

Preterism, Last Things, End times Eschatology.

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Video Transcript

Well welcome back welcome back thanks for being here with me again today on the channel uh last week I posted a video uh that was about Israel and a question that Dr Michael Brown had asked on Facebook and in the comment section there was a guy named um Infamous kid who asked the question I think he was probably being snarky maybe not but he asked where's the video explaining how Jesus already came or and what he means is how Jesus already came back right because we're Predators we We Believe that and so I just responded to the guy and I was like man that's a you know wonderful idea for a video thank you I hadn't thought about uh pursuing that before until he commented that and so with all that being said this video is called why prism and other words it's the video explaining how Jesus already came back I want to get into um a little bit of why and this is not going to be a comprehensive thing uh by any means you can't do that in in an hour long or 30 minute Long YouTube video but what I can do is at least give you some fundamental groundwork things that will explain why Predators believe the way they do why Predators believe that Jesus already came back and maybe not even so much why we believe that but how we come to that understanding and the reason this matters is we've we have people from all over the place uh from not even just the United States from all over the world that are reaching out all the time and they want to ask questions there are local people and they're like look we've heard you guys believe some stuff how do you come to believe what you believe and so this is a video for them this is a video for people who sincerely want to know look you guys are are willing to be uh condemned and blackballed by the Christian Community this is a hill you're willing to die on how is it that you come to these conclusions and it's a fair question and it

needs to be addressed so why prism
well to start we need to first talk about the fact that the Bible predicts um
that there there would be or will be
a second coming look at Hebrews 9:28 says so Christ having been offered
once
to Bear the sins of many will appear a second time not to deal with sin but
to save those who were eagerly waiting for
him so so we've got it there um in the book of Hebrews he's came once
right and
he's going to appear a second time this is one of the primary spots that that
the whole doctrine of the second coming of Christ comes from and you
can see that historically Christianity yes I'm
going to say it I'll admit this uh Christianity historically has believed the
return of Christ is in the future
look at the Apostles Creed uh one of the lines says he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
father and he will come again to judge the living and the dead so uh I point
this out not to say that uh you know we disagree with historic Christianity
which we do but that's another talk for
another day but to highlight the fact that all of Christianity Predators
included believe in a second coming no one is denying the second coming
of Christ if you hear that it's a lie okay
and look people love to tell lies about us so if you hear that throw it aside
we do believe in a second coming we
disagree on the timing of it um but again everyone believes there would be
a second coming now when you study the
Bible there are really two primary Greek words that speak of Christ's com-
ing or
or uh his second coming we may say and the first and main one is parusa
and you
will hear people theologians pastors that will talk about the second coming
of Christ and they will call it his Pera
they use these terms interchangeably because when you read the New Tes-
tament and you see these references using the
word paria they're all in reference to to his coming again um the word is
used
coming or the arrival or presence okay now the other word that's used kind
of
in conjunction with that alongside it is the Greek word arami now arami
doesn't have to be related to anything

eschatology okay if I say you know come to the house or or when you come to the house that that's an action it's a verb like aomi that's nothing to do with eschatology right so this word is used a whole lot more times but a lot of times Jesus will talk about when he comes and he's using this verb he's talking about the action of coming or to come in one way we may understand the difference in in the noun Pera and the verb come or coming right is the same way you would say when when you swung a bat you hit the ball right that's a verb you're you're doing an action well you may be talking about it later and you say man that was a great hit well now you're not talking about an action you're talking about a noun right and it's kind of the same thing so what you need to know is when you see paria we're talking about the second coming of Christ and again all of Christianity believes that there is or or will be one okay now let's carry that over and again I want to reiterate the theme of this video why prism right why do we why do we believe what we believe well number one and you're going to hear people try to abuse Predators off this which is funny to me but they'll say all you Predators worry about all y'all care about is time statements we're over here saying that's not all we care about but you guys I mean a lot of futurism don't don't care about them at all they just discard them or pretend they're not there but listen number one the first thing I want you to notice when you're studying the Bible is when it talks about the paria of Christ or the second coming and all the things surrounding that there are timing indicators time statements that hint at or sometimes downright tell you when these events will occur look at Matthew 10:23 uh Jesus speaking says when they persecute you in one town flee to the next for truly I say to you you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the son of man comes look he's telling them you're about to be persecuted but you're not going to finish going through all the towns until uh I come back in other words until the

