET”

PAST

THEY HAD
ACTUALLY BEEN...

SANCTIFIED

REDEEMED

PURIFIED

REGENERATED

PRESENT

THEY WERE
LIVING IN ...

FAITH

HOPE

HOLINESS

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FUTURE

THEY WERE TO
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REVELATION

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“THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE BLOOD”

1 Peter 1:18–19 (NASB95)

¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, ¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood of Christ.*

- ▶ Both Jews and Gentiles were “sojourners,” who were to live holy lives in fear in light of God’s judgment (1 Pet. 1:13-17)
- ▶ How were the Gentiles, (believers & unbelievers), judged in A.D. 70?
- ▶ All men will be judged by God in the FUTURE, therefore all men must live their lives in respect of God’s judgment, and especially those who have been redeemed by Christ’s blood! (1 Pet. 1:17-21; Acts 17:30,31)

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“THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE BLOOD”

1 Peter 1:18–19 (NASB95)

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- ▶ These Christians KNEW they HAD BEEN redeemed by the “precious blood of Christ” when they obeyed the truth — They HAD received the full forgiveness of their sins — 1 Pet. 1:19, 22; Acts 2:38; 15:9; Rom 6:3,4, 16-18; Heb. 9:12-15; 10:10
- ▶ Their FAITH & HOPE was grounded in the fact that God HAD raised Jesus “from the dead and gave Him glory.” — 1 Pet. 1:21
- ▶ The destruction of Jerusalem had NOTHING to do with these Christians’ justification, sanctification or regeneration — 1 Pet. 1:18-25; Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 1:2

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“THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE BLOOD”

**1 Peter 1:18–19
(NASB95)**

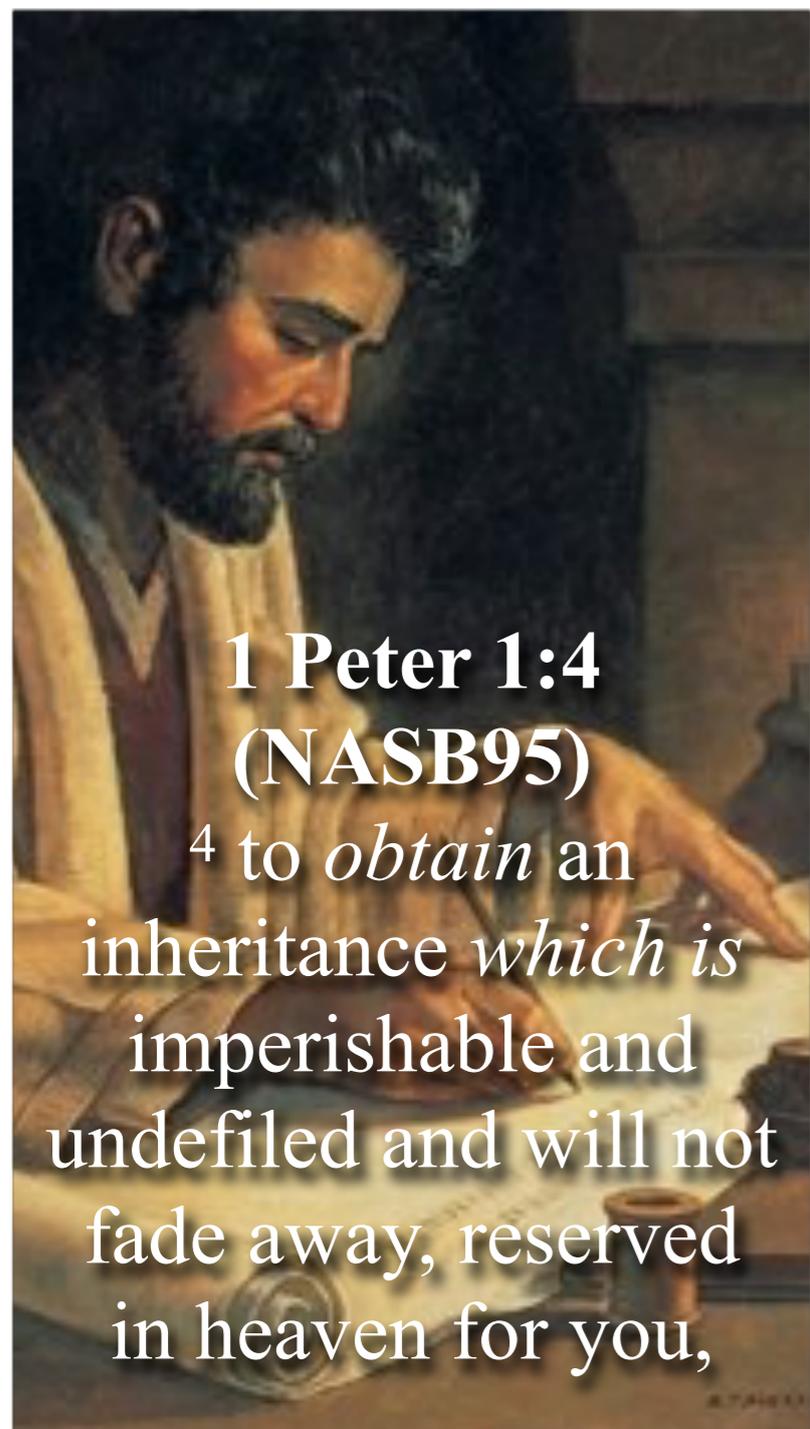
¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, ¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ.

1 Peter 2:21–24 (NASB95)

²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, ²² who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; ²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

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“THE HOPE OF OUR PILGRIMAGE”



**1 Peter 1:4
(NASB95)**

⁴ to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

1 Peter 1:13 (NASB95)
13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

“THE INSUFFICIENCY OF THE BLOOD”



“For a long while I wondered how something physical could take away something that was spiritual in nature? ... I finally concluded that only those properties of Christ that could be affected by sin, could then actually redeem us from sin. It was the part of Christ that was responsible for righteousness that had the power to redeem sin. It was Christ’s soul that saved us from the effects of sin.”

“THE INSUFFICIENCY OF THE BLOOD”



“... Peter clearly said, “we are not redeemed with corruptible things” (1 Peter 1:18). The corruptible physical blood of Jesus that stained Golgotha nearly 2000 years ago is not the blood that Jesus offered in heaven, ... It could not therefore, have been His own physical biological blood that saved. The blood that Jesus offered must have been His own spiritual life that was poured out for us on the cross. I believe that the physical blood of Jesus pointed to the greater spiritual reality of His sinless life being poured out for the sins of the world. Under the law, animal sacrifices were offered because “the life of the flesh is in the blood” (Leviticus 17:11). This type of sacrifice pointed to the greater reality of the life of Christ being sacrificed as God demanded “life for life” ...”

“THE INSUFFICIENCY OF THE BLOOD”



“Hades is the place where saints went before sins were actually forgiven. If the payment for sin through the blood of Christ is available for Christians today, then Heaven is opened. It really is as simple as that. . . . The second coming of Christ (our opponents cannot even count the coming in Jerusalem as a real coming) accomplished the spiritual mission that Jesus set out to do; namely the salvation of souls, not biological bodies.”

“THE INSUFFICIENCY OF THE BLOOD”

“I genuinely feel sorry for those who can only ‘see’ the physical. Our denominational friends that only see the water are exactly like my carnal brethren which only ‘see’ the physical death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. How sad it is, not believing in the ‘real’ death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus!”

Steve Baisden -
Outward Sign Of An Inward Grace!



“THE INSUFFICIENCY OF THE BLOOD”

BLOOD OF JESUS

- ▶ Was ineffective
- ▶ Was corruptible
- ▶ Only a sign
- ▶ No more effectual than the blood of bulls & goats
- ▶ NOTHING TO DO WITH SALVATION

**ATONEMENT
MADE
AVAILABLE
IN AD 70**

A.D. 70

- ▶ Jesus had to destroy Jerusalem
- ▶ New Covenant Finally established
- ▶ O.T. saints, (including Christians prior to A.D. 70) forgiven



AD
30

“SOUL NOT SAVED”

AD
70

SOUL SAVED

“THE INSUFFICIENCY OF THE BLOOD”



- ▶ Denies physical death is a consequence of sin in the garden — Denies Physical death is an enemy of humanity.
- ▶ Denies the physical death of Jesus redeemed us from sin (blood of Christ = silver & gold, 1 Pt 1:18)
- ▶ Souls were not actually saved until AD 70
- ▶ No actual forgiveness of sins until AD 70
- ▶ Denies that Jesus' bodily resurrection serves as the first-fruits of our future bodily resurrection
- ▶ Denies that Jesus will return literally, bodily, visibly, and personally
- ▶ Logically, Preterism denies the full sufficiency of the death, burial & resurrection of Jesus!

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“THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE BLOOD”

