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Restoration of All Things

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- Let's agree together for a fully open heaven during this time together
- Let's release the sound and frequencies of our desire for deeper intimacy with the Father
- We invite the presence of Father, Son and Spirit to fill this atmosphere with love

- We call for heavenly love bombs to explode over our hearts
- We call for lightning bolts of heavenly revelation to illuminate our minds
- We invite the 4 living creatures and the angelic realm to participate with us
- We invite the cloud of witnesses to participate with us

- House keeping recordings available
- The event is being live streamed
- We have a basket if you would like to bless the speakers sow into or trade into the revelation all that you give will go directly to them
- Please give on the day each speaker is speaking or make it clear who it is for

- We want this to be a safe place to explore some challenging and controversial subjects in a loving, respectful and honouring way
- We are not here to argue about what the Bible says to try to convince anyone but we do want to share different perspectives

- We can disagree and still are one as brothers and sisters. It's not about being right or wrong!
- It's about growing in faith and in the knowledge of Christ and in the intimate relationship we have with him. And it is about growing in encouragement, to change the planet for the better. - Bruno Zimmerli

- This is our stance for our time here to enable respectful listening, sharing, debating and discussions.
- The little boy asked his mother what was the difference between pagans and Christians. She replied, "Christians are the ones who fight about the Bible." - Paul Smith

- The interpretation of the Bible is what has primarily created all the divisions, denominations and factions so trying use the same thing that caused the problem to fix the problem is insanity
- We have 30,000 + denominations all claiming the bible to be their source of truth we need the Truth Jesus

- When someone draws a Biblical line that excludes others if crossed it means that relationship becomes conditional on agreed beliefs
- God will cross whatever lines we draw and smash whatever boxes we try to make for Him anyway so let's draw no lines

- People tend to get very upset when they are taught what is in the Bible rather than what they presume is in the Bible – N T Wright
- People often make accusations in a personally offensive way
- I find it is better to forgive and bless rather than argue



- Heresy belief or opinion contrary to orthodox religious (especially Christian) doctrine.
- (the act of having) an opinion or belief that is the opposite of or against what is the official or popular opinion
- What is orthodox?
- Whose orthodoxy do we oppose?

- Heretic a person holding an opinion at odds with what is generally accepted
- A person who has beliefs that are opposed to the official belief of a church and that the church considers wrong
- My past self would probably call my present self a heretic. - Lindy Strong
- We are on a journey where revelation is progressive

- You are probably going to be a heretic to someone make sure it is not God's view you are opposing
- Here is a useful acronym for heretic
- Happy Enlightened Redeemed Enjoying Truth In Christ
- You won't please everyone but you are already pleasing to Father

- Rabbinical tradition was for discussion around questions that enabled opinion and hearts to be shared
- We have 2 ears and 1 mouth for a reason so let's make sure we are listening to each other's hearts so we can learn from each other's journeys and are not trying to just prove who is right or wrong

- We are not trying to debate which position is right and which other positions are wrong and come to a conclusion that we can all agree on as then we will include and exclude on the basis of those beliefs
- That is how all denominations form and then fossilise into rigid institutional structures

- We are not attempting to create another theological position or doctrine to exclude people from but to clarify the various positions we might have
- We do want to give some understanding of where we may be travelling from and where that may be leading us as we move towards the restoration of all things

- We do want to provide a platform to help us understand the different perspectives around restoration and perhaps expand our thinking
- We are all entitled to our opinions so we are looking to create a safe place to discuss with honour and respect without negative judgement and criticism

- Please don't just believe everything we say but go to God get the revelation first-hand
- If you resonate with anything we say in your spirit or if you object strongly to anything we share take it back to God and openly ask Him to give you direct revelation

- We can only share information about the revelation that has come through our own personal encounters and experiences
- Only by engaging God for yourselves can you have revelation and not just more information
- We all need to know the truth and He is a person called Jesus

- Love is the highest governing principle of all creation as God is love
- Therefore when debating truth and biblical interpretation love should still be the highest governing principle in Bible interpretation
- Love keeps no record of wrongs neither should we even in diversity

- The Bible should deepen our appreciation and experience of God's love if we engage God through it without preconceived views but that is difficult because of confirmation bias
- Any Bible interpretations that lessen or diminish God as love must be inherently and fundamentally flawed

- God is love plus nothing! God's holiness and justice are facets of His love, and not something different or opposite from His love. - Brad Jersak
- Only the lens of love will enable us to see the true nature of who God is and understand restoration

 When we use love as our plumb line it is easier to decide which doctrinal truths and theological positions are aligned with God being love as opposed to those that are man made deceptions of the religious mind-set that we may assume to be true but are not

 As I experienced the reality of God's love I found I had so many assumptions and presumptions that I believed as truth without question but they were in fact false, delusions, illusions, lies and deceptions

- As the Father began to deconstruct my mind from its frameworks of beliefs He asked me a question
- "How much of what you know about Me, the Bible and Christianity came directly from Me and how much of it came from the teaching, books, sermons of others or from your own studies?"

