

Preterism, What Is It?

Years ago, my preacher (also my future step-dad) had a very popular one-liner that I had a love-hate perspective of because it sounded so arrogant but yet, it was so true:

“You have the right to be wrong!”

Earnest Wall

The truth is, we do!

*The term **preterism** comes from the Latin praeter, which is a prefix denoting that something is "past" or "beyond." Adherents of preterism are known as **preterists**. Preterism teaches that all (full preterism) or a majority (partial preterism) of the Olivet discourse (Matthew 24) had come to pass by the year 70 A.D.*

To be fair here, the word “preterism” is not some sordid cultish word but is simply a description. The opposite word, in this case is “futurism.” Again, not anything more than an adjective that describes a state of belief in the case of this article. Futurists believe that certain events in prophecy have yet to be fulfilled.

Preterism has its roots in Christianity. Nowhere in a Torah observant belief system can this doctrine be found or taught, except for a few “teachers” who have independently brought this doctrine out of Christianity and inserted it into Torah observant Messianic systems of some kind. I am, unfortunately, aware of at least one of these groups and that is why I am writing his article concerning this doctrine.

Preterism destroys the hope of a future coming kingdom and instead emphasizes that the resurrection has already come shortly after Messiahs resurrection and that the reign of Messiah is actually a spiritual reign. This article will give the reader some things to consider concerning this teaching so that they may become more informed when confronted by anyone with these beliefs.

Preterism is a distorted and destructive view of end-times prophecy. Specifically, prophecy that deals with the book of Revelation chapters 6 through 19.

Institutions who endorse this teaching must employ an egregious system of eisegesis, non-literal, spiritualized, and/or allegoric interpretations of scripture based on concepts initially proposed by two radical heretics in the early history of the “Christian Church.” Specifically, Origen and Tyconius in the fourth century AD. Augustine later re-popularized preterism in the fifth century AD. Augustine declared that practically all Biblical prophecy, except the last two chapters of Revelation and a few other select passages, had all been fulfilled in 70 A.D.

This preterist doctrine or viewpoint faded away for about twelve-hundred years until the Pope became the target of accusations that he was the antichrist around the sixteenth century.

Preterism was then resurrected and became a much more fully developed concept as a counter-reformation tool that the Vatican and its Jesuit order exploited in order to counter the popular teaching, at that time, that the Pope was the antichrist spoken of in the book of Revelation.

The Vatican was forced to develop a narrative that could potentially redirect all of the negative attention away from the Catholic Church and the Pope. Unfortunately, some of the Protestant churches adopted this position (preterism), including most Presbyterian, Methodist, and a few other churches and other Christian denominations.

According to the preterist understanding, the "Great Tribulation," prophesied by Yeshua HaMashiach in his Olivet discourse in Matthew chapter 24, was that Revelation chapters 6-19 had been completely fulfilled in 70 A.D. According to the preterist teachings, this included the fulfillment of not only the "Great Tribulation," but the dispersion of the Jews from Palestine, and the destruction of Jerusalem by Rome as well.

Preterism erroneously teaches that the one-thousand-year kingdom period prophesied in Revelation 20:1-6 will never be *physically* fulfilled and that Yeshua HaMashiach *will never reign literally and physically on the earth*. I personally have a serious problem right here with this and I am writing this article to prove my point. You might duly note that was two thousand years ago and his kingdom is prophesied for one thousand years and then the end. Clearly this was a false teaching just looking at the number of years of its inception to today.

Preterism falsely teaches that the Reign of Yeshua HaMashiach was and is ultimately, entirely, and exclusively a spiritual matter and is exercised and activated through the establishment of the believers and evangelists.

A few preterists (partial preterists) believe that Yeshua HaMashiach will return *after* a kingdom age (*post-millennialism*). After which, the followers of Yeshua HaMashiach will successfully teach the Torah, implement YHWH's laws on the earth and assume all political reign over the kingdoms of the earth as representatives of Yeshua HaMashiach.

Other preterists deny any reality of a physical kingdom age on earth and teach that Yeshua HaMashiach's reign only currently and daily applies in the hearts of His saints (*amillennialism*).

The majority of preterists generally believe that YHWH has forever put Israel aside in place of "The Church" and has no further plans or purpose for the nation of Israel.

