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A most significant scripture, in understanding that the **Second Advent** is a **past event**, is the prophecy of **Ezekiel 34 to 40**.

This passage speaks of the restoration of Israel in the latter days (**NOT** the last days).

The Time of the End spoken of in the book of Daniel is referred to by Jesus in the prophecies of **Matt 24**, **Mark 13**, **Luke 21**.

This is the close of the Jewish Age in AD 70

"this generation shall not pass, till all things be fulfilled"

Now the sequence in this prophecy of Ezekiel's is as follows

Ezek 34 This speaks of of the restoration of Israel under one shepherd and there will be total peace in the land of Israel.

13 And I will bring them [Israel] out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the fountains, and in all the inhabited places of the country... 23 And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd... 24 And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken... 25 "I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods"...

Ezek 36 The restoration of Israel from the dispersion in the nations where they have been scattered since AD 70.

24 For I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. You shall dwell in the land which I gave to your fathers; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

This agrees with the prophet Jeremiah 30.3,24; 31.31-34

3 For behold, days are coming, says the LORD, when I will restore the fortunes of my people, Israel and Judah, says the LORD, and I will bring them back to the land which I gave to their fathers, and they shall take possession of it... 24 In the latter days you will understand this. Jer 30:3,24

Jer 31.31 " Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD:

I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

And no longer shall each man teach his neighbour and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." Jer 31.31 - 34

This New Covenant is explained in Hebrews 8 as the New covenant inaugurated by the Lord Jesus but as history tells us the Jewish generation of the first century as a whole rejected it. This rejection of Jesus as the promised **Anointed One** gave the opportunity for the Gentiles to accept Christ. Now this turn of of events puzzled the first Christians.

In the letter to the Romans Paul gives the answer to this major problem.

He tells us that it was the definite purpose of God that it should be this way. The reason is to give the Gentiles the opportunity to be chosen by God.

He then says that it will not be this way indefinitely but that when God has called all the ones he wants from the Gentiles then God will fulfil the original promises made to the fore-fathers for the people of Israel.

This calling of the Gentiles to become partakers in the Kingdom of God was a secret that was not previously revealed in the Prophets.

1 For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you.....

how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

that is.

how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Eph 3.1,6

This is summarised by Paul in the letter to the Romans Chapters 9 -11.

In Rom 11.22 Paul deals directly with the unbelief of Israel in the Flesh and their final destiny.

22 Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen [The Jews], but God's kindness to you [Gentile Christians], provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you too will be cut off.

And even the others, if they [The Jews] do not persist in their unbelief, will be grafted into [body of believers], for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you [Gentiles] have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches [The Jews] be grafted back into their own olive tree.

Lest you [Gentiles] be wise in your own conceits, I want you to understand this mystery, brethren:

A hardening has come upon part of Israel [In the Flesh], until the full number of the Gentiles come in, and in this manner all Israel [In the Flesh] will be saved; as it is written, Isa 59.20,21

'The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob'; "and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins."

As regards the gospel they [The Jews] are enemies of God, for your [Gentiles] sake; but as regards election [choosing] they [The Jews] are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Rom 11:22 - 26

Ezek 37 The vision of the dry bones which represents the restoration of Israel and Judah joined together as one nation.

The two sticks that become joined as one stick. Israel is forgiven and healed and dwells in peace and security in unwalled villages.

Ezek 37.15 - 24 The word of the LORD came to me:

'For Judah, and the children of Israel associated with him'; then take another stick and write upon it, 'For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with him'; and join them together into one stick, that they may become one in your hand....and make them one stick, that they may be one in my hand...then say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD:

Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all sides, and bring them to their own land: and

I will make them one nation in the land, upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; and they shall be no longer two nations, and no longer divided into two kingdoms...

[&]quot;Son of man, take a stick and write on it, "

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and one king shall be king over them all; and they shall be no longer two nations, and no longer divided into two kingdoms.....

24 "My servant David shall be king over them; and they shall all have one shepherd... They shall dwell in the land where your fathers dwelt [that they shall dwell in the same land as the Fathers, proves it is literal Israel is the burden of this promise] that I gave to my servant Jacob; they and their children and their children's children shall dwell there for ever; and David my servant shall be their prince for ever.

I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will bless them and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore....

