



### The AD 70 Doctrine

The Kingdom of God came with glory and power in 70 AD, not on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2.

The Law of Moses continued in force until 70 AD.

The Second Coming of Christ is past, having happened in 70 AD, and will not occur in the future.

The Day of Judgment came in 70 AD, there will be NO future judgment day.

The end of the world came in 70 AD, the earth will remain forever.

The resurrection of the dead came in 70 AD, and no believer will have a bodily resurrection.

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“Last Days”  
(Transitional Period)

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AD 70

Coming of Christ

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Destruction of Jerusalem

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“We are now in that world ‘which is to come’ ... instead of being in last days we are in eternal days world without end (Ephesians 3:21).” (The Spirit of Prophecy, Max King, page 81)

Not this ...

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70 AD

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“Kingdom of Christ”

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Final Judgment  
End of the World

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“The Holy Scriptures teach that the second coming of Christ, including the establishment of the eternal kingdom, the day of judgment, the end of the world **and the resurrection of the dead** occurred with the fall of Judaism in A.D. 70.” (Max King, July 1973)

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On 1 Corinthians 15:24-25, “Surely, we can see that this end is the termination of Old Covenant Israel and the Mosaic age” (Samuel Dawson, page 169)

“... He said he would be presenting a fully subdued kingdom before<sup>5</sup> the father ...” (Samuel Dawson, page 171)

But this ...

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70 AD

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Kingdom established and will continue on earth until 1 Corinthians 15:24

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Mark 9:1;  
Colossians 1:13;  
Colossians 4:11  
*These are my only fellow workers for the kingdom of God ...*

Jesus exercised His authority as king to destroy a sinful nation!

Resurrection of all the dead (John 5:28-29)  
Saints caught up (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)  
World burned up (2 Peter 3:10-12; cf. 2 Corinthians 4:18)  
Judgment (2 Corinthians 5:10)  
Eternal Kingdom (2 Peter 1:11)

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**The Resurrection of the dead came in AD 70, and no believer will have a bodily resurrection.**

Max King (The Spirit of Prophecy, page 212), "The author sincerely believes that the general resurrection belongs to the same time and event as given to the coming of Christ ..." (The destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD).

**Three stages of "resurrection":**

Stage 1 – **Resurrection of Christ and the beginning of His Messianic (age ending) reign.**

Stage 2 – **Dying to the "old age" and the "rising" to the new in 70 A.D.**

Stage 3 – **"Resurrection" of each believer at the moment of death.**

"Resurrection also has to be a continuous, ongoing process ... What the futurist overlooks is resurrection is not a one-time event. Resurrection, like judgment, continues as long as the earth remains and men are born unto women. There was a harvest resurrection in A.D. 70, but we have not yet entered into the process. We will, but not yet." (Arthur Melanson)

## First Century Deniers of a Future Resurrection.

"Sadducees say that there is no resurrection" (Acts 23:6-8)

"Hymenaeus and Philetus" (2 Timothy 2:17)

Corinthians, "some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:12)

Thessalonians, were told don't "sorrow as others who have no hope" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Last Day ~ John 6:40-54  
Last Day ~ John 11:24-25  
Last Day ~ John 12:48

## If the Resurrection is past ...

### Why do people continue to marry?

**Matthew 22:30,**  
**For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.**

**Luke 20:34-36, Jesus contrasts "this world" and "that world" following the resurrection of the dead, and concludes that while marriage occurs in "this world," it will not be so in "that world."**

## Bodily Resurrection when Jesus Returns: 1 Corinthians 15

- AD 70 denies a future, bodily resurrection of the dead
- Must change meaning of resurrection
- AD 70 says 1 Corinthians 15 is the resurrection of Christianity out of Judaism

## Bodily Resurrection when Jesus Returns: 1 Corinthians 15

"Thus, out of the **decay of Judaism** arose the **spiritual body of Christianity** that became **fully developed** or **resurrected** by the end-time. Hence, this is the primary meaning of Paul's statement 'It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body.'" (The Spirit of Prophecy, King, pages 199-200)

## Refuting the AD 70 abuse of 1 Corinthians 15

- Context: Bodily death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, **15:3-4**
- Resurrection appearances of Christ: Bodily resurrected Jesus seen by many, **15:5-8**
- Bodily resurrection of Christ preached, **15:12**

### Refuting the AD 70 abuse of 1 Corinthians 15

- “No bodily resurrection of the dead” error to be rejected due to Christ’s bodily resurrection, **15:13-20**
- Bodily resurrection of Christ (“*first fruits*”) was the beginning of the resurrection that will be completed when He bodily and visibly returns, **15:21-26**

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### Refuting the AD 70 abuse of 1 Corinthians 15

- If there is no bodily resurrection then conversion, devoted sacrifice, and separation from the world is futile! **15:29-34** (cf. Philippians 3:20-21; Colossians 3:4)
- The body of every dead person will be raised from the dead, **15:35-49**

### Refuting the AD 70 abuse of 1 Corinthians 15

- Our future bodily resurrection is **VICTORY** “*through our Lord Jesus Christ,*” **15:57**
- Our faithful and steadfast labor is not in vain, **15:58**
- AD 70 doctrine renders future hope in resurrection false and futile!

### John 5:28-29: What the Future Holds ...

- A bodily resurrection
- Judgment of the dead
- These did not occur in AD 70, but will happen when Jesus bodily and visibly returns
- Are you ready?