second coming another clear time text look I was listening to a thing the other day and the guy reads this verse
ma specifically Matthew 16:28 and he goes through all the possibilities some people say this was fulfilled at the Transfiguration some people say this was fulfilled at Pentecost and he goes through all those and and then he's like
but look this one's you know more or less clearly ad70 so he put Matthew 1628
and ad70 and I about fell out of my chair I thought folks if you put Matthew 1628 870 you just gave the whole Farm
away because Matthew 1628 uses the exact same language as Matthew 24-25
uh surrounding this son of man coming in his kingdom well guess what happens in
uh in Matthew 25 when he comes using it's same language so it's the same coming right guess what happens the the resurrection and the Judgment so you give Matthew 1628 to 870 you just gave
the farm way but it says this for the son of man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his father and
then he will repay each person according to what he has done truly I say to you there are some standing here who will
will not taste death until they see the son of man coming in his kingdom what's implied there I'm going to leave some of
you are going to die while I'm gone right but some of you are still going to be alive to see me return that's what
he's saying there when when Jesus comes into his kingdom that's his paria coming
and then John 21 22 and 23 Jesus said to him if it is my will that he remain until I come speaking about John what is that to you you follow me so the saying
spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to
die but if it is my will that he remain until I come what is that to you so it's just funny to see how Jesus used those words and they abused him to say that John was never going to die Jesus saying
I didn't say he was never going to die I'm just saying if I keep him alive until I return that's none of your
business so uh either that's what Jesus meant or John is 2,000 years old now um another one uh leading into the alet

discourse Jesus is in the temple he's pronouncing judgment on apostate Israel he says you're going to fill up the measure of your father's guilt you're going to pay for the righteous Bloodshed from Abel to Zechariah all this stuff and then he says in verse 36 truly I say to you all these things will come upon this generation okay they walk out of the temple uh Jesus tells them it's going down the disciples ask about it and so Jesus launches into this full board discourse on all these events that are going to lead up uh to the destruction of that Temple at the end of the old Covenant age okay and you see this he says TR Matthew 24:34 truly I say to you this generation just like 23 this generation will not pass away until all these things take place what are the these things there well you've got uh wars and rumors of wars famines pestilences false prophets false Messiah you've got the gospel going to the the entire oim which we'll look at more in a minute there there are a lot of things that would happen before they saw the son of man coming on the clouds but it would happen in that generation that's exactly what Jesus Is Telling these people now the question to ask is how long is a generation and look Scholars are going to disagree about this uh but there is a general um I don't want to say consensus or or majority but there is a huge chunk a huge chunk of Scholars commentators whatever you want to call them that would agree that a Biblical generation is 40 years and you see this in numbers 32:13 and the Lord's anger was kindled against Israel and he made them wander in the wilderness 40 years until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the Lord was gone so there you see uh Moses is equating a generation with 40 years right uh look at Matthew 1:17 there this is uh part of the genealogies of Matthew's gospel he says so all the generations from Abraham to David were 14 generations and from David to the deportation to Babylon 14 generations and from the deportation uh to Babylon to the Christ 14 Generations now uh let me see I can't see that it's too little here you go here's a quote from Pastor David Curtis

about Matthew 1:17 he says now the date of the Captivity in the reign of zedekiah is said to be 586 BC from 586 BC and until the birth of Christ would be about 586 years which divided by 14 makes the average length of a generation about 41 years um so even there you've got that same thought that a generation is 41 years so you've got Jesus saying these things are going to take place on this generation that would mean then that they have to take place within 40 years and guess what they did uh another place we see this thought is with the apostolic imminence so look at some of Paul's writings here Romans 13 11-12 he says besides this you know that the time or you know the time that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep for salvation is near to us now than when we first believed you remember uh Hebrews 9:28 we read earlier said he will he will appear a second time to bring Salvation right Paul's saying it's nearer now than when we first believe the night is far gone the day is at hand and that that reference right there has to do with the two- age model the Jews believed in they believe they were living in the age of Darkness the age that is okay and they were looking ahead to the age of light or or what they would consider the Eternal day which was age of Messiah he says so let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light do you see Paul saying this is close like that he says the Hours come it it's near uh look at 1 Corinthians 7:29 this is what I mean Brothers the appointed time has grown very short from now on let those who have wives live live as though they had none and Paul doesn't mean you can go run around with harlots okay that's not what he's talking about but I want you to see there the appointed 's grown very short um 1 Thessalonians 5:23 now may the God of Peace himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ what's implied

there it's somewhat close right uh 1 Timothy 5:13-14 I charge you in the presence of God who gives life to all things and of Christ Jesus who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ again what's implied there in 1 Timothy Chapter 5 it's got to be close right these people are going to see it let's look at some of Peter's writings 1 Peter 1:5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a Salvation look that's ready to be revealed in the last time there's that Hebrews 9:28 thought and that Romans 13 thought that that salvation um that God would bring was near and look in the ol in Luke's all it discourse uh Jesus says and I'm paraphrasing I don't have the verse in front of me but he says when you see these things lift up your heads for your Redemption draws near and that's part of that already not yet Paradigm but these first century Saints they were waiting for Christ to come to experience the fullness of Salvation they had the down payment for it and they were waiting for the fullness of it and you see that again here with Peter uh 1 Peter 1:20 he was born before the foundation of the world but was made manifest look in the last times for the sake of you so Peter saying Jesus came in the last times uh have the last times been going on for Pastor Joel did a video on the last days watch that video Peter saying we're in the last times way back then uh in 1 Peter 4:7 he says the end of all things is at hand now obviously he didn't take all things to mean the planet did he but whatever his concept of that was whatever the nature of the all things was he's saying it's here now it's at hand it's right in front of me therefore be self-controlled and sober minded for the sake of your prayers what about from the author of Hebrews Hebrews 1:2 says but in again these last days he has spoken To Us by his son whom he appointed the heir of all things through whom also he created the world Hebrews 10:25 says not neglecting to meet together as it is the habit of some but encouraging one another all the more look as you see the day Drawing Near this this thing's getting closer guys and then Hebrews 10:27 I don't know how you get around this but people try to look he says for yet a little while and

