

## Realized Eschatology: 70 AD Doctrine (Part II)

### ➤ Intro:

- **SR - Heb. 12:15** see that no one comes short of the grace of God

- **must expose false doctrines**, so brethren not ensnared by them, enslaved by false teachers

- **rf - Jn. 8:32** know the truth, truth makes us free

- knowing the truth is the only way to be free from the slavery of false teachers and false doctrines

- **illus.: Mt. Dora congregation, and Web Harris**

- review history regarding realized eschatology from first lesson

- **what has happened to Web:** stopped believing Jesus is God's son, no longer has anything to do with the church

- **what happened to members:** some studied the truth and were strengthened, some stumbled have still have not returned to the Lord

- **illus.: visiting with family Beth lived with** shortly after becoming a Christian, the man told me that churches of Christ are dividing in Alabama over this issue

### ➤ 3 - PP: review Part I

- **Part I:** general understanding of the doctrine, review Scriptures that prove it wrong

- **Max King's hypothesis** – sets out to prove a hypothesis, not learn truth from word
  - **R - 2 Pet. 3:16 false teachers twist the Scriptures**
    - develop a hypothesis which they “prove” through logic, using supporting Scriptures to validate, while ignoring Scriptures that disprove – create a new hermeneutic, or use a false one (below)
  
- - **illus.: Sadducees, there is no resurrection**
  - hypothesis: there is not a resurrection
  - developed supporting logic and Scriptures
    - hypothetical: woman lawfully married to 7 separate husbands who all precede her in death, woman dies, couldn't be resurrection because woman would have 7 husbands if she resurrected
  - ignore and dismiss Scriptures that contradict hypothesis
  - **R - Matt. 22:29-32 mistaken, not understand** Scriptures nor power of God, ignored Scriptures that disproved their position
  
- - **illus.: denominations, baptism not essential for salvation**
  - hypothesis: baptism not for the remission of sins
  - developed supporting logic and Scriptures
    - hypothetical: man on airplane that is about to crash, believes in God and Jesus, prays for forgiveness seconds before the plane crashes and he died, not have time to be baptized but saved, so baptism not essential for salvation
    - **rf - Jn. 3:16 believe in Jesus and saved**, just have to believe and not have to be baptized
      - “believe” defined to accommodate the doctrine
    - **rf - Lk. 23:42-43 thief on the cross**, Jesus, this day be with Me in paradise, forgiven without being baptized
      - assume had not been baptized, assume Jesus forgave Him, assume not saved already, ignore the significance that thief lived prior to the new covenant
  - ignore and dismiss Scriptures that contradict hypothesis
    - **rf - Matt. 28:18-19 Jesus, make disciples, baptizing them**
    - **rf - Mk. 16:16 believe and be baptized to be saved**
    - **rf - 1 Pet. 3:21 baptism now saves us**
  
- - **King sets forth his hypothesis, then forces Scriptures to fit it, and concludes it is true, ignoring Scriptures that contradict it**
  - **R - The Spirit of Prophecy p. 12** review doctrine, key phrases, assumptions, show where going
    - hypothesis:
      - there is one coming (*parousia*) of Christ, and it was **70 AD**
      - so everything related to Christ's coming and thus the end-time occurred in **70 AD**
    - when people rely on algebraic formulas to prove a Bible position, watch out
  - **R - The Spirit of Prophecy p. 13b (last paragraph of section)** if our hypothesis holds. . . .
    - King's approach, make the hypothesis hold, and thus prove it is correct
    - **rf - 2 Pet. 3:16 twist the Scriptures well enough** to convince people the false doctrine is true
  
- as faithful children of God, we don't set out to prove hypothesis and then believe them
  - we seek to know the truth of God's word, and live by it

- **Max King created a spiritual method of interpretation (hermeneutic) to support his doctrine (hypothesis)**
  - **King equates the method of interpretation with the hermeneutic** (King, *The Spirit of Prophecy*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, p. 55)
    - method of interpretation and hermeneutic are the same, synonymous
  - **rf - 2 Pet. 3:16 false teachers twist the Scriptures** – create a new hermeneutic, use a false one
    - false teachers must have a hermeneutic (method of interpretation) whereby they can twist the Scriptures
  - **Max King: spiritual method of interpretation** – could call it the “**King spiritual hermeneutic**”
    - **R - The Spirit of Prophecy pp. 19b** – only note heading of section, details discussed below
  - **King’s assertions / justifications regarding the spiritual method:**
    - **R - The Spirit of Prophecy p. 19b** – should use the spiritual method
      - spiritual method firmly established in Bible
      - spiritual method of interpretation is the basic and primary method of interpretation involved in end-time prophesy
    - **R - The Spirit of Prophecy p. 20a** – gets it from Gal. 4:21-31
      - two comings of Christ – fleshly Israel, spiritual Israel
      - spiritual method of interpretation prominent among New Testament writers with respect to the establishment and development of spiritual Israel
      - developed later in book, taken from Gal. 4:21-31, results in Covenant Eschatology and Transmillennialism
        - Covenant Eschatology and Transmillennialism discussed later
    - **R - The Spirit of Prophecy p. 20b** – uses Rev. 19:10 to justify
      - King admits, “does not speak *directly* to the nature of prophesy” but uses it to do that very thing through human reasoning
      - later King uses Rev. 19:10 as “proof” text that all prophecies end in Christ (p. 112)
        - does not offer proof, but just throws this out and those who believe Him accept it as truth

➤ **Max King's doctrine of covenant eschatology (transmillennialism)**

- **covenant eschatology** (transmillennialism) **doctrine King uses to support (justify) his spiritual method of interpretation**

