

THE PROPHETIC FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

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INTRODUCTION

- MATT. 24:1-3 - THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM
- MATT. 24:4,5,11,24,25 - FALSE CHRISTS & FALSE PROPHETS
- “Many will stand in our pulpits with the torch of false prophecy in their hands, kindled from the hellish torch of Satan.” - TM 410

THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

THE REFORMATION BORN OF A TWO-FOLD DISCOVERY

- MARTIN LUTHER DISCOVERED: 1) CHRIST & HIS SALVATION BEFORE 1517
2) ANTICHRIST & HIS DAMNATION BEFORE 1520

CHRIST & HIS SALVATION

ONE DAY WHILE IN ROME LUTHER SOUGHT AN INDULGENCE WHICH HAD BEEN PROMISED BY THE POPE, TO WHOEVER SHOULD GO UP PILATE’S STAIR-CASE, ON HIS KNEES; WHILE ASCENDING THE STAIRS MARTIN LUTHER THOUGHT HE HEARD A VOICE WHICH SOUNDED LIKE THUNDER CRY, “THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH”. THIS WAS MARTIN LUTHER’S AWAKENING TO THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

LUTHER’S TESTIMONY - “I DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER UNWORTHY EVANGELIST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST CONFESS THIS ARTICLE, THAT FAITH ALONE JUSTIFIES BEFORE GOD, WITHOUT WORKS... NO ONE HAS DIED FOR OUR SINS, IF IT BE NOT JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD... AND IF IT BE HE ALONE WHO TAKES AWAY OUR SINS IT CANNOT BE WE, WITH OUR WORKS.

BUT GOOD WORKS FOLLOW REDEMPTION, AS FRUIT APPEARS UPON THE TREE. SUCH IS OUR DOCTRINE; IT IS THAT WHICH THE HOLY GHOST, AND WITH IT, ALL HOLY CHRISTENDOM, TEACH. WE SHALL MAINTAIN IT IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.” - D’AUBIGNE’S HISTORY OF THE REFORMATION IN THE 16TH CENTURY, VOL.1, BOOK 2, CHAPTER 6

“NOW, THIS DOCTRINE OF A SALVATION FLOWING FROM GOD, AND NOT FROM MAN, WAS NOT ONLY THE POWER OF GOD IN SAVING LUTHER’S OWN SOUL, BUT IT BECAME LIKEWISE THE POWER OF GOD FOR THE REFORMATION OF THE CHURCH.” - D’AUBIGNE’S HISTORY OF THE REFORMATION IN THE 16TH CENTURY, VOL.1, BOOK 2, CHAPTER 6

PROTESTANT’S VIEW ON THE NATURE OF THE GOSPEL

- 1) SALVATION BY FAITH THAT WORKS BY LOVE & PURIFIES THE SOUL
- 2) SALVATION IS FREE TO ALL & FOUND ONLY IN CHRIST & NOT IN AN INSTITUTION or ORGANIZATION
- 3) THEREFORE ANTICHRIST CAN ARISE IN THE CHURCH FOR THE CHURCH IS NOT THE STOREHOUSE OF GOD’S GRACE
- 4) SO THEN, ANTICHRIST HAS ALREADY COME NAMELY, IN THE CHURCH OF ROME

ANTICHRIST & HIS DAMNATION

- LUTHER’S DILEMA - OPPOSED BY THE CHURCH OF ROME FOR PREACHING JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH
- LUTHER’S DISCOVERY - THE BOOKS OF DANIEL & REVELATION LED LUTHER TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HIS OPPOSITION FROM ROME
- LUTHER’S CONVICTION - THE FIRST INTIMATIONS THAT LUTHER HAD THAT THE CHURCH OF ROME WAS THE ANTICHRIST WAS IN 1518