in the Greek it's a very little while
there's emphasis there says for yet a very little while and the coming one
will come and will not delay if you hold
a futurist esy friends scribble this verse out of your Bible because obviously
the author of Hebrews was
wrong or you can accept that he was right he was writing probably around
6566 ad guess what happened shortly
after the parcia of Christ when he came in judgment against Jerusalem um
just a few more James 5:7
be patient therefore Brothers until the the coming of the Lord that why
would they be patient if this wasn't going to
happen for 2,000 years that means it's somewhat close right 5'8 you also be
patient establish your hearts look for the coming of the Lord is when 2,000
years later no it's at hand it's right
here it's soon verse nine behold the judge is standing at the door uh that
that's not good right it's not good for them that means he's there now 1
John 2:18 children it is the last hour so now
we've even gone past last days it's last hour Revelation 1:1 the revelation of
Jesus Christ which God gave him to show the servants the things that must
soon take place what happens in The Book of
Revelation in this Vision everything everything does all things eschatologi-
cal do it's all there and he
says here it must soon take place and guess what not only does he start the
book that way but he ends it that way
Revelation 22:7 Jesus says' and behold I'm coming soon 2,000 years ago
and then
verse 20 he who testifies to these things says surely I am coming soon amen
come Lord Jesus if Jesus's Second Coming was soon which is right in step
with all
these other timing indicators 2,000 years ago how in the world can any-
body look around today and say it's imminent
uh friends if you think it's imminent today you missed it and I've got some
I've got a beach house in Arizona I'd
like to sell you but in summary look there are over 100 times statements in
the New Testament alone they're they're literally all over the place and
whenever you read this has been one of
the most fascinating things to me when you read your Bible and look let
me say
this too we haven't even touched the Old Testament and there's a lot a lot of
timing indicators there too that that

give us clues that give us hints about the duration of things about when they would happen under whom they would happen these things are in the Old Testament but look there's over a hundred in the New Testament alone and and one what I was going to say is one of the biggest things to me that's fascinating is whenever you read the New Testament under that prou lens okay that all these things were imminent you you cannot deny you see it everywhere it's literally on every other page of the New Testament everybody believed um Christ's return was imminent so all that being said these things are there I want you to search them out and just think about it when you read when you read soon at hand near last days last hour judges at the door you know what goes through your head it you have to say well they didn't really mean those things okay or you can honestly admit that God communicated in a way that his people could understand and he communicated using language that that we can comprehend okay and these time statements don't have to have some shadowy Gnostic meaning all right they can mean what they say and I believe they do so the time statements teach us primarily three things I think number one they teach us that Jesus predicted he would return within that same first century generation of his disciples he couldn't have been more clear some of you still going to be standing here uh you won't taste death till I return you won't finish going through all the towns of Israel being persecuted before I come it's going to come upon this generation Matthew 26 I didn't put in here he told civas and and um you know the other religious leaders he he told them you will see the son of man coming on the clouds uh that's those people right so Jesus predicted his return would happen in that first century and you you cannot deny that at least our post-millennial friends or partial Predator friends are honest enough to say there was a coming in 70 AD because they acknowledge the timing indicators okay so that's number one number two all of the New Testament writers believed Jesus they believed his words which again is evidenced by the fact that there's Eminence on every page of the New Testament it's all over the

place and then number three The Book of Revelation begins and ends with Christ
Proclamation that he was coming soon John received this Revelation in the mid 60s ad maybe even as late as 66 okay so
Jesus was saying these events were soon that's because in our time the way we understand it they absolutely were and listen Jesus came in judgment oh skipped
too soon Jesus came in judgment on Jerusalem in ad70 validating every single one of these points so why prism because of the timing statements
number two why prism audience relevance now this is a term that falls under the blanket of hermeneutics which is simply the science of interpretation now I know those are big words that's maybe A New Concept if you haven't heard that so to put that in simple terms hermeneutics it's our system for how we understand the Bible your hermeneutic is the lenses you look through to interpret scripture okay an audience relevance is crucial to Garner a proper understanding of any Bible text if you do not factor in audience relevance you're not going to understand the Bible and I'll be the first one to admit to you that I was guilty of this for a long long time okay I wanted to read myself into every story look I'm David problems in life or Goliath all right and I'm gonna throw rocks at them some I'm sure there's some way I could tie that in but but that's what it looks like when you don't consider audience relevance okay so what is this term what is audience relevance well Ed Stevens I'm not super familiar with that but I know that he's a prominent speaker and he's an author in the Predator's Community he summed it up this way and I thought this was good he said quote the fundamental task of a Biblical interpreter is to discover exactly what the original author intended to communicate to his original audience you got original author original audience at the specific time and place under that specific set of circumstances in other words audience Relevance end quote so what Ed is saying there is you have to factor in what the author meant okay what was he trying to communicate to his original audience under the circumstances the

