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2 Timothy Introduction

The Call to Christian Perseverance

Answering Nine Questions

- 1) Who wrote it? Paul
- 2) What do we know about the author? <u>An Apostle</u>
- 3) To whom was it written? <u>Timothy</u>
- 4) When was it written? <u>A.D. 67</u>
 5) Where was it written from? <u>Rome</u>
- 6) Why was it written? <u>Timothy's timidity</u>
- 7) What is it about? <u>Perseverance</u>
- 8) What is inside (outline)? <u>4 part outline</u>
- 9) What makes the book different? Paul's final word

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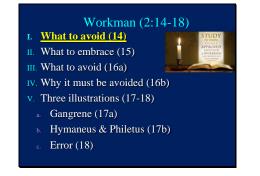
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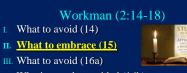
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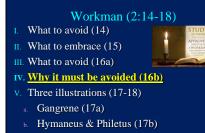
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| Statement | Scripture | Old Testament | Meaning |
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| Father forgive them for they know not what they do | Luke 23:34 | Isaiah 53:12 | Prayer for enemies |
| 2. Today you shall be with me in paradise | Luke 23:43 | Isaiah 53:10-11 | Promise to a believing sinner |
| 3. Woman behold your sonBehold your mother | John 19:27 | Exodus 20:12; Mark 7:10-13 | Provision for followers |
| 4. My God my God why have you forsaken me? | Matt 27:46; Mark 15:34 | Psalm 22:1 | Mental anguish |
| 5. I Thirst | John 19:28 | Psalm 69:21 | Physical anguish |
| It is finished | John 19:30 | Psalm 22:31 | Past satisfaction |
| Father into your hand I commend my spirit | Luke 23:46 | Psalm 31:5 | Future satisfaction |



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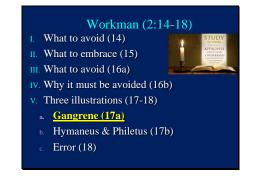
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"But I and <u>every other completely</u> <u>orthodox Christian</u> feel certain that there will be a resurrection of the flesh, followed by a thousand years in the rebuilt, embellished, and enlarged city of Jerusalem as was announced by the prophets Ezekiel, Isaiah, and the others."

Justin Martyr, Dialogue with Trypho, 80.

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"The most striking point in the eschatology of the ante-Nicene age (A.D. 100–325) is the prominent chiliasm, or millenarianism, that is the belief of a visible reign of Christ in glory on earth with the risen saints for a thousand years, before the general resurrection and judgment. It was indeed not the doctrine of the church embodied in any creed or form of devotion, but a widely current opinion of distinguished teachers, such as Barnabas, Papias, Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Tertullian, Methodius, and Lactantius."



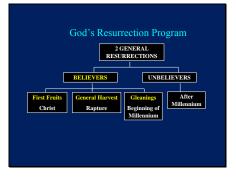
"Papias... says that there will be a millennium after the resurrections of the dead, when the kingdom of Christ will be set up in material form on this earth. I suppose that he got these notions by a perverse reading of the apostolic accounts, not realizing that they had spoken mystically and symbolically. For he was <u>a man of very little intelligence, as is</u> clear from his books. But he is responsible for the fact that so many Christian writers after him held the same opinion, relying on his antiquity, for instance Irenaeus and whoever else appears to have held the same views."



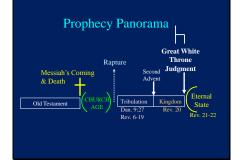
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"He is the <u>dumbest</u> Justice to ever sit on the bench...He waits to see how Scalia votes, and he votes the same. He rarely issues comments or engages in questions during any Supreme Court hearing...He rarely grants media interviews (because <u>he knows</u> <u>he will look stupid</u>). He rarely writes opinions. He believes in a narrow interpretation of the Constitution. <u>He</u> <u>is an idiot</u>."

http://juneauempire.com/opinion/2011-09-22/outsideeditorial-law-and-clarence-thomas#.Tn5rqNSo1_p







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"The <u>Kingdom</u> of God is a <u>central</u> conversation in emerging communities...And let me tell you 'Kingdom of God' language is <u>really big</u> in the emerging church" (Italics added).

Doug Pagitt, cited in Oakland, 163.

Emergent: Kingdom

"If Revelation were a blueprint of the distant future, it would have been unintelligible to its original readers...In light of this, Revelation becomes a powerful book about the <u>kingdom of God here and now</u>, available to all."

Brian McLaren, cited in Oakland, 158.

