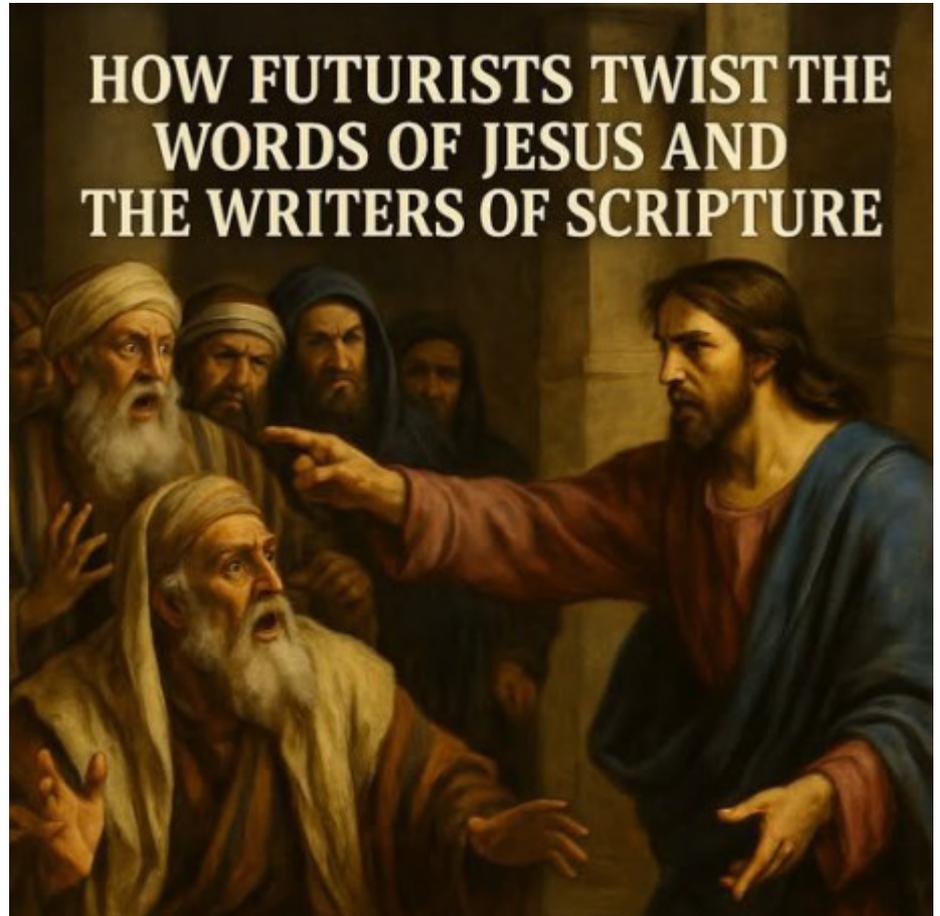


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**"THIS GENERATION" DID NOT MEAN A FUTURE
GENERATION**

Jesus repeatedly said judgment would come upon "this generation", the one He was speaking to.

Matthew 11:16 – "But to what shall I compare this generation?"

Matthew 12:39 – "An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign"

Matthew 23:36 – "Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation."

Matthew 24:34 – "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place."

Futurists claim this meant some future group of people, thousands of years later. But scripture never uses "this generation" that way. It always refers to the present group hearing the message.

"IN A VERY, VERY LITTLE WHILE" DID NOT MEAN THOUSANDS OF YEARS

Hebrews 10:37 – "For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay."

Futurists turn this into thousands of years of delay. But the Holy Spirit said it would be a very little while. God does not lie. He was speaking of the imminent return of Christ in judgment.

"THE END IS AT HAND" DID NOT MEAN THE END WAS FAR AWAY

1 Peter 4:7 – "The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer."

Peter told his audience that the end was near, not far off. He did not say, "someday, 2,000 years from now." He said "at hand", and he meant it.

"THE TIME IS SHORT" DID NOT MEAN A LONG TIME OFF

1 Corinthians 7:29 – "But this I say, brothers, the time has been shortened, so that from now on those who have wives should be as though they had none."