This very mindset of the Church taking the place of Israel is called "Replacement Theology." It is also a very dangerous, unscriptural belief system not supported anywhere in scripture.

However, the *apostolic pre-millennial* position correctly assumes a much more literal approach to the scriptures and teaches that Yeshua HaMashiach will gloriously, physically return to this earth after a future (from the writers perspective), or after a distant time of global social, geologic, and governmental tribulation, just *before* His (Yeshua HaMashiach's) Kingdom begins (this is the foundation of *premillennialism*) to restore creation from the Adamic curse, and establish His (Yeshua HaMashiach's) glorious physical one-thousand-year Reign on the earth.

The restoration of the Earth was actually restored way back in Genesis 8:21 after the Earth had undergone the baptism (the cleaning) of the flood and made clean again just as it was in the beginning.

A natural hazard of the preterist system is that it has a blinding effect and causes its supporters to believe Bible prophecy is "no longer a priority." This system can easily cause individuals to misinterpret current world events or ignore current events that are unfolding concerning the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy. Not to mention things such as being aware of how global economies and nations of this world are being twisted into a one-world satanic system.

The "Great Tribulation" of Matthew 24 has never been fulfilled.

The Roman siege and destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. *did not* fulfill Yeshua HaMashiach's description of a "great tribulation never to be equaled before or since." That single event was not in any way unparalleled in history. A similar event, which preterists will never address, occurred previously in 586 B.C. by the Babylonians, which was equally horrific and brutal, but is never considered or discussed concerning its treachery.

Revelation 5:9-10 (KJV)

9 And they (those who have been redeemed, resurrected) sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to YHWH by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our Elohim kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

2 Chr 36:17-20 (KJV)

17 Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand. 18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon. 19 And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. 20 And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia:

FYI: There were approximately 70,000 people who were directly affected by the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., and yet, we see that the Great Tribulation is prophesied to affect the entire world, billions of people.

Matthew 24:21-22 (KJV)

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

If the events of Revelation have already been fulfilled and the previous two verses are true. Then how can anyone explain these verses in chapter five of Revelation? Neither of these verses have occurred at any point in the past or present, so this must still be a future event.

Of course, I have heard attempts to explain that Revelation was not written in a linear fashion, but preterism absolutely requires that to be true. You cannot have it both ways. Preterism says that Revelation chapters 6-19 has been fulfilled spiritually regardless of the order of events, that is their doctrinal statement.

Let's now look at a double witness that these two verses speak of concerning the resurrected Israel for further evidence that the events of Revelation have not yet occurred.

Revelation 17:14 (KJV)

14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Master of Masters, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called and chosen, and faithful.

Who are those that are *called*, *chosen*, and *faithful* in Revelation 17:14? These are the saints who were called by YHWH when they were alive on the earth before their first resurrection. They were then chosen by YHWH, because they kept His commandments when they were alive on the earth. They were in covenant with YHWH through obedience and lived as Yeshua HaMashiach lived. Torah Israel is the only people that this group could possibly be.

I am not aware, to this day, of any person, except for Yeshua HaMashiach, who has been physically resurrected to everlasting life yet. We do see that there were "resurrections" from the dead, but they all eventually died a physical death afterwards. There were absolutely no accounts of physical resurrections of the dead as the Temple was being destroyed in 70 A.D.

Furthermore, in Matt 24:21 above, that Yeshua HaMashiach is quoting from Daniel 12:1, which declares that the "Great Tribulation" will culminate in the DELIVERANCE of Israel (Jer. 30:7, Rom. 11:25-27, Zech. 12:7-10), **NOT THE DESTRUCTION and dispersion of Israel** just as Rome did against Israel in 70 A.D. The prophecies of Israel's deliverance from what Yeshua HaMashiach indicates is a worldwide tribulation event has never happened to this day. It must still be a future event, let's say, possibly, at the END OF THE AGE?