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Kingdom "I stand before you confidently right now and say to you that God is going to use you to change the world...I'm looking at a stadium full of people right now who are telling God they will do <u>whatever it takes to establish</u>

<u>God's Kingdom "on earth</u> as it is in heaven." What will happen if the followers of Jesus say to Him, "We are yours?" What kind of spiritual awakening will occur?"

Rick Warren, cited in Oakland, Kindle edition.

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Russell Moore, President of the Ethics and Religious Liberties Commission of the Southern Baptist Convent

"The locus of the <u>kingdom of God in this age</u> <u>is within the church, where Jesus rules as</u> <u>king</u>. As we live our lives together, we see the transforming power of the gospel and the <u>in</u> <u>breaking of the future kingdom</u>."

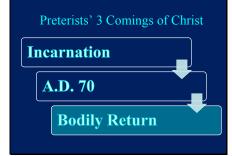
> Justin Taylor, "An Interview with Russell Moore," www.thegospelcoalition.org.

Partial Preterism's View of Revelation

- Written in mid A.D. 60's
- Mostly fulfilled in A.D. 70
- Predicts A.D. 70 sacking of Jerusalem as God's divorce and judgment of adulterous Israel



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"If the book [of Revelation] was written after A.D. 70, then its contents manifestly do not refer to events surrounding the fall of Jerusalem- unless the book is a wholesale fraud, having been composed after the predicted events had already occurred."

R.C. Sproul, Last Days According to Jesus, p.140.



"...the preterist view does understand Revelation's prophecies as strongly reflecting actual historical events in John's near future, though they are set in apocalyptic drama and clothed in poetic hyperbole."

Kenneth Gentry, Four Views of Revelation, p. 38.

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[the two witnesses] "probably represent a small body of Christians who remained in Jerusalem to testify against" the temple. "They are portrayed as two, in that they are legal witnesses to the covenant curses."

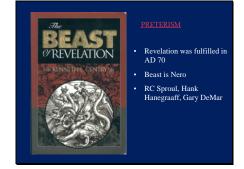
Gentry, He Shall Have Dominion, 421-22

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"In Revelation 12 John backs up chronologically in order to show the 'mother' *church* in Jerusalem, which was being protected from Satan inspired resistance. This would cover the time frame from Christ's ministry through the Book of Acts up until the destruction of Jerusalem."

He Shall Have Dominion, 422 (emphasis mine)



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Confident Preterist Assertions

"I am convinced beyond any doubt that this Harlot is first-century Jerusalem." (italics added).



Gentry, He Shall Have Dominion, 392.

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- "What has puzzled me over the years is not the identity of 'the great prostitute,' but how so many could mistake her historical identity.... In biblical history only one nation is inextricably linked to the moniker 'harlot.'
- And that nation is Israel!"
 - Hanegraaff, The Apocalypse Code, 118-19.





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II. Recent Commentators

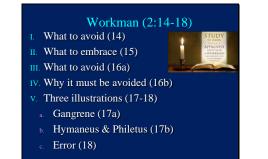
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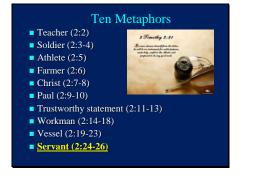
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2 Tim 2:14-26

- Workman (2:14-18) • Avoid non biblical speculation (2:14, 16-18)
 - Embrace biblical truth (2:15)
- Two kinds of vessels (2:20-21)
- Avoidance of "these things" (2:19, 22, 23) Servant (2:24-26)

 - Teach with patience (2:24-25)
 Reason for patience (2:26)







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"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." (NIV) 1 Tim. 1:4-nor to ^[c]pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than *furthering* ^[d]the administration of God which is by faith

1 Tim. 4:7-But ^[c]have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness.

1 Tim. 6:4-5-he is conceited *and* understands nothing; but he ^[e]has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, ⁵ and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that ^[f]godliness is a means of gain.

1 Tim. 6:20-O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly *and* empty chatter *and* the opposing arguments of what is falsely called "knowledge"—²¹ which some have professed and thus gone astray ^[n]from the faith.

Titus 3:9-10-" But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. Reject a <u>factious</u> man after a first and second warning."

Job 2:9-10- Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!" ¹⁰ But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed

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accept good from God and not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Rev. 13:6-And <u>he opened his mouth</u> in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, *that is*, those who ^[a]dwell in heaven.

Eph. 4:29-30-Let no ^[u]<u>unwholesome word</u> proceed from your mouth, but only such *a word* as is good for <u>edification</u> ^[v]according to the <u>need of the moment</u>, so that it will give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ Do not <u>grieve</u> the Holy Spirit of God, ^[w]by whom you were <u>sealed</u> for the day of redemption.

Prov. 25:11-*Like* apples of gold in settings of silver Is a word spoken in ^[f]right circumstances.