- **"Transmillennialism" is registered trademark of Living Presence Ministries**, a company with bookstore by Max King and family

- **Tim King says, "In the summer of 1999 we invented a new word – "Transmillennialism."** As a new term, this could stand beside 'pre-, 'a-, ' and 'post-' millennialism, the final forms that had developed in Christian eschatology." (The Transmillennial® View, by Timothy R. King, Jan 15, 2002, [http://www.presence.tv/cms/transmillennial\\_view.php](http://www.presence.tv/cms/transmillennial_view.php))

- **Tim King later says, "As a prefix to millennialism, 'Trans-' means 'across' or 'over' or 'on the other side of.'** It also means 'above and beyond, transcending' such as 'transatlantic.' The 'trans' part of Transmillennialism™ **stands for moving through or beyond what has gone before.**" (The Transmillennial® View, by Timothy R. King, Jan 15, 2002, [http://www.presence.tv/cms/transmillennial\\_view.php](http://www.presence.tv/cms/transmillennial_view.php))

- **R - Rev. 20:4-6 i.e., the millennium (1000 years) was the transition period between the Mosaic period before, both covenants in force, period lasted literal 37 years - from the crucifixion of Christ in 33 AD and ended with the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD**

➤ - **R - Gal. 4:21-31 allegory**, two children of Abraham, Ishmael represents Israel as children of slavery, Isaac represents Christians as children of promise

➤ - **pic.: King, Figure 3 from The Spirit of Prophecy** (p. 55) - **explain chart**

- **Abraham**, 2 sons, Gal. 4:21-31

- **law**, carnal (Old Jerusalem)

- **gospel**, spiritual (New Jerusalem)

- **tribulation**: 1000 years (Rev. 20:4-6), transmillennium, actually only lasted 37 years from cross to destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD

- **this was a transition period** (King, The Spirit of Prophecy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, pp. 123, 135, 140, etc.)

- **destruction of Jerusalem** was the *parousia* and the **conclusion of the last days**

- **Jewish and Christian covenants coexisted from the cross to 70 AD**

- **R - The Spirit of Prophecy pp. 58b-59a** Ishmael and Isaac coexisted, fleshly and spiritual Israel coexisted from Pentecost to the destruction of Jerusalem

- **covenants overlapped, both in effect, saved under both systems**

- **Max King's doctrine that the Jewish and Christian covenants coexisted contradicts Scripture**
  - **R - Acts 2:37-38** Jews had to repent and be baptized during the period between the cross and destruction of Jerusalem
  - **rf - Matt. 28:18-19** had to become disciples of Jesus to be saved – couldn't be saved under the old covenant any longer
  - **rf - Acts 4:12** salvation in no one other than Jesus, no other name (authority) under heaven whereby saved – Moses not an option
  - **rf - Acts 10:34-48** Peter preached, salvation of Gentiles, not given an option which covenant law to obey, had to obey Jesus – Moses and old law not an option
  
- **- R - Col. 2:13-15** old covenant (law) was cancelled at the cross
  - **nailed to the cross:** figurative expression denoting that it was fulfilled and taken away
  - old covenant did not coexist with the new covenant, it had been fulfilled and taken away
  
- **- R - Eph. 2:13-16**
  - the law of ordinances (Mosaic Law, old covenant) was abolished at the cross (vs. 15), put to death at the cross (vs. 16)
    - blood of Christ (vs. 13b)
    - abolishing in His flesh the enmity (vs. 15)
    - reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity (vs. 16) – nailed old law to the cross (Col. 2:14)
  - between the cross and 70 AD there was one body, not two – old and new covenants did not coexist
  
- **- R - Heb. 7:12-14** law changed pre-70 AD, in order for Jesus to be priest and king
  - old law (covenant) not in effect at same time of new covenant – not coexist
  - Jesus nailed the old law to the cross, put it to death (Col. 2:14; Eph. 2:16)
  
- **- R - Rom. 10:1-4** Jews who lived during the period between the cross and the destruction of Jerusalem were trying to establish their own righteousness, and not subjecting themselves to the righteousness of God
  - Christ is the end of the law for righteousness (vs. 4)
  - the Law of Moses (old covenant) did not coexist with the law of Christ (new covenant) as righteousness with God
  
- **- R - Gal. 1:8-9; 5:4** false teachers who taught that Christians had to keep the law during the period between the cross and the destruction of Jerusalem were accursed, and Christians who obeyed their doctrine were cut off from Christ and had fallen from grace
  - false teachers who taught that the laws coexisted were accursed
  - people who obeyed the false teachers that the laws coexisted were lost
  
- Max Ling's spiritual method of interpretation is built on false doctrine of Paul's allegory of Abraham's two sons (Isaac and Ishmael, Gal. 4:21-31)
  - therefore it is a false method of interpretation

**- end Part II**

**- what to remember:**

**- spiritual method of interpretation**

**- if you hear someone talk about the spiritual method of interpretation** regarding end-time prophesy, be aware that they may be talking about realized eschatology (70 AD)

**- false method of interpretation, because built on false doctrine** of Gal. 4:21-31

**- allegory of Gal. 4:21-31, Abraham's two sons**

**- if you hear someone talking about the allegory of Gal. 4:21-31 to establish** a method of interpretation, or use the allegory to teach something regarding the end-time, be aware that it could be realized eschatology (70 AD)

**- King's interpretation a false doctrine**

**- coexistence of the old and new covenants, both in effect at the same time**

**- if you hear someone talking about the old and new covenants coexisting**, be aware that it could be realized eschatology (70 AD)

**- both laws (covenants) not coexist** – false doctrine

**- inv.:** the end has not come, Jesus is still ruling over the kingdom, so you can still be saved by obeying Him