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**Futurists - Why do futurists say if Jesus already came we wouldn't be here?**



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Futurists often argue that if Jesus *already* came in the way Preterism teaches, then we "wouldn't be here" or that history should have ended. This reasoning comes from a few misunderstandings of what Preterism actually teaches. Let's break down why this argument doesn't hold up:

Futurists assume that Christ's "coming" must refer to the end of the world. However, Preterism recognizes that the Bible describes different types of "comings" of God in judgment throughout history (e.g., Isaiah 19:1, where God "comes" in

judgment against Egypt).

Jesus' "coming" in AD 70 was a coming in judgment upon Israel, not a physical return to the earth.

This judgment fulfilled His prophecies about the destruction of the temple and the end of the Old Covenant age (Matthew 24:1-3, Hebrews 8:13).

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Many Futurists assume that Jesus predicted the end of the physical world. However, He actually spoke of the end of the Old Covenant age (Matthew 24:3).

The disciples asked about "the end of the age" (not the end of the world).

The destruction of the temple in AD 70 marked the definitive end of the Mosaic system and Jewish sacrificial worship.

The New Covenant kingdom continued, meaning life on earth didn't stop, it simply moved into a new phase under Christ's reign.

The Bible tells us the Earth will NEVER End (Genesis 8:21-22, Psalms 72:17 78:69, 89:36-37, 93:1, 96:10, 104:5, 119:90, 148:4-6, Isaiah 45:17, Ecclesiastes. 1:4, Ephesians 3:21)

Futurists expect a future event where Christ physically sets up a kingdom on earth. Preterism, however, recognizes that Jesus already established His kingdom (Luke 17:20-21, Colossians 1:13).

Daniel 2 and Daniel 7 describe God's kingdom growing and filling the earth, not replacing it suddenly.

Jesus reigns now (1 Corinthians 15:25), and His kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36).

The church continues His work of spreading the Gospel, disciplining nations, and growing His kingdom.

If Jesus' coming in AD 70 was a fulfillment of prophecy, why are we still here? The answer is simple:

Jesus' second coming in judgment was about ending the Old Covenant world, not ending human history.

The New Covenant era continues indefinitely as His kingdom grows (Isaiah 9:7).

Rather than expecting a sudden end to history, Preterism teaches that we are living in the age of Christ's reign, where His kingdom advances through the Gospel. We are here because God's purpose for humanity didn't stop in AD 70, it transitioned into a greater reality under the New Covenant.

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