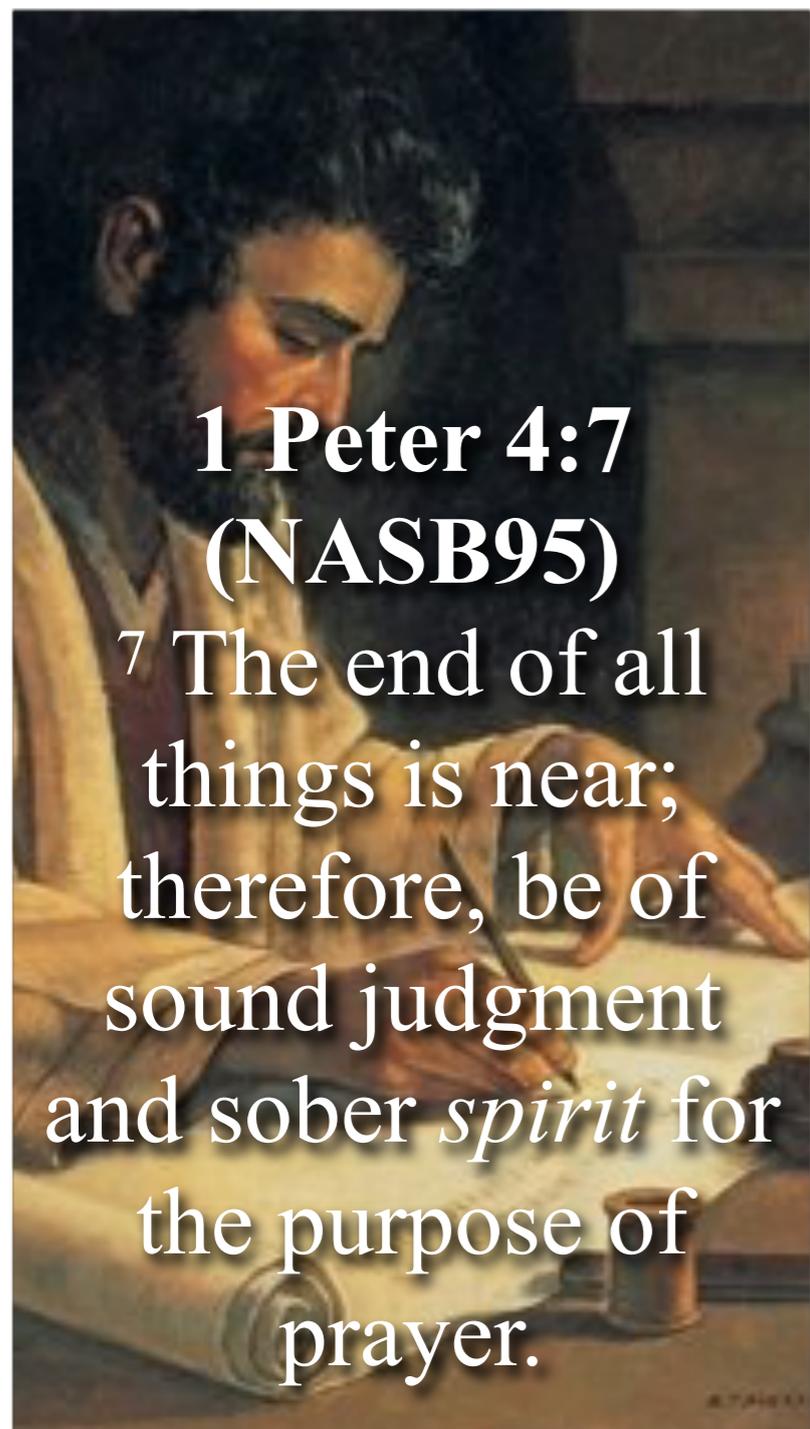
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- ▶ Physical death is a consequence of sin in the garden — Physical death is an enemy of humanity (1 Cor. 15:55-58)
- ▶ The physical death of Jesus redeemed us from sin (1 Pet 1:18,19; 2:24; Heb. 10:5,12, 10).
- ▶ Souls were actually saved before AD 70 (1 Pet 3:21; Act 2:21,38; Rom. 10:9-13; etc.)
- ▶ Actual forgiveness of sins before AD 70 (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Eph. 1:3,7)
- ▶ Jesus' bodily resurrection serves as the first-fruits of our future bodily resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20,23)
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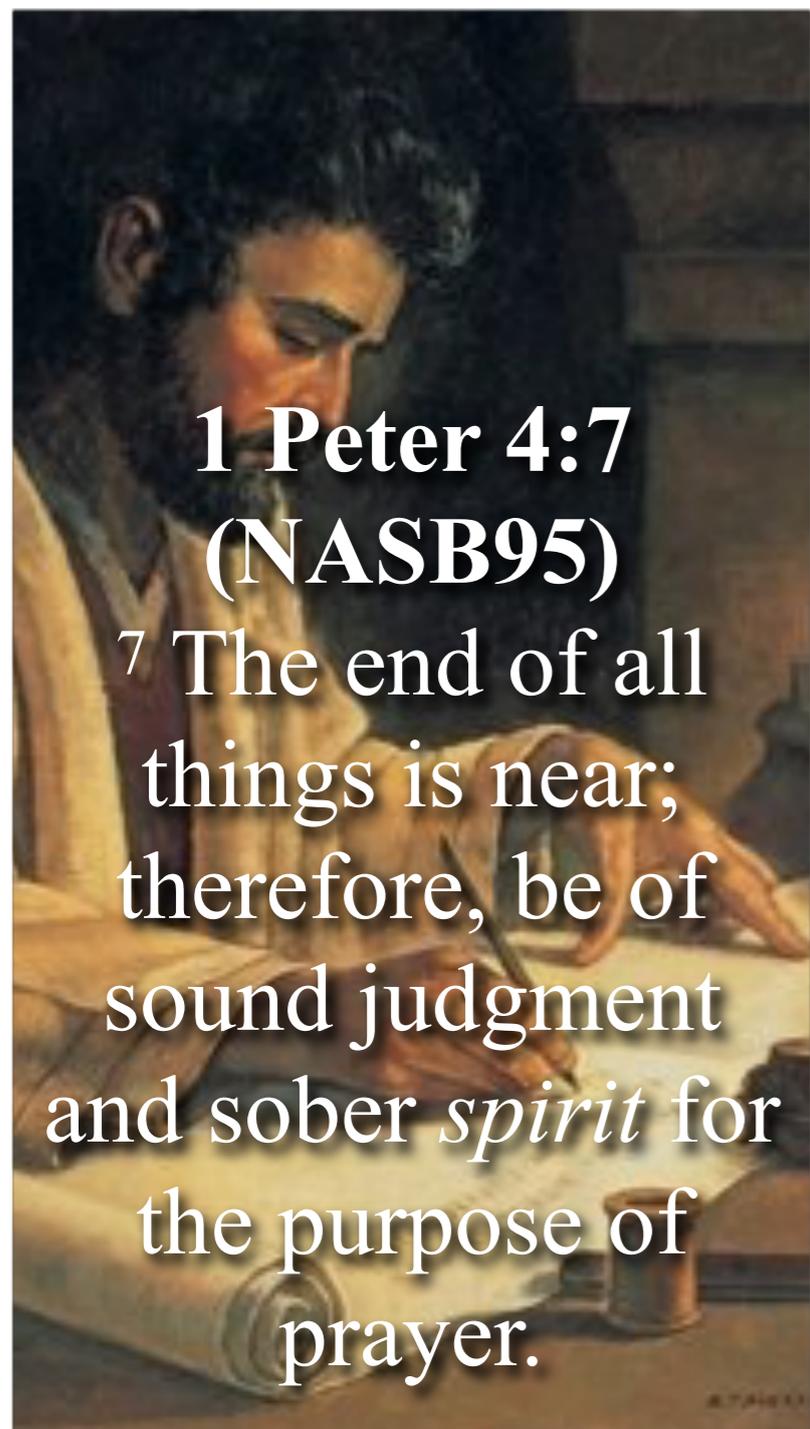
“THE END OF ALL THINGS IS NEAR”



- ▶ The assumption that this demands that something is just about to happen is faulty Biblically.
- ▶ Nearness is not quantifiable by time limit of minutes, years or days. It is simply relatively near.
- ▶ The context determines the meaning.

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“THE END OF ALL THINGS IS NEAR”



**1 Peter 4:7
(NASB95)**

⁷ The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober *spirit* for the purpose of prayer.



RELATIVE DISTANCE:

- Romans 13:11: “Nearer than when you believed...”
- Phil. 2:30 “near unto death” indicates a drawing nearer.



RELATIONSHIP:

- Eph. 2:13 and 2:17 the Gentiles are described as those who have “drawn near in Christ”
- Heb. 7:19 and James 4:8 “draw near to God”

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**Judgment on
ISRAEL**
(Dt. 32:34-35)

Prophecy:
1400 BC
Fulfillment:
586 BC

**Judgment on
BABYLON**
(Isa. 13:6)

Prophecy:
720 BC
Fulfillment:
539 BC

**Judgment on
EDOM**
(Obad. 15)

Prophecy:
mid 800's or 400 BC
Fulfillment:
1st century after Christ
(Hailey, 37-38)

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Deuteronomy 32:34–35 (NASB95)

³⁴ ‘Is it not laid up in store with Me,
Sealed up in My treasuries? ³⁵

‘Vengeance is Mine, and
retribution, In due time their foot
will slip; For the day of their
calamity is near, And the impending
things are hastening upon them.’

**Prophecy:
1400 BC**

**Fulfillment:
586 BC (70 AD?)**

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Isaiah 13:6
(NASB95)

⁶ Wail, for the day of the Lord is near! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

Prophecy:
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Fulfillment:
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Obadiah 15 (NASB95)

¹⁵ “For the day of the Lord draws near on all the nations. As you have done, it will be done to you. Your dealings will return on your own head.

**Prophecy:
800's BC**

**Fulfillment:
1st century**

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Isaiah 46:13 (NASB95)

¹³ “I bring near My righteousness, it is not far off; And My salvation will not delay. And I will grant salvation in Zion, *And My glory for Israel.*

**Prophecy:
740-690 BC**

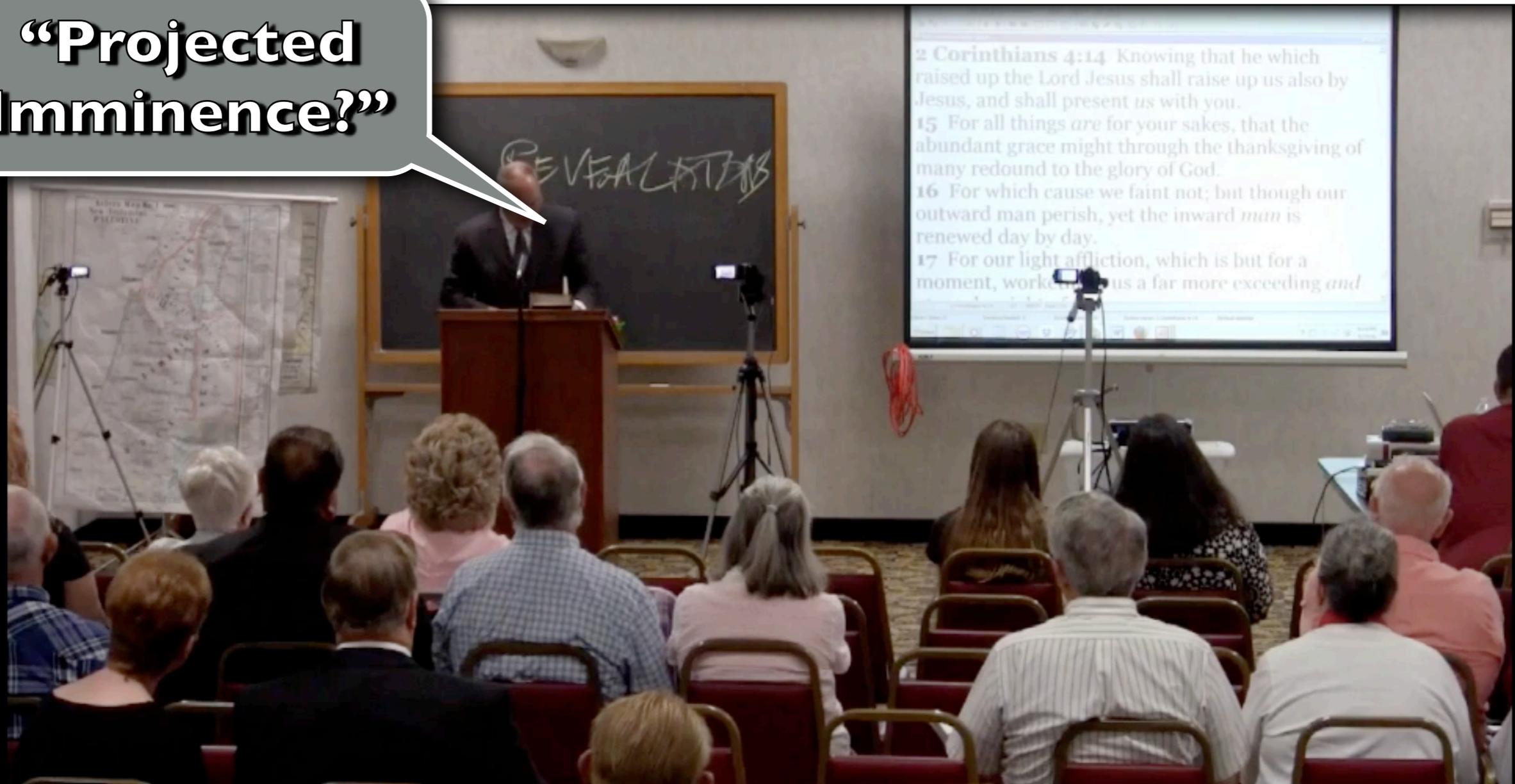
**Fulfillment:
AD 30**

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“THE END OF ALL THINGS IS NEAR”

“In scripture, when you have the phrase ‘at hand,’ it always means imminent. It always means within reach on every single occasion”

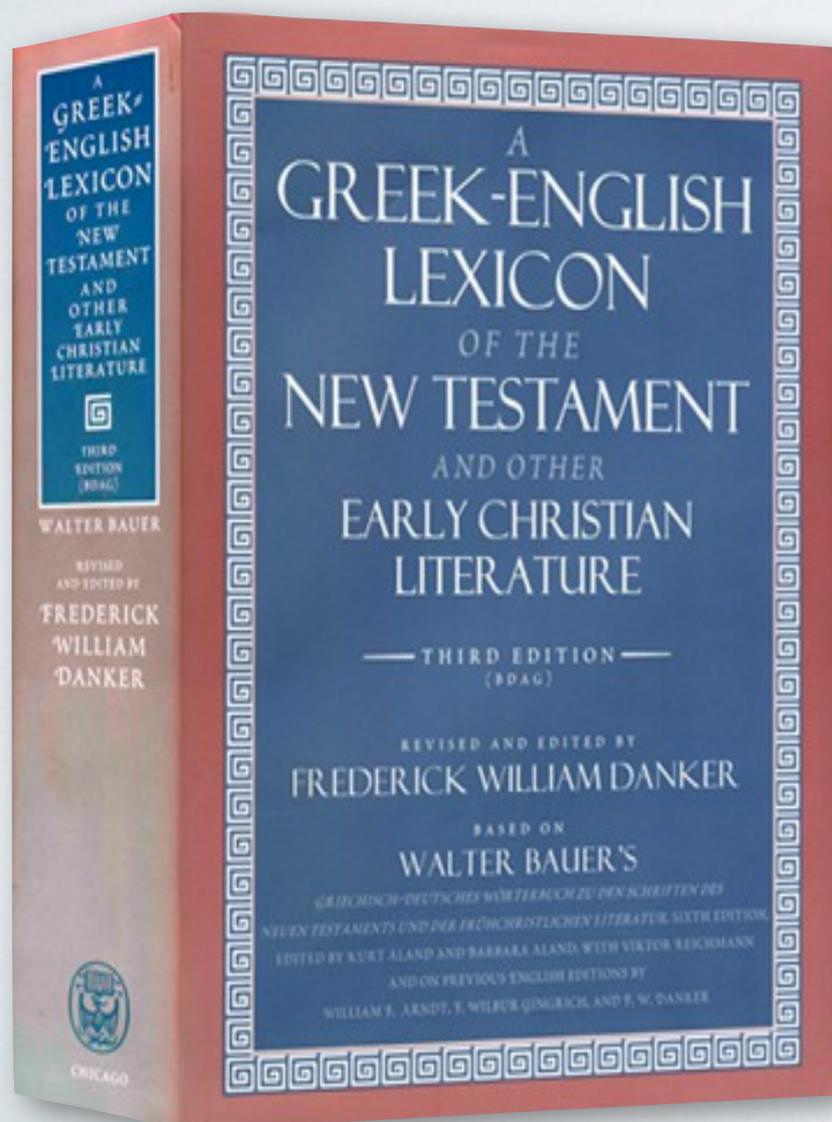
“Projected Imminence?”