- When I asked the Father what plumb line I should use to evaluate my experiences and encounters or interpret the Bible He said: LOVE if it is not unconditional love it is not Me
- If it is love it is Me and love must be unconditional and directed to others or it is not love at all

If your theology doesn't lead you to love people more, you should question your theology!

- We can have an intimate face to face relationship with Father, Son and Spirit so who knows what revelation we will have this week, next month or this year which will takes us deeper into true reality
- With an infinite God there is always a beyond to experience and be transformed by

- Face to face encounters with the Father reveal the true nature of God as love and that will inevitably create cognitive dissonance in us
- Deconstructing the mind will involve religious deprogramming and that will challenge our theology and doctrines
- Discovering the true reality of who God is by experience will change us

- I believe God speaks to every generation with the revelation that is needed to unveil Himself and His purposes and He is speaking to us
- This is so we can all serve the purpose of God in our generation not as servants or even good stewards but as mature sons

Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ ... 19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

 Rom 8:20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

- Our sonship is inextricably linked to creation's freedom and the restoration of all things
- What we believe will inevitably either hinder, restrict, limit or help in the process of the restoration of all things that as sons we have a coheirship responsibility for

- It is an honour to have Nancy,
 Justin and Lindy with us and each will cover a different aspect of the restoration of all things
- These are no holds barred sessions with no no-go areas so they are free to share whatever they feel led to share with you

- In addition we will have the Q & A times generated by the teaching as well as 4 specific topics for discussion
- Happy Eschatology
- Hell and Universalism
- Reclaiming the new age
- Dimensional beings



- There are question forms in your pack please write in capitals legibly and please no sermon questions
- With spontaneous questions generated by the discussion please raise your hand and wait for the microphone so the live stream can hear the questions
- Please don't speak over each other

- Our doctrines and theology will influence our thinking and therefore the scope of what we believe can be restored and our involvement in it.
- Many of the doctrines I was taught in the evangelical Methodist, Brethren and Charismatic streams limited the scope of I thought could be restored

- Some areas that we may have been influenced by include:
- Our initial religious upbringing or first church steam experiences
- Roman Catholic or Orthodox
- Catholic or if Protestant Reformed, Evangelical, Charismatic, Pentecostal, Trinitarian, Liberal etc. etc.

- Influences of: Calvinism or
 Arminianism, determinism or free will
- Dispensationalism or Covenant theology
- Literal or figurative interpretation
- Many positions are paradoxical and therefore contradictory but all sides use the Bible to prove their position

- The specific theological frameworks of eschatology and prophetic interpretation will have influenced our understanding and often created confirmational biased views that continue to limit us
- We need face to face encounters with God Himself to reveal the truth about full restoration not just more study

- Son there are three streams coming together that are mostly blind to the direction that others are coming from but they will merge in the flow of the restoration of all things.
- Son restoration is My desire but this must also encompasses both eschatology and the mystical to be fully understood

- Son there are three streams of thought that are converging to give a framework of agreement and government which will be the foundation for a whole new era where My children will come into the maturity of sonship.
- Creation is waiting for the revealing of My sons for its freedom so it is time to grow up and love

- The Christian universalists are traveling towards both realised eschatology and an open heaven mystical flow.
- The mystics are travelling towards realised eschatology and universal restoration.
- The realised eschatologists are travelling towards the mystical and the restoration of all things position.

- These 3 positions are inevitably coming together to form a unified whole.
- At present there are those who hold 2
 positions but few who hold all three
 positions but the realisation and revelation is
 beginning to dawn but for many the
 deconstruction has yet to fully take place.
- Many are unwilling to embrace some of the positions because they have not seen Me face to face.

- The reason, why the earth does not look like heaven yet is, because it is our job to take into possession the inheritance of Christ (as the father sent me, so do I send you / making disciples of all nations).
- It is like the promised land: It was all given to Israel legally, but at the same time they had to conquer it. Everything is ours, but not everything is taken yet Bruno Zimmerli

- The restoration of all things is not a one off event but is a continual process that God does with us, in us and through us as His sons
- I believe as coheirs we are to be involved in and carry responsibility for the restoration of all things and specifically for creation's freedom

- When I was baptised in the Spirit in 1986 God immediately got my attention by challenging me to understand both the concepts of kingdom and covenant
- I was brought up in churches that believed in dispensational cessational premillennial rapture theology

- I have been on a long journey of deconstruction that started with my eschatology but that was just the beginning of how deep the rabbit hole went as I was removed from the religious delusional matrix that was deceiving me
- I thought I had it all figured out until I started to hear God's voice and engage
 Him face to face

 How the Bible frames our understanding and expectations of the future will greatly influence what we believe about our sonship and what is possible in restoration and will also determine what we will believe about our part in restoration is

- If we believe that God is going to destroy the heavens and the earth with fire as many do that will affect how we see our responsibility to steward the planet and its resources
- If we believe in a defeatist rapture rescue of the church into heaven then there will be little point in the kingdom filling the earth in victory

- Study of Bible prophecy and the last days is called eschatology
- The views we have about the future primarily come from what we think the Bible says or what someone may have taught us or prophesied
- Remember that all the NT was future to the OT writers and what Jesus prophesied was future to His hearers

- What was future to both OT or NT writers may not be future for us today it may have already occurred
- Is Biblical prophecy not yet fulfilled, partially fulfilled, totally fulfilled or being fulfilled?
- We need a clear idea of God's original intention to know what needs to be restored to what

- The fulfilment of prophecy does not limit God's ability to do whatever He wants again
- That means direct prophecy may be already fulfilled but God can still do the same things again
- Heb 12:26 And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven."

