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Associating Bible Eschatology With the Fall of Jerusalem to the Roman Armies Led by General Titus During the Significant 70th Year of the First Century

"Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." Jesus in Matt. 24:34

Presenting Modern & Historical Preterists, as Well as Anti-Pret Futurists, in Their Own Words [Site Key]

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San Diego Preterist Fellowship

3:30pm Sundays
Vista, California
Dead Sea Scrolls

...and Fulfilled Eschatology
Shatter Points in Controversies:

- Establishment Power
- Opposition Movements
- Peaceful Caught in Middle
Dangers of American Establishment

Mixing Theology and Politics

Theo-Political Establishment

With Theo-Political Establishment, Compromises go way of Politics

• Yields Accumulation of Power, Wealth and Property
• Endless Compromises with Enemies and Impious
• Systematic Persecution of Opposition Groups

Opposition Movements Steadily Grow

• Begin to Entrench in Positions of Opposition
• Start Collaborating with Likeminded Groups
• Ever Increasing Threat to Establishment
• Leading to Inevitable Clash of Forces
“The Poor” Challenging Power & Authority

- Political Tensions Against Jesus’ “Authority”
- Collaboration with Rome so “Nation Perish Not”
- Public Evocation of “Eschatological Rain” Imagery

“Hereafter shall you see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of heaven”
Dead Sea Scrolls
Opposition Apocalyptic Press

“Raining Judgment on all the Evil Ones”
Discovered between 1947 and 1956 in eleven caves near ruins of ancient settlement of Khirbet Qumran
Approx. 850 Documents Including Hebrew Bible Texts, Commentaries and Other Fragments
Where Did Scrolls Come From?

- Establishment vs. Opposition Scholarship
- Were All From a “Qumran Sect”? Essenes?
- Could Some Have Come From Fleeing Christians?
Commonalities Among Various Groups

- Pious Jews, Not Simply Villains of Josephus
- Hated the Herodian Collaborators
- Wicked Abominations of Religion
- Temple Practices Akin to “Strange Fire”
- Despised Their Looting of the Poor
- Saw All As Signs of the “End of Days”
- Determined to Oppose to the Last
Results For Opposition:
Jewish Temple Destroyed

Roman Legions enter and destroy religious center, taking its treasures to Rome.
Federal Marshals enter; seize buildings and 22 acres of land, valued at $6 million.

Results For Opposition: Baptist Temple Destroyed
THE BURNT HOUSE
Three Approaches

1) Collaborate with Establishment
   • Benefits of Power and Riches

2) Be A Zealot to Overthrow
   • Short-Lived Moral Benefits

3) Live in Peace and Rest as Able
   • “Come Out of Her, and Be Ye Separate”

   - Beware of Seducers Trying to Influence Approach
     • False Prophets in Establishment Groups
     • False Prophets in Opposition Groups too..
First Century Judean Christians Identified with Opposition, But Didn’t Join

“Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.”
“Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you. ...It is in the last days that you have stored up your treasure!” (James 5:1,3)

“You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Behold, the judge standeth before the door.” (James 5:7,9)
"Behold I am against [you] 9/ say[s YHWH of hosts, and I will burn in smoke your abundance,] and your young lions the sword shall devour. And I will cut [off from the land] his [p]rey. {blank} 10/ And [the voice of your messengers] shall no [more be heard" [[Nah 2.14]].]