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Mello (eg. Acts 17:30-31; 24:24-25; 26:22-23)

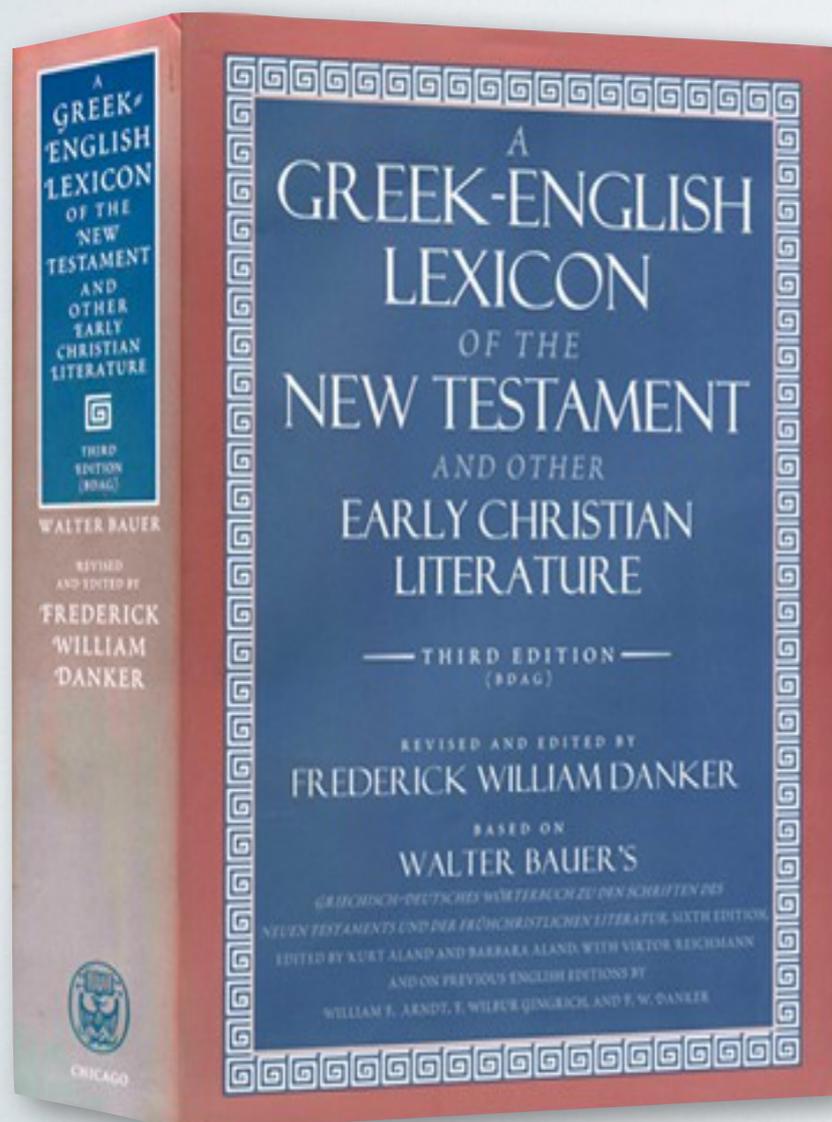


BDAG: “1. to take place at a future point of time and so to be subsequent to another event, be about to.... 2. to be inevitable, be destined, inevitable.... 3. The ptc. is used abs. in the mng. (in the) future, to come.... 4. delay....” (627-628)

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BDAG: β. in a weakened sense it serves simply as a periphrasis for the future ... (Ac 28:6; Lk 22:23; cp. 24:21; Ac 13:34; 1 Ti 1:16; 2 Pt 2:6; 2 Ti 4:1; Heb 10:27). (pg. 6:28)

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Thayer's Greek
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Thayer, Joseph Henry

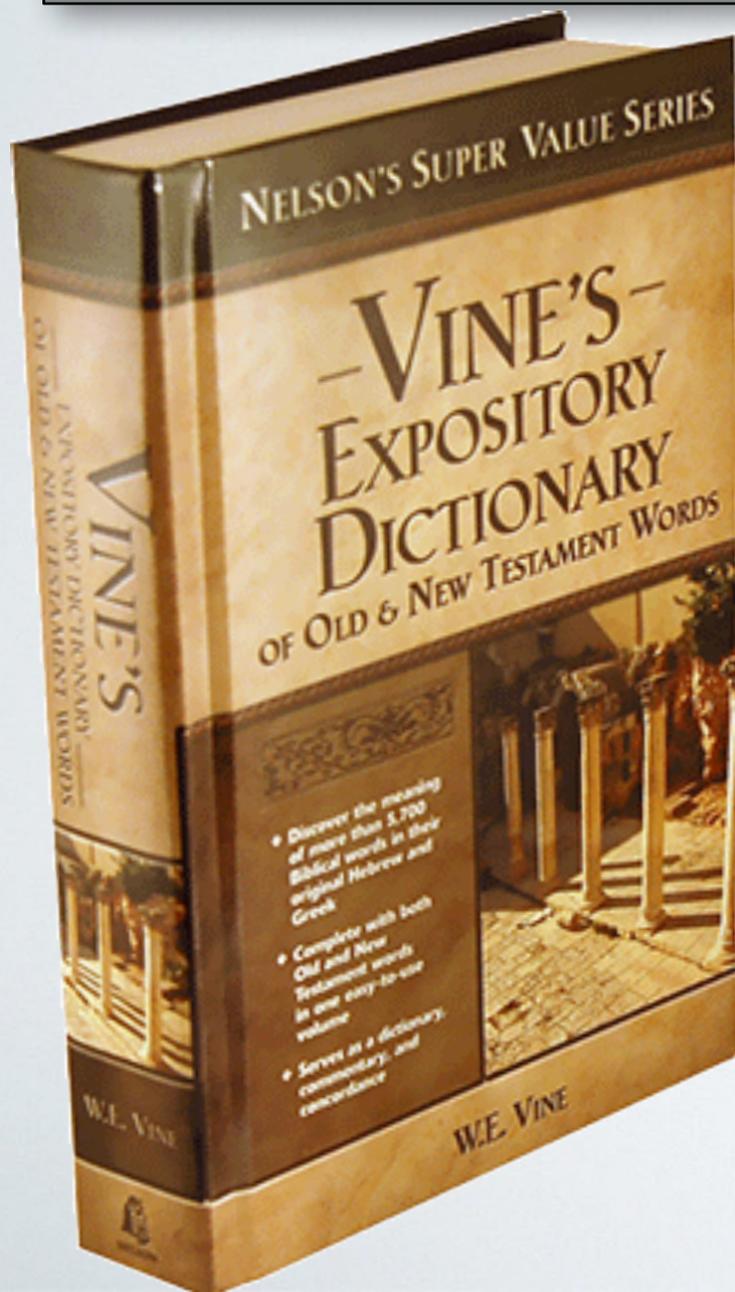
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Thayer: “...to be about to do anything...
2. a. to be on the point of doing or suffering something... b. to intend, have in mind, think to c. as in Grk. writ. fr. Hom. down, of those things which will come to pass (or which one will do or suffer) by fixed necessity or divine appointment... D. in general, of what is sure to happen... e. to be always on the point of doing without ever doing...” (396-397)

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Vine: *mello* (μέλλω, 3195)
 “signifies (a) ‘of intention, to be about to do something,’ e.g., Acts 3:3; 18:14; 20:3; Heb. 8:5; (b) ‘of certainty, compulsion or necessity, to be certain to act,’ e.g., John 6:71.” (2:4)

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Mello (eg. Acts 17:30-31; 24:24-25; 26:22-23)

Matt. 11:14

Elijah who is to **come**

Acts 26:22

Things Moses & prophets said would **come** (i.e. Christ's Passion & Preaching)

Rom. 5:14

Adam, a type of Him who **was to come**

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Mello (eg. Acts 17:30-31; 24:24-25; 26:22-23)

Gal. 3:23

Jews kept under guard for faith which would be revealed

Col. 2:16f

Jewish rituals a shadow of things to come

1 Tim. 1:16

Paul was a pattern to those who are **going** to believe

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Mello (eg. Acts 17:30-31; 24:24-25; 26:22-23)