28 Then the nations will know that I the LORD sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary is in the midst of them for evermore."

This scripture also agrees with the **Messianic Ps 45.6,16** that the Messiah's Fathers [Abraham, etc] will become his children and he will make them Princes in the Earth [land].

6 Your divine throne endures for ever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity; 7 you love righteousness and hate wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows... 16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth. I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

This agrees with Matt 8.11 I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven,

Prior to this time the Nation of Israel will have returned to Palestine with their capital in Jerusalem but **still in unbelief of Jesus of Nazereth** as their promised Messiah. At the appointed time they will be converted and accept Jesus as their Messiah **Zech 12:8,10**

8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the Angel of the LORD before them.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

This NOT the same time as the fulfilment of Zech 14

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

This is the same event as spoken of in the prophecy of Isaiah 2:1-4 that in **the Latter Days** when Israel is the head of the Nations and mankind is at last delivered from war.

1 The word which Isaiah the son of Amos saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

This prophecy, when mankind is freed from war, has never been fulfilled.

Again at this time the prophecy in Hosea 3.4-6 will be fulfilled

4....For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or teraphim.

Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

This agrees previously with the prophecy in **Isaiah 65:17-25**, even though the Earth is blessed. **death is still in existence**.

At a point during this blessed time, when Israel is converted, and they are dwelling in peace in unwalled villages then as the scripture says, the arch enemy Satan is released from the Abyss using the armies of Gog and Magog.

Satan had been bound [not the fallen Angels] at the Second Advent in AD 70. Rev 20.7.

This turn of events is prophesied in the prophet Ezekiel 38,39

1 The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him....

8 After many days you will be mustered; in the latter years you will go against the land that is restored from war, the land where people were gathered from many nations upon the mountains of Israel, which had been a continual waste; its people were brought out from the nations and now dwell securely, all of them.

You will advance, coming on like a storm, you will be like a cloud covering the land you and all your hordes, and many peoples with you.

" Thus says the Lord GOD: On that day thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil scheme and say,

'I will go up against the land of unwalled villages; I will fall upon the quiet people who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having no bars or gates ';...

14 "Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and say to Gog, Thus says the Lord GOD: On that day when my people Israel are dwelling securely, you will bestir yourself

and come from your place out of the uttermost parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great host, a mighty army;

you will come up against my people Israel, like a cloud covering the land. In the latter days I will bring you against my land, that the nations may know me, when through you, O Gog, I vindicate my holiness before their eyes....

... But on that day, when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, says the Lord GOD, my wrath will be roused.

For in my jealousy and in my blazing wrath I declare, On that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; the fish of the sea, and the birds of the air, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep on the ground, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall quake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the cliffs shall fall, and every wall shall tumble to the ground.

I will summon every kind of terror against Gog, says the Lord GOD; every man's sword will be against his brother.

With pestilence and bloodshed I will enter into judgement with him; and I will rain upon him and his hordes and the many peoples that are with him, torrential rains and hailstones, fire and brimstone.

We can see that the return of Israel and the subsequent battle with **Gog** and **Magog** In the Latter Days takes place after the Millennium Reign of the Lord Jesus. It does not occur before the Millennium. Rev 20.7,8

7 And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be loosed from his prison and will come out to deceive the nations which are at the four corners of the earth, that is, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea.

9 And they marched up over the broad earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city; but fire came down from heaven and consumed them,

We now have the beginnings of the restoration of the Nation of Israel after 2000 years, at the close of the Gentile times, dwelling in the Land of Palestine.

This means that we are approaching **the end of the Millennium** and the next major event with the return of the Jews to Palestine is their conversion to Christ. This agrees with the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke

Luke 21.23,24 For great distress shall be upon the earth [land of Israel] and wrath upon this people [Jewish Nation]; they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led captive among all nations; and Jerusalem will be trodden down by the Gentiles [since AD 70], until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

Ezek 40-46 The description of the temple that is set up for Israel after the defeat of **Gog and Magog** and a description of the Prince who leads Israel in worship. Ezekiel then has a vision about **the Shechinah**, **the Glory of the LORD**.

Just as **the Glory of the LORD** [Physical presence of God] departed from Israel when the Babylonians invaded Palestine and desolated the nation, Ezekiel then sees **the return of the Shechinah**, **the return of the Glory of the LORD—The Lord Jesus Christ**.