- ▶ *ON DEC. 11, 1518, IN A LETTER TO WENCESLAUS LINK, LUTHER SAID, "I WILL SEND YOU THESE COMPOSITIONS OF MINE THAT YOU MAY JUDGE WHETHER I AM RIGHT IN MY DIVINATION WHEN I ASSERT, THAT THAT TRUE ANTICHRIST MENTIONED BY ST. PAUL, REIGNS IN THE COURT OF ROME..." - A HISTORY OF THE REFORMATION ON THE CONTINENT, BY GEORGE WADDINGTON, VOL.1, PG 201*
- ▶ *ON FEB. 24, 1520, LUTHER WROTE TO SPALATIN "I AM PRACTICALLY CORNERED, AND CAN HARDLY DOUBT ANY MORE, THAT THE POPE IS REALLY THE ANTICHRIST, WHOM THE WORLD EXPECTS ACCORDING TO A GENERAL BELIEF, BECAUSE EVERYTHING SO EXACTLY CORRESPONDS TO THE WAY OF HIS LIFE, ACTION, WORDS, AND COMMANDMENTS." - PFF VOL.2, PG 255*
- ▶ *COMMENTING ON HIS VISIT TO ROME LUTHER SAID, "IT IS NOT TO BE BELIEVED HOW MANY SINS AND INFAMOUS ACTIONS ARE COMMITTED IN ROME... IF THERE BE A HELL, ROME IS BUILT OVER ABOVE IT; IT IS AN ABYSS WHENCE ALL SINS PROCEED." - D'AUBIGNE'S HISTORY OF THE REFORMATION IN THE 16TH CENTURY, VOL.1, BOOK 2, CHAPTER 6*
- ▶ *ON AUG. 18, 1520 LUTHER REPLIES TO HIS FRIENDS, "WE HERE ARE OF THE CONVICTION THAT THE PAPACY IS THE SEAT OF THE TRUE AND REAL ANTICHRIST, AGAINST WHOSE DECEIT AND VILENESS ALL IS PERMITTED FOR THE SALVATION OF SOULS. PERSONALLY I DECLARE THAT I OWE THE POPE NO OTHER OBEDIENCE THAN THAT TO ANTICHRIST." - PFF VOL.2, PG 256*
- ▶ THE PROPHECIES REGARDING THE PAPACY AS THE ANTICHRIST LED THE PROTESTANTS TO THE ULTIMATE CONCLUSION - REV. 18:1-4
- ▶ AS A RESULT THE COUNTRIES OF NORTHERN EUROPE LEFT THE FOLD OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE PROTESTANTS TWOFOLD ISSUE OF ANTICHRIST

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- ▶ 1) ANTICHRIST'S NATURE
- ▶ 2) ANTICHRIST'S DURATION

ANTICHRIST'S NATURE

- THE PROTESTANTS BELIEVED IT TO BE AN APOSTATE SYSTEM, WITH A RULING HIERARCHY IN THE CHURCH, LED BY A SUCCESSION OF MEN

THE JESUIT ROBERT BELLARMINE QUOTING FROM THE PROTESTANT MAGDEBURG CENTURIES STATES WHAT THE PROTESTANTS BELIEVED ON THE NATURE OF ANTICHRIST, "THE APOSTLES TEACH THAT ANTICHRIST WILL NOT BE ONE PERSON ONLY, BUT A WHOLE KINGDOM THROUGH FALSE TEACHERS PRESIDING OVER THE TEMPLE OF GOD, THAT IS IN THE CHURCH OF GOD, IN THE GREAT CITY, THAT IS IN THE CITY OF ROME." - PFF VOL.2, PG 500

- ▶ *ROMANISM ANALYSED, PG17, 1894 - BY JOHN M'DONALD STATES THE FOLLOWING:*
- ▶ Q - UNDER WHAT NAMES AND BY WHAT FEATURES, DOES PAUL DESCRIBE THE ROMISH CHURCH or SYSTEM?
- ▶ A - HE DESIGNATES IT BY THREE NAMES, "THAT MAN OF SIN," "THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY," AND THE "SON OF PERDITION"
- ▶ Q - CAN THE NAME, "THE MAN OF SIN," "THE WICKED ONE," BE PROPERLY APPLIED TO A CHURCH or SYSTEM?
- ▶ A - YES, THIS DESIGNATION DOES NOT REFER TO ANY ONE PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL FOR NO ONE INDIVIDUAL COULD MEET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE APOSTOLIC DESCRIPTION. LIKE THE WORD "KING" IN DANIEL'S VISION, WHICH DENOTES A SUCCESSION OF KINGS, or THE WORD "BEAST," WHICH DENOTES A KINGDOM THROUGH ITS SUCCESSIVE CHANGES THE WORD "MAN" REFERS TO A SYSTEM UNDER A

SUCCESSION OF MEN, WHO WOULD BEGIN TO APPEAR AS SOON AS THE GREAT APOSTASY HAD TAKEN PLACE, AND BY WHOM IN SUCCESSION THE APOSTATE SYSTEM WOULD BE ADMINISTERED.”