Here are a few rhetorical questions to consider? Are we now living 1900 years after the end in 70 AD? If so, then we are certainly past the one thousand year mark of Yeshua's reign, so is there an end to the end? If preterism is true, what constitutes any hope for a profitable or beneficial

outcome for anyone, including YHWH? Will man continue to exist in a hopeless state of corruption forever more? Where would the hope of the restoration of all things be? If my present physical circumstances are the fulfillment of Revelation, then Yeshua Hamashiach has failed in his promises and his ability. Where is this everlasting life that man has been eagerly longing for? Where is peace in the world? Why is crime rampant, political corruption? Why is HaSatan running loose in the world? Why is there sickness and disease? Why? If Revelation has been fulfilled, as the preterist's believe, then all of these prophecies should have been resolved and completed one thousand years ago, but they have not. WHY! It's simple, because the prophecies of Revelation have not happened yet. Preterism is a lie and another Christian abomination perpetrated on the world to deceive them and draw them away from the truth (Torah).

I suspect preterists are spiritually delusional and that the answer to the questions above may be resolved in a liberal belief or "woke" hope that man will become better and better and, ultimately, the world will become righteous and holy on its own. That mindset flies in the face of what scripture teaches. I believe that that mindset is an abominable viewpoint simply because that viewpoint requires that man must change and becomes the architect of his own righteousness without Yeshua HaMashiach. Preterism is another doctrine that goes against Torah (truth).

The simple answer to all of this is that there is no evidence that the book of Revelation has been fulfilled as of 2022.

These following passages are obviously and utterly contrary to the preterist view that the purpose for the glorious *parousia* (GREEK: "being present") or coming of Yeshua HaMashiach was to *destroy Israel*. This viewpoint is absurd. The book of Revelation is about restoring Israel and punishing the wicked!

At His glorious coming, Israel, not the Church, will be delivered and restored, not destroyed and left behind as was done in 70 AD.

Daniel 12:1-2 KJV

1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which stands for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. 2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Daniel 12:7 KJV

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished

Daniel 12:11 KJV

11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

Zechariah 12:7-10 KJV

7 YHWH also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah. 8 In that day shall YHWH defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as Elohim, as the angel of YHWH before them. 9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. 10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

Romans 11:25-26 KJV

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. 26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, there shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Timing

The key to the *timing* of the fulfillment of Matthew 24 is not so much verse 34 but instead from verse 15:

PLEASE NOTE: Words in parenthesis in the KJV were added by translators and do not exist in the original KJV translation manuscripts, they were added by the translators to steer the reader into drawing theological conclusions that the Catholic Church desired the reader to consider and adhere to.

Matthew 24:15 KJV

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Yeshua HaMashiach told us that we **must read and understand** the book of Daniel because the "Abomination of Desolation" of Daniel 8:13, 9:27, 11:31, 12:11 refers to the anti-messiah's desecration of the Temple according to 2 Thessalonians 2:4.

Daniel 12:1-2 KJV

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This desecration of the Temple, according to Daniel 12:1-2, **must therefore, be a last-days event** and must be connected with the **deliverance of Israel** and the **final resurrection** according to Revelation 20:4-5.

Revelation 20:4 KJV

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Yeshua HaMashiach, and for the word of YHWH, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Yeshua HaMashiach a thousand years

To the unlearned and undisciplined, this passage from Daniel 12:1-2 was never fulfilled in 70 A.D. and must still be brought to pass at some point **in the future**. Just as Yeshua stated that we "must READ and UNDERSTAND" the book of Daniel, he is implying that there is a "mystery" that only those who have eyes to see and ears to hear will **understand**. Those that do not have eyes to see or ears to hear what Daniel is saying will tragically make the mistake of believing that the slaughtering of a pig in the Holy place was this abomination. This is not possible because YHWH had already abandoned the temple long ago.

History tells us that the annual sacrifices were no longer accepted by YHWH after Yeshua's resurrection. The temple was abandoned by YHWH forty years earlier. You can't cause an abomination where YHWH does not reside any longer. YHWH moved into our circumcized hearts, the third and final temple that was made without hands. The slaughtering of a pig in the Holy place of the physical temple is not a valid fulfillment.

Preterists do not consider the temple of our bodies and that they may experience the abomination of desolation by our defiled thoughts and works, or lack of works.

Everything that the preterists credit to the destruction of the second Temple in 70 A.D. can be more appropriately applied to the true Third Temple, our body, especially when one considers the political, religious, and financial instabilities that are now shaking the foundations of our modern world.

