Consequences Of AD 70 Doctrine

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Text: Mt. 7:13-14; I Cor. 15

### Intro

1. Mt. 7:13-14: Two roads with two very different outcomes: Life and Destruction.
	1. We need to look down the road we take to “look before we leap!”
2. The false AD 70 Doctrine is gaining ground in many states and is a battle being fought by many churches.
	1. Congregations are being divided, swayed into this, and the body of Christ suffers for it.
3. AD 70 Doctrine: What it is (from a book, *The Spirit of Prophecy*, by Max R. King, 1971):
	1. It places emphasis of Bible prophecy on the nation of Israel, not Christ.
	2. It states the culmination of all prophecy was fulfilled in the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70, not the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ *(Lk. 24:44),* and following events on Pentecost *(The Book of Acts).*
	3. It states that every prophecy concerning the completeness of the kingdom, the 2nd Coming of Christ, the resurrection of the dead and judgment were fulfilled in AD 70.
	4. AD 70’s destruction of Jerusalem was the end of the world – there remains no other prophecy to be fulfilled.
4. This lesson is *not* intended to get into their doctrine as to how and why they arrive at these conclusions *(mostly they misunderstand and apply Mt. 24; Mk. 13; Lk. 17 & 21).*
5. This lesson *is* intended to show the consequences and inconsistencies that come from it.
	1. To look down the “road” and see where it leads.
	2. To be prepared if we ever have this doctrine knocking on our doors.
6. Where does this doctrine take us? What conclusions does it force one to make?

#### It Can Deny the Literal Resurrection of Jesus From the Dead

* 1. I Cor. 15:20-24:
		1. Christ is the first fruits of the dead, meaning His resurrection is the guarantee of a future resurrection of the dead.
		2. “In Christ” “all will be made alive,” & “those who are Christ's at His coming.”
	2. The AD 70 Doctrine teaches that those “made alive” are not individuals, but the church.
		1. This doctrine says those in Adam that died was Jerusalem in AD 70 (Death of Jewish covenant) – *Limits “all rule and all authority” to the Jewish leaders!*
		2. The body raised to life in Christ was the church! *This is applied figuratively!*
		3. If the “body” to be raised in I Cor. 15 is not man’s literal body but the church, then why must we believe in a literal resurrection of Christ’s body?
		4. If the latter fruit is not the literal raising of mankind, then there is no reason to believe the “first fruits” was the literal resurrection of Jesus.
	3. Can we be a Christian and accept this position? ***Of course not!***
		1. The literal resurrection of Christ is the foundation of Christianity!
		2. I Cor. 15:12-21: The dangerous position of saying “no literal resurrection” of mankind is to deny the literal resurrection of Christ! The first proves the latter!
		3. If Christ is not raised, then we are “of all men most to be pitied” (I Cor. 15:19).
	4. If one will not accept this position, they should reject the doctrine that calls it into question, and causes one to arrive at that conclusion!

#### No More Baptism

* 1. Mt. 28:18-20: With “all authority” Christ sent the disciples to baptize believers.
		1. He promised to be with those who carried out His commands “to the end of the age/world.”
		2. Thus, baptism is to last only until the end of the world/age.
	2. AD 70 Doctrine teaches the “age” Jesus was speaking of actually ended in AD 70.
		1. If that is the case, the commission no longer stands, and we have no more authority to baptize believers.
		2. Yet, those that teach this doctrine still insist men must be baptized for salvation today! (Tract: The Second Coming of Jesus, part 6 by Argol Drollinger, teacher of AD 70, went to India and had hard time convincing them of this doctrine!)
		3. They don’t even see the inconsistencies their doctrine teaches!
	3. If one will not accept this position, they should reject the doctrine that causes one to arrive at that conclusion!

#### No More Observance of the Lord’s Supper

* 1. Tract: The Second Coming of Jesus, part 6 by Argol Drollinger (teacher of AD 70):
		1. Baptism is part of the Plan of Salvation, and Worship Is Still the Same.
		2. It says saints must still partake of the Lord’s Supper and cites I Cor. 11:23-25.
	2. I Cor. 11:26: The tract stops one verse short! (vss. 23-26!)
		1. In partaking we “proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.”
		2. What about after He comes? ***No longer necessary!***
		3. I Jn. 3:2; I Thess. 4:17: We will see Him! We’ll always be with Him!
	3. The duration is till Jesus comes again, and the AD 70 Doctrine teaches it has happened!
	4. Why do they still partake of the Lord’s Supper?
	5. If one will not accept this position, they should reject the doctrine that causes one to arrive at that conclusion!