ANTICHRIST’S DURATION

- THE PROTESTANTS BELIEVED THAT THE ANTICHRIST WOULD REIGN FOR 1260 YEARS. THEIR UNDERSTANDING IS DERIVED FROM THE YEAR-DAY PRINCIPLE - SEE EZE. 4:6; NUMBERS 14:34

MARTIN LUTHER STATED THAT, “ALL TEACHERS ARE IN HARMONY THAT THESE ARE YEAR-WEEKS AND NOT DAY-WEEKS, THAT MEANS, A WEEK ENCOMPASSES SEVEN YEARS AND NOT SEVEN DAYS... THEREFORE THESE SEVENTY WEEKS ARE 490 YEARS.” - PFF VOL.2, PG 270

JOHANNES GERHARD (1582-1637) A LUTHERAN THEOLOGIAN STATED, “THE FORTY-TWO MONTHS 'CONTAIN 1260 DAYS, THAT IS YEARS,'... THE TIME, TIMES, AND HALF ARE THREE AND A HALF YEARS. IF THEY ARE TURNED INTO MONTHS, THEY MAKE FORTY-TWO MONTHS; IF THOSE MONTHS ARE TURNED INTO DAYS, THEY MAKE 1260 DAYS, BY NUMBERING THIRTY DAYS TO A MONTH. ALL THOSE PERIODS REFER TO THE DURATION OF THE ANTICHRISTIAN TYRANNY.” - PFF VOL.2, PG 603,4

THE COUNTER REFORMATION

FIVEFOLD ASPECT OF THE COUNTER REFORMATION

- 1) THE FORMAL RECOGNITION OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS, THE JESUITS - 1540
- 2) THE COUNCIL OF TRENT - 1545-1563
- 3) THE CATHOLIC COUNTER-SYSTEMS OF PROPHETIC INTERPRETATION
 - a) PRETERISM b) FUTURISM
- 4) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ROMAN INDEX OF FORBIDDEN BOOKS
- 5) THE INQUISITION

THE COUNCIL OF TRENT

- THE ISSUES IN THE COUNCIL OF TRENT:
- THE COUNCIL CONDEMNED LUTHER’S POSITION ON THE SCRIPTURES & SALVATION
- 1) SCRIPTURE VS. TRADITION - ON APRIL 8, 1546 (4TH SESSION) SCRIPTURE IS MADE SUBSERVIENT TO THE TRADITION OF THE CHURCH
- 2) ON APRIL 8, 1546 (4TH SESSION) LATIN VUGATE DECLARED THE AUTHENTIC VERSION & APOCRYPHAL BOOKS AS CANONICAL
- 3) ON JANUARY 13, 1547 (6TH SESSION) JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH AS TAUGHT BY LUTHER WAS CONDEMNED

CATHOLIC’S VIEW ON THE NATURE OF THE GOSPEL

- 1) SALVATION BY FAITH IN YOUR WORKS NAMELY, THE SACRAMENTS AS ADMINISTERED BY THE PRIESTHOOD
- 2) SALVATION IS OFFERED TO ALL & FOUND ONLY IN THE CHURCH OF ROME
- 3) THEREFORE THE CHURCH OF ROME CANNOT BE THE ANTICHRIST BECAUSE SHE IS THE STOREHOUSE OF GOD’S GRACE
- 4) SO THEN, ANTICHRIST MUST HAVE ALREADY COME or IT WILL ARISE IN THE FUTURE AT THE END OF THE WORLD

