The (New) History of Full Preterism
San Diego Preterist Fellowship
3:30pm Sundays
Vista, California

Community of Partial Preterists, Calvinists, Universalists, Idealists
Online Community for a Decade

Brought together from all over the world

All Theological Backgrounds
Long-Standing Christian Tradition:
Utilizing Latest Methods as Evangelical Tools

From Scroll to Codex in 1st C.
Eusebius and Imperial Power
Medieval Illustrated Manuscripts
The Opposition Press of Tyndale
Personal Computer and WWW

First page of the Codex Argenteus
From Scroll to Codex in 1st Century

Writing on Both Sides
Easier Reference
Compact Style
Elegant
Gospels of Tsar Ivan Alexander
Advent of the Printing Press

- Unfettered Opposition Press
- Timely Responses Available
- Publishing of Large Quantities
"Last week, two elders resigned after embracing the heresy of hyper-preterism. This week, one of our remaining two elders spoke with eloquence and humility in showing why this view was indeed heretical. Praise God! It is my understanding that this heresy is spreading like weeds in Reformed churches."

– Timothy Barnett

"Reformed Christians rabidly devour "consistent preterism" - it's the new wave in the Reformed world, somewhat akin to Rap music and body-piercing among modern pagans."

– Andrew Sandlin
Introducing the Latest Effective Method of Theological Evangelism

Revolutionary Harmony: Oldest Information Technology Meets Newest
Exploring Development of Partial Preterism from the Beginning of Publishing Era
1785 - Ralph Churton, "Eight Sermons on the Prophecies Respecting the Destruction of Jerusalem."

1885 – F.W. Farrar, "History of Interpretation"
But when, exactly, did today’s “Full Preterism” Arise?

Full Preterism = All Bible prophecy was fulfilled by AD70 (Classified under "Modern Preterism")
Earliest Known Undeniably Full Preterist Author?

THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

MAX KING
1971
James Stuart Russell’s “Parousia”

- Most visible preterist during pre-Internet era.
- Ironically, it is not a full preterist book…

colorized by Virgil Vaduva
• **James Stuart Russell** - "We must consequently regard this prediction of the loosing of Satan, and the events that follow, as still future, and therefore unfulfilled. (Parousia, p. 523)

• **Ernest Hampden-Cook** - “It is clear that we are now living in the midst of the Millennium.” (TCHC, ch. 13)

• **John Humphrey Noyes** - “we agree with most other sects, in believing that the final judgment of mankind is yet future – that it will take place at the end of the ‘times of the Gentiles,’ as the judgment of the second coming took place at the end of the times of the Jews.” (The Berean)

• **Milton Terry** - “It may be a million years” until Christ’s final coming (Bib Apoc, p. 425)
Increasing Development of Preterism Through the Centuries

- Ideas being developed for over 2,000 years
- But with a number of hiccups and false starts… Anti-Semitism
  » And that trend into a more biblical system is still in progress.
  » Such as with what *appeared* to be the earliest Full Preterist book found.
The Second Coming of Christ - Page 7
by Robert Elliott Speer - 1903 - 2 pages
The Second Coming of Christ THE SECOND COMING OF ... Second Coming of Christ ...
Full view - About this book

The Second Coming of Christ, and the Resurrection: Showing by an Appeal to the Bible and it Reads.... - Page 1
by Ephraim Currier - 1841 - 188 pages
Tho time of the second coming of Christ, is spoken of in Scripture by various terms—such as the great and dreadful day of the Lord, day of God, ...
Full view - About this book

The Second Advent: Or, What Do the Scriptures Teach, Respecting the Second Coming of Christ...
by Alpheus Crosby - 1850 - 173 pages
A. Only one Future Coming of Christ taught in the New Testament 163 B. Figurative or Spiritual Resurrection. . . . 164 C. A Second Coming of Christ ...
Full view - Table of Contents - About this book

An Exposition of the Prophecies: supposed by William Miller to predict the second coming of... - Page 1
by John Dowling - 1840 - 232 pages
... second coming of Christ ...
Full view - Table of Contents - About this book

The State of the Church and the World: At the Final Outbreak of Evil, and Revelation of... - Page 7
by A. P. Joliffe, John George Gregory - 1867 - 256 pages
"If any thing can be proved by the word of God, I pledge myself to prove beyond a reasonable doubt, that the resurrection of the Jews and all Christian believers, was at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans."