NOTE: (preterists' "time text," or rather "supposed proof" of when these events occurred) therefore *cannot* refer to the generation Yeshua HaMashiach was speaking to but must instead refer to a future, a distant generation that would be alive at the time that "all these things" begin to come to pass according to verse 33.

Matthew 24:33-34 KJV

*33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. 34 Verily I say unto you, **this** generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.*

Messengers

The use of the word "angels," in the following passages, does not refer to Christian preachers and missionaries being sent out into the world teaching the gospel as the preterist doctrine teaches. The context of Matthew 24:31 AND 25:31 shows that these angels are the angels (messengers) of heaven who will accompany Yeshua HaMashiach in the final judgment of the world as well as the physical gathering of the elect at the harvesting of "The Nation of Israel," not lawless believers, who are in covenant with Yeshua HaMashiach at the end.

Matthew 24:31 KJV

*31 And he (Yeshua HaMashiach) shall send his **angels** with a great sound of a trumpet, and they (Yeshua HaMashiach's angels) shall gather together his elect (Israel, not "the church") from the four winds (north, east, west, and south), from one end of heaven to the other.*

Matthew 25:31 KJV

*31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy **angels** with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:*

Matt. 13:39-41 KJV

39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. 40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. 41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

2 Thessalonians 1:7 KJV

7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Yeshua HaMashiach shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

2 Thessalonians 2:3 KJV

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

1 Corinthians 15:52 KJV

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Revelation 11:15-18 KJV

15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of YHWH, and of his Messiah; and he shall reign for ever and ever. 16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before YHWH on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped YHWH, 17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O YHWH Elohim, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. 18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

Revelation 19 KJV

*1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto YHWH our Elohim: 2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. 3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. 4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped YHWH that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. 5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our Elohim, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. 6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for YHWH Elohim omnipotent reigns. 7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife has **made herself ready**. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. 9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of YHWH. 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Yeshua HaMashiach: worship*

YHWH: for the testimony of Yeshua HaMashiach is the spirit of prophecy. 11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of YHWH. 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty Elohim. 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND MASTER OF MASTERS. 17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great Elohim; 18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. 19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. 20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Revelation 20:4 KJV

1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Yeshua HaMashiach, and for the word of YHWH, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Yeshua HaMashiach a thousand years

These particular writings of Matt. 24 *alone* shows the events prophesied by Yeshua HaMashiach *in no way could have possibly been fulfilled* in 70 A.D. because the "gathering of the saints" DID NOT HAPPEN; otherwise, those events would have been documented by somebody, anybody, Josephus possibly? Shaul? The Romans who were there, anybody?

Matthew 24:27 KJV

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shines even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matthew 24:30 KJV

*30 And then shall appear the **sign of the Son of man in heaven**: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

Physical Aspects

What sign of Messiah returning appeared in the sky when Rome was obliterating Jerusalem? How much power was being displayed and against whom? Rome? Israel? The Greeks? Where was the sign, to the North, East, South, perhaps the West? Again, did anyone witness the sign and power on that day? We have no physical testimony, eyewitnesses, or other evidence anywhere on the planet that can bear witness to these supposed matters that have been supposedly fulfilled.

I would propose that a prophetic fulfillment such as the fulfillment of Revelation would leave slightly (being extremely sarcastic) more evidence than simple supposition of its occurrence.

FACT: Yeshua HaMashiach did not visibly come in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory in 70 A.D. and establish his one thousand year kingdom.

Daniel 7:13 KJV

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

Preterists must *spiritualize* the “physical” aspects of the text to assert that Yeshua HaMashiach "came" spiritually at some point with a powerful judgment upon Israel by *using the armies of Rome as the source of His judgment? BUT, the book of Revelation is about the RESTORATION of Israel!* This interpretation is one of the most despicable cases imaginable of blatant, scriptural/prophetic ignorance. Attempts to spiritualize Biblical texts such as this are a prime example of what produces unprovable speculations (i.e., eisegesis)! These false interpretations undermine the very doctrinal authority of scripture and open the door to arbitrary and unscriptural interpretation. All scripture must be interpreted literally unless it is clear from the context that figurative language is being used. It is crucial to note that figurative language is not used in Matthew Chapter 24 at all!