THE CATHOLIC COUNTER INTERPRETATION

TWO SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

- 1) PRETERISM
- 2) FUTURISM

PRETERISM

ORIGINS OF PRETERISM

- LUIS DE ALCAZAR (1554-1613) WAS A SPANISH JESUIT - FATHER OF PRETERISM
- HE WROTE A 900 PAGE COMMENTARY TITLED, "INVESTIGATION OF THE HIDDEN SENSE OF THE APOCALYPSE" IT WAS PUBLISHED POSTHUMOUSLY, IN 1614
- IN IT HE APPLIES THE NEW JERUSALEM TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
- IN THE EARLY CENTURIES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS TO WAGE A TWOFOLD WAR:
 - 1) THE JEWISH SYNAGOGUE
 - 2) PAGANISM
- REVELATION 1-11 - THE REJECTION OF THE JEWS & THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM BY THE ROMANS
- REVELATION 12-19 - THE OVERTHROW OF ROMAN PAGANISM, THE GREAT HARLOT & THE CONVERSION OF THE EMPIRE TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.
- REVELATION 20 - THE FINAL PERSECUTION BY ANTICHRIST, CAESAR NERO (AD 54-68) & THE DAY OF JUDGMENT
- REVELATION 21-22 - THE TRIUMPH OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW JERUSALEM

FUTURISM

ORIGINS OF FUTURISM

- FRANCISCO RIBERA (1537-1591) WAS A SPANISH JESUIT - FATHER OF FUTURISM
 - SOMETIME BETWEEN 1585-1590 HE PUBLISHED A COMMENTARY ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION, IN WHICH HE PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING:
 - THAT THE FIRST FEW CHAPTERS OF REVELATION APPLY TO PAGAN ROME IN THE TIME OF THE APOSTLE JOHN
 - THE REST OF THE BOOK REFERS TO THE FUTURE, COVERING A PERIOD OF 3 1/2 LITERAL YEARS, IN WHICH ANTICHRIST WOULD APPEAR & PERSECUTE THE SAINTS JUST PRIOR TO THE 2ND COMING
- RIBERA TAUGHT THAT THE TIME PERIOD OF THE 1260 DAYS, 42 MONTHS, TIME, TIMES, & A HALF, WERE LITERAL
 - HE TAUGHT THAT THE ANTICHRIST WOULD BE A SINGLE PERSON WHO WOULD APPEAR IN THE FUTURE
- CARDINAL ROBERT BELLARMINE (1542-1621) COFOUNDER OF FUTURISM
 - WAS A JESUIT TEACHER AT GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY IN ROME
 - HE TAUGHT CONTROVERSIAL THEOLOGY - HOW TO REFUTE PROTESTANTISM
 - FROM 1581-1593 HE PUBLISHED A WORK ENTITLED, "POLEMIC LECTURES CONCERNING THE DISPUTED POINTS OF THE CHRISTIAN BELIEF AGAINST THE HERETICS OF THIS TIME"
 - BELLARMINE'S MAIN ASSAULT WAS ON THE PROTESTANT INTERPRETATION OF THE YEAR-DAY PRINCIPLE
 - HE SET OUT TO ASSIGN THE SYMBOLS OF PROPHECY TO THE DISTANT PAST & THE DISTANT FUTURE
 - HIS OBJECTIVE WAS TO ELIMINATE THE APPLICATION OF PROPHECY TO THE LONG PAPAL ASCENDANCY OF THE MIDDLE AGES

- THE ANTICHRIST WOULD BE A SINGLE PERSON WHO WOULD REIGN IN THE FUTURE FOR 3 1/2 YEARS

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ANTICHRIST'S NATURE

THE CATHOLICS BELIEVED IT TO BE A SINGLE MAN WHO WILL RULE THE WORLD AT THE END OF TIME

ROBERT BELLARMINE STRESSES THE SINGLE MAN THEORY, "FOR ALL CATHOLICS THINK THUS THAT ANTICHRIST WILL BE ONE CERTAIN MAN; BUT ALL HERETICS TEACH... THAT ANTICHRIST IS EXPRESSLY DECLARED TO BE NOT A SINGLE PERSON, BUT AN INDIVIDUAL THRONE OR ABSOLUTE KINGDOM, & APOSTATE SEAT OF THOSE WHO OVER THE CHURCH." - PFF VOL.2, PG 500

ANTICHRIST'S DURATION

THE CATHOLICS TEACH THAT THE ANTICHRIST WILL REIGN FOR 3 1/2 LITERAL YEARS AT THE END OF THE WORLD

FRANCISCO RIBERA'S POSITION ON 1260 DAYS OF THE TWO WITNESSES OF REVELATION 11 - "AND THEY SHALL PROPHECY 1260 DAYS... THE TIME OF PROPHECYING OF THE TWO PROPHETS IS NOT COUNTED BY YEARS, NOR BY MONTHS, SINCE THEY WERE NOT TO BE WHOLE YEARS OR MONTHS, AND THEREFORE IT REMAINED THAT IT SHOULD BE COMPUTED BY DAYS." - PFF VOL.2, PG 492