Ezek 43.2-9 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the east; and the sound of his coming was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with his glory. And the vision I saw was like the vision which I had seen when he came to destroy the city, and like the vision which I had seen by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face.

As the glory of the LORD entered the temple by the gate facing east,

the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple. While the man was standing beside me, I heard one speaking to me out of the temple;

and he said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the people of Israel for ever. And the house of Israel shall no more defile my holy name, neither they, nor their kings, by their harlotry, and by the dead bodies of their kings,

The next chapter describes how living waters pour forth from Jerusalem and on the banks of the river are special trees that are for the healing of the nations. This healing is from the waters and also from the leaves that appears on the trees by the months.

In what exact form all this takes is unknown, but the descriptive objects make is possible to attain the sequence of the events in history and the outcome of this course of events.

To spiritualise these events so that they have no meaning is to degrade the prophecies given by the Lord Jesus.

The precise details and the physical manifestation of these prophecies will have to wait until their fulfilment

Ezek 47.1-12 [Rev 22.1] Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar.

- 7 As I went back, I saw upon the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other.
- 8 And he said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah; and when it enters the stagnant waters of the sea, the water will become fresh.
- 9 And wherever the river goes every living creature which swarms will live, and there will be very many fish; for this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes.
- 12 And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food.

Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear <u>fresh fruit</u> every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. <u>Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.</u>"

This prophecy of healing waters is spoken of in Zech 14:8,9

8 On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea; it shall continue in summer as in winter. And the LORD will become king over all the earth; on that day the LORD will be one and his name one.

This analysis of Ezekiel is so important because the very same events are described in the book of Revelation under the very same symbols.

When the Millennium ends [i.e. the end of the Davidic Kingdom] there is found "at Jerusalem the camp of the Saints". Satan is then released from his prison and begins the attack of Gog and Magog as prophesied by Ezekiel.

Then **Gog and Magog** are destroyed by fire exactly as in Ezekiel's prophecy and the New Jerusalem comes out of Heaven for the first time and invades the Earth to bring about the end of Death. This not the fulfilment of the prophecy of **Isaiah 65** in which death is as active.

Rev 20.1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain.

And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years were ended. After that he must be loosed for a little while.

4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom judgement was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony to Jesus and for the word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands.

They came to life [at the Second Advent], and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

- 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and they shall reign with him a thousand years.
- 7 And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be loosed from his prison and will come out to deceive the nations which are at the four corners of the earth, that is, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea.
- 9 And they marched up over the broad earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city [perhaps the Apostles and the Patriarchs]; but fire came down from heaven and consumed them,

Then out of the City after the defeat of Gog and Magog, comes the Living Waters with the Trees that produce **monthly fruit** and leaves for the healing of the nations as explained in Ezekiel.

Rev 22.1 [Ezek 47.1-12] Then he showed me the <u>river of the water of life</u>, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also,

on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, [Glory of the Lord] coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them;

All this a **direct parallel** to Ezekiel's prophecy and is to take place **after** the Millennium reign of Christ.

The following table shows a summary of Ezekiel and Revelation.

Ezekiel	Revelation
38.1-23 The attack of Gog and Magog against the unwalled villages of restored Israel dwelling in peace and security with David their King.	20. After 1000 years heavenly rule of Jesus Christ then the attack of Gog and Magog against the camp of God's Holy Ones. [converted restored Israel].
38.22 Gog and Magog destroyed by fire.	20.9 Gog and Magog destroyed by fire.
40-46 Description of a New Temple.	21.1-2 New Temple a different description.
47.1-5 The River flowing from the Temple.	22.1 River of life flowing from God [God is the Temple] through the City.
47.6-12 Trees on the banks of the River for the healing of the Nations.	22.2 Trees on the banks of the River producing leaves for the healing of the Nations.

What does all this mean?

It means that Ezekiel's prophecy of **Gog and Magog** does not apply to the Second Advent but to the end of the Millennium.

It was suggested to me by the evangelical scholar mentioned elsewhere in this book that perhaps the 1000 years probably means just a long period of time.

In chapter 7 of the Book of Revelation the selection of 12,000 out of each tribe is perhaps a symbol of a complete number and not to be taken literally.

The Book of Revelation opens with the statement by the angel that it is a **Book of signs** [symbols].