- Our key question should not be what is the Bible saying about what God is doing in our generation but what God Himself is saying to us directly
- The heart of God for restoration is clearly revealed in the Bible but the specifics of restoration may not all be revealed

- As sons we need a restoration mindset if we are to participate in the expansion of God's kingdom and therefore the restoration of all things
- Which eschatological belief systems best aligns with creation being set free from corruption within the restoration of all things?

- Happy eschatology probably means different things to different people
- There is a theological meaning
- It does mean that things will get progressively better not worse
- If we believe in the restoration of all things as a process that we are involved in then everything must get better

- Happy eschatology has other names realised, fulfilled or covenant eschatology
- Most eschatological systems have far from happy endings for some or most people and other created beings

- Most eschatological systems have expectations of fearful judgment, doom, gloom, destruction and failure for mankind yet to occur
- In happy eschatology there is a more optimistic view of the future
- The doom and gloom, judgment and destruction are things that have already been fulfilled leading to a restorative period where all things will eventually be restored

- The future is positive and filled with possibilities of increase and blessing
- In a happy eschatology all references to the end, last days, end times, last hour, soon to take place are all referring to the end of the old covenant system that Jesus prophesied would occur in that generation AD 30-70

- There is no fear of the future based on Biblical prophecy if it is past for us
- The end is past not future
- The end of the old heavens and earth is past not future
- The new heavens and the new earth is present not future

- The great tribulation is past not future
- The end of the age is past not future
- Judgment and resurrection are past not future
- All Jesus prophesied would happen in that generation did happen

- The gospel was preached to the whole earth in that generation
- The heavens and the earth passed away in that generation
- The new heavens and new earth were established in that generation
- The great tribulation happened in that generation

- Jesus coming on the clouds in power happened in that generation
- The book of revelation happened in that generation
- The lake of fire in context happened in that generation

- Daniel's 70 weeks prophecy happened in that generation
- As in the days of Noah happened in that generation
- They fled from Jerusalem to the mountains in that generation
- The judgment and resurrection happened in that generation

- The kingdom was established in that generation
- That generation ended in 70 AD with the destruction of the temple and the final end of the old covenant
- The period of the restoration of all things began in that generation and continues in the new covenant

- Matt 24:34 Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.
- Matt 24:21 For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.

- That great tribulation as prophesied has already occurred and will never be repeated again to fulfil prophecy and be the end of the old covenant
- That does not mean that there will never be any tribulation again throughout history but if there is tribulation it will not be a fulfilment of Bible prophecy or this specific Matt 24 passage

 Matt 24:2 And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

- Matt 24:3 And when he is sitting on the mount of the Olives, the disciples came near to him by himself, saying, 'Tell us, when shall these be? and what [is] the sign of your presence, and of the completion of the age?' YLT
- Parousia means presence not coming therefore the sign was to be fulfilled in their future but it is now our past

- Parousia literally means 'the being beside,' thus, 'the personal presence' not coming although someone must have come to be present of course
- NASB Parousia as coming 24 times
- YLT and Rotherham's translation
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 Parousia as presence 24 times

- 1 Thes 3:13 so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.
- 1 Thes 3:13 to the establishing your hearts blameless in sanctification before our God and Father, in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.
 YLT

- 1 Thes 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
- 1 Thes 5:23 be preserved unblameably in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ; YLT

- The book of revelation was John's account of Jesus teaching recorded by Luke 21 or Matt 24 received in a heavenly encounter
- Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place;

- Time references in the book of Revelation indicate that generation
- ταχει, tachos and en tachei means "quickly, all at once, with all speed, without delay."
- Revelation 2:16 "Repent, or else I will come to you quickly"
- Revelation 3:11 "Behold, I come quickly!" – 7 churches in Turkey

- Revelation 22:6 "...things which must shortly take place."
- Revelation 22:7 "Behold, I am coming quickly!"
- Revelation 22:12 "Behold, I am coming quickly."
- Revelation 22:20 "Surely I am coming quickly."

- εγγυς, engus means "at hand, near"
- Revelation 1:3 "The time is near."
- Revelation 22:10 "The time is at hand."
- μελλει, mello, mellei means "about to, on the point or verge of"
- Revelation 1:19 "Write ... the things that are about to take place."
- Revelation 3:10 "... the hour of trial ... is about to come upon the whole world."

- Matt 10:23 "Truly I say to you, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel until the Son of Man comes."
- Matt 16:28 "Truly I say to you, there are some who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."
- Soon in that generation not 2000 years later in our generation

- Matt. 24:34 "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place."
- Matt. 26:64 "You [the high priest] will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven.
- Did Jesus make a mistake or lie?
- Did those things happen or not?