DEALING WITH THE DURATION OF THE ANTICHRIST BELLARMINE IS EXPLICIT, "THE FIFTH ARGUMENT IS TAKEN FROM THE DURATION OF ANTICHRIST. ANTICHRIST WILL NOT REIGN EXCEPT FOR 3 YEARS AND A HALF. BUT THE POPE HAS NOW REIGNED SPIRITUALLY IN THE CHURCH MORE THAN 1500 YEARS; NOR CAN ANYONE BE POINTED OUT WHO HAS BEEN ACCEPTED FOR ANTICHRIST, WHO HAS RULED EXACTLY THREE AND ONE HALF YEARS; THEREFORE THE POPE IS NOT ANTICHRIST. THEN THE ANTICHRIST HAS NOT YET COME." - PFF VOL.2, PG 502

WHICH SCHOOL DO YOU ATTEND?

HISTORICISM

THE ROOTS OF HISTORICISM

- 1) VIEWS THE BASIC STRUCTURE or NATURE OF PROPHECY AS SYMBOLIC
- 2) VIEWS HISTORY AS THE FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY

1) HISTORICISM VIEWS THE STRUCTURE or NATURE OF PROPHECY AS SYMBOLIC

- IT DOESN'T DENY THE LITERAL ASPECTS OF PROPHECY, BUT RATHER IT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE CONTEXT OF THE PASSAGE WILL DETERMINE WHETHER YOU ARE TO INTERPRET THE PASSAGE, PHRASE, WORD or NUMBER LITERAL or SYMBOLIC
- REVELATION 1:1 - THE REVELATION WAS "SIGNIFIED"
- READ 1BC 1106 / SEE PK 485

"...God himself employed pictures and symbols to represent to His prophets lessons which He would have them give to the people, and which could thus be better understood than if given in any other way. He appealed to the understanding through the sense of sight. Prophetic history was presented to Daniel and John in symbols, and these were to be represented plainly upon tables, that he who read might understand." - 1BC 1106

2) HISTORICISM VIEWS HISTORY AS THE FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY

- PROPHECY IS HISTORY WRITTEN IN ADVANCE
- HISTORY IS REFLECTING WHAT PROPHECY PREDICTED
- READ 8T 307; GOD IN HISTORY & SCIENCE, PG 57; PFF VOL.2, PG 272

THERE IS A STUDY OF HISTORY THAT IS NOT TO BE CONDEMNED. SACRED HISTORY WAS ONE OF THE STUDIES IN THE SCHOOLS OF THE PROPHETS... WE ARE TO SEE IN HISTORY THE FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY. - 8T 307

“PROPHECY IS HISTORY UNDEVELOPED, AND HISTORY IS PROPHECY IN FULL MANIFESTATION, AND IT IS BY THE LIGHT STRUCK OUT IN THE TRANSITION OF THE ONE INTO THE OTHER THAT WE SEE GOD CLEARLY.” - GOD IN HISTORY & SCIENCE, PG 57 BY REV. JOHN CUMMING

MARTIN LUTHER SAID, “AND AS FORMERLY STATED PROPHECIES CAN ONLY BE PERFECTLY UNDERSTOOD AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN FULFILLED.” - PFF VOL.2, PG 272

THE ROOTS OF FUTURISM

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- 1) FUTURISTS ARE LITERALISTS WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE STRUCTURE or NATURE OF PROPHECY
- 2) FUTURISM REJECTS THE HISTORICISTS VIEW ON THE FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY:
 - a) IT MAKES A FUTURE APPLICATION OF FULFILLED, HISTORICAL PROPHECY
 - b) FUTURISTS ARE THEN FORCED TO REINTERPRET THE PASSAGE

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- LITERALISM IN THE PLACE OF SYMBOLISM
- READ PROPHECY & THE CHURCH, PG 192; PROPHECY & PREDICTION, PG 166,7; THE HERMENEUTICS OF DISPENSATIONALISM, PG 386

“DISPENSATIONALISTS ARE LITERALISTS AND BEING LITERALISTS THEY MUST BE FUTURISTS IN THE INTERPRETATION OF PROPHECY.” - PROPHECY & THE CHURCH, PG 193 - BY OSWALD ALLIS