Its [interpre]tation: "your abundance" -- they are his warrior bands w[ho are in Jerusal]em; and "his young lions" -- they are 11/ his nobles [ . . . ] and "his prey"--it is the wealth which the [Priests]ts of Jerusalem amas[sed] which 12/ they will give [ . . . E] phraim, Israel will be given for [ . . . ] {blank}

PESHER NAHUM (4QpNah = 4Q169) Translation by J. Allegro, from DJD V, 1968
I allude to the fact that when S. James wrote these words, the Judge was standing at the gates of Jerusalem, yes, and at the doors of every house in Jerusalem, and it was not long ere He knocked at those doors, and broke through those gates, with a voice of thunder not to be misunderstood. And
James’ Opposition Role a Threat to Theo-Political Ruler Ananus

Taken to the “Pinnacle of the Temple” 215 Feet High

Book 5 of Hegessipus

might be the better heard. But so far from giving the false testimony which they desired, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Why question ye me concerning Jesus, the Son of Man? He is now sitting in the Heavens at the right hand of power, and is about to come in the clouds of Heaven.’ Furious
Cast Down 215 Feet From “The Pinnacle of the Temple” & After Surviving the Fall Was Beaten to Death With a Club While Praying

Book 5 of Hegessipus
Discovered in 1999 at the Same Location of the Martyrdom of James:

"To the place of trumpeting"

Indicate where priests would stand to Blow the trumpet to begin the Sabbath

Mazar: “the southwest corner of the Temple Mount as a more likely candidate for the pinnacle of the Temple.”
THE BEGINNING OF THE END
Prodigies During Festival Season of AD66

“There will be terrors and signs from heaven”  Jesus, Luke 21:11
Thus were the miserable people persuaded by deceivers, they did not attend, nor give credit, to the signs that did so plainly foretell their future desolation; but, without either eyes to see or minds to consider, did not regard the denunciations that God made to them. *De Bell. Jud. 6, 5, 3*
“While the people were assembling for the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the ninth hour of the night [3:00 A. M.] so bright a light shone round the altar and Temple that it looked like broad daylight; and this lasted for half an hour. The inexperienced regarded it as a good omen, but it was immediately interpreted by the sacred scribes in conformity with subsequent events.” (Josephus VI-V-3)
Thus there was a star resembling a sword, which stood over the city, and a comet, that continued a whole year

*De Bell. Jud. 6, 5, 3*
"Before sunset were seen around the whole country chariots poised in the air, and armed battalions speeding through the clouds and investing the cities."

(Traill's Josephus, page 197)
"During the Festival called Pentecost, the Priests having come by night into the Inner temple to perform their services, as was their custom, reported that they perceived a quaking and noise, and after that a voice as of a multitude, Let us depart hence."

Christian Flight to Pella

“the people of the church in Jerusalem, by a certain oracle given by revelation τοῖς αὐτόθι δοκίμοις, had been ordered to remove before the war and inhabit Πέλλα, a city of Peræa.” He speaks of “those who had believed in Christ,” who migrated from Jerusalem.

Christian Flight to Pella

From Jerusalem, 2,500 feet above sea level, to Jordan, 1,300 feet below sea level
Christian Flight to Pella
Christian Flight to Pella

Sole DSS Greek Fragments
Possible Christian Deposits / Martyrs Along Route

CAVE 7

17 Greek Fragments in Cave 7
Greek Fragments Discovered in Cave 7

Qumran overrun by Vespasian in AD 68 // Earliest existing NT fragments by 100 years.

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CURIOUSITY OF CAVE 7

- Exodus (7Q1)
- Jeremiah (7Q2)
- Mark (7Q5)
- Enoch (7Q3)
- Second Peter
- NT Jude

- Possible depository on "Pella Flight" of the very community in which the biblical writer Jude lived and ministered.
Cave 7 Collapsed, Remains Closed Despite 1993 Promise of Re-Excavation
Well Developed Fulfilled Eschatology

Preterist Christianity of Today United with 1st Century Groups of James and the DSS Authors