- If these things are still future as some eschatological systems believe then yes Jesus must have been mistaken or lied but of course Jesus is the Truth and cannot lie or be mistaken so it must be our interpretation which is in error
- That future interpretation is still a problem for Jews and Muslims who say Jesus was a false prophet because He lied about that generational fulfilment

In Matthew 16:28, Jesus Himself

"near" (Mat. 24:33, KJV) Defined All Terms
Related to the
Timing of His
Return as within
A Generation!

"at hand" (Php. 4:5, KJV)

"now is" (2 Cor. 6:2)

"little while" (Heb. 10:37, KJV)

> "today" (2 Cor. 6:2)

Some standing here will not die till they see My coming.

~ Jesus, AD 29 (Mat. 16:28)
Greek Lexicographer J. H.
Thayer defined "generation" in Matthew 24:34 as
a group of "people living
at the same time." Isn't
this what Jesus referred to
in Matthew 16:27-28?

"this age" (Mat. 13:40)

"quickly" (Rev. 22:6 & 22:20, KJV)

"this generation" (Mat. 23:36 & 24:34)

"soon" (Rev. 22:12, NIV, ESV, etc.)

Tony E. Denton (6/28/17) ASiteForTheLord.com "shortly" (Rev. 1:1 & 22:7, KJV)

- What signs did Jesus prophesy?
- Matt 24:4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. 6 You will be hearing of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end

 2 Tim 3:1 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, 4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

 Matt 24:8 But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs. 13 But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. 14 This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world (oikoumenē - earth) as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

- Acts 2:5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.
- Col 1:5 ...the gospel 6 which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing
- Col 1:23.. the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven,

- Rom 1:8.. because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world.
- Rom 10:18 But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? Indeed they have; "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world."

"Sign" of the Great Commission Prophesied	"Sign" of the Great Commission Fulfilled		
"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be	1. "But I say, have they not heard? Yes		
preached in all the world [Greek	indeed: 'Their sound has gone out to all the		
oikumene] for a witness unto all nations; and	earth, and their words to the ends of		
then shall the end come." (Matt. 24:14)	the world." [Greek oikumene] (Rom. 10:18)		
One definition of oikumene – "The Roman Empire (Acts 17:6); the Jews in the world			
(Acts 24:5). Of Palestine and the adja	cent countries (Luke 2:1; Acts 11:28)."		
2. "And the gospel must first be published	2. "My gospel has been made manifest,		
among all nations [Greek ethnos]."	and by the prophetic Scriptures has been		
"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying,	made known to all nations " [Greek		
'All authority has been given to Me in heaven	ethnos] (Rom. 16:25-26)		
and on earth. Go therefore and make	×		
disciples of all the nations." [Greek			
ethnos] "' I have commanded you; and lo,			
I am with you [miraculous] always, even to			
the end of the [Old Covenant] age."			
Amen." (Mark 13:10; Matt. 28:19-20)			
These were the Jews gathered from "all the n	ations under heaven" at Pentecost that would		
	spel (Acts 2:4-5). Paul would then come and		
	se churches in those "nations."		
3. "And He said to them, 'Go into	3. "of the gospel, which has come to you,		
all the world [Greek kosmos] and preach the	as it has also in all the world [Greek kosmos],		
gospel to every creature" " And these	as is bringing forth fruit" (Cols. 1:5-6)		
signs shall follow them that believe; In my			
name shall they cast out devils; they shall			
speak with new tongues." [Greek glossa]			
(Mark 16:15, 17)			
One definition of kosmos – "The then known world"			
4. "And he said unto them 'Go into all the	4. " from the gospel which you heard,		
world and preach the gospel to every	which was preached to every creature [Greek		
creature.'" [Greek kitisis] (Mark 16:15)	kitisis] under heaven, of which I, Paul became		
	a minister."(Col. 1:23)		
Kitisis is referring to the "creation of men." O			
	g to the "creation of men." One definition, "In rabbinical usage (by which a from idolatry to Judaism was called)." A convert – "a new creation/kitisis."		
5. "But you shall receive power when the	5. "But I say, have they not heard? Yes		
Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall	indeed: 'Their sound has gone out to all		
be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all	the earth/land [Greek ge], and their words to		
Judea and Samaria, and to the end of	the ends of the world." (Rom. 10:18)		
the earth/land." [Greek ge] (Acts 1:8)			
	lands, regions, territories, countries"		
6. Prophecy had begun to be fulfilled: "And	6. Prophecy would be fulfilled		
they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and	"shortly": "And I saw another angel fly in the		
began to speak with other tongues [Greek	midst of heaven, having the everlasting		
glossa], as the Spirit gave them utterance.	gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the		
And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews,	earth/land [Greek ge], and to		
devout men, from every nation [Greek	every nation [Greek ethnos], and		
ethnos] under heaven. (Acts 2:4-5)	kindred [Greek phile] and tongue [Greek		
cumosj under neaven. (Acts 2.4-5)	glossa], and people." [Greek laos] (Rev. 1:1;		
	Rev. 14:6).		
The "sign" of the Great Commission was fulf	illed before the "this generation" and "soon"		
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Second Coming of Jesus in AD 70	. Learn more: runpreterism.com		

- Matt 10:22 You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.
- "The 'end of the age' means the close of the epoch or age - that is, the Jewish age or dispensation which was drawing nigh, as our Jesus frequently intimated.