Zechariah 12:10 KJV

*10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the **spirit of grace** and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*

According to Luke's account of this discourse, he does include a warning of the events of 70 A.D. at Luke 21:20-24. Luke's account *foreshadowed* future events in Israel during the coming "Great Tribulation" period. Luke clearly shows a distinction between 70 A.D. and the subsequent "times of the gentiles," followed by the literal return of Yeshua HaMashiach in power and great glory. The literal interpretation of Yeshua HaMashiach's coming is demanded by several parallel passages on the subject:

Luke 21:20-24

20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. 21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. 22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. 24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

This is VERY important, "the times of the Gentiles" has not been fulfilled yet and certainly was not fulfilled prior to 70 AD! We need to be sure to read the entire context of a passage before running off and making fools of ourselves by being half informed. Context, context, context! 5 verses before and five verses after, then we can determine the context and at least appear have way intelligent. If we only use a verse out of context, we can make the scriptures say anything we want them to say!

Matthew 26:64 KJV

64 Yeshua HaMashiach saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

Mark 13:26 KJV

26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Mark 14:62 KJV

62 And Yeshua said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

2 Peter 3:3-10 KJV

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they

were from the beginning of the creation. 5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of Elohim the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with YHWH as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 YHWH is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of YHWH will come as a thief in the night; in which **the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**

Revelation 1:7 KJV

7 Behold, **he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him.** Even so, Amen.

Revelation Chapter 20 Must Be Interpreted Literally.

Revelation 20:1-4 KJV

1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Yeshua HaMashiach, and for the Word of Elohim (Torah), and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; **and they lived (Greek: Zao, "came to life") and reigned with Yeshua HaMashiach a thousand years.** 5 But the rest of the dead **lived (Greek: Zao, "came to life")** not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

The Preterist's interpretation of the entire book of Revelation sinks or swims on how they interpret Revelation 20:1-4. Because according to the preterists' spiritualized approach to interpreting the passage. The angel in verse 1 is Yeshua HaMashiach. The chain is the gospel, by which HaSatan is now bound, verse 2, and can no longer deceive the nations. Therefore, according to the preterists, the "first resurrection" of Rev. 20:4 has to be interpreted spiritually. It cannot be interpreted literally as the **new birth of regeneration** that every believer experiences upon conversion (Ephesians 2:1-6). Therefore, their interpretation of Revelation 20 is *impossible* because:

Ephesians 2:1-6 KJV

*1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 4 But Elohim, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Yeshua HaMashiach, **(by grace ye are saved; This phrase should be “merited grace” and was added to the KJV in the 17th century. It is not in the original manuscripts)** 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Yeshua HaMashiach:*

A. The blatantly obvious reason that the resurrection in Revelation 20:4 *cannot* be a spiritual conversion of regeneration or new birth is that **those that are raised to life had already been martyred for their faith according to verse 4**, prior to Revelation 20. This physically cannot happen.

Revelation 20:4 KJV

*4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Yeshua HaMashiach, and for the Word of Elohim (Torah), and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; **and they lived (Greek: Zao, “came to life”) and reigned with Yeshua HaMashiach a thousand years.** 5 But the rest of the dead **lived (Greek: Zao, “came to life”)** not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.*

B. The word "*lived*" in verse 4 is the same Greek word (**Greek: Zao, “came to life”**) also used in verse 5. Nothing in the context of the verses indicates that the resurrections mentioned in verses 4 & 5 are any different concerning a spiritual or a bodily resurrection. The context infers that both resurrections are bodily, physical resurrections separated by 1000 years.

C. HaSatan is still on the loose. Revelation 20:4 describes the ***bodily, physical resurrection*** (harvest) of the saints following the return of Yeshua HaMashiach's physical coming to earth in Revelation 19 to destroy the antichrist and all those allied with him ***and to purify the land of Israel for the elect to occupy forever more.***

1 Peter 5:8 KJV

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about seeking whom he may devour:

2 Corinthians 2:11 KJV

11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 KJV

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Yeshua HaMashiach, who is the image of YHWH, should shine unto them.