Rev 1.1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show unto his servants, even the things which must shortly come to pass: and he sent and signified it [by signs] by his angel unto his servant John;

This means that the Return and conversion of Israel is at the **close of the Millennium** [not the beginning of the Millennium].

Israel was removed out of the land of Palestine in AD 70 but are to be regathered for **the Redeemer** who comes out of Zion to convert them to accept Jesus of Nazareth as their Messiah. **Rom 11:25.**

This is at the close of the Millennium not before

The Nation of Israel is now being gathered after 2000 years, in Palestine and Jerusalem its the focal point, therefore we are living now towards the end Millennium

This in turn means that the Apostles and Prophets have been in the Kingdom of God since AD 70.

They did not have to wait 2000 years for their reward of reigning with Christ at the Second Advent but only to **the end of their generation**.

The Second Advent occurred after they had accomplished the task of preaching the imminent arrival of the Kingdom.

It must be remembered that no one can be resurrected and go to Heaven unless the Second Advent has taken place. In the New Testament Christians are taught that those who have died prior to the Second Advent, are asleep. 1Thess 4.13,14

In the New Testament when Jesus returns again, it is to set up and open the Kingdom of Heaven for the wise virgins [not to establish a Kingdom on Earth] and bring the punishment to Israel because of the rejection of the Messiah.

In Matt 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 the Lord gives the signs to look for when He returns

Now when the Apostles ask Him in Acts 1.8 about the restoration of Israel as a Kingdom, scripture says:

So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

What is His answer?

In stead of saying **yes** or giving them **signs to look for**, in the same way as He gave signs to look for on His return, He says to them:

He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;

This **cannot refer** to **the Second Advent** where the Apostles were to look for the signs of this **Second Advent**!

The signs given in Luke 21:20-32 are 'But when ye see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that her desolation is at hand.

Then let them that are in Judaea flee unto the mountains; and let them that are in the midst of her depart out; and let not them that are in the country enter therein.

- 22 For these are days of vengeance, that <u>all things which are written may be fulfilled</u>. Woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days! for there shall be <u>great distress upon the land</u>, and wrath unto this people.
- 24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led captive into all the nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled And there shall be signs in sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, in perplexity for the roaring of the sea and the billows;
- 26 men fainting for fear, and for expectation of the things which are coming on the world: for the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.

 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

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- 28 But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads; because your redemption draweth nigh. And he spake to them a parable: Behold the fig tree, and all the trees:
- 30 when they now shoot forth, ye see it and know of your own selves that the summer is now nigh. Even so ye also, when ye see these things coming to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh.
- 32 Verily I say unto you, <u>This generation shall not pass away, till all things</u> <u>be accomplished</u>.

Please note the usage of the word 'soon' in the following scripture.

Lu 21:36 But watch ye [talking to the Apostles] at every season, making supplication, that ye may prevail to escape all these things that shall [soon μελλοντα come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

The Second Advent is not for the restoration of Israel but instead, to take to Heaven **the wise virgins**, alive and dead, and to bring to judgement the enemies of the Gospel.

^{1.} Josephus book 6 Ch 2. Thus there was a star resembling a sword, which stood over the city, and a comet, that continued a whole year Days after that feast, on the one and twentieth day of the month Artemisius [Jyar], a certain prodigious and incredible phenomenon appeared; I suppose the account of it would seem to be a fable, were it not related by those that saw it, and were not the events that followed it of so a considerable nature as to deserve such signals; for, before sun-setting, chariots and troops of soldiers in their armour were seen running about among the clouds, and surroundings of cities.

The greatest judgement and destruction of the Nation of Israel and Jerusalem took place in AD 70 after the rejection of Jesus the Son of God, their Messiah.

Now I will draw your attention to the use of $\mu\epsilon\lambda\lambda\epsilon$ I [mellei] means 'about to happen' or 'soon' or 'before long' in the New Testament.

Some examples where $\mu\epsilon\lambda\lambda\epsilon\iota$ is translated as 'about' because it presents no problems.

