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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....7 p.m.

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WELCOME!

We of the Cambridge church of Christ
invite you to all our services.

"...the churches of Christ salute you" (Romans 16:16).

WAS THE LORD'S "SECOND COMING" IN A.D. 70?

By Wayne Jackson

The theory of "realized eschatology," better known as the A.D. 70 doctrine, alleges that all Bible prophecy, including the "Second Coming" of Christ, was fulfilled with the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70.

A major problem with this idea is in explaining clear Bible passages which depict the Lord's return in a visible manner, which did not occur, of course, in A.D. 70.

While it is a fact that sometimes the word "see" can be used in the sense of "to perceive" or "to enjoy" (cf. Mt. 5:8; 24:30; Jn. 3:3), that certainly is not always the case. Especially is this true in a context where visual phenomena are clearly indicated.

Consider, for example, Acts 1:9-11. There it is said that as the disciples

"were looking, he [Christ] was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they were looking steadfastly into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; who also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand you looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was received up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye beheld him going into heaven."

Jesus was taken up visibly into a cloud as the disciples watched; and, in like manner, as they beheld him going, he will return.

This is a huge problem for the A.D. 70 theorists. An attempt to

deal with this difficulty appeared in a journal that promotes this doctrine.

The position taken, in an effort to be consistent, was this: Jesus was not actually taken up at the so-called ascension scene. It was argued that the Greek word *eperthe* (“taken up” — 1:9) “does not denote a literal and physical elevation of the person, but rather describes in figurative terms the elevation of the person in honor and dignity.”

This notion of restricted, figurative definition of *eperthe* would force one to consistently translate Acts 1:11 as follows:

“Ye men of Galilee, why stand you **figuratively** looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was **figuratively** received up from you into heaven, shall **figuratively** so come in like manner as ye **figuratively** beheld him figuratively going into heaven.”

This is an absurd position, completely at variance with the context of this passage.

Further, there are many cases where *epairo* is used of a physical lifting up: the eyes (Mt. 17:8), the hands (Lk. 24:50), the head (Lk. 21:28), a sail (Acts 27:40), etc.

There is simply no justification for the notion that Jesus was not literally taken up from the disciples’ view. This attempt reveals the desperation of the devotees of A.D. 70ism.

Access date: May 2, 2019. [https:// www.christiancourier.com/articles/449-was-the-lords-second-coming-in-a-d-70](https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/449-was-the-lords-second-coming-in-a-d-70)

We encourage our visitors to fill out one of the blue cards and place it in the collection plate.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly, Mary Lou Huprich, Cathy Jackson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Kathy Mayo, Flavil & Verna Miller, and Wilma Roe

SHUT-INS: Audrey Burns, Jack Mitchell, Shirley Patterson and Marge Rothwell

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: **Nellie Richard, Alec Blake** (grandson of Wilma Roe), **Weston Boulet**, (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Dick Caldwell** (friend of the Fowler's) **Larry Chips** (friend of the Starrett's), **Kenneth Crookshank** (son of Dannelle Gilmore), **Dan Doudna** (Wilma Roe's relative), **Bob & Patty Eddy, Tom Eddy** (Betsy Cook's brother), **Carmie Green** (Flavil Miller's sister), **Doris Hall, Herb Hamilton** (friend of the Starrett's), **Bob & Donna Henthorn** (Laura Jamiel's parents), **Darvis Kandawalla** (Diann Bachmann's son-in-law), **Collene Keister**, (Mo Smith's sister), **Les McCollum** (friend of Deb McGath), **Erica Rich, Mona Stoffer** (Flavil Miller's daughter), **Mitch Vick, Bob & Marge Watson, Kedra Wyatt** and remember to pray for **one another**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Thank you all for being here today as we begin our Gospel Meeting. Please stay after services this morning and enjoy lunch with us.
- We will host services this afternoon at 2 pm. at Cardinal Place.
- Please remember the folks on the prayer lists above.

REMINDERS:

- ✓ ~~WORDWATCHER~~ will meet tomorrow at 1 pm..
- ✓ If anyone would like to take a turn creating a bulletin board for the entry, please sign up on the board in the foyer.
- ✓ **Be sure to check the bulletin board for upcoming area events.**

TODAY'S LESSONS

We welcome brother **Phil Grear** today as our Gospel Meeting begins and continues through Thursday evening.

<i>Bible Class</i>	<i>Sun A.M.</i>	<i>Sun. P.M.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Collection</i>
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