Earliest Known “Preterist Commentaries”
Interpretations of 1st C. Opposition

Foresaw the Coming Desolation
Used History and Scripture For Proof

MAIN POINTS OF UNITY

• 1. Romans are the “End Times” Enemy
• 2. The High Priesthood Hopelessly Apostate
• 3. 1st Cent. “End of Days” & Final Generation
• 4. Jerusalem Desolated & Temple Abominaated
#1 Point of Unity
Romans - “End-Time” Enemy
"The next line begins, "Its interpretation concerns the Kittim...." The modern theory had already been propounded by interpretation by the ancient community two thousand years earlier!" - John C. Trever, The Untold Story of Qumran
Roma Victor?
Madness, Blood, Lust, Raw Power

And the angel said to me, Wherefore did you marvel?
Frags. 3 + 4 col. 1  

1 [... Nah 2:12] residence for the wicked of the nations. For a lion went to go into it, a lion cub 2 [without anyone confining him. Its interpretation concerns Deme]trius, king of Yavan, who wanted to enter Jerusalem on the advice of the those looking for easy interpretations, 3 [but he did not go in because God did not deliver Jerusalem] into the hand of the kings of Yavan from Antiochus up to the appearance of the chiefs of the Kittim. But later, it
1. The Romans, the ones gathering wealth from all the spoil
2. as fish of the sea, wherefore he says: (Begin 1:16) Therefore they sacrifice to their net
3. and offer incense to their seine (end part of 1:16) Peshru about them
4. sacrificing to their symbols and all the wars they
5. are showing because in them they fatten their portion. They eat from my table
6. Pesher about their dividing of the world and
7. their violence in devouring the peoples year after year
8. destroying with the sword many lands. (begin 1:17) Therefore they draw out their sword and continue
9. to murder the nations without compassion (end 1:17)
10. Peshru about the Romans who destroy many by the sword
11. youths, mature men, old men, women, infants, and on the fruit
12. of the womb they have no mercy. (begin 2:1 Let me stand fast on my watch tower
13. and present myself on the fortress and I will keep watch to see what He will say
#2 Point of Unity
Apostate Establishment
Pesher Nahum Scroll

Col. III, 1–8

1 and the nations in their defilement and in their detestable abominations. 

And I will cast upon you detested things, and I will degrade you, and I will make you despicable. And it will be that all who see you will flee from you vac.

3 Its pesher: concerning the Seekers-after-Smooth-Things that at the end of time their evil deeds will be revealed to all Israel,

4 and many will understand their iniquity and hate them and despise them because of their insolent guilt. And upon the revelation of the glory of Judah,
"because of] violence and fornication [some] places have been destroyed. [Further,] it is written in the Book of Moses, 'You [are not] to bring the abomination to your house, because] the abomination is despised (by God).'

• [Now, you know that] we broke with the majority of the people and refused to mix or go along with them on these matters. You also know that no rebellion or Lying or Evil should be] found in His Temple. It is because of these things we present these words [and (earlier) wrote] to you, so that you will understand the Book of Moses [and the words of the Prophets}
COPPER SCROLL: Proof of Apostasy?

Discovered in Cave 3

64 underground hiding places

Massive Temple Wealth - Gold, Silver, Aromatics, and Manuscripts.

Certain to be treasures from the Temple hidden for safekeeping.

Incense and Ashes of Red Heifer

"In the cave that is next to the fountain belonging to the House of Hakkoz, dig six cubits. (There are) six bars of gold"
#3 Point of Unity

“End of Days” – Last Generation
"Peshru about the priests of Jerusalem. The final (end time) ones who gather up wealth and take a cut from the spoils from the peoples and for the "Last Days" they give their wealth with spoil into the hands of The Roman army. "

(Moellerhaus Translation)
"..from the day of the gathering in of the unique teacher, until the destruction of all the men of war who turned back with the man of lies, there shall be about forty years." (xx, 14-15)

"I will stare at his place and he will no longer be there. Its interpretation concerns all the evil at the end of the forty years, for they shall be devoured.." (Commentary on Ps 37:10, 4QPsalms Pesher [4Q17, ii, 6-8]).
And we recognize that some of the blessings and curses have come, those written in the Book of Moses; therefore this is the End of Days.
“therefore this is the End of Days"

4QMMMT

“Terminology used in Palestine from the 40s to the 60s"
#4  Point of Unity
Jerusalem, Temple to be Desolated
The city is Jerusalem in which the wicked priest did works of abomination and defiled the Temple of God."