- All those passages that speak of 'the end,' 'the end of the age,' or 'the ends of the ages,' refer to the same completion or consummation, and it is always near and at hand."
- There was clear expectation that these things were near and a warning was given to be ready and prepared

Matt 22:15 "Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. 17 Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house.

- Matt 22:18 Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. 19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath.
- This is referring to the end of the old covenant age not the end of the world

 Luke 21:20 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near, 21 Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city; 22 because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled

- Every believer in Jerusalem who endured to the end knew to look for those signs and they all fled to Pella a mountain town and were all saved
- According to Josephus no Christians died in the destruction of Jerusalem but 300,000 + of those who did not belief were thrown into the fires of a literal Gehenna rubbish dump not a future spiritual "hell"

- Matt 24:22 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
- Matt 24:27 For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the presence of the Son of Man be. 28 Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

Matt 24:29 "But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the heavens, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the heaven with power and great glory.

Acts 2:17 'And it shall be in the last days,' God says,... 19 'And I will grant wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke. 20 'The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the great and glorious day of the Lord shall come. 21 'And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

 Apocalyptic, prophetic and symbolic language - When we read that Jesus is coming on the clouds and stars are falling from the heavens in Matthew 24 we should realize this is the language of the OT prophets.

- In the OT when God came riding upon the clouds in judgment rolling up the heavens like a scroll, this was symbolic language depicting the fall and judgment of nations and their government (not literal and physical).
- The same language was used of Babylon, Egypt, Assyria as well as Israel

	Old Testament Passage & Jation(s) Judged	Instrument of the Day of the Lord	Non-literal or Apocalyptic Symbolic Language	Literal Nearness
	13: Babylon	Assyrians	De-creation language	"Near" in 15 years
Isa. Egy	19; Ezek. 30/32: ypt	1. Lord rides on cloud through Assyrians (Isa. 19 - 670BC) 2. Through Babylon in (Ez. 30-32 587BC)	De-creation	"Day of the Lord is Near" (Ezek. 30:3 in 570-587BC. 1-18 years
25; Ede	34; Jer. 25; Ezek. Ob. 15: om & local	Nebuchadnezzar	"Heavens rolled up" "hosts fall" jackals live in perpetual fire	"Near" in 583BC In 5 years from Ob. 1:15
Joel	l 1-2: usalem	Nebuchadnezzar	Chaldean armies as locusts	"Day of the Lord is near" 584BC
	oh. 1:7:	Babylonians	De-creation language	"Day of the Lord" "at hand" 635BC
Jer.	4:19-31: rusalem	Nebuchadnezzar II	De-creation using Gen. 1-2 language	586BC
Hag	g. 2:6: tions	Darius King of Persia	Shook other nations (enemies of Israel) to bring wealth to help build temple (cf. Ez. 6)	"In a little while" In 4 years. This was a type of the literal nearness of Heb. 12:6 pointing to AD 70
Eze	ek. 7 & 12: ael	Babylonians		"near" "will not delay" 586BC false prophets twist these words to not be in their lifetimes but "far off"
	New Testament Passage & erusalem / AD 70	Instrument of the Day of the Lord	Non-literal or Apocalyptic Symbolic Language	Literal Nearness
Mt. Jer	24 & Parallels: rusalem & tions	Roman armies & Jewish rebellion	End of Old Covenant age = cloud coming & de-creation	"At the door" "near" "this generation" AD 70
Jer	s. 13:12: rusalem	Roman armies & Jewish rebellion	Night of OC age v. day of NC	"The day is near" AD 70
Jer	s. 5:7-9: usalem	Roman armies & Jewish rebellion		In the "last days," "coming of the Lord is near" "at the door" AD 70
	Pet.: usalem	Roman armies & Jewish rebellion	De-creation - elements of Old Covenant world pass away	"Day of the Lord" "The Judgment" "Near" AD 70
Jer	b. 9-10:37, 12:6: usalem	Roman armies & Jewish rebellion		"in a very little while and will not delay" AD 70
Jer	v. 1:1—22:20: rusalem & tions	Demonically led Roman armies as	Cloud coming, de- creation using Gen. 1-2 language	"Shortly" "near" "soon" "about to be" "in a little

- Matt 24:34 Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.
- Josephus, Tacitus and Eusebius record people seeing Jesus actually coming in the clouds over Jerusalem in AD 70

- Matt 5:17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfil. 18 For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.
- Are we still under the law today?