#### No More Persecution

* 1. II Thess. 1:4-10:
		1. Paul said when Jesus comes, “on that day,” He will deal out retribution to the wicked and give “relief” (NKJV/KJV: “rest”) to the saints.
		2. This rest will be accomplished by the removal and punishment of those who persecuted the saints.
	2. If that “Day” was in AD 70 at the destruction of Jerusalem, persecution should cease.
		1. They teach the 2nd coming of Jesus was in AD 70, so that “Day” should have given “rest” (“relief”) to the saints.
		2. The Jews who persecuted the saints were dealt a devastating blow! *Were the Jews the only ones who persecuted the church?*
		3. All saints should be at “rest.”
		4. If this rest or relief only happened in AD 70 then the rest/relief only happened to local saints at that time – where is the comfort for saints afterwards?
	3. History and current events do not support this conclusion – persecution of saints has happened throughout the ages (inconsistent) – still happens today!
	4. If one will not accept this position, they should reject the doctrine that causes one to arrive at that conclusion!

#### No More Marriage

* 1. Lk. 20:34-35:
		1. Jesus said in the resurrection people will neither marry or be given in marriage.
		2. Jesus said marriage would end at the resurrection (His 2nd coming)
	2. AD 70 Doctrine teaches the resurrection took place at the destruction of Jerusalem.
		1. If that is the case, why do people still get married today, including teachers and believers of the AD 70 Doctrine?!
	3. Why do followers of this false doctrine get married if marriage ended in AD 70?
	4. If one will not accept this position, they should reject the doctrine that causes one to arrive at that conclusion!

#### No More Death

* 1. Lk. 20:36:
		1. Jesus said in the resurrection people will never die! (I Cor. 15:24-26)
	2. AD 70 Doctrine teaches the resurrection took place at the destruction of Jerusalem.
		1. If that is the case, why do people still die today, including teachers and believers of the AD 70 Doctrine?!
	3. Death is still too painful a reality to believe it has ended!
	4. If one will not accept this position, they should reject the doctrine that causes one to arrive at that conclusion!

#### License To Sin

#### AD 70 advocates maintain that this (our life now) is heaven.

#### Max King, credited with giving us the AD 70 Doctrine in the 1970’s, said of heaven:

#### “A growing, developing relationship with God is the best definition of heaven I can think of at this time…Heaven is just joy and peace and right living, right thinking, right conduct… Heaven is part of your life now, and when you die you live on and on and on… You’ll never get any closer to heaven than that which you make in your own life.” *(The Spirit of Prophecy, 1971)*

* 1. This is Heaven. We are already there *(Rom. 8:18: This life cannot even compare!)*
		1. Can’t sing songs about the 2nd Coming, longing for Heaven, and “No Tears In Heaven.”
		2. Rev. 21:3-4: God said of Heaven He “will wipe away every tear.”
	2. If this is Heaven, no incentive or need to live a faithful and holy life!
		1. *II Pet. 3:11-18:* If this “day” has already come, why bother?
		2. *I Pet. 2:11:* If this world that we are “sojourners and pilgrims” doesn’t exist anymore, then why “abstain from fleshly lusts?”
	3. This doctrine is really a license to sin! *(No instruction for living after Christ comes again!)*
		1. *Titus 2:11-14: Saints are to live righteously, sensibly & godly in this present age, looking for Christ’s return – but if “age” has already come, then what?*
	4. If one will not accept this position, they should reject the doctrine that causes one to arrive at that conclusion!

## Conclusion

1. Not only is this doctrine to be rejected because of its false foundation, but also because of the consequences of the conclusions it forces people to take.
2. Any doctrine that has its followers contradicting themselves as much as this one does must be rejected!
3. When considering the various doctrines of the world, always look down the road they lead; and if their conclusions contradict Scripture, they should be rejected!
4. Let us look down the road *(Mt. 7:13-14)* and be sure of where we are heading!
5. The 2nd Coming of Jesus has not already happened and there is a glorious future awaiting His saints, far greater than this life *(Rom. 8:18)* – Let us “look for and hasten” our Lord’s return! *(II Pet. 3:12)*
6. If you are not a Christian, you need to be! Repent and be baptized!
7. If a Christian in error, repent (correct) & be renewed!
8. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!

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