Heb. 10:1

Law, a shadow of the good things to come

Heb. 11:8

Place [Abraham] would receive as an inheritance

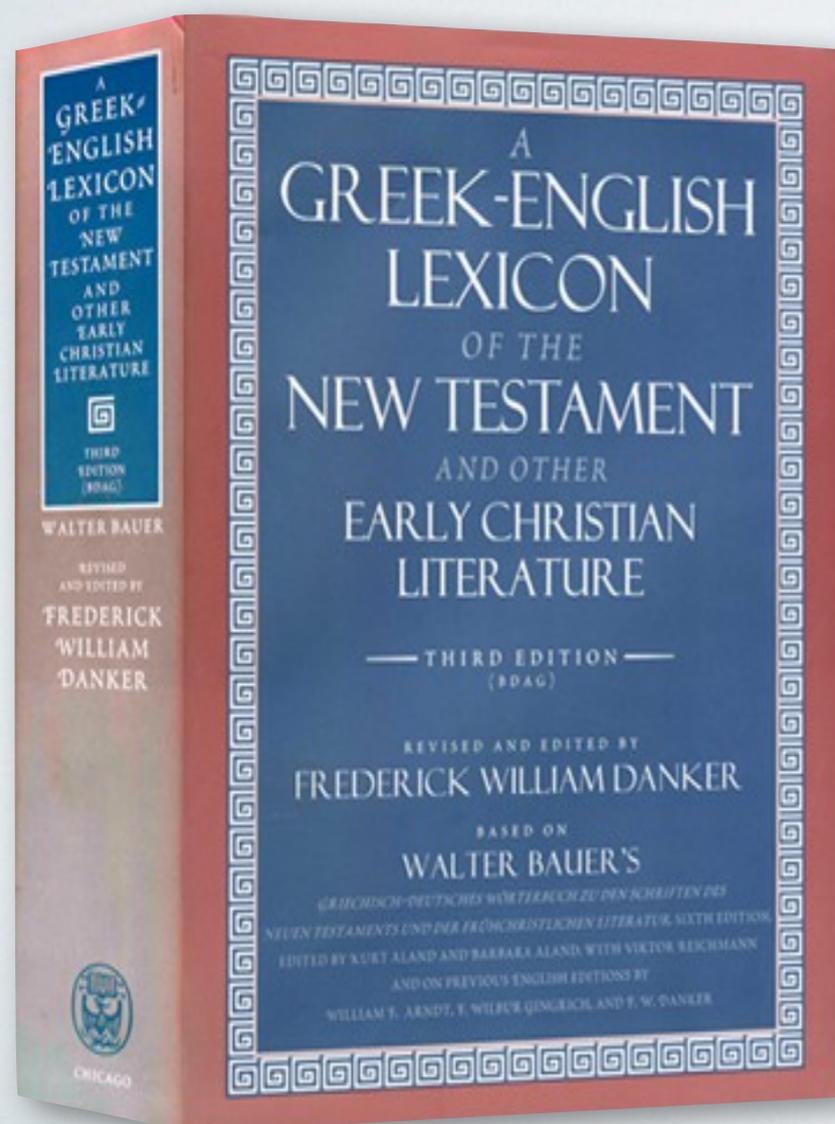
Heb. 11:20

Jacob & Esau blessed concerning things to come

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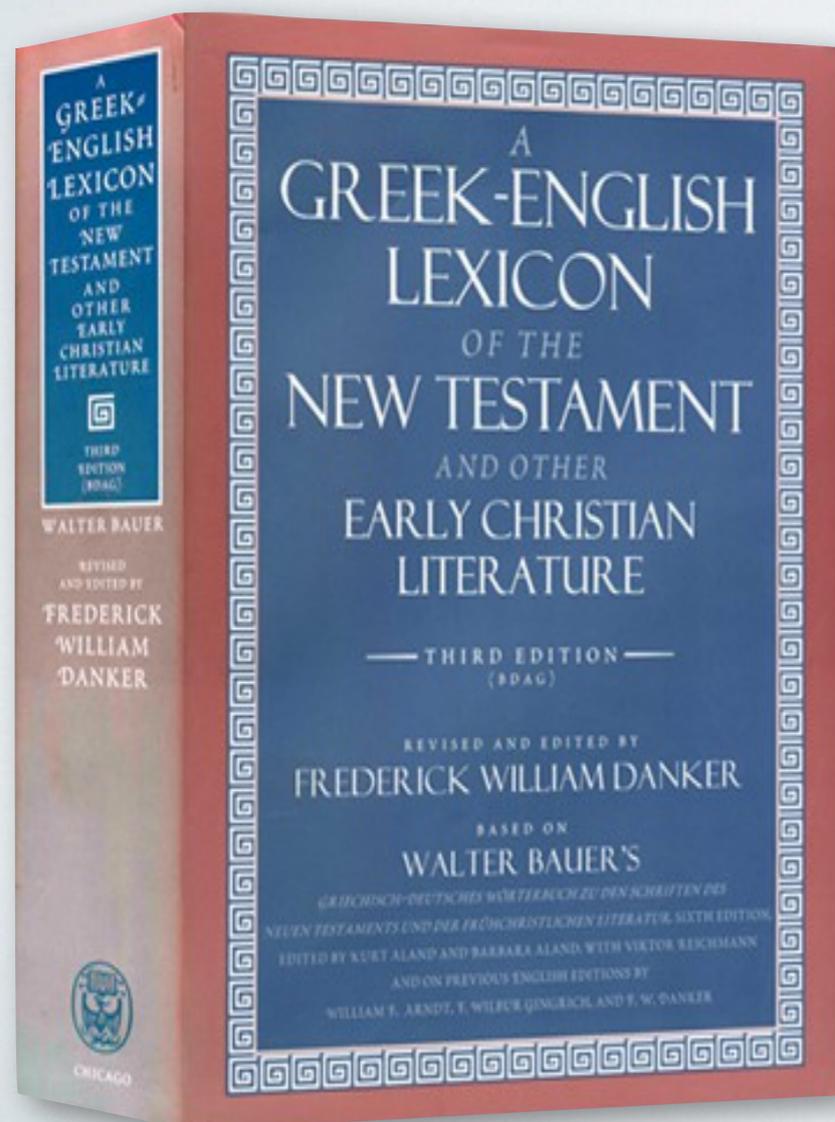


- ▶ Mello can indicate imminence or inevitability (BDAG, 627-628; Thayer, 396-397; Vine, 2:4)
- ▶ Mello does not mean imminence in some passages (Mt. 11:14; Acts 26:22-23; Rom. 5:14; Gal. 3:23; Col. 2:17; 1 Tim. 1:16; Heb. 10:1; 11:8, 20)
- ▶ Mello in RE's “proof texts” indicates inevitability, not imminence.

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Mello (eg. Acts 17:30-31; 24:24-25; 26:22-23)



- ▶ Contexts of RE “proof texts” do not demand immediacy
- ▶ Connotation of imminence is absurd in some RE “proof texts” - Acts 17:30-31; 24:24-25; 26:22-23

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“WHERE IS THE PROMISE OF HIS COMING?” — 2 PETER 3

▶ What were “mockers” and “scoffers” questioning?

- Christ figuratively coming in 70 A.D. to destroy Jerusalem?
- OR - Christ's return in the destruction of the world and universal judgment?



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▶ What were “mockers” and “scoffers” questioning?

- The “beginning of creation” is the reference point - NOT past judgments on cities and nations.
- They are arguing against a coming universal judgment because they assert there has never been a universal judgment.



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2 Peter 3:4 (NASB95)

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Fathers & Creation:
Compare to Hebrews 11:1,2



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Hebrews 11:1–3 (NASB95)

¹ Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

² For by it the men of old gained approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

2 Peter 3:3–5 (NASB95)

³ Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with *their* mocking, following after their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.” ⁵ For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God *the* heavens existed long ago and *the* earth was formed out of water and by water,

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DESTRUCTION WILL BE AS UNIVERSAL AS CREATION!



CREATION
VERSES 3,4

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FLOOD
VERSES 5,6

UNIVERSAL
JUDGMENT
WITH WATER



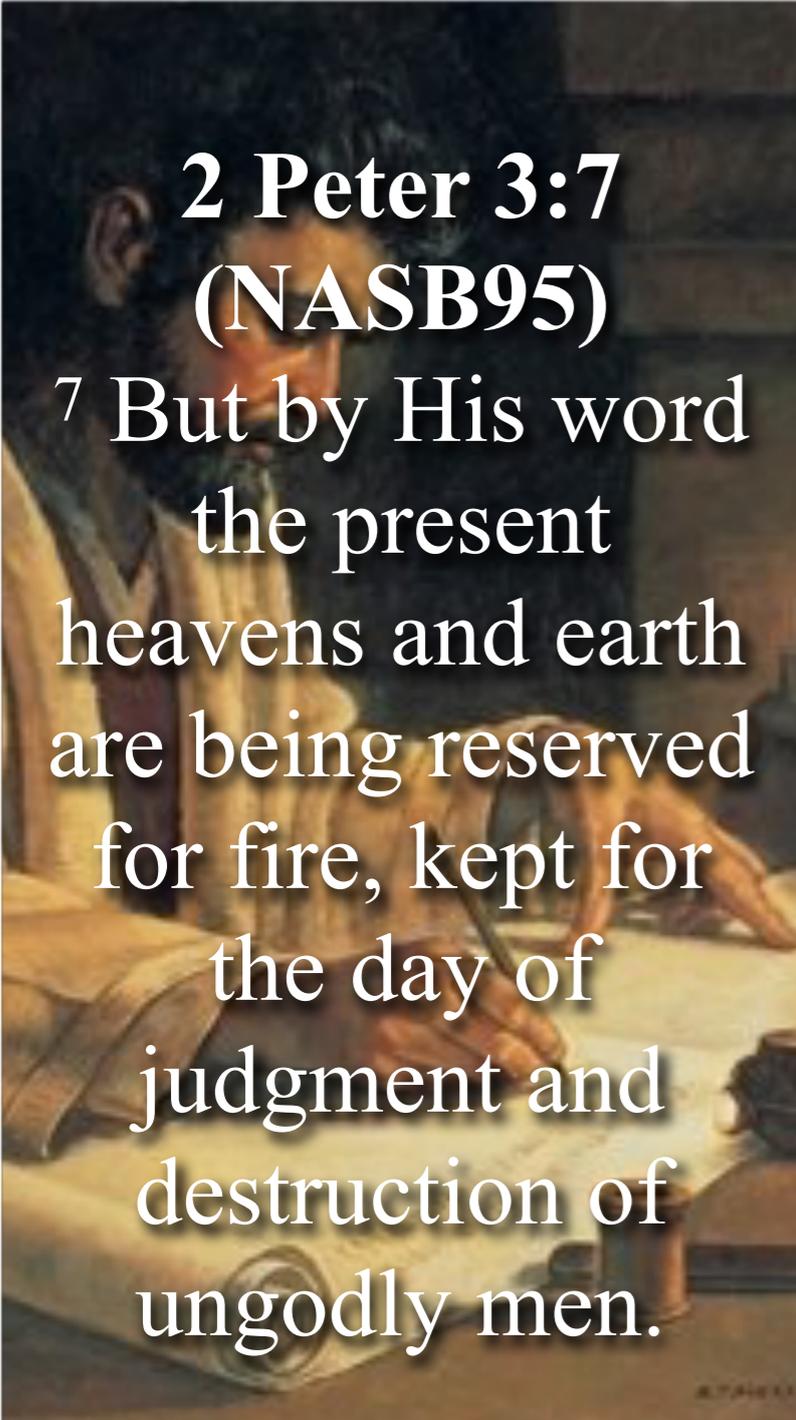
COMING
VERSES 7,10-12

UNIVERSAL
JUDGMENT
WITH FIRE

DESTRUCTION WILL BE AS UNIVERSAL AS THE FLOOD!

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2 Peter 3:7 (NASB95)

⁷ But by His word
the present
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for fire, kept for
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- ▶ “The present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire” (3:7)
- The word of God brought forth the physical “heavens & earth” (5; Gen. 1:1-2).
- The phrase “heavens & earth” of 3:7, 10-12 is just as literal as the phrase “heavens & earth” of 3:5.
- Preterists have to equivocate regarding definitions in order to sustain their doctrine.

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- ▶ “The present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire” (3:7)
- The judgment of this context is a universal judgment that affects all creation — against all ungodly men, not just those in Jerusalem (6,7,10-12)
- The entire world was flooded therefore the literal heavens & earth will be destroyed with fire (Gen. 7:11; 9:11, 15; 2 Peter 3:7,10-12).

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- ▶ “The present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire” (3:7)
- Why speak of “one day being as 1,000 years and 1,000 years as one day” if the judgment was only 5-10 years away?
- Was Peter arguing that God desired all men to come to repentance before A.D. 70 or all men to come to repentance due to a universal judgment on all of mankind (Acts 17:30-31)?

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JUDGMENT SHADOWS

- ▶ The angels who sinned (2:4)
- ▶ The Flood (2:5)
- ▶ Sodom & Gomorrah (2:6-8)
- ▶ Egypt (Ez. 32:7-8)
- ▶ Assyria (Nah. 1:1-5)
- ▶ Israel (Amos 8:1-2, 9)
- ▶ Jerusalem (Jer. 4:1-6)
- ▶ Babylon (Isa. 13:10, 13)
- ▶ Edom (Isa. 34:4-6)
- ▶ Jerusalem (Matt. 24:1-34)

FUTURE REALITY

"The Scriptures teach that Jesus of Nazareth will come again in our future to raise both the wicked and righteous for eternal judgment."

- ▶ John 5:28,29
- ▶ 1 Cor. 15
- ▶ 2 Cor. 4,5
- ▶ 1 Thess. 4:13-18
- ▶ 1 & 2 Peter

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- ⁷ But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. (3:7)

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,

in which the heavens will pass away with a roar

and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat,

and the earth and its works will be burned up.

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▶ “Heavens will pass away with
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- **ROAR - 14.85 ῥοιζηδόν:** (derivative of ῥοῖζος ‘the noise made by something passing swiftly through the air,’ not occurring in the NT) pertaining to a sudden noise made by swift movement—‘with a shrill noise, with a rushing noise.’ οἱ οὐρανοὶ ῥοιζηδὸν παρελεύσονται ‘the heavens will disappear with a rushing noise’ 2 Pe 3:10. The expression ‘with a rushing noise’ may be rendered as ‘suddenly and with a roar’ or ‘quickly and with a lot of noise.’ —

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- **ELEMENTS** — **2.1 στοιχεῖα^a, ων** *n*
(always occurring in the plural): the materials of
which the world and the universe are
composed—‘elements, natural substances.’
στοιχεῖα δὲ καυσούμενα λυθήσεται
‘the elements will be destroyed by burning’
2 Pe 3:10. In many languages the closest
equivalent of **στοιχεῖα** is ‘the things of which
the world is made’ or ‘what the world is made
of’ or ‘the substances of which the universe
consists.’

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▶ “Elements will be destroyed with intense heat” (10) **stoicheion (στοιχεῖον, 4747)**, used in the plural, primarily signifies any first things from which others in a series, or a composite whole take their rise; the word denotes “an element, first principle” (from *stoichos*, “a row, rank, series”; cf. the verb *stoicheo*, “to walk or march in rank”; see walk); it was used of the letters of the alphabet, as elements of speech. . . .