Dispensationalism summary -

- 1) [God](#) uses different means of working with [Israel](#) and the [Church](#) during seven different chronologically successive periods of history.
- 2) Dispensationalists are literalists in the interpretation of scripture.
- 3) They teach the Pre-trib Rapture
- 4) They hold to a futurists interpretation of prophecy

“DISPENSATIONALISTS (*FUTURISTS*) HAVE CLAIMED TO TAKE THE BIBLE LITERALLY... THE CRUCIAL FACTOR IN INTERPRETATION IS TO KNOW WHEN TO TAKE A PASSAGE LITERALLY AND WHEN SPIRITUALLY. THE CLUES SHOULD COME FROM THE PASSAGES BEING STUDIED. BUT BECAUSE OF THE DISPENSATIONALISTS’ ABSOLUTE VIEW OF PROPHECY, THEY DETERMINE AHEAD OF TIME THAT ALL PROPHECIES WILL BE INTERPRETED LITERALLY. IN OTHER WORDS, THEIR ASSUMPTION HAS ALREADY DETERMINED THE OUTCOME, NO MATTER WHAT THE PASSAGE SAYS.” - PROPHECY & PREDICTION, PG 166,7 - BY DEWEY BEEGLE

“THEREFORE SUCH A SYSTEM (*DISPENSATIONALISM / FUTURISM*) WHICH IS BOTH INTERNALLY INCONSISTENT AND UNABLE TO HARMONIZE ITSELF WITH THE BIBLICAL DATA MUST BE BASED ON A FAULTY HERMENEUTICAL BASIS.” - THE HERMENEUTICS OF DISPENSATIONALISM, PG 386 - BY DANIEL FULLER

LITERALISM IN THE PLACE OF SYMBOLISM

- DANIEL 7:25 - A TIME AND TIMES AND THE DIVIDING OF TIME
- DANIEL 8:14 - 2300 DAYS
- DANIEL 12:7,11,12 - 1260, 1290 & 1335

2) FUTURISM REJECTS THE HISTORICISTS VIEW ON THE FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY:

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READ PROPHECY & THE CHURCH, PG 192

“DISPENSATIONALISTS ARE LITERALISTS AND BEING LITERALISTS THEY MUST BE FUTURISTS IN THE INTERPRETATION OF PROPHECY. CONSEQUENTLY, THEY MUST HOLD THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PREDICTED EVENTS, MANY OF WHICH INTERPRETERS OF THE HISTORICAL SCHOOL BELIEVE TO HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE, THAT MUST OCCUR BEFORE THE COMING OF THE LORD IN GLORY.” - PROPHECY & THE CHURCH, PG 192 - BY OSWALD ALLIS

FUTURE APPLICATION OF HISTORICAL PROPHECIES

- DANIEL 9:24-27 - THE 70 WEEKS / THE GAP THEORY - THE SECRET RAPTURE

THE GAP THEORY

2300 DAY/YEAR PROPHECY (page 9)

THE 70 WEEKS OF DANIEL (page 10)

THE 70 WEEKS OF DANIEL (Gap Theory) (page 11)

MODERN FUTURISM

- EDWARD IRVING - (1792-1834) - A SCOTTISH PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR & FORERUNNER OF THE CHARISMATIC & PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT. HIS VIEWS OF PROPHECY WERE INFLUENCED BY A JESUIT PRIEST NAMED, MANUEL LACUNZA, WHO WROTE A BOOK ENTITLED, “THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH IN GLORY & MAJESTY.” EDWARD IRVING WAS SO IMPRESSED WITH IT THAT HE TRANSLATED IT INTO ENGLISH & HAD IT PUBLISHED IN 1827.
- IN 1830 HE ATTENDED THE POWERSCOURT BIBLE PROPHECY MEETINGS WHERE HE PROMOTED HIS THEORIES ON THE RAPTURE. “IT WAS AT POWERSCOURT THAT THE TEACHING OF A PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE TOOK SHAPE.” - THE INCREDIBLE COVER-UP, PG. 11, BY DAVE MACPHERSON
- MARGARET MACDONALD - (1815-1840) - A FOLLOWER OF EDWARD IRVING. IN EARLY 1830 AT THE AGE OF 15 SHE CLAIMED TO HAVE “VISIONS” FROM GOD. ON ONE OCCASION WHILE SPEAKING IN TONGUES SHE HAD SPECIAL “REVELATIONS” CONCERNING THE COMING OF CHRIST, THAT IT WOULD BE IN TWO STAGES. SHE STATED THAT THE TRUE CHURCH WOULD BE RAPTURED BEFORE THE TRIBULATION & BEFORE CHRIST RETURNS TO THIS EARTH.
- JOHN NELSON DARBY - (1800-1882) HE WAS A LEADER OF THE “PLYMOUTH BRETHERN” & WAS INFLUENCED BY EDWARD IRVING’S TEACHINGS ON PROPHECY. IN 1830 HE ATTENDED THE