'But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink the cup that I am <u>about</u> [soon μελλω] to drink? They say unto him, We are able' ASV Matt 20.22

None of you know what you are asking for," said Jesus; "can you drink out of the cup from which I am <u>about</u> [soon $\mu\epsilon\lambda\lambda\omega$] to drink?" "We can," they replied.' Weymouth Matt 20.22

'And there abode three months. And when the Jews laid wait for him, as he was about [soon μέλλοντι] to sail into Syria, he purposed to return through Macedon' KJV Acts 20.3

'And there he spent three months, and when a plot was formed against him by the Jews as he was <u>about</u> [soon $\mu \epsilon \lambda \lambda o \nu \tau \iota$] to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia NASV Acts 20.3

I count **61 scriptures** in the New Testament of this type, where **'soon' 'about'** causes no problems in translation so it is there in the English translations.

Now for examples that say the Second Advent is to occur in the life time of the Apostles, which without exception nearly all translations do not translate at all $\mu\epsilon\lambda\lambda\epsilon$, as 'soon' or 'about' because if you do, it causes doctrinal problems.

Every Christian I have ever met was totally unaware of this, unless they know Greek or use an interlinear Bible or use the translations that translate $\mu\epsilon\lambda\lambda\epsilon\iota$ properly. [Weymouth and Young's literal translation do it properly]

For 20 years I was totally unaware of this till I read the book 'The Great day of the Lord' by Alexander Brown.

Prof F F Bruce recommended this book to me and then I checked every occurrence of $\mu\epsilon\lambda\lambda\epsilon\iota$.

There are 31 places which are mis-translated by leaving μελλει out of the English.

^{&#}x27; Prove all things ' Do not except it just because someone tells you!

The first example shocks people because they often quote this scripture without knowing what it really says.

The King James mistranslates this verse!

KJV Matt 24.6 'And shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all must come to pass, but the end is not yet.'

[soon, μελλήσετε] \$ [those stood listening]

Notice **KJV** DOES NOT translate the passage properly.

Weymouth Matt 24.6 'And before long you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. Do not be alarmed, for such things must be; but the End is not yet.'

@ [before long, soon μελλήσετε]

Notice Weymouth DOES translates the passage properly.

This 'before long' should make you sit up in your chair!

You never knew it said that!

Jesus speaks to the Apostles and tells them to expect soon these wars to happen because nation is soon to rise against nation.

"All over the Roman World, and in Judea, there were wars, In Britain, Armenia, Gaul, Italy, Arabia, Parthia, and Judea.

Massacres in Alexandria, Selucia, Jamnia, Damascus and Caesarea.

Famines and pestilences, everywhere and Solinus said,

"earthquakes so constant, and cities so frequently overthrown." Seneca says, "The world is shaken to pieces."

"Comets, eclipses, meteors, terrified the ignorant." Tacitus.

We now need to state a very important question.

When the Noachian flood came upon the Earth, God raised up Noah as a prophet to fore-warn mankind of their soon to be destruction. Jeremiah the prophet was raised to warn the Nation of Israel of the impending destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon.

Jonah warned the men of Nineveh about their destruction but they repented and averted their judgement. The point of the above examples is to show that God warns the people so that they can save themselves from the impending doom that is about to come upon them.

Amos 3.7 'Surely the Lord God will do nothing but reveal his secret unto his servants the prophets '

The greatest destruction that Israel ever experienced was the destruction in AD 70.

To the Jews who do not believe that Jesus was the Christ they have the *enigma* that they cannot give the name of a Prophet who was raised up to warn them of this destruction in **AD 70**.

Apparently to them this destruction came without a warning from God!

If you read **Matt 24**, **Mark 13**, **Luke 21** then it is plain that this prophet that God raised up is **the Son of God**, **the Lord Jesus Christ**.

That warning was sounded for 37 years by the Apostles and disciples of Jesus Christ.

Now let me cite this problem.

Where in the Old Testament is the Prophecy of this destruction in AD 70 mentioned?

The only scriptures that foretell of this destruction are given in

Daniel 9:26,27 & Malachi 4:5.

If you say that these scriptures are related to a future time from AD 70, then there is no prophecy of this event i.e. the desolation of Jerusalem, ever mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures

This shows that the fulfilment of the 70 Weeks was in AD 70

There is only one 'time of the end' in the book of Daniel.

It is from the expiry of the Greek Empire to years leading up to AD 70.

This is clearly seen from Daniel chapter 8 & 11,12

If the 70th week is not fulfilled by this Prophecy, then this destruction took place without a

Single Prophecy in the Old Testament.

