

# THE AD 70 DOCTRINE

## Introduction

- 1) The *AD 70 Doctrine* is a false doctrine that is a threat to the faith of brethren today
- 2) We need to be aware of such teachings so that Satan does not deceive or take advantage us with his unholy devices of false doctrine (2 Cor. 2:11)

## I) **What is the AD 70 Doctrine?**

- A) Obviously, the date AD 70 has much to do with this doctrine
  - 1) The central thesis is that *all prophecy has been fulfilled as of A.D. 70 and there is no event referred to in Scripture that is yet future*
  - 2) The second coming, the resurrection, and the judgment *all* happened in AD 70
    - a) Such ideas cause many people to question this doctrine, and it should!
  - 3) Also known as *realized eschatology* (end times *already* happened)
- B) Why AD 70?
  - 1) *Destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans* – significant point in history, even prophesied by Jesus (Matt. 24), but is it one to build God’s entire plan around?
  - 2) The central event of Biblical history is the cross of Christ, not AD 70 (cf. Lk. 9:31)!

## II) **History of the AD 70 Doctrine Among Our Brethren**

- A) First taught by Max King (Warren, OH); wrote book, *The Spirit of Prophecy* (1971, 2002)
- B) King debated the issue twice in the 1970’s
- C) Has grown and troubled brethren in Ohio, Florida, Kentucky, Texas, Washington, etc.
- D) Other teachers have continued spreading this doctrine (periodicals, debates, internet)
- E) Recently trademarked the name “Transmillennial”

## III) **Main False Teachings**

- A) *All Scripture was Written and Fulfilled by AD 70*
  - 1) Cannot be known absolutely that all books of NT written before AD 70
  - 2) Foolish to create doctrine based on this unproven opinion
- B) *Old Law [Law of Moses] was not Fulfilled and Removed until AD 70*
  - 1) Proposes a 40 year period (AD 30-70) during which Old and New *transitioned*
  - 2) Old covenant ended at cross; replaced by New covenant (Eph. 2:14-15; Heb. 10:9)
- C) *Kingdom was not fully established until AD 70*
  - 1) If this is so, were the Colossians in a “half-kingdom” (Col. 1:13-14)?
  - 2) Apostles opened kingdom fully to men when church was established (Acts 2)
- D) *The Second Coming of Jesus happened in AD 70*
  - 1) Jesus said he would come in judgment in AD 70 (Matt. 24:30) – figurative language
  - 2) His second coming is described in different language for a future time (vv. 36ff)
  - 3) Paul predicted a falling away first – time would pass (2 Thess. 2:1-3; cf. 1 Tim. 4:1)
  - 4) If Jesus has come, why are we still observing the Lord’s Supper (1 Cor. 11:26)?
- E) *The Resurrection happened in AD 70*
  - 1) Claims that it was not bodily, but spiritual –Christianity “raised up” from ashes of Judaism
  - 2) Same false conclusion as Hymenaeus and Philetus (2 Tim. 2:17-18)
  - 3) If heaven has “come to earth” now, why is there still evil and death?

## Conclusion

The AD 70 doctrine, at its core, is a denial of our “one hope” (Eph. 4:4). The Bible teaches that we live in the last days awaiting Christ’s return, the resurrection, and final judgment. It is error to teach that all this is now past and fulfilled. Let us love and defend the truth of God!