place the timing of his writing so think of it like this how many times have you been to a Bible study or you've heard somebody say what does this passage mean to you that makes I mean if you've been studying the Bible any length of time that makes you want to blow up right because we know that's asking the wrong question doesn't matter what it means to me that's irrelevant to consider the audience relevance though we need to be asking what did this passage mean to them the original recipients and even more importantly than that what did the author mean when he wrote it what was the author's original intent for his audience now we ask questions like that first one because again we are just inundated with the thought that this that the Bible was written to us we want to look at it and we see the word you in there and we think that's me right but that is so wrong it's so backwards and friends if you've never heard this before buckle up but the Bible wasn't or the Bible was written for you but the Bible was not written to you this was not God's love letter to you uh despite what you may have heard we are reading yes they're inspired writings yes they're from God but we're reading real human beings writings right we're reading other people's mail in other words the letter wasn't written to you and me when when Paul's speaking to church at Philippi he's not speaking to Travis and Jonesb Arkansas okay and we need to understand that so all that being said how then does this principle of audience relevance lead us uh to prism well when you stop reading yourself into every text it actually becomes really obvious for example consider this text from the alet discourse Matthew 24:6 and you will hear of wars and rumors of wars how many times have you heard this thrown out there I swear where I see it every two weeks on Facebook so for example last week uh you all know Hamas attacked Israel there's some absolutely just God awful disgusting things going on surrounding that and uh we need to be praying for a lot of people over there okay but um that attack happened and I started seeing this verse pop up all over social media why well here's why because we think you is US therefore when we see War when we hear of War because it says you that's me right so when I hear of wars and rumors of wars I know that the return of Christ is coming that's the way we think whether

we want

to admit it or not it's kind of our default position but we need to ask the question in Matthew 24:6 who is you okay

and did I make that rhyme on purpose yeah but who is you well thankfully we

don't have to wonder folks because three verses before we read this as he that's Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives the disciples came to him privately saying tell us when will these things be and what will be the sign of your coming and of the End of the Age so according to ver verse three the you who would see

these things including the wars and rumors of wars and including Christ Second Coming according to Matthew

conversation with do you see how factoring in the audience relevance changes the way you understand the text

you there is not you and me 2,000 years later he's talking to real living breathing human beings and he's telling

them you're going to see wars and rumors of wars and listen when you continue to delve into the context you learn that

this was being spoken during a Time called the P Romana the Peace of Rome when it was uh considered a golden age

in Rome's history where there was essentially no war at all there was next to no conflict happening so for you and

me to hear of wars and rumors of wars that's every day right I live about an hour from Memphis Memphis been at War my

whole life all right whether you want to call it that or not but it would have been very uncharacteristic for them in

that context when there was relative peace in the Roman Empire so for them to

hear of a war or even a rumor of War guess what that would have been news that would have make their ears uh that

would have made their ears perk up a little bit thus when you consider audience relevance this text becomes a

whole lot more clear let's look at another one first Thessalonians 4:1 15-18 for this we declare to you by a

word from the Lord that we who are alive who are left until the coming of the Lord who are left until the coming of

the Lord will not prede those who have fallen asleep for the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of

command with the voice of an archangel and with the sound of the trum-

pet of God and the dead in Christ will rise First
Look then we who are alive who are left will be caught up together with
them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air
and so we will always be with the Lord therefore encourage the Believers
2,000
years ago or 2,000 years from now no therefore encourage one another
with these words are we the we Paul is
speaking to here no uh 1 Thessalonians 1:1 Paul sylvanis or or Silas and
Timothy to the Church of the Thessalonians he's writing to the people to
the Christians in thessalonica that's
who the we are now you remember when Jesus said there are some stand-
ing here who will not taste death until they see
the son of man come in his kingdom that's exactly what Paul's saying here
he's saying some of us are going to be
alive and remain until the coming of the Lord so Paul is echoing that same
belief in that some of them would still be
alive in that first century to see Christ coming uh one more is 2 Thessaloni-
ans 1
for which you are also suffering since indeed God considers it just to repay
with Affliction those who afflict you and to Grant relief to you who are
afflicted as well as to us when the Lord
Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty Angels now we read this
about
Affliction and and we're all Afflicted in some way right so so this has to be
about us in 21st century America you
jabbing with that well that's that's just not true um a quick cursory reading of
the book of Acts will tell you that the
early church was under intense persecution or to put that another way
Affliction they were being afflicted by
the Christ rejecting Jews by the by the religious leadership um of Israel also
notice Paul says this relief will come when Jesus comes well in the very
next chapter he says the man of lawlessness
must be revealed before the coming of the Lord he's giving you a chronolo-
gy the man of lawlessness will be revealed
and then the Lord's going to come look at vers vers three well look what
Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 2: 6 he says and
you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his
time
listen we're talking about a man here okay and this is interesting because
this is something that uh that the