Because men have failed to recognise that the Second Advent occurred in AD 70 then they have to invent the concept of Israel in the land of Palestine and a revived Roman Empire. They have to invent a gap of 2000 years.

There is no warrant for this. After this appalling devastation in AD 70, **the grave Error** is to believe that Israel in the Land of Palestine is going to be punished yet a **Second time and Why?** After AD 70 the next time that God turns his attention to Israel is to forgive and restore.

Matt 23.34-39 Therefore I send [Jesus is Elohim who sends] you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from town to town,

that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth [land of Israel], from the blood of innocent Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.

Truly, I say to you, all this will come upon this generation [those then living].

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!

Behold, your house is forsaken and desolate.

For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, ' Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. '

The next time the Lord Jesus sees the nation of Israel, is when the deliverer, comes out of Zion to turn ungodliness away from them and they, Israel accept him as their King and Messiah. Rom 11.25,26.

You must remember, that when this happens, they will be back in the Land of Palestine but they will be still in a state of unbelief in Jesus as their Messiah and Saviour.

Therefore their return to Palestine is **not** because they accept the Lord Jesus It is a requirement that they are unbelievers at this stage.

Finally they will repent and believe in the Lord Jesus and the **Davidic** Kingdom will begin and the promises to Abraham will be fulfilled at last.

Some Personal History-

I first realised in about 1976. that the current evangelical dispensational position on the prophecies of Daniel and the Second Advent were faulty,

An example of this is in the Book of Daniel chapter 12

Dan 12.1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince who standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. [the great tribulation]¹

^{1.} Josephus Book V chap X. It is therefore impossible to go distinctly over every instance of these men's iniquity [the seditious]. I shall therefore speak my mind here at once briefly:— That neither did any other city ever suffer such miseries, nor did any age ever breed a generation [of Jews] more fruitful in wickedness than this was, from the beginning of the world.

... But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

The book of Daniel and its fulfilment were extremely difficult to understand before the events prophesied came to pass, so the book was sealed.

All became clear when the time of the end began and as the nation Israel moved towards its desolation, with the demise of Babylonian, Median, Persian, Greek, the Seluecid and Ptolomic Empires then finally the appeareance of the Christ and desolation of Jerusalem and it's temple.

Also it was the beginning of the Roman Empire which didn't reach its zenith till the 4th century AD..

So the book of Daniel when it was written was sealed because its meaning was shrouded in darkness.

When the Angel revealed the Apocalyse [Revelation] to Saint John, what does he say about his prophecies?

He gives the opposite advice to Daniel, do not seal the Book.

Rev 1.1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show unto his servants, even the things which must quickly come to pass:

and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John;...

3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things that are written therein:

for the time is near....

22.6 And he said unto me, These words are faithful and true: and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angels to show unto his servants the things which must quickly come to pass.

7 And behold, I coming quickly [without delay].

Blessed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecy of this book....

10 And he saith unto me,

Seal not up the words of the prophecy of this book;

for the time is near

He who testifieth these things saith, Yea: I coming soon. Amen: come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with the saints. Amen.

Daniel was told to seal his book because the time was in the future, but the Angel says to John do not seal the book because the time is near and it was.

From the 6th century BC to the 1st century of the Christian era was 650 years. From the writing of the Book of Revelation to the present era is 2000 years.

This cannot be 'near' by any stretch of the imagination.

Since the Gospel of John was written in AD 96 after the Second Advent in AD 70 there is no mention of the prophecy of Jesus in the same vein as Matt 24. Mark 13 and Luke 21.

There is an indication in John's Gospel when it was written, that the **Second Advent had happened** because of the reference by Jesus, that if it was His will then John would survive to the Second Advent. John lived to the end of the first century 30 years after the Second Advent.

Now if the Second Advent was to be 2000 years later the statement by Jesus was meaningless. John brings this to our attention and says that he is that disciple that Jesus made reference to.

John 21.20 Peter turned and saw following them the disciple whom Jesus loved, who had lain close to his breast at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man [John]?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!"

The saying spread abroad among the brethren 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?"

This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

In Matthew chapter 10 we have Jesus saying to the Apostles on their divine commission to preach the Gospel that they will not have completed that mission to all the cities in Israel before he returns to take them to himself.