IQpHab 12.7-9
Col. II

Nah 3:14 Woe, city of blood! She is all [deception, with pillage] she is filled

2 Its pesher: “she” is the city of Ephraim, the Seekers-after-Smooth-Things at the end of days, that the[y will] conduct themselves in deception and falsehoods.
Temple Priesthood Foresaw

Zacharias Chapter 11:1 in Douay-Rheims Bible (1586)

“Destruction of Jerusalem and the temple”

Open thy gates, O Libanus, and let fire devour thy cedars. O Libanus. . .So Jerusalem, and more particularly the temple, is called by the prophets, from its being built of the cedars of Libanus.
was the year of our Lord 4034, after Christ's nativity 72.

Even Josephus Preteristic

BEFORE AND AFTER AD70: SPOKEN AND WRITTEN

The year of the world 4034, after Christ's nativity 72.

Jechonias sustained a voluntary banishment in Babylon.

The city by the ordinance of fate and God's will, was to be overthrown.

Joseph's speech interrupted with sighs.

Dost thou impute these offences to the Romans: why? they even now do defend our religion, and command sacrifice to be offered, which thou hast forbidden. Who doth not bewail this unexpected change, and lament our citie? Strangers and enemies, correct thy impiety, and thou a few born, and brought up in our law, are more cruel then they. But consider, John, it is no shame to repent thy wickednesse in extremitie: and at the last cast, If thou be desirous to save thy countrey, thou hast a good example of Jechonias, sometime King of the Jews; who, when the Babylonians warred against him, of his own accord went out of the citie before it was taken, and willingly endured captivitie with all his family and kindred onely, left he should betray these holy places to his enemies, and behold, the Temple fired. And for this act of his, he is of sacred memorie among the Jews, and hath thereby gained immortal credit amongst all his posteritie. This is a good example, O John, although danger be at hand: and I will promise thee also pardon from the Romans, onely remember that I thy countrey man admonish thee, and promise this unto the Jews: behold, who is the Author and Counseller hereof. God forbid, that ever I should so live a captive, that I should not live according to the laws of our countrey. Yet, thou art again incensed against me, and exclamest on me, and cursest me. But true it is, I deserve worse then this; who seek to persuade contrarie unto the determination of God's providence, and strive to save them whom his sentence hath condemned. Who is ignorant of the writings of the ancient Prophets and their Prophecies, now hanging over this wretched citie? For then it is foretold by them to be destroyed, when we murther our own Nation: and now not onely the citie, but also the Temple is full of your dead bodies. Certainly, it is God, God it is that together with the Romans, bringeth in fire to purge this citie filled with iniquitie.

Joseph thus crying with tears and lamentation, he could speak no more for sobbing: And the Romanes compassionating his sorrow and affliction, were astonished. But John and his confederates were so much the more incited against the Romans, and sought to take Joseph; yet his speech did move many of the Nobles, and divers fearing the seditious watchmen, remained still where they were, making full account both of their own destruction, and the
• Romans Were End-Time Enemy
• Collaborating Establishment Was Apostate
• They Were in the Last Days and the Final Generation
• Jerusalem and Temple Were Desolated
Nevertheless...

- Obedient Christians *Did* Flee
- They *Were* Vindicated in Fulfillment
- Christ *Did* Become Ruler of All Nations
- Workers of Iniquity *Still* Being Exposed.
Jerusalem a Rejoicing

In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. (Zeph 3:17-18)

“The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree” Ps. 92
Old Seeds of Life Unearthed

Seeds Are Found in Old Places
Sprout after Planting in Soil
Will Generate With Watering