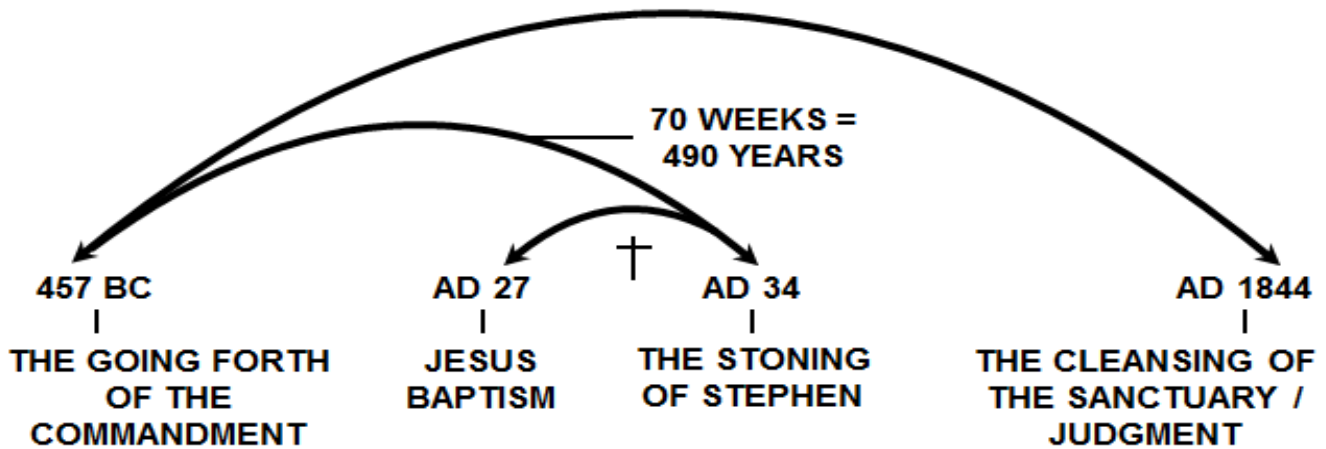
POWERSCOURT BIBLE PROPHECY MEETINGS WHERE HE INTRODUCED HIS VIEWS ON THE "SECRET RAPTURE." HE ALSO LEARNED OF MARGARET MACDONALD'S "REVELATIONS" ON THE COMING OF CHRIST.

- HE MODIFIED MARGARET MACDONALD'S VIEWS WITH HIS THEORIES OF THE PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE INTO A SYSTEM CALLED, DISPENSATIONALISM. HE IS ALSO THE FOUNDER OF THE CHRISTIAN ZIONIST MOVEMENT.
- C. I. SCOFIELD - (1843-1921) - IT WAS WHILE ATTENDING JOHN NELSON DARBY'S MEETINGS IN AMERICA THAT HE LEARNED THE THEORIES OF THE SECRET RAPTURE. C. I. SCOFIELD INCORPORATED THE DISPENSATIONALIST SCHOOL OF PROPHECY INTO THE NOTES OF THE SCOFIELD REFERENCE BIBLE. THE 1ST EDITION WAS PUBLISHED IN 1909