- Heb 8:13 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 physical heaven and earth is still here so either we are still under the law or this is figurative not literal

- "Heaven and earth" is referring to the old covenant system represented by the temple
- When the old covenant "heaven and earth" passed in AD 70, the new covenant "new heavens and new earth" new temple wineskin was established.
- This is not discussing the end of planet earth, the world or the universe

- In Daniel chapters 7, 9 and 12 the consummation of the major eschatological events can be found
- Daniel connected the eschatological time of the "end" with events such as the desolation of the temple, the resurrection, the tribulation, the coming of the Son of man and the arrival of the kingdom

 All those events would take place when the city and temple would be destroyed or "when the power of the holy people would be completely shattered" "all these things" (not some of them) would be fulfilled together (cf. see the consummation scenes in Dan. 12:1-7; Dan. 7:13-14, 18, 27; 9:24-27).

Dan 12:1 "Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. 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. 4 But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase."

Dan 12:5 Then I, Daniel, looked and behold, two others were standing, one on this bank of the river and the other on that bank of the river. 6 And one said to the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long will it be until the end of these wonders?" 7 I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed.

Dan 7:13 "I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven one like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. 14 "And to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.

 Dan 7:18 But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.' 27 Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.'

 Dan 9:24 "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place. 25 So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

Dan 9:26 Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. 27 And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

- In Matthew 13:39-43, 51 Jesus taught that the judgment and resurrection ("the time of the end" eschatological events) would take place at the end of their old covenant "this age."
- Jesus specifically asks them if they understood His teaching on the time of this harvest at the end of their "this age" and they emphatically responded "Yes" (vs. 51).

Matthew 13:39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels. 40 So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, 42 and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear. 51 "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes."

- Jesus had previously taught that He would return in some of their lifetimes (Matthew 10:22-23; 16:27-28/Mark 8:38-9:1)
- Jesus previously taught them that all the blood from righteous Abel (from Genesis up to those He would send to them) would be avenged when the temple was destroyed in their "this generation" (Matthew 23:30-36, 38)

Matt 23:34 "Therefore, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city, 35 so that upon you may fall the guilt of all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. 36 Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation. 38 Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!

 Isaiah 24-28 shows all of the eschatological events (judgment, decreation, dealing with the sin of blood guilt, the blowing of the trumpet, the resurrection, etc...) to take place together when the temple would be destroyed or "when he makes all the altar stones to be like chalk stones crushed to pieces" (Isaiah 27:9).

- Jesus had already taught them that some of them would live to witness His return and the destruction of the Temple.
- Therefore, they were NOT mistaken to associate and connect Jesus' coming (to destroy the Temple [that they were looking at and discussing] in their generation) with His coming and the end of the age.

- If we understand the "heaven and earth" as figurative language referring not to physical creation, but to the temple, therefore the "heaven and earth" has passed away, and the old covenant was made obsolete
- Isa 24:5,19 Isa 51:16

- Isa 24:19 The earth is broken asunder, The earth is split through, The earth is shaken violently
- Now this sounds like the destruction of material creation but closer examination reveals it to be speaking of the destruction of Israel's Covenant World under the imagery of "heaven and earth".

- Isa 24:5 The earth is also polluted by its inhabitants, for they transgressed laws, violated statutes, broke the age enduring covenant.
- This is the reason for the destruction they have broken the age enduring covenant.
- God was going to destroy "heaven and earth" because Israel had broken her covenant with Jehovah.

 Another example of "heaven and earth" referring to the Covenant World of Israel and not literal creation is Isaiah 51:16. "I have put my word in your mouth and have covered you with the shadow of my hand, to establish the heavens, to found the earth, and to say to Zion, 'You are my people" (NASB)

- Clearly God is not saying he gave the Mosaic Covenant to Israel to create literal heaven and earth! Material creation existed long before Israel was ever given the Mosaic Covenant.
- Heaven and earth referred to the old covenant system symbolised by temple (the place where heaven and earth met)

- The Mosaic Covenant, the same law Jesus is speaking about in Matthew 5:17
- The meaning of the verse is that God gave his covenant with Israel to create their world — a covenant world with Him.

- God created Israel's "heaven and earth" by giving them his Covenant.
- Now if He destroyed that Old Covenant heaven and earth and gave a New Covenant, would He not thereby be creating a new heavens and new earth?
- Yes

- Old Israel's covenant was about to pass away, 2 Corinthians 3:10ff; Hebrews 8:13; 12:25ff.
- The New Covenant of Christ was being given, Ephesians 3:3ff; Hebrews 2:1ff.
- Since the giving of Covenant created "heaven and earth" the New Heaven and Earth of Christ would not fully come until the New Covenant was completely revealed.

 2 Peter 3:10 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. 13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

- It therefore follows that if the New Heavens and Earth of Christ has not arrived then Christ's New Covenant has not yet been fully revealed.
- If Christ's New Covenant has been fully revealed then the new heavens and new earth have already come.

