The Kingdom of God, Then

1) Did Jesus Return In AD 70?

'Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple' (Matt.24:1)

'O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate' (Matt.23:37-38)

'And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down"

(Matt.24:2)

'But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city'

(Matt.22:7)

'Now as He 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?" (Matt.24:3)

'Therefore when you see the "abomination of desolation," spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place...'

(Matt.24:15)

'...then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains' (Matt.24:16)

'...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?"

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'Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath' (Matt.24:17-20)

'But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only'

(Matt.24:36)

'And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled' (Luke 21:24) 'And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come' (Matt.24:14)

'Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming' (Matt.24:42)

8 Reasons The 2nd Coming Could Not Have Taken Place In AD 70

1) The Christians who were living after AD 70 spoke of the 2nd Coming as a future event

2) None of the Early Church Leaders stated that Christ's 2nd Coming had already occurred

3) The Book of Revelation was written approximately 25 Years after the events of AD 70

4) The Great Tribulation is a worldwide catastrophe and not restricted to Jerusalem

'For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be'

(Matt.24:21)

'At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered' (Dan.12:1)

'...These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb'

(Rev.7:14)

'Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed' (Rev.8:8-9)

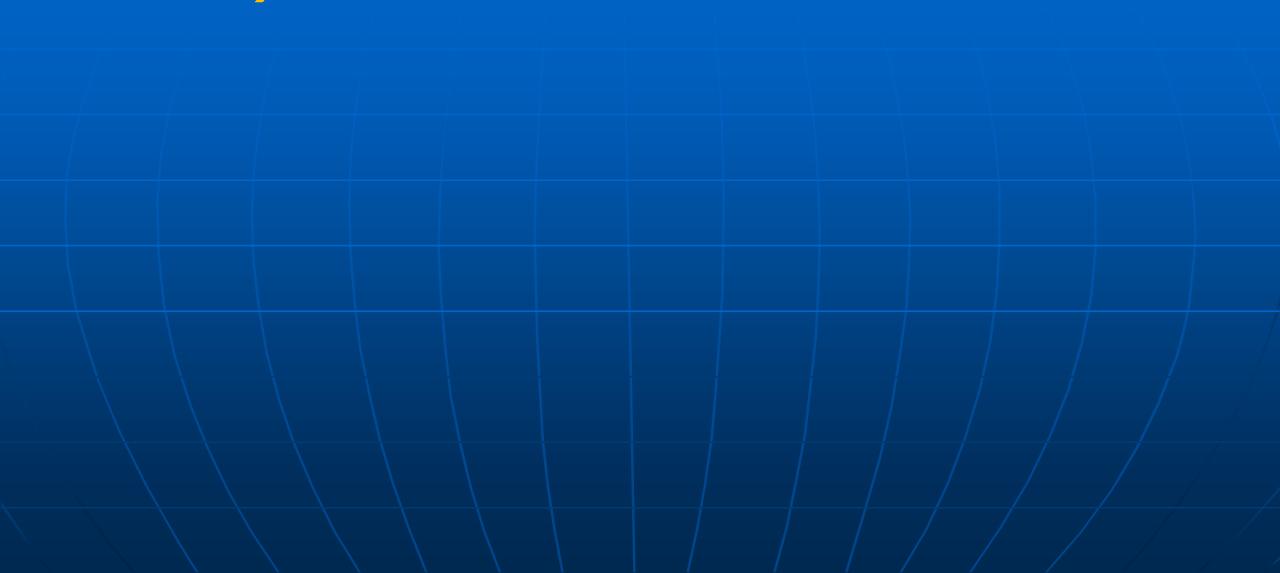
'And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell' (Rev.16:18-19)

5) The Old Covenant ended at the Cross, not the destruction of Jerusalem

'In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete'

(Heb.8:13)

6) God has not finished with Israel



'For I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!"

(Matt.23:39)

'For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in'

(Rom.11:25)

'And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn' (Zech.12:10)

7) The 'times of the Gentiles' goes beyond the first century

8) Jesus will return visibly

'Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and 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'

(Matt.24:30)

'Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven'

(Acts 1:9-11)

'Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen' (Rev.1:7)

'And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some'

(2 Tim.2:17-18)

'Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition' (2 Thes.2:1-3)