Matthew 24:29-31 KJV

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Matthew 13:24-43 KJV

24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. 26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? 28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. 31 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: 32 Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof. 33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. 34 All these things spake Yeshua HaMashiach unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: 35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world. 36 Then Yeshua HaMashiach sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. 37 He answered and said unto them, He that sowed the good seed is the Son of man; 38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. 40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. 41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; 42

And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

1 Cor. 15:51-52 KJV

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 KJV

14 For if we believe that Yeshua HaMashiach died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Yeshua HaMashiach will Elohim bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of YHWH, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of Yeshua HaMashiach shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For Yeshua HaMashiach himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of Elohim: and the dead in Yeshua HaMashiach shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet Yeshua HaMashiach in the air: and so shall we ever be with Yeshua.

Therefore, the events of Revelation Chapters 6-19 must be related in time and conclude at the end of the age with the resurrection of the saints.

Therefore, Revelation 20:1-6 must be interpreted literally, including the one-thousand-year reign of Yeshua HaMashiach on earth as King.

Below Is A Detailed List Of Numerous Prophecies Of An Earthly Kingdom Reign That Have Not Been Fulfilled.

Jeremiah 23:1-8 KJV

***1 Woe be unto the teachers that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!** saith the YHWH. 2 Therefore thus saith the YHWH Elohim of Israel against the teachers that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith YHWH. 3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith YHWH. 5 Behold, the days come, saith YHWH, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. 6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, YHWH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. 7 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith YHWH, that they shall no more say, YHWH liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; 8 But, YHWH liveth, which brought*

up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

Daniel 7:14 KJV

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:27 KJV

27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Job 19:25 KJV

25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

Matthew 6:10 KJV

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Matthew 5:5 KJV

5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Matthew 19:28 KJV

28 And Yeshua HaMashiach said unto them, verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration (resurrection), when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

The Preterists' position in denial of Yeshua HaMashiach's earthly Reign is disproven by many unfulfilled prophecies which must be brought to pass concerning an *earthly* kingdom that is to be established in Jerusalem shortly after the *second* regathering of Israel *after* the gospel has gone forth to the Gentiles:

Acts 1:6-8 KJV

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Yeshua, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, it is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all of Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Revelation 5:10 KJV

10 And hast made us unto our Elohim kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Revelation 2:26-27 KJV

26 And he that overcomes, and keeps my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

Isaiah 2:1-4 KJV

1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of YHWH'S house (Jerusalem) shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of YHWH, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways (Torah), and we will walk in his paths (Torah): for out of Zion shall go forth the law (Torah), and the word of YHWH (Torah) from Jerusalem. 4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plow shares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Micah 4:1-3 KJV

1 But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.
2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
3 And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Isaiah 9:6-7 KJV

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 24:23 KJV

23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when YHWH of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Yerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

Isaiah 25:1-12 KJV

1 Oh YHWH, thou art my Elohim; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

2 For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defensed city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built.

3 Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee.

4 For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

5 Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.

6 And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

7 And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations.

8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

10 For in this mountain shall the hand of the LORD rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill.

11 And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swims spreads forth his hands to swim: and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands.

12 And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dust.

Isaiah 26:1-21 KJV

1 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will Elohim appoint for walls and bulwarks.

2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in.

3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusts in thee.

4 Trust ye in YHWH for ever: for in the YHWH Elohim is everlasting strength:

5 For he brings down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he lays it low; he lays it low, even to the ground; he

brings it even to the dust.

6 The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy.

7 The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.

8 Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O YHWH, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.

9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

10 Let favor be shown to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of YHWH.

11 YHWH, when thy hand is lifted up, they will not see: but they shall see, and be ashamed for their envy at the people; yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them.

12 YHWH, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.

13 O YHWH our Elohim, other lords beside thee have had dominion over us: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name.

14 They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.

15 Thou hast increased the nation, O LORD, thou hast increased the nation: thou art glorified: thou hadst removed it far unto all the ends of the earth.

16 LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them.

17 Like as a woman with child, that draws near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and cries out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O LORD.

18 We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

19 Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Isaiah 27:1-13 KJV

1 In that day YHWH with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

2 In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine.

*3 I YHWH do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it **night and day**.*

4 Fury is not in me: who would set the briars and thorns against me in battle? I would go through them, I would burn them together.

5 Or let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me.

6 He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

7 Hath he smitten him, as he smote those that smote him? or is he slain according to the slaughter of them that are slain by him?