futurists who oppose prism they'll use to say U Jesus must be in a physical body still he he must retain his Humanity in other words as a man so let's be consistent Paul is talking about a man he's the man of lawlessness okay he's a human man he's not a supernatural Figure Paul says when he wrote 1 Thessalonians 2 Verse 6 that that man was being restrained then you know what that means that human man was alive then that this isn't some consummate figure that's coming in the future Paul says this man is being restrained now so that he'll be revealed in this time and guess what when this man is revealed F the next thing to happen is the second coming of Christ so when you consider audience relevance again when you when you factor in these are living breathing human beings Paul is communicating with it becomes Crystal Clear there's no textual warrant to put this thing out into the future now about those time statements some of them that we pointed at earlier just look at these Matthew 10:23 when they persecute you in one town flee to the next for truly I say to you you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the son of mankind who is you it's not us Romans 13 11-12 besides this you know that the time and the hour has come for you to wake from sleep for salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believe the night is far gone the day is at hand so then let us cast off the works of the darkness put on the armor of light uh Paul's not alive and well today um to hold in this belief with you right the US was them first Thessalonians 5:23 now may the God of Peace himself sanctify you completely and may your your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ Hebrews 10:25 not neglecting to meet together as it is the habit of some but encouraging one another all the more as you see the day Drawing Near as you see the day the people that the author of Hebrews is writing to and then James be patient therefore Brothers until the coming of the Lord he's not speaking to us he's speaking to them and I hope you get the point I hope you see all them 's and uses and brothers and all that there's no reason at all other than you presuppose it into the text to take these clear um descriptors for real people that were alive in their day that would see these events and try to try

to
fold up the audience relevance in a little ball and throw it 2,000 years down
the road um there's no reason at
all so when you consider um the audience
relevance it's impossible to deny something's going on my computer I don't
know it just got really dark on me for
some reason I don't know bear with me I need a new Macbook when you
consider the audience relevance it is impossible to
deny that the inspired Bible writers were telling their first century audience
that they would see these
things not me and you and look at this Christianity loves CS Lewis well in
his
book The World's last night CS Lewis said this quote say what you like we
shall be told the apocalyptic beliefs of the First Christians have been proved
to
be false it is clear from the New Testament that they all expected the
second coming in their own Lifetime and worse still they had a reason and
one which you will find very embarrassing
their Master had told them so he shared and indeed created their delusion
he
said in so many words this generation shall not pass till all these things be
done and look and he was wrong he
clearly knew no more about the end of the world than anybody else it is
certainly the most embarrassing verse in
the Bible that is heavy that is tough and
look Lewis is right about something CS Lewis is right in that Jesus did
predict
it would happen in their lifetime and he's right in that those first century
Christians they did believe him right
he's not wrong about that but the question to ask is was Jesus and the and
the writers of the New Testament were
all them wrong or not were they wrong about the timing of the second
coming or
not and if yes let me tell you something if you say yes they were wrong you
just gave up inspiration you need to throw
your Bible away there if they're wrong on that what else could they be
wrong about there's no reason to believe any
of it but if you say no if you say they weren't wrong welcome to
prism simple so we've got timing statements we've got audience relevance
and thirdly I want to talk about the

analogy of Faith according to Roger Duke in an article published by the founders Ministries he says quote the analogy of faith is a reformed hermeneutical principle which states that since all scriptures are harmoniously united with no essential contradictions therefore every proposed interpretation of any passage must be compared with what other parts of the bible teach end quote to put that in a very simple other way scripture interprets scripture I've often said there's one unified thread of redemption that runs from Genesis to Revelation it tells one big story I don't believe there are any contradictions in the Bible I believe that it is inherit uh it is infallible God has perfectly preserved his word and given us everything we need for life and godliness thus if that's true and every single letter in there has to harmonize with the other ones then that means we use the book to interpret the book okay though though many books have different authors we believe they're all inspired by God and thus they will not contradict one another so look commentaries are useful I own a bunch of them uh shout out to Robert Kent Hughes who's probably my favorite commentator but uh the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible itself and the way that works is that we use the clear text to interpret the unclear and and when we do that there cannot be any contradictions right these things have to mesh one way or another in the way we do that is considering the entire counsel of God's word so where does the analogy of Faith come in handy let's look at two examples Ephesians 2:8 Paul says for by Grace you've been saved through faith and this is not your own doing it's the gift of God but then we get to Peter's writings first Peter 3:21 and he says baptism which corresponds to this now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ well the question to ask is which is it because Paul Paul saying we're saved by faith and Peter saying we're saved by baptism how do you solve this dilemma you use the totality of God's word you let scripture interpret scripture in other