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Elements - *stoicheion* (στοιχείον, 4747),

In the NT it is used of

- (a) the substance of the material world,
2 Pet. 3:10, 12;
- (b) the speculations of gentile cults and of
Jewish theories, ... Col. 2:8,
- (c) the rudimentary principles of religion,
Jewish or Gentile, ... Col. 2:20, and ...
Gal. 4:3, 9,
- (d) the “elementary” principles (the
A.B.C.’s) of God’s word ... Heb. 5:12,

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In 2 Peter 3:10

The creation of the material world (4,5)

The flood of the material world (6)

The present heavens & earth being reserved for fire (7)

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THE FINAL JUDGMENT

“WHERE IS THE PROMISE OF HIS COMING?” — 2 PETER 3

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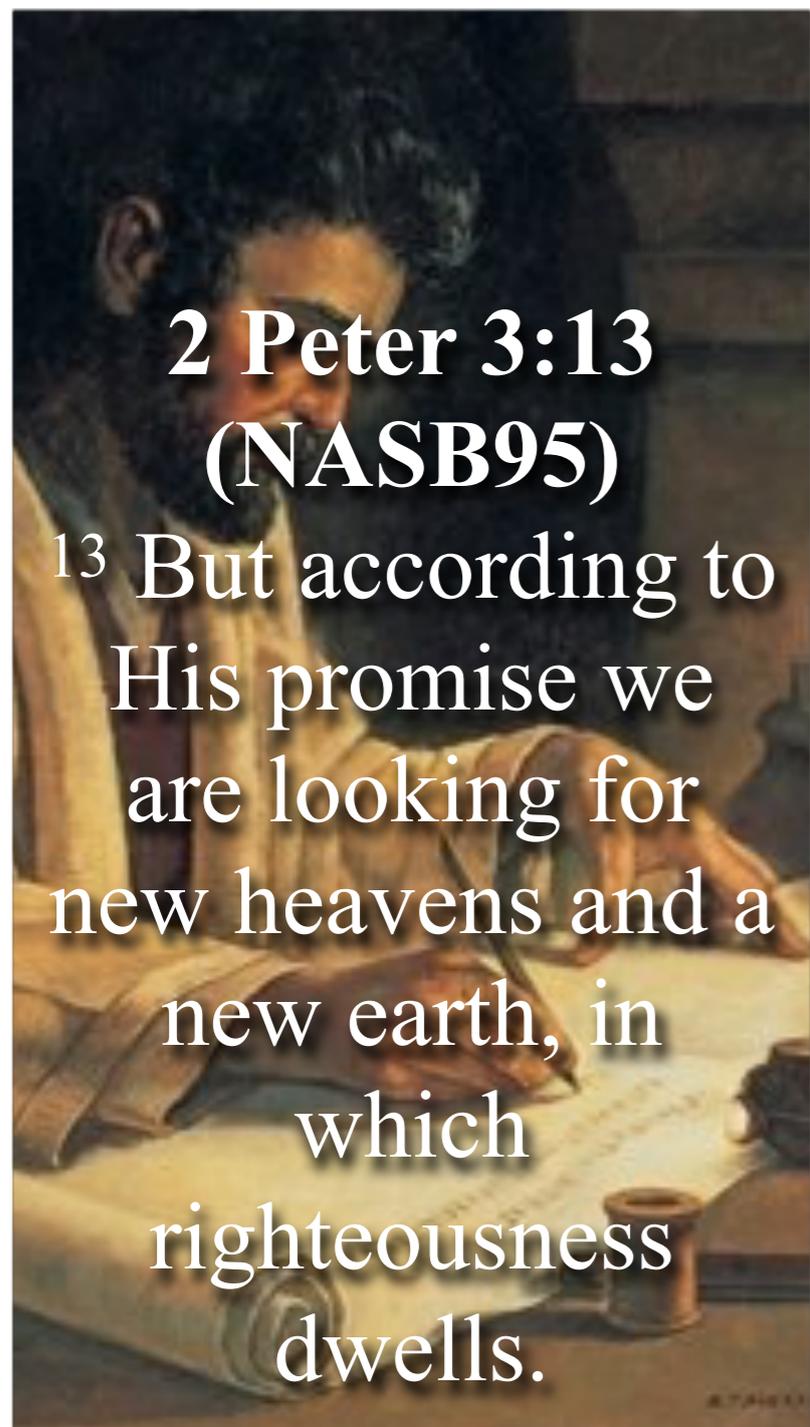
For this text to fit the Preterist view THEY MUST equivocate!

Heavens (10) Heavens (12)	Pass away (10) Destroyed (12)	With roar (10) By burning (12)
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Earth formed (5) Earth / works (10)	World flooded (6) Burned up (10)	Reserved for fire (7) Destroyed (10)

Literal in one verse but NOT in another in the SAME CONTEXT?

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

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**2 Peter 3:13
(NASB95)**

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“Looking for new heavens and a new earth” (3:13)

- Isa. 65:17-25;
cf. Isa. 11:6-16
- Isa. 66:22-24
- 2 Pet. 3:11-13
- Rev. 21:1-4

**Same
Language**
◆
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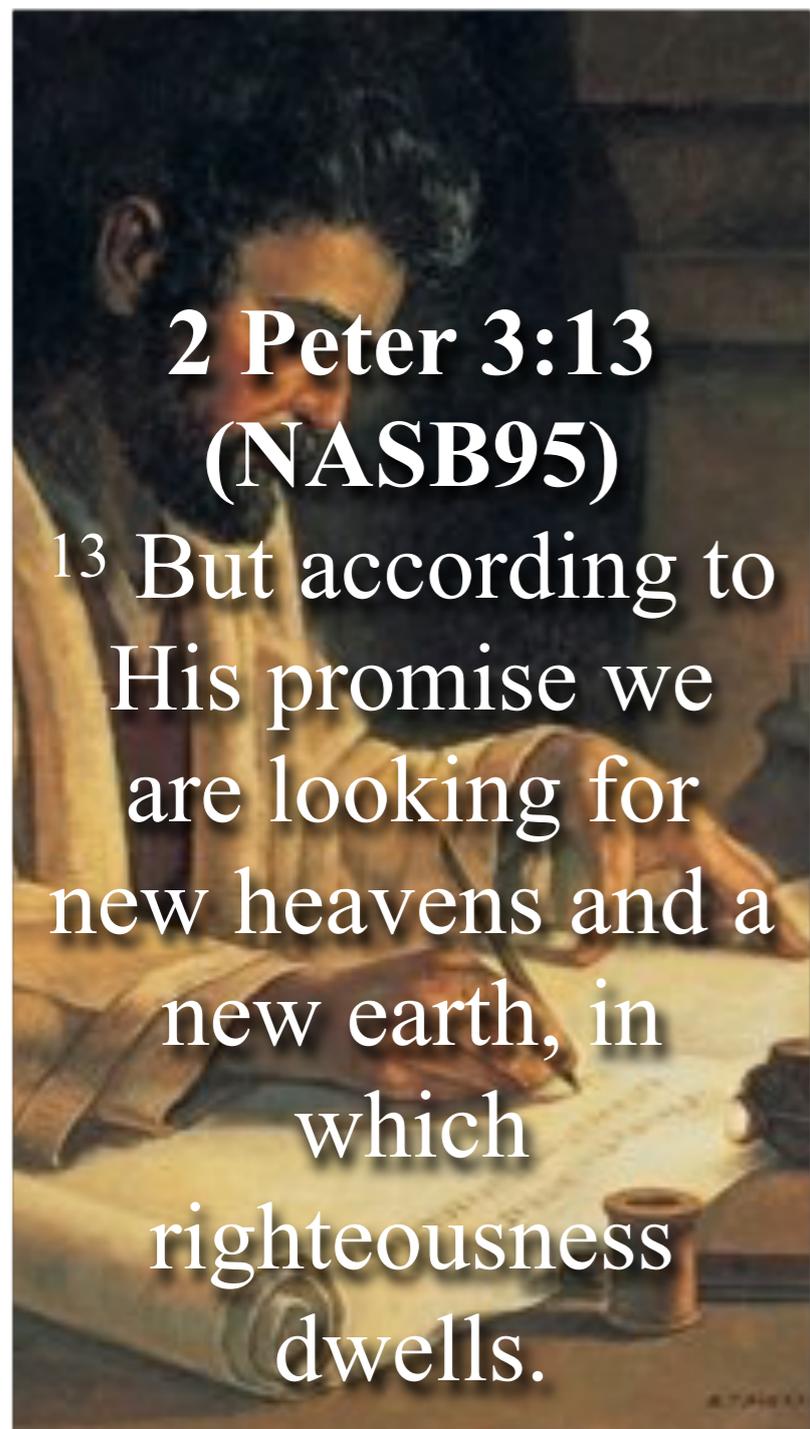
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- Peter has mentioned the material creation - the universal judgment of the flood - and the same material heavens & earth reserved for fire & destruction.
- The material universe will be destroyed - the new heavens and new earth will be the eternal habitation reserved for God's people in heaven (1 Peter 1:4; Col. 1:5; 2 Cor. 5:1-5; 1 Thess. 4:13-18)

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- Preterists assume that the kingdom of God was powerless and without glory. (Ironically, premillennialists make the same mistake).
- However, the N.T. teaches the Messianic kingdom came in its glory and power at Pentecost (Col. 1:13; Mark 9:1; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4, 30-47; Dan. 2:44; 7:13,14).
- These Christians to whom Peter wrote were already spiritually alive and were to look for something MORE (2 Peter 1:3,4).

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

CONSEQUENCES OF R.E. POSITION ON 2 PET. 3

■ Pre A.D. 70

- ▶ Old Cov. still in effect.
- ▶ Christians were still looking for the time in which they would receive full forgiveness of sins and their inheritance in Christ's spiritual kingdom.



**New Heavens
& New Earth
MADE
AVAILABLE
IN AD 70**



■ In A.D. 70

- ▶ N.C. Finally established
- ▶ Christians became new creatures in Christ - forgiven.
- ▶ Christians **RECEIVED** their full inheritance in Christ's spiritual kingdom.

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"OLD HEAVENS & EARTH"

AD
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NEW HEAVENS & EARTH

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

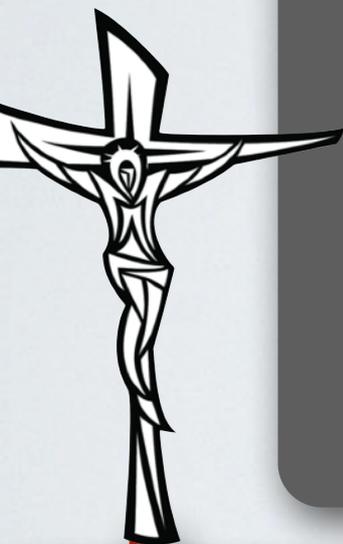
THE TRUTH - Teaching of 2 Peter 3

THINGS WE HAVE ALREADY ...

- ▶ Sanctified
- ▶ Cleansed
- ▶ Grace & Peace
- ▶ Born Again
- ▶ Living Hope
- ▶ Our faith
- ▶ Trials / Testing

WHAT WE DO NOT HAVE YET ...

- ▶ Final Inheritance
- ▶ In Heaven
- ▶ Final Salvation
- ▶ Final Glorification
- ▶ Final Revelation
- ▶ Faith REALIZED
- ▶ Hope REALIZED
- ▶ End of TRIALS



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“Current Heavens & Earth”

reserved for fire until the day of judgment ...

END

New Heavens & Earth

in which righteousness dwells

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

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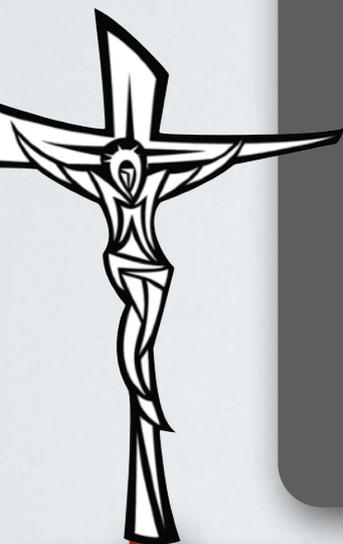
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“WHERE IS THE PROMISE OF HIS COMING?” — 2 PETER 3

“New Heavens & New Earth”

**Judgment on
JUDAH &
RESTORATION
(Isaiah 65,66)**

**LITERAL
RESTORATION OF
JUDAH - 536 BC

ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE CHURCH**

**UNIVERSAL
Judgment &
ETERNAL LIFE
(2 Peter 3:1-13)**

The literal world will
be destroyed.
**As new creatures
in Christ they were
to look to their
eternal reward.**

**FUTURE FULL
GLORIFICATION of
the CHURCH
(Revelation 21:1-4)**

As children of God - we will
have something much better
than what we currently have!
**God's people will be
with Him in HEAVEN.**

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

“WHERE IS THE PROMISE OF HIS COMING?” — 2 PETER 3

**2 Peter 3:7
(NASB95)**

7 But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

2 Peter 3:14–18 (NASB95)

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, ¹⁵ and regard the patience of our Lord *as* salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, ¹⁶ as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

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2 Peter 3:14–18 (NASB95)

17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, **18**

but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity.