LITERAL RAPTURE VIEW - "the then living christians - 'the just' - were literally changed from corruptible to incorruptible, and from mortal to immortality in AD70

However, not Full Preterist
Earliest Known Undeniably Full Preterist Author

MAX KING
1971
Christ's Second Coming Fulfilled - Page 15
by Marion Morris - 1917 - 167 pages

Christ's Second Coming... PART ONE CHRIST'S SECOND COMING FULFILLED...
CHRIST'S SECOND COMING FULFILLED

MARION MORRIS

Published in 1917
Logansport, Indiana
"When one comes to believe that such words as "Must shortly come to pass." (Rev. 1:1) "The time is at hand." (Rev 1:3) "Behold I come quickly." (Rev 1:3) "Behold I come quickly." (Rev. 3:11) "yea, I come quickly." (Rev. 22:20) Have reference to the time of the generation then living, much that is written in this wonderful book (Revelation) that hitherto was obscure will then be made plain."

Became Earliest Known Full Preterist

Resurrection View:
Immortal Body at Death

Marion Morris
“Christ’s Second Coming Fulfilled” (1917)
The events and times of the visions of Daniel and St. John...

1853
Prophetic Outlines of the Christian Church Traced in the Visions of Daniel and St. John...

Dissertations on the prophecies by John S. Waugh - 1833

But, after all, the divine origin of the visions of Daniel and St. John is established mainly upon...

Sermons... - Page 302

This universal empire of grace is now shown in the visions of Daniel and St. John. There was...
Dr. Samuel Lee

“All prophecy is fulfilled”

• Revelation confirms old predictions
• Israel’s promises have all be fulfilled
• No restoration promises for Israel
• Fulness of the Gentiles has arrived
• Gospel preached to every creature
• That the Jews, at whatever time converted, will, on their conversion, lose all their distinctive characteristics as a nation, and will become, with the Gentiles, one body in Christ.
“All prophecy is fulfilled”

• G.S. Faber in 1846: "I was fully aware of the difference in our views on Prophecy. You, I know, are a Preterist“

• "my system is good, and hence, I have no doubt, it will first or last prevail. Its results are certainly good. I care not, therefore, for the present popularity of the opposite view." (Letter to brother, May 2, 1850)

• "he became convinced that the views which he entertained, known as the Preterist, were those held by the early Church."
"The Expositor who sympathizes most with our Lecturer (Calvin) among writers of our own day, is the late Professor Lee, of Cambridge. In his translations of the Hebrew Scriptures he is unrivaled; no scholar of our age can approach him in the extent of his learning"  Thomas Myers
Samuel Lee’s Credentials

"Father of Syriac Studies in Britain"
Professor of Hebrew at Cambridge

1816 - The Syriac New Testament
1823 - The Syriac Old Testament
1827- Hebrew Language Grammar
1828 - Grammar of the Persian Language
1837 - A Translation of the Book of Job.
1840 - A Lexicon in Hebrew, Chaldee and English.
• Grammar and lexicon of Hebrew, Chaldee and Syriac
• Published first Bibles in Syriac and Arabic Languages
• Created Maori dictionary with New Zealand chief Hongi Hika
• In 1843, the project that would change his life.
Discoverer of Lost Work by Eusebius

- 1839 - Rev. Henry Tattam (Coptic scholar) visited Egypt for manuscripts
- Purchased dozens of Coptic and ancient Syriac manuscripts
- “These manuscripts Mr Tattam sent me with the request that I would give him some account of their contents, which I did as soon as my other engagements would allow. It was in looking over these manuscripts that I had the extreme pleasure of discovering a long lost work, called “The Theophany” by Eusebius
“we must understand by ‘the end of days’ the end of national existence of the Jews.”

“One of the best known and most accessible of the ancient preterists”

Ken Gentry
The Divine Manifestation of Christ
By Eusebius

- Found 80 miles from Cairo at “Monastery of the Blessed Virgin”
- No other copy of it was known to exist
- Only mention was in "Lives of Illustrious Men" by Jerome.
- Dated by hand to A.D. 411

Bishop of Caesarea (c. 265 - 340)
Eusebius never allows the doctrine of Christ's second coming any importance in his historical scheme. There is no sense of a new kingdom which will at some future date break in upon the existing historical structure, righting what is wrong and establishing justice.

Frank S. Thielman

"The Second Coming is treated by Eusebius as not an essential event, and even less like a culminating event, but only as one element which plays a symmetrical part as that of the theophanies of the Old Testament, compared to the first coming."

"Sirilli’s Review"

"EVER since his translation of Eusebius's 'Theophania,' my father's mind had been more or less occupied on the subject of Prophecy, and he became convinced that the views which he entertained, known as the Preterist, were those held by the early Church.

Anna Lee, Daughter
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Carlsbad Conference