8 In measure, when it shoots forth, thou wilt debate with it: he stays his rough wind in the day of the east wind.

*9 **By this therefore** shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this is all the fruit to take away his sin; when he makes*

all the stones of the altar as chalk stones that are beaten in sunder, the groves and images shall not stand up.

10 Yet the defensed city shall be desolate, and the habitation forsaken, and left like a wilderness: there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume the branches thereof.

11 When the boughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off: the women come, and set them on fire: for it is a people of no understanding: therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed them will shew them no favor.

12 And it shall come to pass in that day, that YHWH shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel.

13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship YHWH in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Isaiah 32:1-20 KJV

1 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.

2 And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

3 And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken.

4 The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.

5 The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful.

6 For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practice hypocrisy, and to utter error against the LORD, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

7 The instruments also of the churl are evil: he devises wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaks right.

8 But the liberal devises liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand.

9 Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech.

10 Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come.

11 Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins.

12 They shall lament for the teats, for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.

13 Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city:

14 Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;

15 Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

16 Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;

19 When it shall hail, coming down on the forest; and the city shall be low in a low place.

20 Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass.

Isaiah 54:1-17 KJV

1 Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith YHWH.

2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;

3 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

5 For thy Maker is thine husband; YHWH of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The Elohim of the whole earth shall he be called.

6 For YHWH hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy Elohim.

7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith YHWH thy Redeemer.

9 For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.

10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith YHWH that hath mercy on thee.

11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colors, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

12 And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

13 And all thy children shall be taught of YHWH; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

14 In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

15 Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.

16 Behold, I have created the smith that blows the coals in the fire, and that brings forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of YHWH, and their righteousness is of me, saith YHWH.

Isaiah 66:7-24 KJV

7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.

8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith YHWH: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy Elohim.

10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her:

11 That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.

12 For thus saith YHWH, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees.

13 As one whom his mother comforts, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Yerusalem.

14 And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of YHWH shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

15 For, behold, YHWH will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

16 For by fire and by his sword will YHWH plead with all flesh: and the slain of YHWH shall be many.

17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith YHWH.

18 For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.

20 And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto YHWH out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Yerusalem, saith YHWH, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of YHWH.

21 And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith YHWH.

22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith YHWH, so shall your seed and your name remain.

23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith YHWH.

24 And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

Psalms 48 KJV

1 {A Song and Psalm for the sons of Korah.} Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

3 God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

4 For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.

5 They saw it, and so they marvelled; they were troubled, and hasted away.

6 Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail.

7 Thou breaks the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Selah.

9 We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

10 According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.

14 For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

Matthew 5:35 KJV

35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

Zechariah 1 KJV

1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of YHWH unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, 2 YHWH hath been sore displeased with your fathers. 3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith YHWH Tsabaath (army. war, warfare, of hosts); Turn ye unto me, saith YHWH Tsabaath, and I will turn unto you, saith YHWH Tsabaath. 4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith t YHWH Tsabaath s; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith YHWH. 5 Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever? 6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as YHWH Tsabaath thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us. 7 Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of YHWH unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, 8 I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white. 9 Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be. 10 And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom YHWH hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. 11 And they answered the angel of YHWH that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sits still, and is at rest. 12 Then the angel of YHWH answered and said, O YHWH Tsabaath, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Yerusalem and on the cities of Yudah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? 13 And YHWH answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words. 14 So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith YHWH Tsabaath; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. 15 And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction. 16 Therefore thus saith YHWH; I am returned to Yerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith YHWH Tsabaath, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Yerusalem. 17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith YHWH Tsabaath; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and YHWH shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Yerusalem. 18 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. 19 And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Yudah, Israel, and Yerusalem. 20 And YHWH shewed me four carpenters. 21 Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Yudah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Yudah to scatter it.

Zechariah 2 KJV

1 I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand. 2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof. 3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him, 4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for

the multitude of men and cattle therein: 5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her. 6 Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD. 7 Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon. 8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. 9 For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me. 10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD. 11 And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee. 12 And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. 13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

Zechariah 8:1-8 KJV

1 Again the word of YHWH of hosts came to me, saying, 2 Thus saith the YHWH Tsabaath; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury. 3 Thus saith YHWH; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Yerusalem: and Yerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of YHWH Tsabaath the holy mountain. 4 Thus saith YHWH Tsabaath; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Yerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. 5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. 6 Thus saith YHWH Tsabaath; If it be marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvelous in mine eyes? saith YHWH Tsabaath. 7 Thus saith YHWH Tsabaath; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; 8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Yerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their Elohim, in truth and in righteousness.