Matt 10.17 Beware of men; for they will deliver you up to councils, and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear testimony before them and the Gentiles.

When they deliver you up, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next;

you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel, before the Son of man comes.

We have another statement by the Lord Jesus that the Kingdom would be coming in their generation and that some disciples would not die before that event occurred

Matt 16.27 For the Son of man is soon [μελλει] to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay every man for what he has done.

Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom."

When I first came to the understanding that the New Testament teaches that the Second Advent was imminent in the last days of the first century, I communicated with the late Prof F F Bruce about this view.

He agreed with me that this is the correct understanding that the Second Advent was an impending event and he himself spoke and wrote to me that he could not get a consistent position on this viewpoint for all the different scriptures. I asked him why his views were not widely known in evangelical circles and he told me that there was too much prejudice against this view in evangelical circles.

The point I wish to make is that I came to the conclusion, that the Second Advent was a past event, totally independently of any theological book.

I came to this understanding entirely from a **consistent** and repeated study of the New Testament.

These other testimonies to the Second Advent I found later. I had come to this conclusion independently of these other writers.

It took me from 1978 to 1991 to resolve the difficulties. The prophet Ezekiel was the key factor.

That the Second Advent is a past event is so consistent within itself and it also verifies that what the Lord Jesus prophesied, came to pass, and makes the integrity of the New Testament **flawless**.

Do not let your personal prejudice blind you to this truth because its implications are against what you have always believed.

This is the spirit of the Pharisees.

The Lord said 'you cannot put new wine into old wine skins'

Further comments about the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The futurists have a problem with the New Testament because it teaches, that the Second Coming of Christ, took place in the lifetime of the Apostles.

To work around this problem of the plain teaching of the New Testament, futurists have invented a puerile teaching called Imminency.

They call it, a doctrine that has been neglected by the Church.

There is **NO** such doctrine because it **was invented** by the futurists to **circumvent the plain sense of the words** of the New Testament.

They teach, that when Peter in 1 Pet 4:7 says "the end of all things is at hand", he means to keep Christians on their spiritual toes by urgency.

This idea of **imminency**, the futurists say, means that the Second Advent could occur at **any time in any generation**, and be "**at Hand**" in every generation. In others words, these plain words of Peter do not actually mean what they say that it really was the end of the Jewish age in AD 70.

The futurists wreck the plain meaning of the words.

This is the worst kind of exegesis [interpretation] that I have ever seen.

It is called twisting the scriptures for the futurists own ends because they cannot explain that if **the Lord came back in AD 70**, then why are we all still here in **2011**. The plain truth is they have a **wrong understanding** of what **the New Testament means by the Second Advent**.

Peter knew that the Lord had told the apostles that in **their generation** [the Apostles life time] the Jewish age was to end, and the Kingdom would be established in Heaven by the *Parousia* [Presence] of the Lord.

Matt 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 all give the signs of His Second Advent, His Parousia [Presence] to happen in their lifetime but in Acts 1.6-8 when Jesus was asked by the Apostles was He going to restore the Kingdom to Israel.

...when they were with Him, they asked Him, "Master, is this the time at which you are about to restore the kingdom of Israel?" "It is <u>NOT</u> for you," He replied, "to know times or epochs [<u>NO</u> signs to be given] which the Father has reserved within His own authority;

This proves that the restoration of Israel is not the same event as the Second advent.

Second Coming: The signs are given so that the apostles would know **His presence** (Parousia) was imminent.

Restoration of Israel: No signs given and the Apostles were to be in ignorance of that event. **It was to be beyond their generation.**

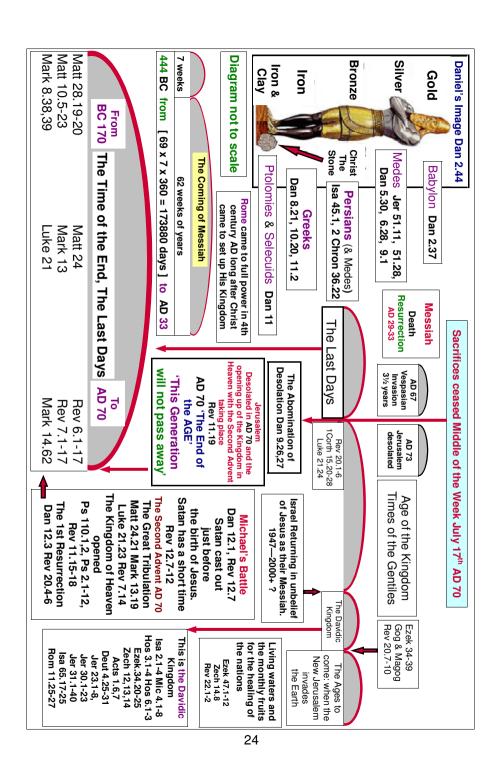
The **Second Advent** was to happen in **their generation**.