CONCLUSION

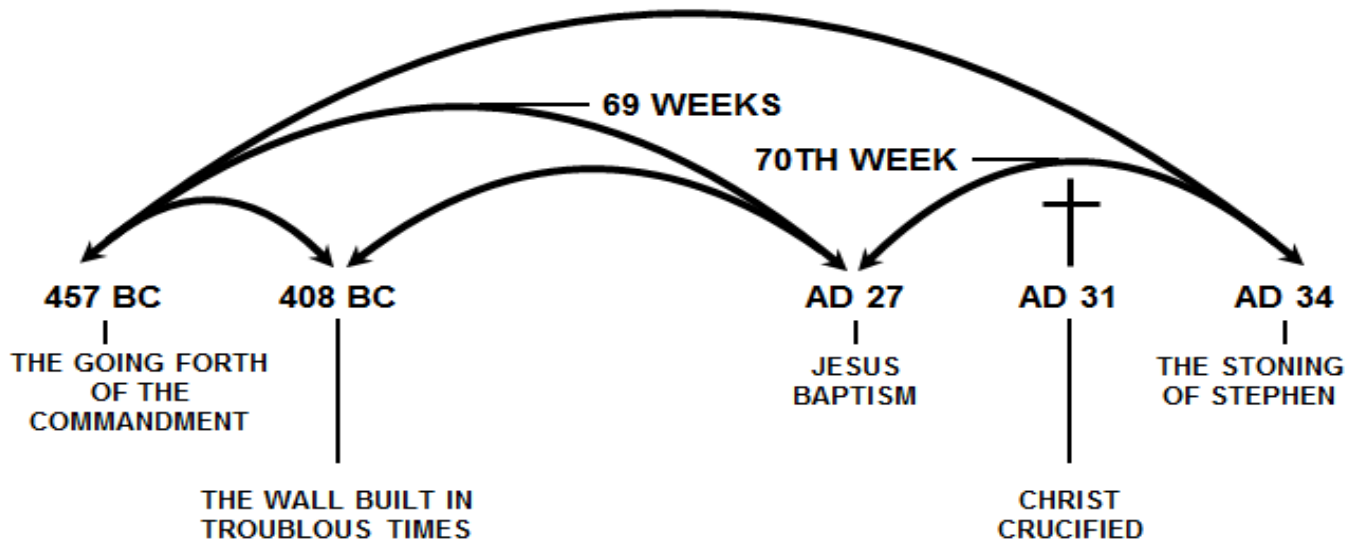
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2300 DAY/YEAR PROPHECY

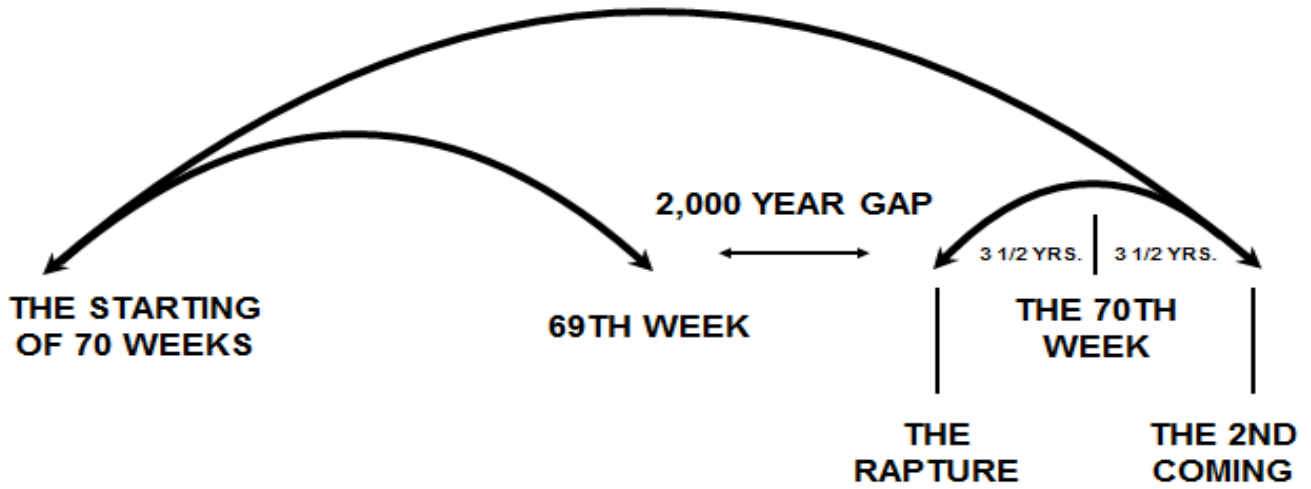


According to the prophecy of Daniel 9 the 70 weeks constitute 490 years of the 2300 day/year prophecy

THE 70 WEEKS OF DANIEL



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THE GAP THEORY