Amen.

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

“HEAVENS AND EARTH” — 2 PETER 3

Gen. 14:19	Ezra 5:11	Jer. 23:24	Mk. 13:31
Gen. 14:22	Psa. 69:34	Jer. 33:25	Lk. 10:21
Dt. 4:26	Psa. 115:15	Joel 3:16*	Lk. 16:17
Dt. 30:19	Psa. 121:2	Hag. 2:6*	Lk. 21:33
Dt. 31:28	Psa. 124:8	Hag. 2:21*	Acts 4:24
2 Sam. 18:9	Psa. 134:3	Mt. 5:18	Acts 17:24
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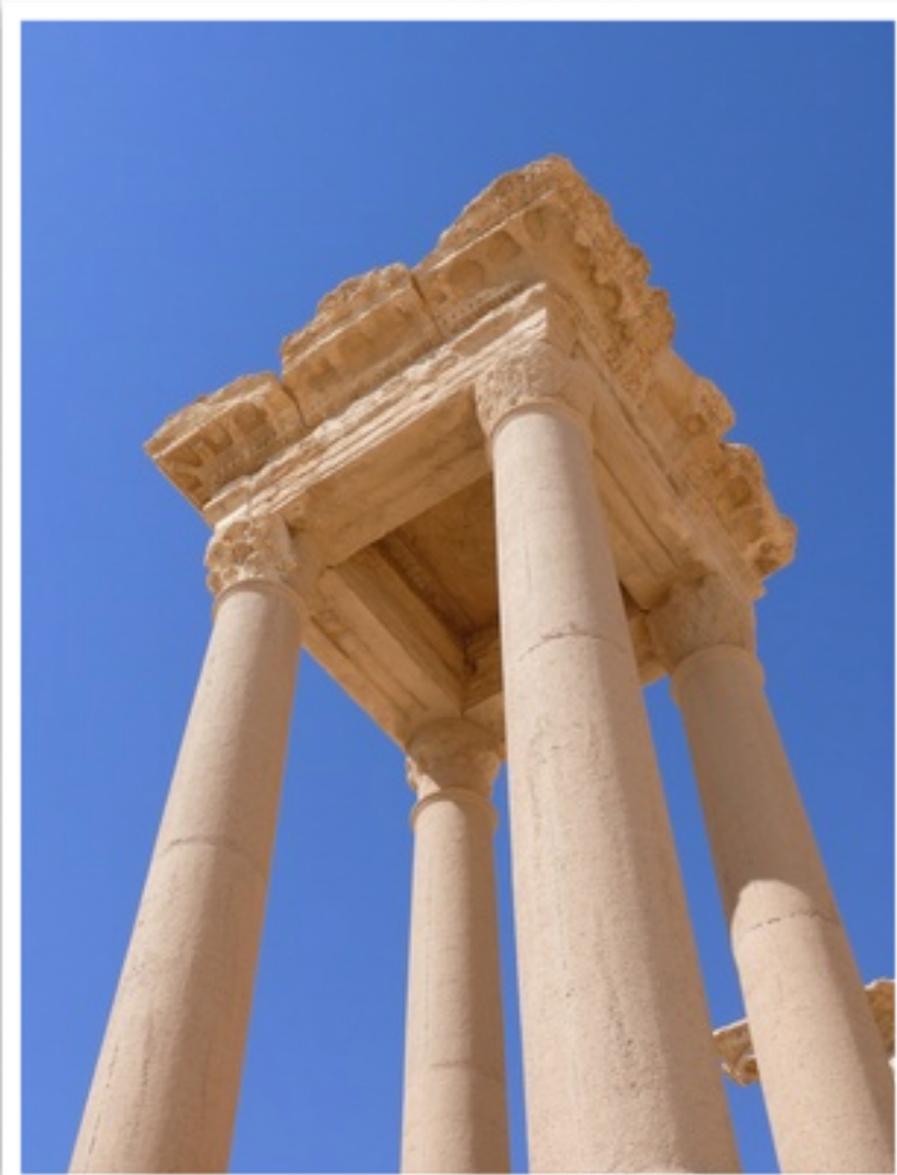
29/32 = Physical heavens & earth

3/32 = MAY BE used figuratively - NONE REFER TO AD 70

Lk. 16:17 explains Mt. 5:18

An Examination & Refutation of **70AD DOCTRINE**

IF ONE FALLS, THE WHOLE SYSTEM FALLS



- ❑ Every time indicator **MUST** be restricted to his view of imminence (Deut. 32:34–35)
- ❑ If one verse in the Bible affirms the actual forgiveness of sins before AD 70 (Acts 2:38)
- ❑ If there is **ONE** Biblical reference to a future bodily resurrection (1 Cor. 15:35)
- ❑ If there is **ONE** verse in the Bible affirming that Jesus will return in the future personally, visibly, and audibly (Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thes. 4:16)
- ❑ If the N.T. teaches that there was **ONLY ONE** body of Christ before AD 70 (Eph. 2:16)

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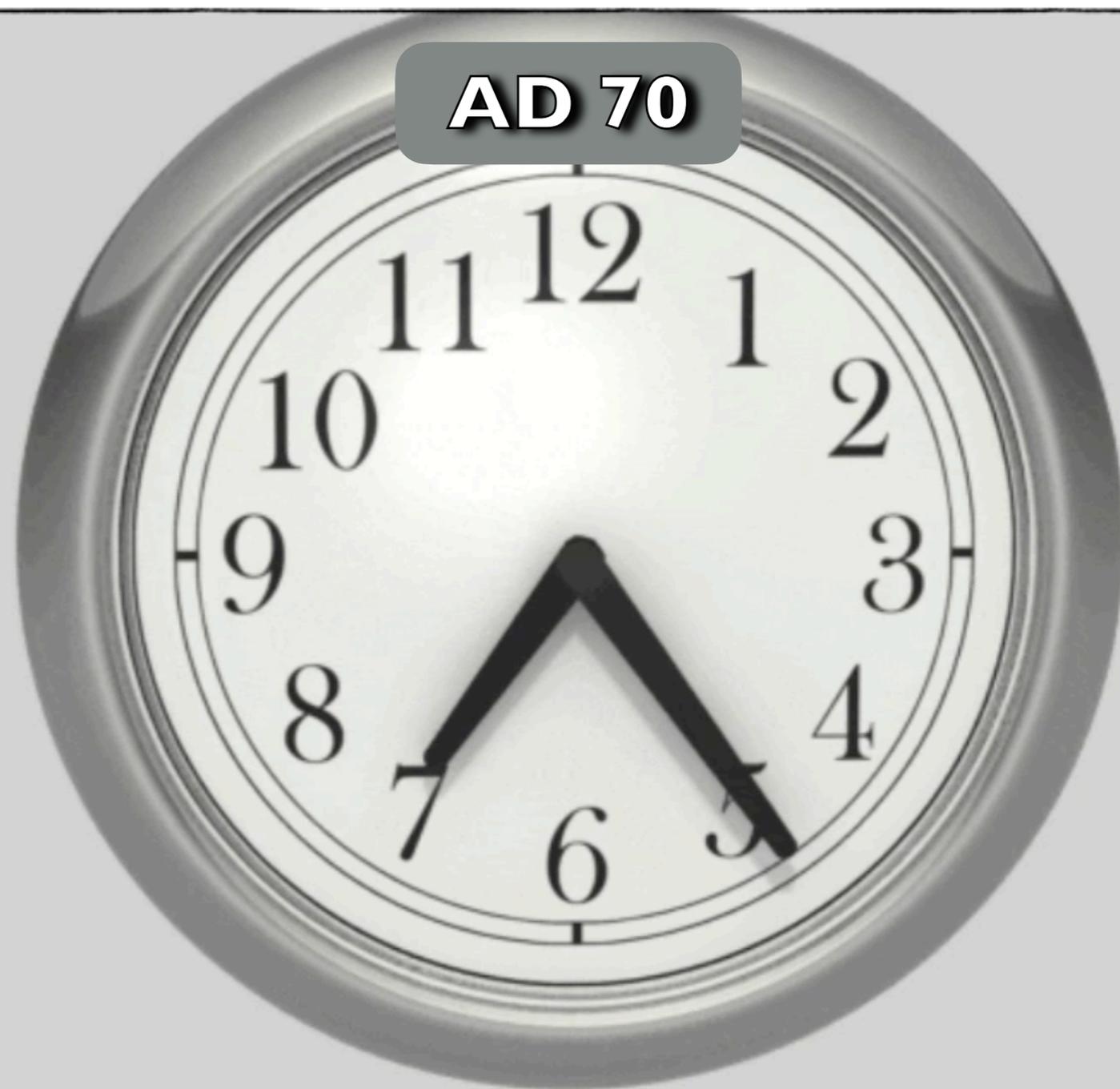
“WHERE IS THE PROMISE OF HIS COMING?”

- ❑ If Jesus has not come back in the same manner as the disciples SAW Him ascend - The second coming has NOT happened yet (Acts 1:9-11; 1 John 3:2)
- ❑ If men and women are getting married today, then the resurrection has NOT happened yet (Luke 20:34-38)
- ❑ “Are we there yet?” If we are still living in hope by faith, Jesus has NOT come yet (Romans 8:23; Philippians 3:21)
- ❑ If we have not been fully glorified, Jesus has NOT come again (Romans 8:17,18; Colossians 3:4; 1 John 3:2)
- ❑ If we still engage in spiritual conflict and struggle with temptation and sin, the second coming of Christ has NOT occurred (Ephesians 6:10-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11)
- ❑ If we are under ANY divine law, i.e., if we can sin today, Jesus has NOT returned (1 Cor. 15:56; Romans 5:13)