words you use the analogy of Faith okay and uh just for anybody that doesn't know that the correct answers you're saved by faith alone okay um another example this is Romans 4 2 and 3 which speaks to this same thing Paul says for If Abraham was justified by works he has something to boast about but not before God for what does the scripture say Abraham believed God that's faith and it was counted to him and it as in his belief his faith was counted to him as righteousness so you've got Paul again saying that salvation or justification is by faith and then James 2 24 James says you see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone so what you've got what I hope you see here on the screen is you've got two supposed contradictions you've got Bible writers that are saying different things okay so how do we harmonize these these contradictions we use the analogy of faith and audience relevance for that matter but but we consider scripture in light of all of scripture um and we make them make sense that way another way this works uh is With hebraisms Idioms and other expressions of language and I should have put original language because we use words that they used but they don't mean the same thing and let me show you one example of this Matthew 24 in the all that discourse Jesus says immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light and the Stars will fall from Heaven and the powers of the heavens will be shaken well if I interpret this passage through a woodenly literal 21st century American lens I'm going to logically believe that that The Luminaries are going to go out they're going to come out of the sky preceding the coming of the Lord so nobody would ever have to wonder when Christ's second coming is because all you got to Do Is The Day The Sun Burns Out he's he's coming okay that is totally wrong it's it's an abusive language and unfortunately that's the way that a whole whole lot of people understand that text but comparing scripture with scripture or to put that another way using the analogy of faith I can understand that this Cosmic deconstruction language actually speaks

to the abolishment of govern governments and their leaders and one exam-
ple it's kind of my go-to here is Isaiah 13:10
which says for the stars of Heaven um and their constellations will not give
their light the sun will be dark at its
rising and the moon will not shed its light so you've got all three elements
there in a text that is actually
prophesying a judgment on Babylon so God's saying in other words ac-
cording to Jeff Durban I'm Gonna Knock your lights
out right well let's just ask the simple question have you or I ever met a
Babylonian no and that's because we know
historically this judgment happened but we can still go outside today and
see
the sun moon and stars in the sky so did God lie about that or have maybe
we just
misunderstood again this Cosmic prophetic apocalyptic deconstruction
language I dare say it's the latter in
his Commentary on Revelation uh when the Man Comes Around Pastor
Douglas Wilson says this quote this collapsing solar
imagery is common in scripture and always refers to the annihilation of a
Nation or city state Isaiah speaks this
way of Babylon in the text we just read and later Isa speaks of the destruc-
tion of Edom in the same way that's Isaiah
original audience which again goes back to audience relevance there there's
a blending of these principles here what
about the next verse Matthew 24:30 then will appear in heaven the sign of
the son of man then all the tribes of the
earth will mourn and they will see the son of man coming on the Clouds
Of Heaven with power and great Glory well
everybody's going to read this and say that Demands a yet future physical
bodily coming right he has to come from
the sky and we're going to see him with our eyes in a physical body uh
absolutely not that's not what it
demands because much like sun moon and stars this coming on the cloud
language meant something to them Isaiah 19:1 an
oracle concerning Egypt and an Oracle is also translated a burden it's not
good this is Judgment okay says behold the
Lord Yahweh is riding on a swift cloud and comes to Egypt another way to
say
that coming on the clouds and the idols of Egypt will will trample at his
presence that may be tremble I don't know and the Heart of the Egyptians

will melt within them so what is being prophesied here God's going to come on the clouds in judgment well look at the next chapter Isaiah 23 and 4 then the Lord said as my servant Isaiah has walked naked and Barefoot for three years as a sign and a port against Egypt and Kush so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptian captives in the Cush out Exiles both The Young and the old naked and Barefoot with buttocks uncovered the nakedness of Egypt you see what happened God promises in Isaiah 19:1 he's coming on the clouds in judgment against Egypt and in Isaiah 20 what you read is that Assyria came in and brought that judgment they massacred the Egyptians took many of them captive so letting scripture and this by the way there are more examples of both of these things I'm just showing you one for the sake of brevity but whenever you let scripture interpret scripture we understand that this Cloud coming language means God was bringing judgment using a foreign army so whenever you consider um the analogy of faith we let scripture interpret scripture we let the Old Testament tell us what this language meant to these Jewish men right we're able to understand these texts and not abuse them we're actually able to harmonize the entire book which the futurist camps cannot do uh the analogy of Faith also shows us prophetic fulfillment when you consider the the totality of God's word and you see this related to the what theologians called the Great Commission um there are five Greek words used one is oim uh which we take to mean the Roman Empire and the prediction in Matthew 24:14 we I think we read this earlier maybe not says in this Gospel of the Kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world that's oim as a testimony to All Nations and then the end will come well Paul writing later in Romans 10:18 says but I have they not heard yes indeed their sound has past tense gone out to all the Earth and their words to the ends of the world so you've got prophecy then you've got the Fulfillment of the prophecy so what that means then uh According To Jesus it had to go out to the entire world before the end would come and your futurist friends will take that to mean