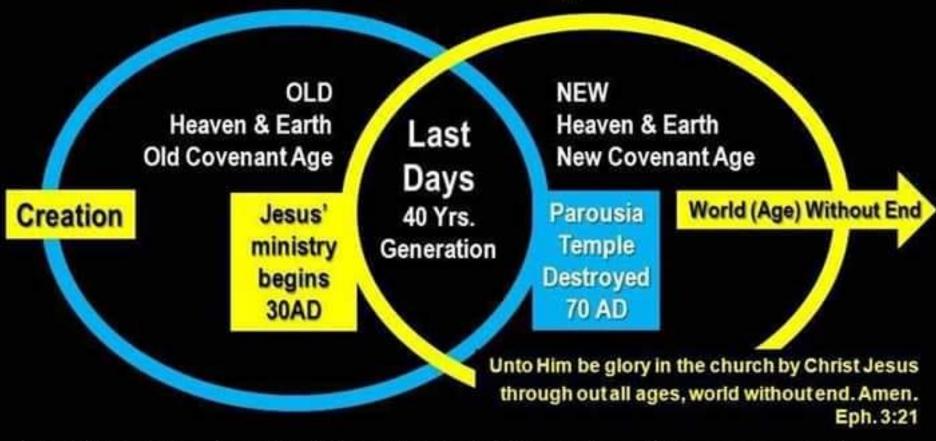
- Consider this carefully in light of 2 Peter 3 and Revelation 21-22, passages written as the process of revealing the New Covenant was yet incomplete.
- Matt 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.
- Heaven and earth have now passed away and all prophetic promises are fulfilled in Christ in the new covenant

- In Isaiah 51:5-6 God predicted the "heaven and earth" would vanish. This is the same "heaven and earth" he had established at Sinai.
- This is not a prediction of the passing of literal heaven and earth--it is a prediction of the passing of the Old World of Israel so that the New Covenant World of Jesus would be established.

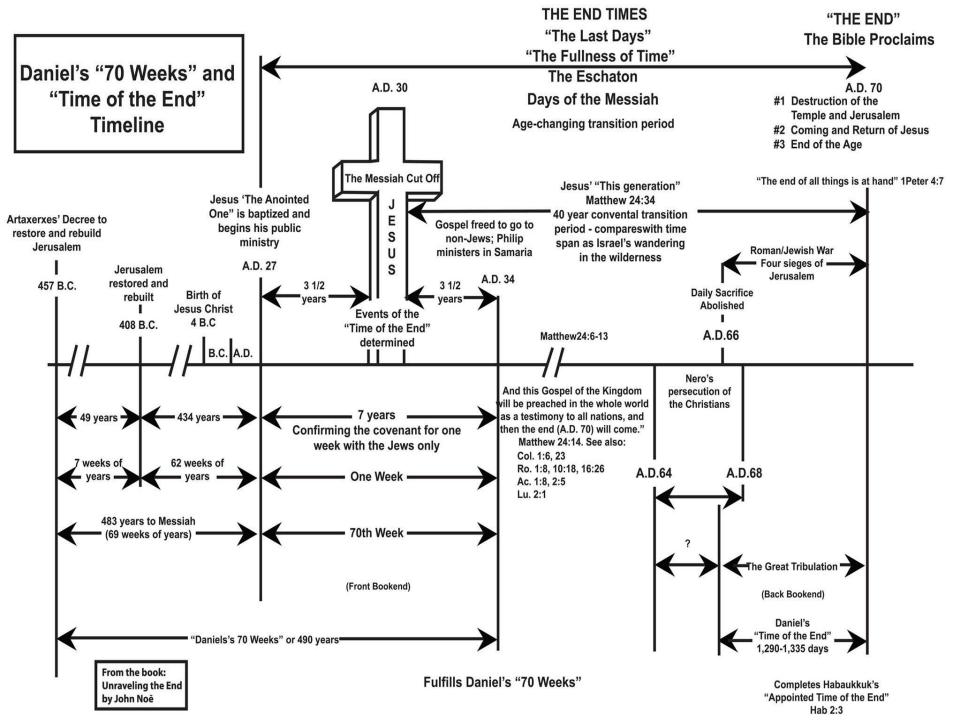
- The end has ended the last hour of the last day has gone
- We live in the New Covenant of grace and are not under the law
- We are now in the period of the restoration of all things and things are progressively being restored

- Matt 16:27 For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every man according to his deeds. 28 "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."
- Judgement is already passed

Fulfilled Eschatology Overview



The Bible divides time into (2) worlds (ages): "this age" and "the age to come". They correspond with the Old and New Covenant ages. The New Testament was written during the "LAST DAYS" of the Old Covenant age or what THEY called "this age". The Last Days of the Old Covenant age were the 40-year transition that ended when the Temple was destroyed - ending the Old Covenant Law and blood sacrifices.