Paul gave real instruction based on the real shortness of time. If he meant thousands of years later, his words would make no sense to those hearing him.

"IT IS THE LAST HOUR" DID NOT MEAN MILLIONS OF HOURS LATER

1 John 2:18 – "Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour."

The presence of many antichrists confirmed that it was already the "last hour", not the beginning of a new age to last for millennia.

"SOME STANDING HERE WILL NOT TASTE DEATH" DID NOT REFER TO PENTECOST

Matthew 16:27-28 – "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will repay every person according to his deeds. Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

Futurists try to make this about Pentecost or the Transfiguration, but those events did not involve the coming with angels in judgment. Jesus was referring to His return in power against Jerusalem in AD 70.

"MUST SHORTLY TAKE PLACE" DID NOT MEAN DELAYED

Revelation 1:1 – "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must

shortly take place."

Revelation 22:6 – "These words are faithful and true, and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show His bond-servants the things which must soon take place."

Futurism argues these words apply to events still waiting 2,000 years later. But the text clearly says "shortly", and God confirmed it twice.

"THE TIME IS NEAR" DID NOT MEAN DISTANT

Revelation 1:3 – "Blessed is the one who reads, and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things which are written in it, for the time is near."

Revelation 22:10 – "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near."

Compare this with Daniel 8:26 – "But as for you, keep the vision secret, for it pertains to many days in the future." Daniel's prophecy was hundreds of years off, so it was sealed. Revelation was "near", so it was unsealed.

"SOON" DID NOT MEAN NOT SOON

Philippians 2:19 – "But I hope, in the Lord Jesus, to send Timothy to you soon, so that I also may be encouraged."

Revelation 22:12 – "Behold, I am coming soon."

Revelation 22:20 – "Yes, I am coming soon."

If "soon" meant "not soon", then the word has no meaning. Jesus said He was coming soon, and that was in reference to

the coming judgment on Jerusalem.

"MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD" DOES NOT MEAN A PHYSICAL KINGDOM ON EARTH

John 18:36 – "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would be fighting."

Luke 17:20-21 – "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs that can be observed... for behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst."

The kingdom is spiritual, not physical. Futurism claims a literal earthly millennial kingdom, which contradicts Jesus' words.

THE GOSPEL WAS PREACHED TO THE WHOLE WORLD IN THE FIRST CENTURY

Acts 19:20 – "So the word of the Lord was growing and prevailing mightily."

Romans 1:8 – "Your faith is being proclaimed throughout the world."

Romans 10:18 – "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world."

Colossians 1:6 – "The gospel... is bearing fruit and increasing throughout the entire world."

Colossians 1:23 – "Proclaimed in all creation under heaven."

1 Thessalonians 1:8 – "The word of the Lord has sounded forth from you... in every place."

The gospel had reached the known world of their day. Paul said so repeatedly.

THE KINGDOM WAS TAKEN FROM ISRAEL AND GIVEN TO OTHERS

Matthew 21:43 – "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you, and given to a people producing its fruit."

This was fulfilled in the first century. It was not delayed or reversed.

NO FRUIT WILL EVER COME FROM OLD COVENANT ISRAEL AGAIN

Matthew 21:19 – "No longer shall there ever be any fruit from you."

Jesus cursed the fig tree, a symbol of Israel. The judgment was final. Futurism says Israel will bear fruit again, but Jesus said otherwise.

THE TEMPLE WOULD BE DESTROYED, NOT REBUILT

Daniel 9:26 – "The people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary."

Zechariah 14:11 – "Jerusalem will dwell in security." (after judgment)

There is no verse promising a third temple. The New Testament teaches that the body of Christ is the temple now (1 Corinthians 3:16, Ephesians 2:21).

CONCLUSION

Futurists twist clear language into meaningless delays. They deny the urgency and context of the first-century warnings. But scripture interprets scripture. The fulfillment was near, not

distant. Jesus kept His promises.

2 Corinthians 1:20 – "For as many as the promises of God are, in Him they are yes."

Joshua 21:45 – "Not one of the good promises which the Lord had made... failed, all came to pass."

Let us honor God's word by taking Him at His word. He did exactly what He said He would do, when He said He would do it.

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