1 Pet. 4:11-Whoever speaks, *is to do so* ^[h]as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves *is to do so* as one who is serving ^[i]by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Matt. 4:1-11-Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He ^[a]then became hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." ⁴ But He answered and said, "<u>It is written</u>, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD."⁵ Then the devil *took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and *said to

Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU'; and 'ON *their* HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE."⁷ Jesus said to him, "^[b]On the other hand, <u>it is written</u>, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST."⁸ Again, the devil *took Him to a very high mountain and *showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; ⁹ and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and ^[c]worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus *said to him, "Go, Satan! For <u>it is written</u>, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND ^[d]SERVE HIM ONLY."¹¹ Then the devil *left Him; and behold, angels came and *began* to minister to Him.

Jas. 3:7-8- For every ^[e]species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human ^[f]race. ⁸ But no one can tame the tongue; *it is* a restless evil *and* full of deadly poison.

Matt. 12:34- You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak ^[ad] what is good? <u>For the mouth speaks out of that</u> which fills the heart.

Matt. 12:36-But I tell you that every <u>careless word</u> that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.

Prov. 17:27-He who restrains his words ^[i]has knowledge, And he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.

Prov. 10:19-When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, But he who restrains his lips is wise.

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2 Tim 2:17-And their message will spread like <u>cancer</u>. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort (NKJV).

Jas. 3:5-So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and *yet* it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!

Col. 1:28-Him we preach, <u>warning</u> every man and <u>teaching</u> every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

1 Tim. 1:20-Among these are **<u>Hymenaeus and Alexander</u>**, whom I have handed over to Satan, so that they will be taught not to blaspheme.

2 Tim. 1:15-This you know, that all those in Asia have turned away from me, among whom are **Phygellus and Hermogenes**

2 Tim. 4:14-<u>Alexander the coppersmith</u> did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works.

Acts 20:17-35-From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. ¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them, "You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in ^[k]Asia, how I was with you the whole time, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me ^[1]through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and ^[m]from house to house, ²¹ solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.²² And now, behold, bound by the ^[n]Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me.²⁴ But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.²⁵ "And now, behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will no longer see my face.²⁶ Therefore, I ^[0] testify to you this day that I am ^[p]innocent of the blood of all men. ²⁷ For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. ²⁸ Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you ^[q]overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He ^[r]purchased ^[s]with His own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothes. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my own needs and to the men who were with me.³⁵ In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the

words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

1 Cor. 11:1-Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

Matt. 18:15-17-If your brother sins^[k], go and ^[1]show him his fault ^[m]in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY ^[n]FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as ^[o]a Gentile and ^[p]a tax collector.

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Rev. 20:4-5- Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I *saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded because of ^[b]their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they <u>came to life</u> and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ The rest of the dead <u>did not</u> <u>come to life</u> until the thousand years were completed. This is the first <u>resurrection</u>.

Knight-"Perhaps due to some confusion over the Pauline teaching that believers even now participate in the death and resurrection of Christ (Rom 6:4-5, 8; 2 Tim 2:11), they believed and taught that the resurrection of believers had already occurred in a spiritual sense . . .

Acts 17:31-32-because He has fixed a day in which He will judge ^[u] the world in righteousness ^[v] through a Man whom He

has appointed, having furnished proof to all men ^[w]by raising Him from the dead."³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some *began* to sneer, but others said, "We shall hear you ^[x]again concerning this."

1 Cor. 4:6-13-Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become ^[e] arrogant in behalf of one against the other. ⁷ For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?⁸ You are already filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us; and indeed, I wish that you had become kings so that we also might reign with you. ⁹ For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, ^[f]both to angels and to men. ¹⁰ We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor. ¹¹ To this present hour we are both hungry and thirsty, and are poorly clothed, and are roughly treated, and are homeless; ¹² and we toil, working with our own hands; when we are reviled, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure; ¹³ when we are slandered, we try to ^[g]conciliate; we have become as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, even until now.

1 Cor. 15:35-36-But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

Titus 1:11-who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not *teach* for the sake of sordid gain.

Knight-"That such a mistake could be made may seem strange to us. But the fervency of the first-generation church's hope of Christ's return and certain carryovers from the pagan religions out of which believers came . . . could have led some to the conclusion that all of salvation's blessings were to be experienced now. <u>A modern parallel is what we might</u> <u>describe as Christian triumphalism (or the 'health and wealth' gospel), which tends to present the Christian</u> <u>message as the quick solution to all of life's problems. The</u> <u>same basic mistake seems to be involved</u>."

Numbers 6:24-26-The LORD bless you, and keep you;²⁵ The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you;²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.'