the end of the world that's not what's
in view of the context they're talking about the End of the Age the end of
of the uh Mosaic age well Paul writes
writing says that it had gone out so whenever Romans was written at any
point after that the disciples should have
known the Lord could return right at any minute another one is ethnos
which means people groups uh Mark 13:10 and this
gospel must first be proclaimed to All Nations all ethnos and sure enough
Romans 16:26 but has now been disclosed
and through the prophetic writings has been made known made known
past tense to All Nations all ethnos according to the
revelation of the mystery that was Kept Secret for long ages cos which
means the inhabited Known World um
and again these are these are for all these words they're not the only way
you could use them I'll give you that caveat
but putting them in context my opinion these are the ways that make the
most sense um Mark 16:15 go into all the
world the cosmos and preach the gospel to the whole creation and sure
enough Colossians 1 15 and 6 because the Hope
reserved for you in heaven you have already heard about this hope in the
word of Truth The Gospel that has come to you it is bearing fruit and
growing old all over the world Cosmos just as it has among you since the
day you heard it and came to truly
appreciate God's grace you've got ctisus which means creation or creature
uh Mark 16:15 same verse go into all the world
and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation uh ctisus and the Fulfillment
Colossians 1:23 if indeed you continue
in the faith stable and steadfast not shifting from the hope of the Gospel
that you heard which has been proclaimed
in all creation ctisus under Heaven of which I Paul became a minister and
the last one the ghee or the gay which is
the inhabited land um Acts 1:8 Jesus says but you will receive power when
the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you
will be my Witnesses in Jerusalem and in all of Judea and Samaria and to
the ends of the Earth to the ends of the ghee and
Romans 10:18 Paul says but I say have they not heard yes indeed their
sound has gone out to all the Earth gee and
the ends of the world so I say that to say you've got five predictions about
the world hearing the gospel or the Earth or the creation or whatever hear-
ing the gospel and you've got texts

that show you fulfillment of every single one of those predictions so again I want to take you back to Matthew 24

Jesus said the gospel had to go to the end of the world uh the end of the oim before the end of the age could come and

we see Paul and and uh well I guess all those were Paul weren't they but we see Paul emphatically declare that that was

so and th we have no reason to believe that the End of the Age couldn't have come sometime shortly thereafter and

guess what we know that it did and we Garner all this understanding again using the analogy of Faith using

scripture to understand and interpret scripture uh the analogy of Faith also clarifies the unclear look at Isaiah 65:1 and 2 says I was ready to be sought by

those who did not ask for me I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me I said here I am here I am to a nation

that was not called by my name I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people who walk in a way that is not

good following their own devices well if you and I read that today we have no

idea what that's talking about do we without help there's there's no name dropping there there's no Nation given

um not even really a time frame in those two verses it mentions that a nation that was not called by his name but it

doesn't tell you who it is so left to ourselves guys we have no idea what this verse is about so what is it talking

about well thank thankfully we have the Apostle Paul to tell us and this is just food for thought as I'm going to apply

this in one way but Paul actually uh I was reading this morning that he quotes the Old Testament some estimated like

okay so Paul's doing this all over the place so let let's let Paul explain to us what Isaiah 65:1 and 2 is about and

this is in Romans 10 which is set in the context leading up to this about how the Gentiles have received the gospel

they're coming to Faith okay he says this then Isaiah is so bold as to say I've been found by those who did not

seek me I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me that's about the Gentiles okay but of Israel he says all

the day long I've held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people who is he talking about Israel so now that

we've used the analogy of Faith to understand what Isaiah 65 is about we

can go back to that text and we can actually understand he's talking about the gospel going to the Gentiles and the Jews uh rejecting him and so we understand that it's a prediction of judgment on the Covenant Breakers or we may say on Heaven and Earth and it's a prediction of God establishing a New Covenant look at Isaiah 65:17 for behold

I create a new heavens and a new Earth and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mine you go read

Isaiah 65 with that understanding and you tell me that's not what what's going on

there challenge you and we get there by the analogy of Faith one more uh Daniel

time of trouble such has never been since there was a nation till that time and then verse 11 and from that time the

regular burnt offerings taken away and the Abomination that makes desolate is set up there shall be 1290 days Daniel

time of the end in Verses 4 6 7 9 and 13 it's littered all over the place uh well guess what happens in Daniel 12 you've got you see a time of trouble there you've got Abomination desolation

there's a resurrection and there's a judgment okay all these things are connected well guess what those things

are those are things that everybody agrees happen with the parosa uh of Christ or we may say these are second

coming events okay okay well look at Matthew 24:15 so when you see the abomination of

desolation spoken of by the Prophet Daniel where did he speak about that oh I know it's right there in verse 11

standing in the Holy place let the reader understand and then in verse 21 for then there will be Great Tribulation

kind of like a time of trouble such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now no and never will be so

what I hope you see here is that Jesus in Matthew 24 is descri describing the

exact same events uh as Daniel 12 okay thus Matthew 24 is also a text that's about the end well do we have any Wonder in the Olivette discourse about when

these events would happen well Luke's recording of the alet discourse actually tells us he says in Luke 21:20 but when

you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies then know that it's desolation or