Jeremiah 3:16-18 KJV

16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith YHWH, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of YHWH: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more. 17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of YHWH; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of YHWH, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart. 18 In those days the house of Yudah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

Psalms 2:6-12 KJV

*6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.
7 I will declare the decree: YHWH hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.
8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.
9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.*

11 Serve YHWH with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Isaiah 11:10-12 KJV

10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Conclusion

The first event of Israel's regathering (exodus) followed after the Babylonian captivity. We know it today as "the Exodus," when YHWH led Moses to bring the Israelites out of Egypt.

This regathering of Israel by the "Good Shepherd" is the most obvious sign that the stage is being set for Yeshua HaMashiach's soon return and his glorious reign on this earth according to the fulfillment of these many wonderful prophecies of a coming period, not of a time past. Soon, "a king shall reign in righteousness" on this earth, and "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of TORAH (Yeshua), as the waters cover the sea."

Lets be honest here. None of the events that are described in the last section of this article have ever happened. If, by any stretch of the imagination they did, then all of these things mentioned concerning the fulfillment of the events of Revelations would have been within only a couple of years of the writing of the book of Revelation., which would have been physically impossible to have occurred.

If Revelation has been fulfilled two thousand years ago, then where does that leave us today? If that is true, then given the circumstances of the world today, I would have to contend that we have been forgotten and abandoned by our creator and have no hope that anything will ever be better. In fact, I would say that if Revelation has been fulfilled, then we have been grossly misled and I'm not really interested in serving an Elohim that fumbles the ball at the last second and can't cross the finish line. Again, let's be honest, preteristic theology is an abject failure as I have demonstrated using scripture to disqualify any proposal that Revelation has been fulfilled. It appears as though you have a choice at this point. 1, agree with preterists and acknowledge that we have been abandoned by our creator or 2, agree that these prophetic events have not been fulfilled as preterists claim and hold on to the sacred hope that Yeshua is good and true to His word and that He is shortly going to complete His marvelous redemption of His Holy, and chosen people and make us His wife just as He has always promised.

I heard it once said that the book of Revelation should have been the last book of the Tanakh because the New Testament did not exist when it was written. In fact, all of the gospels and could and possibly should have been adopted into the Tanakh, but that is another argument.

Another point of contention that is now hotly debated is when exactly did John write Revelation. The answer is actually very simple, 95 A.D. twenty-five years after the temple was destroyed. This fact is confirmed by four "founding church fathers" collapses the entire preterist argument altogether. Think about it, if Revelation was written after the temple was destroyed in 70 AD and Revelation was written in 95 AD, then that would mean that the book of Revelation would be a historical document if it was written concerning the events of 70 AD. But, it is not, it is a prophetic writing about an event that had not occurred nor has occurred to this day.

The fact of the matter is this: Preterism is a false system based on radical eisegesis interpretation. Going down the preterist doctrine denies the physical Kingdom of Yeshua. But even more importantly, preterism calls Yeshua a liar. This doctrine teaches that the events of Revelation have been fulfilled and thereafter abandoned humanity. Scripture teaches that a physical Kingdom is coming, and preterism says that it isn't going to happen. Preterism was used to redirect attention from the Pope at the expense of misrepresenting the Messiah and calling Him a liar just to start with.

The *Preterist* viewpoint is a dangerous belief system that produces a disturbing and warped worldview and an improper view of YHWH's plan for Israel. It causes its followers to blindly ignore current events that are unfolding in real-time and in fulfillment of Bible prophecy. It causes its adherents not to be prepared for potentially catastrophic events that may be just on the horizon.

The followers of Yeshua HaMashiach are to "love His appearing" according to 1 Timothy 4:8, to long for His return, and to eagerly "wait for Him," 1 Thessalonians 1:10. Preterists scoff at the concept of a literal return of Yeshua HaMashiach in power and great glory and thereby fulfill Peter's prophecy of scoffers in the last days (2 Peter 3:3).

Don't allow the preterist doctrine to steal your hope! Hold tightly to your blessed hope!

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