

Realized Eschatology: 70 AD Doctrine

(Part III)

➤ = next PowerPoint slide

➤ **Intro: tone: instruct, admonish, positive**

- **Heb. 12:15 see that no one comes short of the grace of God**

- **must expose false doctrines**, so brethren not ensnared by them, enslaved by false teachers

- **Jn. 8:32 know the truth, truth makes us free**

- knowing the truth is the only way to be free from the slavery of false teachers and false doctrines

- **illus.: Mt. Dora congregation, and Web Harris**

- **review history regarding realized eschatology** from first lesson

- **what has happened to Web:** stopped believing Jesus is God's son, no longer has anything to do with the church

- **what happened to members:** some studied the truth and were strengthened, some stumbled have still have not returned to the Lord

- **illus.: visiting with family Beth lived with** shortly after becoming a Christian, the man told me that churches of Christ are dividing in Alabama over this issue

➤ **8 - PP: review Parts II**

- **Part I:** general understanding of the doctrine, review Scriptures that prove it wrong

- **Part II:** Max King's hypothesis, spiritual method of interpretation, and transmillennialism, allegory of Abraham and his two sons, Scriptures that show doctrine to be false

- **Part III:** truth regarding the allegory of Abraham and his two sons

- **since we studied so much about what the allegory "was not"** in the last lesson, I thought we should study about what the allegory actually means in this lesson

- **the book of Galatians and the allegory of Abraham doesn't support King's** spiritual method of interpretation, nor transmillennialism, rather shows they are false doctrines

- **We can't be saved by the law, only by faith through Christ** – context of the Abrahamic allegory
 - Gal. 1:4 Jesus saves us, rescues us from the **present evil age**
- - Gal. 4:5 Jesus redeem us from the law, that we might receive the **adoption** – law can't save
 - **transmillennialism false**: both covenants not coexist
- - Gal. 1:6-9 **people who teach** we can be saved by keeping the Mosaic Law in any way are **accursed**
 - Gal. 5:8 these teachers did **not come from God**– they were false teachers
 - Gal. 5:9-10 **we should not adopt their view** – not heed their teaching and obey them
- - Gal. 5:4, 7 **people who follow their teaching**, seeking to be saved by keep the Mosaic Law in any way are **lost and do not obey the truth**
 - Gal. 3:1 foolish, bewitch by false teachers
- - Gal. 2:20-21 **truth: righteousness not come through the law but through Christ**
 - **if we try to be saved, or serve God by keeping the Mosaic Law in any way, we are lost**
 - can't be saved by the Mosaic Law, only by faith through Christ
- **Sons through faith, not Mosaic Law** – Abrahamic allegory exemplifies the point Paul is making here
 - Gal. 3:6-7, 8, 9 sons of Abraham through faith
- - Gal. 3:10-12 **under a curse** if of the works of the Mosaic Law
 - Gal. 4:8a **not know God** while under the law, **but slaves**
- - Gal. 3:13-14 **Christ redeemed us from the curse** of the law
 - Gal. 3:16 “seed” of the promise is **Jesus**
 - Gal. 3:17-18 **Mosaic Law not invalidate covenant / promise** made with Abraham
- - **Why then the law?**
 - Gal. 3:19a transgressions
 - Gal. 3:21b **law not impart righteousness**, life
 - Gal. 3:23-24 **law was custodian and tutor**, to bring them to Christ, so may be justified by faith
 - Gal. 4:2 **law was a custodian and manager**
- - **Now that faith has come, we're no longer under a tutor (Mosaic Law)**
 - Gal. 3:25 **faith, no longer under Mosaic Law**
 - Eph. 2:15-16; Col. 2:13-14 **Mosaic Law abolished and put to death at the cross**
 - **can't keep Mosaic Law to be saved**
 - **two covenants not coexist**
 - Gal. 3:26 **sons of God through faith in Jesus**
- - **How do we become sons of God through faith in Jesus?** – baptized into Christ
 - Gal. 3:27, 29 **baptized into Christ**
 - Gal. 4:5-7 **redeemed from law, adopted and now sons, no longer slaves, heirs of God**
 - Gal. 6:2 **live under law of Christ**

➤ **Allegory: Abraham and his two sons**

- **Gal. 4:8-9** allegory shows that to live under the law of Moses means:

- not know God
- enslaved
- so, not a son of Abraham hence not a child of God

- **warning:** allegory not establish the spiritual method of interpretation, thus transmillennialism as Max King alleges

- Max King: “This simple allegory (Galatians 4:21-31) establishes the ‘spirit of prophesy’” (The Spirit of Prophecy, 2nd Edition, King, p. 370)

➤ - **Gal. 4:21-31** allegory: Abraham and his two sons

- two women – a wife and a concubine

- Sarah was a free woman, and her children are free as the children of promise
- Hagar was a slave, and her children are enslaved

- Sarah and Hagar represent two covenants – one is slavery, other is free

- Hagar represents the Mosaic covenant (earth Jerusalem), under which people are enslaved

- Sarah represents new covenant in Jesus’ blood, heavenly Jerusalem, free as children of promise

- vs. 28, 31 Christians are children of promise, of the Spirit – free

- vs. 29 ones of flesh persecute ones of the Spirit – Jews (non-Christians) persecute Christians – enslaved persecute free

- vs. 30 Jews (children of bondwoman) cast out, excluded by God

- Lk. 12:31-32 seek first God’s kingdom, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.”

- the allegory proves from the Old Testament that you must be in Christ to be saved, else God excludes you – can’t keep Mosaic Law to be saved

- shows transmillennialism is a false doctrine – two covenants not coexist

- Eph. 2:15-16; Col. 2:13-14 Mosaic Law abolished and put to death at the cross

➤ - **Gal. 6:2** we fulfill law of Christ, not Mosaic Law

- most of the law two chapters is about walking by the Spirit, as children of the promise, fulfilling the law of Christ – discussed in a recent series titled, “Walk By Faith, And You Won’t Desert God”

- end Part III

- Galatians / Abrahamic allegory:

- transmillennialism a false doctrine

- only one way to be free, know God, and be His child – obey Jesus

- Jn. 3:31-32 “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

- inv.: know the truth, obey Jesus, be set free from sin and death