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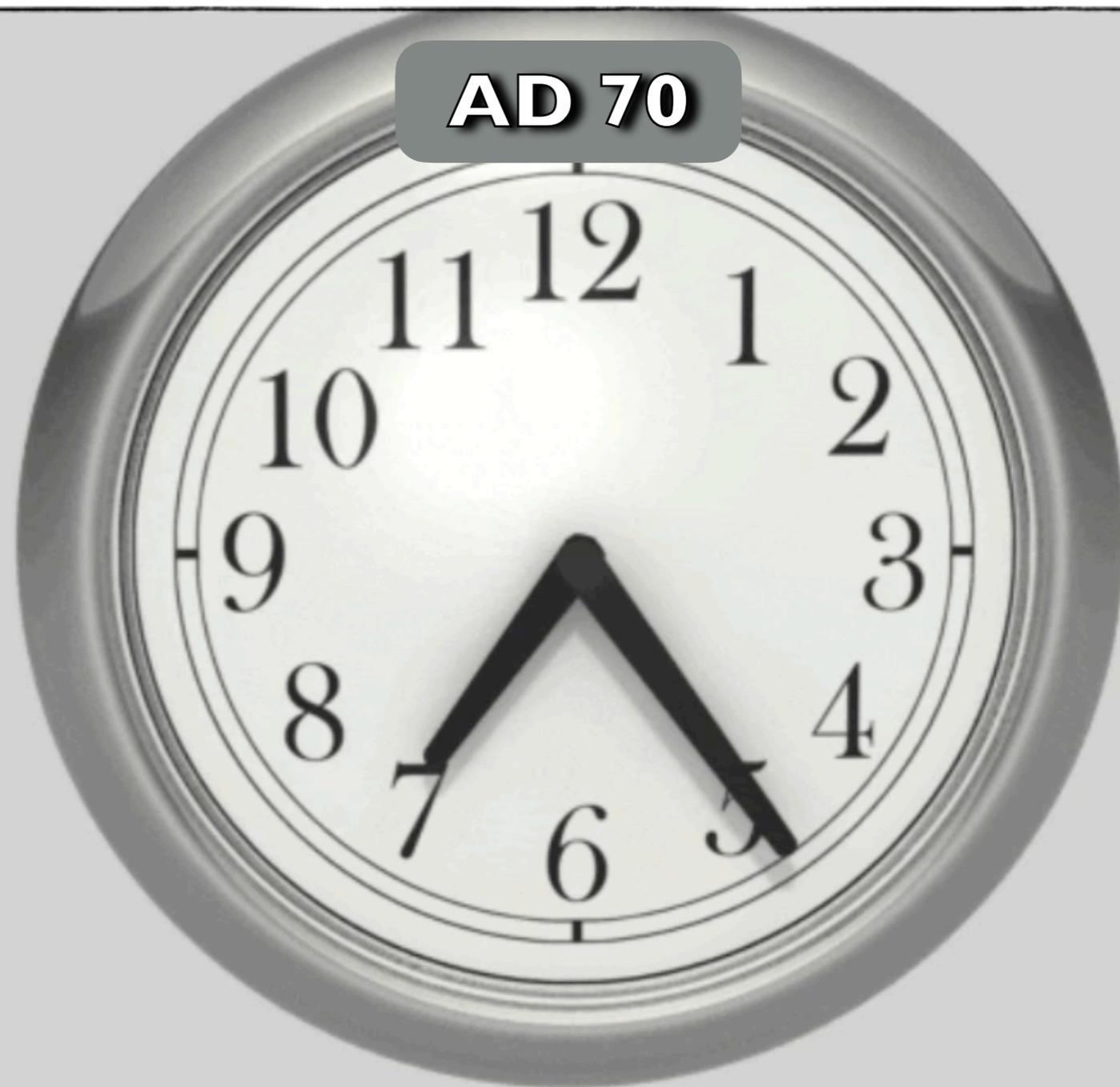
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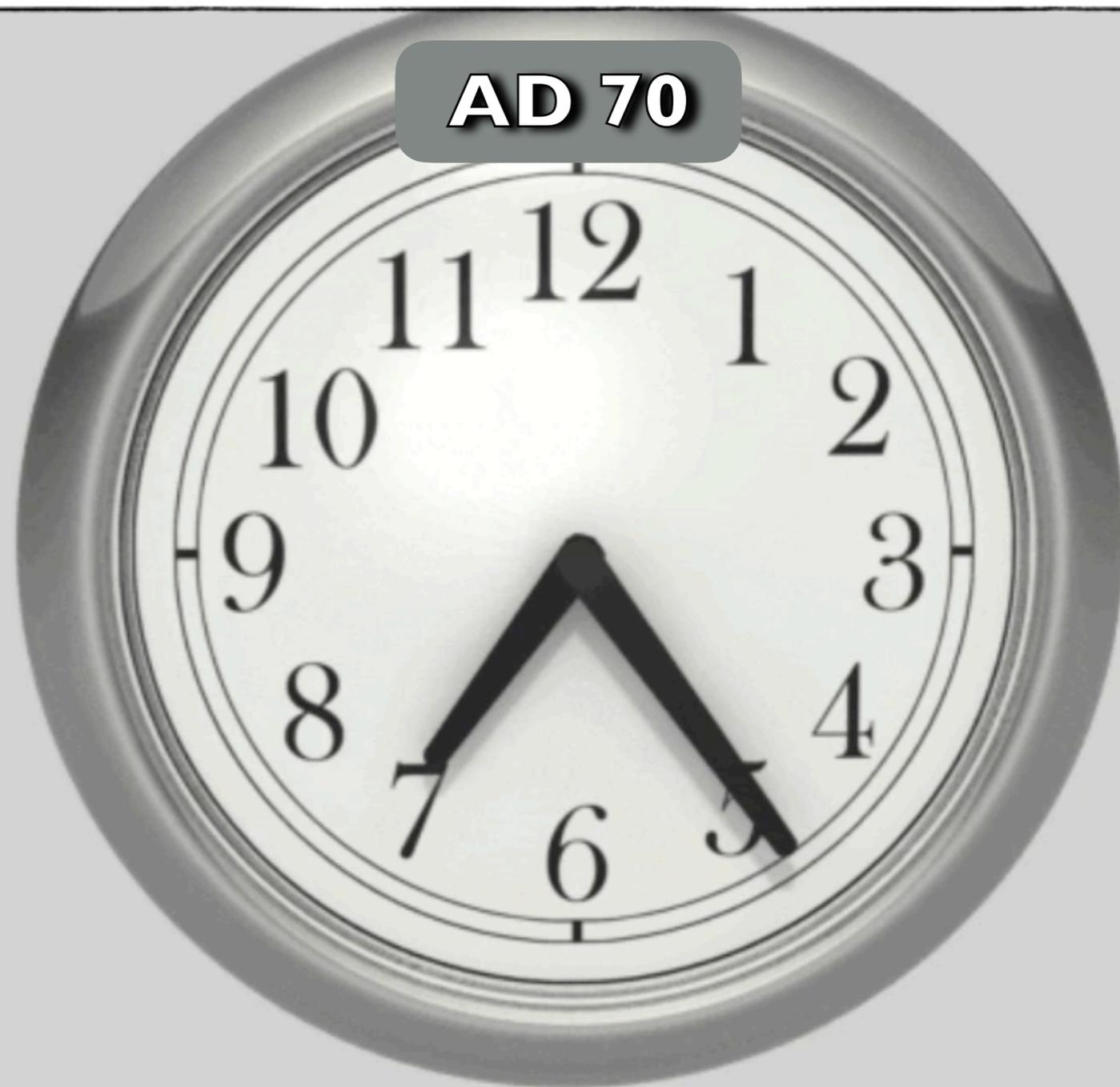
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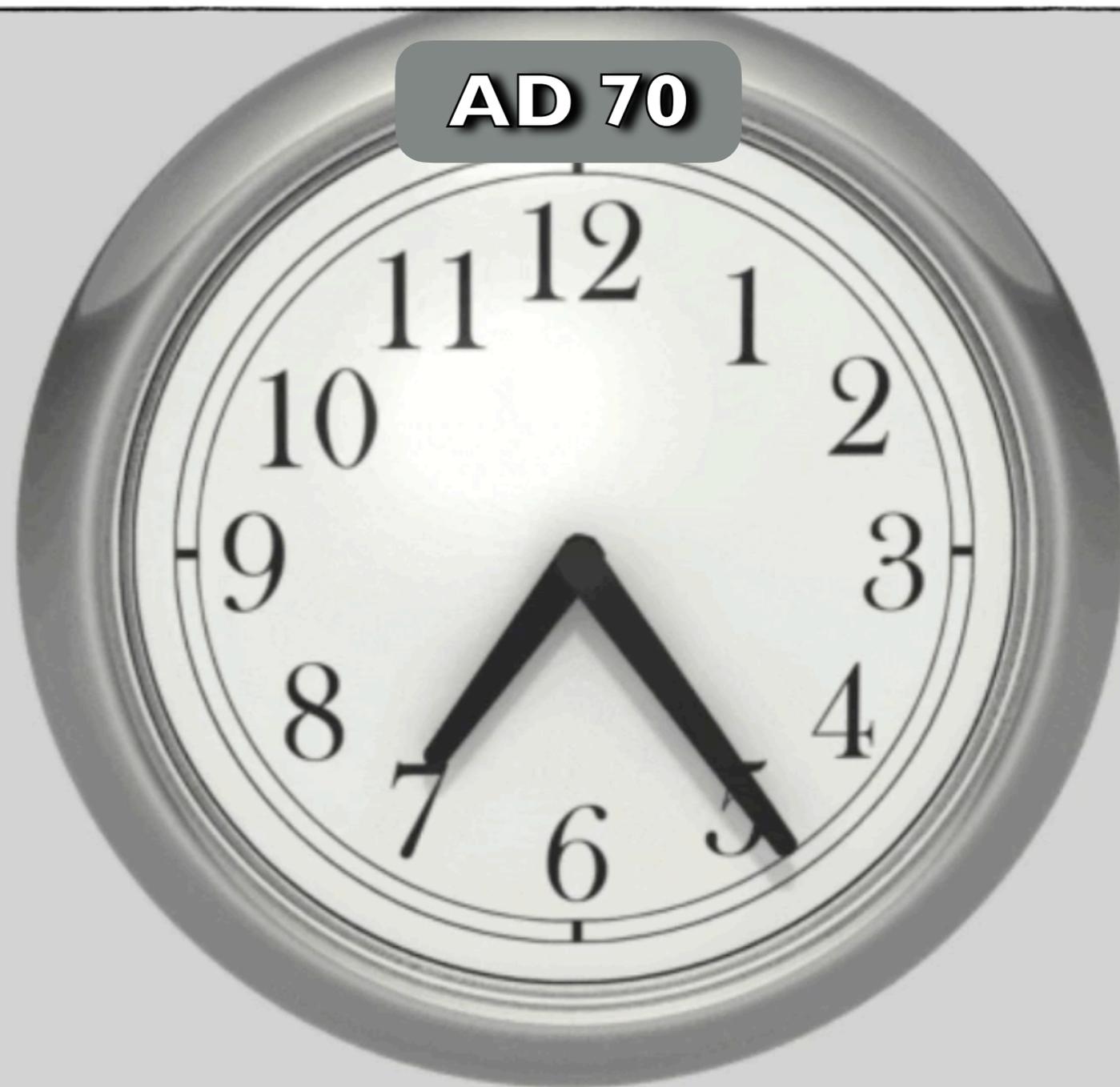
When will
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When will
the final
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be?



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R.E'S ANSWER TO EVERY QUESTION

ALL OT
PROPHECY

Luke 24:44
Deut 32
Daniel 2:44
Isaiah 2
Jer. 31
ETC.



The
REAL
D. B. R.

Sins
FORGIVEN
Acts 2:38
The New
Covenant
Hebrews 8



2nd
Coming
1 Thes 4



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END of
WORLD
2 Pet 3:10-14



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Our full
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Phili 3:20,21



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Faith &
Hope
Rom. 8:23-25
2 Cor. 5:7



Incremental or Proleptic?

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R.E'S ANSWER TO EVERY QUESTION

The kingdom of heaven is at hand ...



Sins
FORGIVEN
Acts 2:38

The kingdom
established
Dan. 2:44;
Acts 2

The
D. B. R. Of
Jesus

The New
Covenant
Hebrews 8



Proleptic: Already but not yet ... in other words NOT YET!

Incremental: A little at a time ... partial

IT CANNOT BE BOTH AT THE SAME TIME!

Incremental or Proleptic?

AD
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THE RESURRECTION

WHICH RESURRECTION SAVES?

“THE REAL D.B.R?”

- The resurrection of Jesus’ physical body was ONLY & MERELY a SIGN of the resurrection of the corporate, spiritual body of Christ.
- The physical & bodily resurrection of Jesus is not the resurrection that saves us! (1 Cor. 15:4; 1 Pet. 3:21)



WAS “JESUS’ **REAL** RESURRECTION” A PROCESS?



AD 30

JESUS NOT RAISED

AD 70

ETERNAL AGE



QUESTIONS FOR HOLGER NEUBAUER (Monday July 20, 2020)

- ❑ When was the first coming of Jesus?
- ❑ What New Testament passage supports the teaching of eternal conscious punishment of the wicked in hell after AD 70?
- ❑ Was the physical death and personal bodily resurrection of Christ sufficient for our atonement?
- ❑ How would you prove Psalm 16 is a prophecy of the bodily resurrection of Jesus?
- ❑ Does the “first fruits” of I Corinthians 15:20, 23 refer to the personal bodily resurrection of Jesus?

QUESTIONS FOR HOLGER NEUBAUER (Tuesday July 21, 2020)

- ❑ Does a soul's presence in hades necessarily mean he is separated from God?
- ❑ What happened to the wicked who were in hades when Jesus and the O.T. saints were released?
- ❑ What is the only body that saves?
- ❑ If spiritual death was abolished in AD 70, how can a Christian die spiritually today?
- ❑ What passages offer Christians today any hope in heaven?

QUESTIONS FOR HOLGER NEUBAUER (Thursday July 23, 2020)

- ❑ Is 1 Corinthians 15:4 a direct quote from Hosea 6:2?
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- ❑ Which passage in the New Testament offers Christians the hope of heaven today?

QUESTIONS FOR HOLGER NEUBAUER (Friday July 24, 2020)

- ❑ Have you received the one baptism of Ephesians 4:5?
- ❑ When did Jesus come for the first time?
- ❑ Are people still getting married today? (Luke 20:34-36)
- ❑ What did you mean when you said “So what was ever lost, in the Godhead by Christ, was absorbed by the other two persons in the Godhead”?
- ❑ Do faithful Christians today have a closer relationship with God than Jesus had when He was quoting Psalm 22:1? (Matthew 27:46)

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

METAPHORS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

...the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth - 1 Timothy 3:15 (NASB95)



- Household (1 Tim. 3:15; Heb. 3:1-6)
- Betrothal (2 Cor. 11:2)
- Marriage (Eph. 5:22-33)
- Mother (Gal. 4:26)
- Widow (Rom. 7:1-4)
- We are God's & Christ's children (Heb. 2:12; Gal. 4:7; 1 Pet. 1:3)
- We are Christ's brothers and sisters (Mk. 3:34-35; Heb. 2:12)

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Betrothal

2 Corinthians 11:2
(NASB95)

2 For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.

Marriage

Ephesians 5:23
(NASB95)

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.