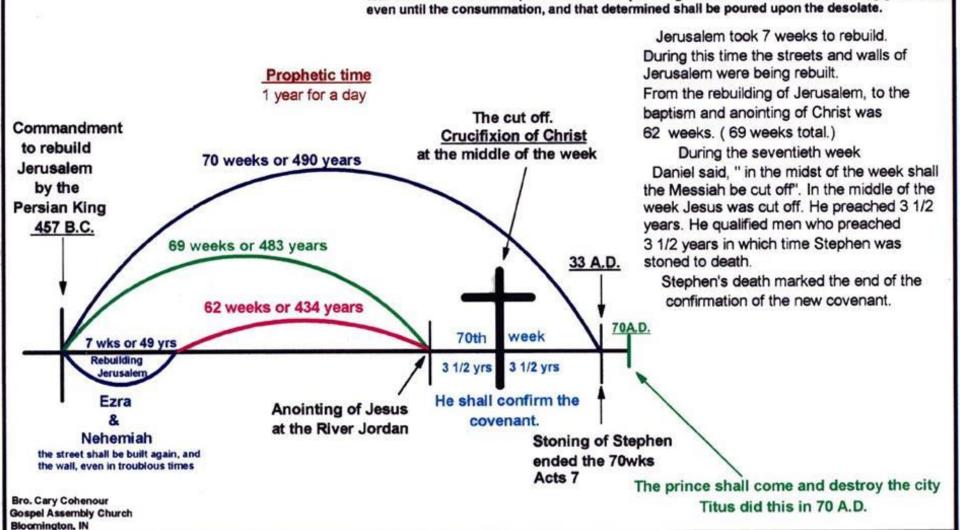
70 weeks of Daniel

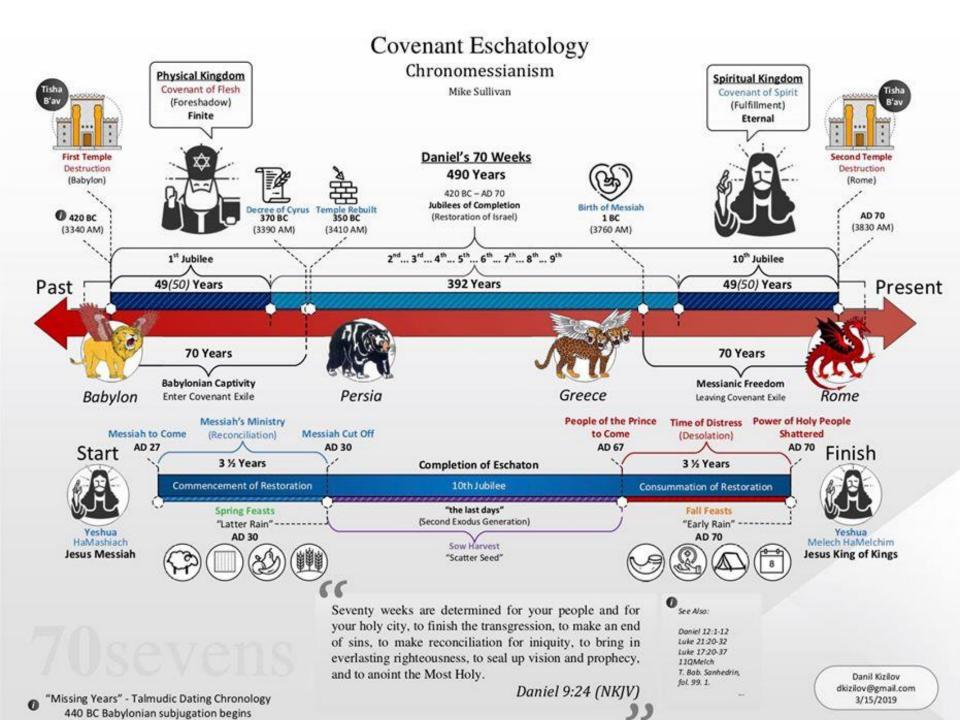
Daniel 9:24-27

490 Years

24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

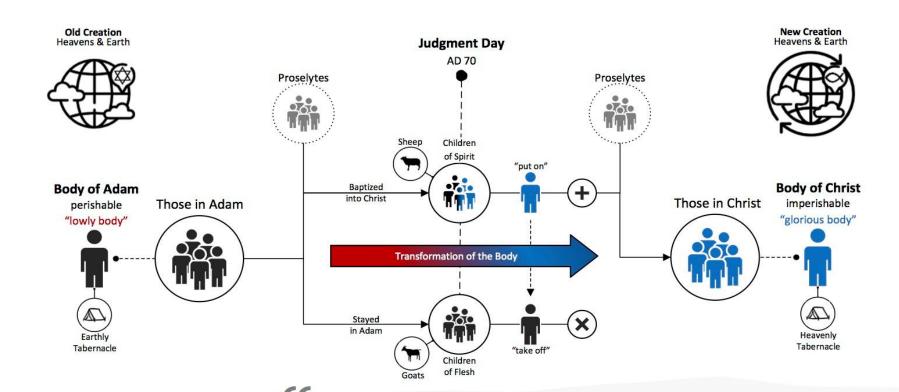
25 Know therefore and understand, [that] from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince [shall be] seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof [shall be] with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make [it] desolate,





Covenant Eschatology

Preterist Resurrection Covenant Body



For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

All-in-All

2 Corinthians 5:1-4 (NIV)

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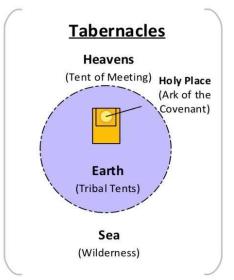
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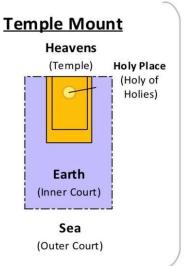


















For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Exodus 20:11 (NKJV)

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