the
abomination of desolation has come near uh Jesus Is Telling again back to
the
audience relevance principle he's telling these first century disciples when
you see this city surrounded by
armies and we know that those armies were the Roman armies then you
know that its desolations come near in other words
you know it's time for Daniel 12 and all these events of the end to be ful-
filled
how do we figure this out we figure out using the analogy of faith we figure
it out letting scripture interpret
scripture so using the analogy of Faith lets us do a few things it lets us
number one it allows us to consider the
whole counsel of God's word to formulate our Doctrine so we we often tout
um I
say we I just assume many of you come from that calvinistic reform back-
ground like I do but we will tout being solo
scripture right the Bible's my uh Sole and infallible Authority it's the it's the
rule for living in godliness but we
also need to be to scriptura which means the totality of it so using the
analogy
of faith understanding that that from Genesis to Revelation there is harmo-
ny um this allows us to use the whole book to
formulate the things we believe about it okay number two it allows us to
understand and apply language in ways
that would otherwise be foreign to us if we didn't have Isaiah 13 and Isaiah
34 we wouldn't know what sun moon and stars
mean and we wouldn't know how uh that that's how Jesus is applying it
right we would take it to mean the literal
physical uh things in the sky uh understanding what comes coming on the
clouds Min same thing uh abomination of
desolation there there are a lot of things we would not be able to under-
stand were it not for the analogy
of Faith were it not for examining other scripture uh examining the more
clear to
understand the unclear and then number three using the analogy of Faith
allows us to view and Marvel at and it is
marvelous folks not only prophetic prediction but also its fulfillment we
see our Lord Jesus Christ Vindicated as a sovereign God because he said
these

things would happen and get this they did it's amazing you know what the best apologetic against atheism is right here it's in prism and we get there using the analogy of Faith so let me ask again why prism here's why because Jesus and the inspired Bible writers all believed and taught that Christ's Second Coming was imminent and would occur within 40 Years of his Ascension in other words in this generation as he told them uh it had to happen before 70 AD or at 70 AD okay for for him to be Vindicated as telling the truth and whenever you consider the time statements the audience relevance and you apply the analogy of Faith consistently prism isn't merely a conclusion that you come to but it actually requires willful truth suppression to deny this is serious and listen uh something that has proven to be true at least in my my area uh because I'm friends with a lot of pastors a lot of Christians who have essentially I think I mentioned this earlier but they've essentially black ball us they don't want to talk right and it's funny I was telling a guy the other day you know if we' to come out as full as a as something else when we came out as full Predators like if we would have came out as hey we're converting to Islam every single one of these guys would be all over us I'm talking about like white on a paper tow they would have been on us trying to talk us off this ledge trying reason from the scriptures uh trying to essentially snatch us from the flames you may say right if we if we' have converted to Oneness Pentecostalism or or uh Islam or whatever they would be beating our door down but this one thing for some reason all these guys black Ballas and kemus as Heretics none of them have reached out uh I think I've had a handful of conversations with some guys and uh some of that was more restorative than them genuinely seeking answers and I just wonder why that is and I'm forced to believe maybe it's one of a few things number one maybe they don't really believe that we're Heretics they don't really believe we're going to hell and it's not that big a deal and if that's the case I say okay then why

blackball us right if you don't believe I'm outside the faith we can still be friends um so maybe that's not it maybe it's because they're afraid maybe it's I think that I've had pastors that randomly deleted me on Facebook and I suspect it's from posting Predators things just making points they don't want to read that they don't want to consider that they want to stick their fingers in their ears and close their eyes and go la la la la so they don't have to see it and deal with it right and maybe there are other reasons I don't know I just I think whenever you take a serious look at this which is what most of them are not willing to do um and listen even in saying that I know you can say well Travis are you saying that if I study prism and I don't believe it that I'm outside the faith or that I'm somehow in sin no I'm not uh I think that's fine we can study something and come to different conclusions and still lock arms we can still Fellowship that doesn't mean we're not going to uh infight a little bit you know and have friendly debate but friendly debate is healthy friendly debate sharpens one another uh so no I'm not saying that at all but I think whenever you're not really even willing to look at it but you're willing to condemn a man there is a problem there and if that's you if you just so happen to be watching this you need to check your heart and there may be several of us here in Northeast Arkansas you need to reach out to and apologize for and you need to consider this if you're wrong in condemning us what you're doing is slander it's sin in the eyes of God it's smoke in his nostrils and if you're going to continue on unrepentantly that's not good so just some things to consider so again why prism because it makes more sense than anything else you're going to study as it pertains to eschatology so I hope that made sense to you I hope that was helpful I hope you can see at least a little bit now now why we as predus believe Jesus already came why this isn't some future event um but maybe it didn't I want to hear from you I want to know your comments but in any case I do want to say thank you for watching I know I've been rambling for an hour now so uh thank you for being here if you've made it this far thanks for sticking with me uh be sure to like And subscribe

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if you're on Facebook or gab or whatever um
share share this content send it to your friends let's get it out there I'd like to
grow my page but I would really like
to see the truth grow um and I believe we'll see that so uh oh yeah I was
going
to tell you too and don't forget that we've got the Arkansas eschatology
conference uh coming next August got
some great speakers so and I've really been surprised I was telling a guy
this today I've been surprised that ticket
sell so far like it's I didn't really think we'd sell any until first of the year
when the pricing increase comes in
February but we've already sold quite a few so that's been encouraging I
know a lot of people um are coming from
literally all over the place so just really looking forward to that but if you're
kind of on the fence about coming
I would I would really encourage you to get tickets it's going to be um a
good time so with that again I'll stop
rambling now thank you guys for watching um pray you have a good day
God bless