Widow

Romans 7:2 (NASB95)

2 For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband.

“THE INSUFFICIENCY OF THE BLOOD”

WAS THE GODHEAD DIVIDED?



“I took the position that Jesus died spiritually and yet He wasn’t separated for the full three days in the grave. That’s my position. Give me Matt 27:46, please... This is the only time where God addresses the Father without actually using the title ‘Father’ because He is sacrificing his relationship with his Father so that we might be sons. He is separated from God. He is paying for sins.

“THE INSUFFICIENCY OF THE BLOOD”

WAS THE GODHEAD DIVIDED?



“Suppose cancer were the penalty of sin. Jesus would have to pay the penalty and actually experience that cancer in order to pay for sins. And the physical death was minisculed compared to the death that he endured on the cross. And yes, in fact, the Bible teaches that He died spiritually. Give me 2 Cor 5:14. Now the Bible clearly teaches that the kind of death that Jesus died for all is the kind of death everybody experiences. But here in this text he’s not talking about physical death because everyone was already dead...

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“Now in what sense were they all dead? Spiritually! And so Jesus had to die because it was the payment for sin. He paid for sin. He died in spirit. And so he was separated from God...And again, God is changeless, right. Malachi 3:6, ‘I change not.’ And yet Jesus when He was on the earth, He didn’t have omniscience, did He? No. But the Godhead remained constant, didn’t it? So what was lost in Christ was absorbed by the other two persons of the Godhead.

“THE INSUFFICIENCY OF THE BLOOD”

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“And so as Jesus is tempted in all points as we are yet without sin, the Bible says in James 1:13 God cannot be tempted with evil. So what was ever lost, in the Godhead by Christ, was absorbed by the other two persons in the Godhead. That’s a philosophical truth. It’s just ungetaroundable. And so Jesus dies in spirit, sacrificing relationship, to pay for the sins of mankind. And God is still constant. God is still intact. But when Jesus says ‘My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?’
He dies spiritually.”

THE RESURRECTION

PRETERISTS' EVASIVE LANGUAGE



The
Evasion of
the Law of
Rationality

- “Already but not yet”
- “Proleptic”
- “Incremental”
- “Not the redemption of skin...”
- “Projected imminence”
- “Heaven was opened”

THE RESURRECTION

PRETERISTS' HERMENEUTICAL FALLACIES



The Evasion of the Law of Rationality

- Ignore the plain purpose of the writer (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 6:12-18; 1 Cor. 15:36; Phil. 3:20.21)
- Ignore or redefine the plain meaning of words without any contextual justification.
- When the plain teaching of a passage contradicts their theology, they use an unrelated passage to explain it away (cf. Hos. 6:2 & 1 Cor. 15:4)

THE RESURRECTION

PRETERISTS' HERMENEUTICAL FALLACIES



The Evasion of the Law of Rationality

- They find a specific meaning of a word in a context that fits with their theology and then arbitrarily apply it to contexts where it is obviously inappropriate ('body' in 1 Cor. 15 to refer to corporate body of Israel)
- They reduce NT writers' meaning to only the immediate contexts of the OT prophets rather than allowing inspired NT writers to reveal the full meaning of the prophets.

THE RESURRECTION

CONSEQUENCES OF PRETERISM

- Death and suffering are attributed to a direct creative act of God
- The saving efficacy of Jesus' death and resurrection is denied
- The sin, suffering, and physical death of this world will never come to an end
- God only created the world to experience suffering and physical death with no hope to bring those things to an end
- God is the first cause of suffering and physical death

THE RESURRECTION

REVISIONIST ESCHATOLOGY

- Denies the resurrection gospel
- The physical DBR of Christ had no saving purpose. It was merely a sign to the Jews
- Due to their denial of the future bodily resurrection, they radically distort the resurrection of Christ
- Revise biblical terms (death, resurrection, body, first-fruits)

THE RESURRECTION

REVISIONIST ESCHATOLOGY

- Their denial of a future bodily resurrection denies the incorruptible resurrection body of Jesus
- Their redefining of resurrection is rooted in modernism, neo-Platonism, and Gnosticism, not biblical truth
- This teaching logically leads to the conclusion that God will leave this world in a far worse condition than before Adam's sin
- Full preterism makes a mockery of God's character, denies the full power of the cross, and the Kingship of Christ

“THE INSUFFICIENCY OF THE BLOOD”

“Jesus said His physical death, burial, and resurrection would be a sign. Folks, a sign is NOT the actual thing. If you were in Walmart and needed to use the restroom, and saw a sign on a door that said “Restroom,” would you relieve yourself on that door? You have to go beyond that door which had the sign, to get to the real thing! Jesus' physical death, burial, and resurrection was a sign of the real thing,

Steve Baisden -

Outward Sign Of An Inward Grace!



PRETERISTS' EVASIVE LANGUAGE

The Proleptical Nature of the Kingdom

Romans 4:17: "He calls those things which do not exist as though they did"

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 - B "until the redemption of the purchased possession" (Ephesians 1:14)
 - C "you were sealed for (eis) the day of redemption" (Ephesians 4:30; Luke 21:28)
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 - B "by which you are saved" (1 Corinthians 15:2)
 - C "He shall appear a second time without sin unto salvation" (Hebrews 9:28)
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 - B "receiving a kingdom" (Hebrews 12:29)
 - C "the kingdom of God is near" (Luke 21:31)
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 - A "has raised us up together" (Ephesians 2:6)
 - B "It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption" (1 Cor 15:42)
 - C "shall raise us up together and shall present us with you" (2 Corinthians 4:14)
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VARIOUS PERSPECTIVES OF SALVATION

PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
<p>Redeemed 1 Peter 1:18 Hebrews 9:12</p>	<p>Redemption Ephesians 1:7 Colossians 1:14</p>	<p>Redemption Ephesians 1:14; 4:30 Luke 21:28; Romans 8:23</p>
<p>Saved Ephesians 2:8,9 Titus 3:5</p>	<p>Saved 1 Corinthians 15:2 1 Corinthians 1:18</p>	<p>Saved Hebrews 9:28 Romans 13:11</p>
<p>Kingdom Colossians 1:13 Revelation 1:5,6</p>	<p>Kingdom Romans 14:17 Revelation 1:9</p>	<p>Kingdom 2 Peter 1:11 2 Timothy 4:18</p>
<p>Raised Colossians 2:12 Romans 6:3-7</p>	<p>Raised* Ephesians 2:6 Col. 3:1; Rom. 6:11,13</p>	<p>Raised 1 Corinthians 6:14; 15:42 2 Corinthians 4:14</p>
<p>Death Abolished 2 Timothy 1:10</p>	<p>Death Abolished John 11:26</p>	<p>Death Abolished 1 Corinthians 15:26</p>

What Does Mr. Neubauer Mean?

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NASB95)

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

- “died” = spiritually separated from the Father
- “He was raised” = spiritually reunited with God, coming out of Hades
- Hades? — the abode of the unforgiven dead prior to AD70, including David and Abraham

Logical Consequences of Mr. Neubauer's Position

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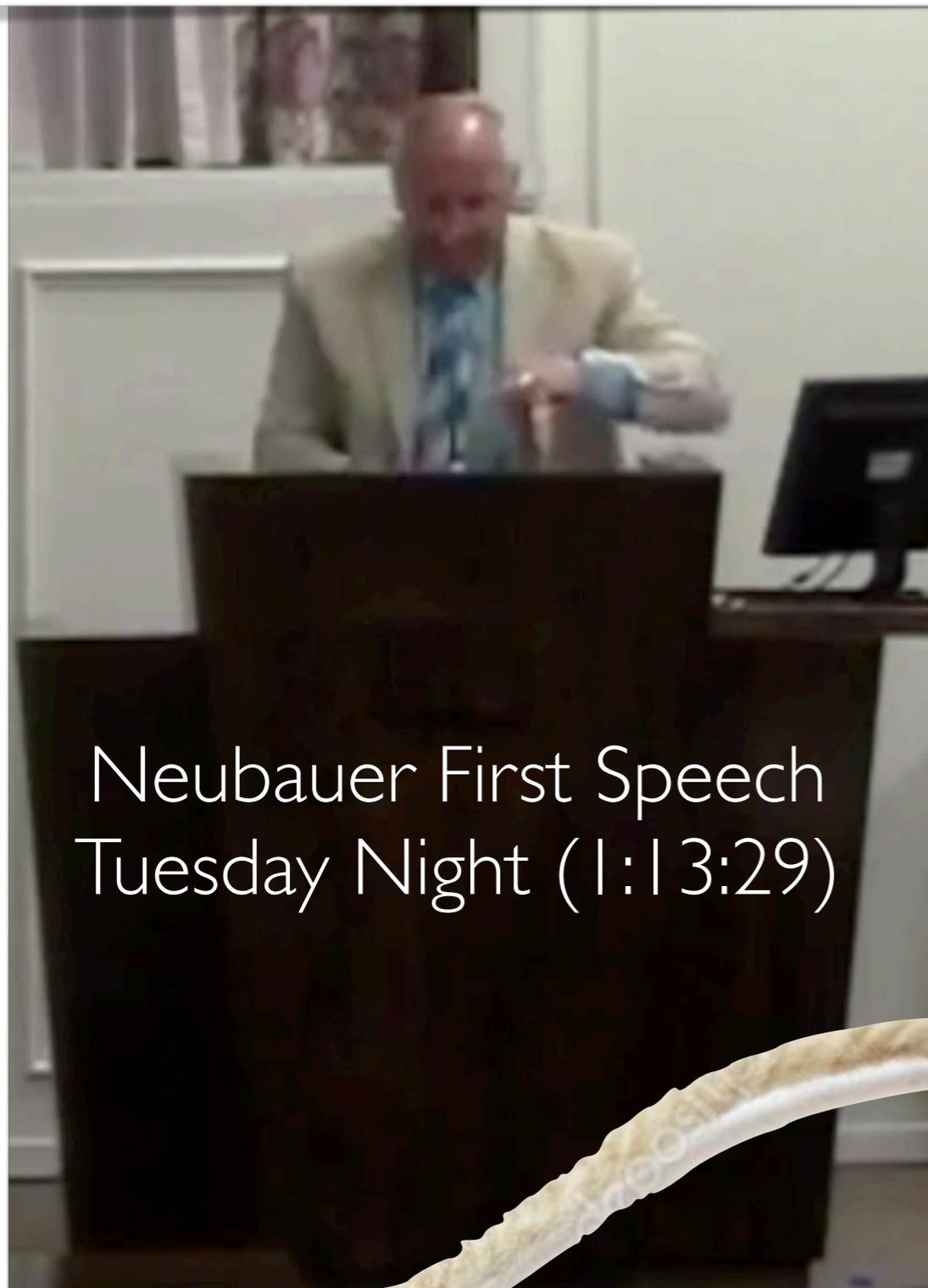
- Jesus was spiritually dead
- Jesus gave up relationship with His Father for 3 days
- The Godhead was divided.
- The physical death, burial, and resurrection was not effective for forgiveness.
- DBR of Jesus was merely a sign, like baptism.

R.E. **MUST** Change The Biblical
Teaching Regarding:

Atonement
Deity of Christ
Death, Burial, Resurrection
Hades
The Unity of the Godhead
Judgment
Belief in Hell
Hope and Faith

Bruce Reeves' Ball of String

The Context of I Corinthians 15



Neubauer First Speech
Tuesday Night (1:13:29)

**The REAL Bodily
Resurrection of Jesus (4,12)**

**The D.B.R. provided for the
forgiveness of sins (17)**

Firstfruits - same in kind (20,23)

Adam Christ Typology (21,22)

**Nature of Our Resurrection
Body (35-46)**

**O.T. prophets support bodily
resurrection (55,56)**

The abolishment of death (26)

THE RESURRECTION

PRETERISTS' HERMENEUTICAL FALLACIES



Brother Neubauer is wrong even if he is right

Hosea 6:2
(NASB95)
2 “He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day, That we may live before Him.

1 Corinthians 15:4
(NASB95)
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THE RESURRECTION

LOGICAL CONSEQUENCES OF H.N.'S TEACHING



Galatians 4:4–5 (NASB95)

⁴ But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,
⁵ so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

- Jesus was in Adam thus spiritually dead (i.e., guilty of sin).
- Jesus gave up relationship with His Father for 33 years.
- Jesus was the head of a body that didn't exist in a covenant before it was established.

