

Futurism VS the Gospel

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The eschatology of Futurism is credited to the early-mid 19th century writings of John Nelson Darby, "The Father of Modern Dispensationalism and Futurism", whose eschatological approach was popularized in the 20th century church through the annotated Scofield Reference Bible. Though widely held in the church today, it does present some difficulties when it comes to the Gospel.

The old covenant prophet Jeremiah prophesied of a new covenant:

Jeremiah 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make **a new covenant** with the **house of Israel**, and with the **house of Judah**:

The following literal verses, are found in literal passages of the New Testament ("diatheke" or "new covenant") scriptures, and are largely not open to interpretation. They confirm Jeremiah's prophecy as fulfilled

Hebrews 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when **I will make a new covenant with the**

house of Israel and with the house of Judah: 9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. 10 For this [is] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Fulfilled through the perfect, complete and finished sacrifice of the sinless Lamb of God.

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever** believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Hebrews 8:13 In that he saith, **A new [covenant], he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old [is] ready to vanish away.**

Jesus ushered in the new covenant, and Herod's temple was thrown down every stone just as Jesus prophesied, further confirming the one way to the Father in this new covenant era.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Through the one sacrifice for sins forever:

Hebrews 10:12 But this man, after he had offered **one sacrifice for sins for ever**, sat down on the right

hand of God;

The Jews at "Jews for Jesus" certainly aren't ashamed of the Gospel!

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation** to every one that believeth; **to the Jew first**, and also to the Greek.

Jesus built His temple in three days, just as He prophesied:

John 2:19 Jesus answered and said unto them, **Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.** 20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? 21 **But he spake of the temple of his body.** 22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

His people are His temple:

1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that **ye are the temple of God**, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for **the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are.**

Fellow citizens with the saints, in the whole household of God, both on this side of the kingdom and the other.

Ephesians 2:19 **Now therefore ye are** no more strangers and foreigners, but **fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;** 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner [stone];** 21 In whom all the building **fitly framed together groweth unto an**

holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

The one true tabernacle that the Lord pitched and not man:

Hebrews 8:1 Now of the things which we have spoken [this is] the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; 2 **A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.**

Indeed, God doesn't dwell in temples made with hands, in this new covenant era:

Acts 17:24 **God** that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, **dwelleth not in temples made with hands;**

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The Messiah, Jesus Christ, having built His temple in three days, while ushering in His kingdom in the first century, through His crucifixion, death and resurrection of the Lamb of God:

Matthew 16:28 Verily I say unto you, **There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.**

I will remain humbly honored to be my brother John's companion in the kingdom of Jesus Christ:

Revelation 1:9 **I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ,** was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the

testimony of Jesus Christ.

That is a definite article "the" before kingdom (as well as before tribulation in the Koine Greek). The kingdom of Jesus Christ is, and will remain, specifically not of this world:

John 18:36 Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world:** if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

In reading the above verses why would futurists, who otherwise seem to love Jews, desire to:

1. Kick Jews out of the new covenant, by expecting an effective restoration of the old covenant, that waxed away?
2. Suggest that Jesus' one sacrifice for sins forever was somehow so insufficient, incomplete and unfinished, that a resumption of animal sacrifices in the future would ever be appropriate or sanctified for any reason?
3. Take salvation through the Gospel away from Jews, when it was specifically given to the Jew first?
4. Denigrate the temple that Jesus built in three days, by cheering on a future physical temple, made with hands?
5. Believe that God would dwell in a temple made with hands?
6. Believe such a temple could ever be consecrated, to then be desolated, when our high priest is seated in the true tabernacle that the Lord pitched, and rules in His kingdom today?
7. Reject the kingdom of Jesus Christ that arrived in the first century, to cheer on some future kingdom on earth, when Jesus told us His kingdom is specifically not of this world?

Could the answer to all those questions be, because of John Darby's 19th century interpretation of the figurative language of Daniel's Old Testament prophetic dream?

Sound doctrine must begin with literal verses in literal passages that are not open to interpretation, before even beginning to try to interpret, the figurative language of dreams and visions in prophecy.

Jesus IS everlasting righteousness:

Romans 3:21 **But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested,** being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God [which is] **by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe:** for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

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