A list of scriptures associated with the Second Advent and the future redemption of Israel

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Deut 4.25-31	Promises to Israel bitterness and blessing
Ps 2.1-12	The events at the birth of the Kingdom
Ps 45. 15,16	Princes in all the Earth
Ps 72.1-20	The time when God is King
Ps 110.1-7	The installation of Messiah as King
lsa 2.1-4	The establishment of the Kingdom of David
lsa 9.1-7	The first advent and the Promise of A Kingdom
lsa 52.13 - 53.12	The suffering Messiah
lsa 59.20	The conversion of Israel
lsa 65.17-25	The Davidic Kingdom
Jer 23.5-6	The Davidic Kingdom
Jer 30.1-23	The Davidic Kingdom
Jer 31.1-40	The Davidic Kingdom
Dan 2.31-45	The Image of Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron and clay
Dan 7.1-28	The four great Powers
Dan 8.1-27	The Greeks and Persians
Dan 9.24-27	The 70 Weeks Prophecy
Dan 10,11,12	The Prophecy of events Persian, Ptolomies, Selucids
Ezek 34,35,36,	The description of Israel's deliverance
Ezek 37,38,39	The description of Israel's deliverance
Zech 9.9-10	Presentation of the King
Zech 12,13,14	The description of Israel's deliverance
Hosea 3.1-4	The return of the Kingdom of David
Hosea 6.1-3	The return of Israel
Micah 4.1-8	The establishment of the Kingdom of David
Mal 3.1-3	Coming of the Lord to his Temple
Mal 4.1-6	The promise of Elijah
Matt 10.5-23	The Second Advent occurs in that generation
Matt 24	The Prophecy of the Second Advent and AD 70
Matt 28.19-20	The final words of Jesus
Matt 26.63-66	The Son of Man on the clouds of Heaven
Mark 8.38 - 9.13	Not seeing death before the Second Advent

Mark 13	The Prophecy of the Second Advent an	d AD 70
Luke 21	The Prophecy of the Second Advent an	d AD 70
John 14.1-3	Jesus comes back for the Apostles	
Acts 1.6,7	The Ascension	
Rom 11.25-27	The redemption of Israel	
1 Corth 15.20-28	The order of the Resurrection	
Rev 6.1-17	The events leading up to the birth of the	Kingdom
Rev 7.13-17	The Great Tribulation	
Rev 11.15-19	The inaugural events of the birth of the	Kingdom
Rev 12.7-12	The inaugural events of the birth of the	Kingdom
Rev 20.1-15	Events from the birth to the end of the K	(ingdom
64 AD	The Jewish war began	
65 AD	Gesius Florus Procurator	
65 AD	Passover Mysterious Light for 3 hours	
66 AD	July 5 Zealots/Sicarii Tower of Antonia	
66 AD	Sept Jerusalem in hands of rebels	
66 AD	Oct Cestius advanced to Scopus	
66 AD	Nov Cestius defeated	
	Dates in the seventieth week	
67 AD	Feb/March Vespasian the final War,	
	Great Tribulation	
67 AD	Oct 23 Vespasian took Gamala	
68 AD	Spring Vespasian seize Gadara	
68 AD	June 3 Vespasian arrived at Jericho	_
68 AD	June 8 Nero committed suicide	
69 AD	Jan 2 Vitellius proclaimed Emperor	
69 AD	Vespasian stopped the war	01/
70 AD	April, Titus camped at Scopus	3 1/2
70 AD	July 17 Sacrifices ceased	yea

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This table helps to clarifies my position.

What we need is an open debate instead of our entrenched ideologies. When one has believed a point of view for 30 years it is extremely difficult to change our views even when we know we should.

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I don't exclude anybody any more but find myself really on the outside because of prejudice.

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