

The Cunningly Devised Fable of Futurism

In **2 Peter 1:16**, the Apostle Peter boldly stated that the Apostles were not followed cunningly devised fables when they proclaimed the power and coming of the Lord Jesus Christ because they were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

What is a fable?

A fable is a fictitious narration intended to enforce falsehood or something that is not true. Someone once said, *“When a lie is spoken for a thousand times, it becomes believed because of the numerous amounts of times it has been spoken”*.

Because of this, many people accept as being true or valid what is false or invalid imposing the false idea that obscures the Scriptural Truth of past fulfillment.

In other words, the Bible cannot mean something that it never meant.

The word fable in the Greek language is **“muthos”** which means **“fiction”** or **“not true”**. Fiction in the English language means something that has been invented by imagination.

It is the assumption of possibility to be a fact, irrespective of the question of it being Scripturally true. As with many people in all kinds of churches everywhere today, there is no fact checking on what is being preached or taught.

It is just assumed that preachers are telling their congregations everything that the Bible says about certain subjects, especially about end-time events.

Today, preachers are teaching the same things that they themselves have been taught not realizing the rut of tradition or hand-me-down religion that they are in. Faith comes by hearing. **(Romans 10:17)**

You cannot believe in what you do not know anything about. Jesus talked about learning in **Matthew 11:29**. Learning means to get an understanding. Spiritual life begins when a person becomes a Christian and is born again. When we become spiritually alive, we are expected to grow. Learning and knowledge produce growth and growth produces change. **(2 Peter 3:18)**

If we become unwilling to change, we create an inability to grow. Growth produces change. Knowledge is the input of information that produces growth. Growth is the output of your faith in God and His will and purpose for your life. If you are taught things that are incorrect or not true, then your faith in God will not be correct or complete.

Many church people feel that it is not their place to question their leaders about what they teach and preach, but it is our place to study the Word of God to make sure that we are not deceived or misled. **(2 Timothy 2:15)**

We **MUST** contend for the Faith, the ONE Faith. This one Faith is the same Faith that was once delivered 2,000 years ago. **(Ephesians 4:5, Jude 1:3-4, 1 Timothy 4:16, Romans 16:17-18)**

This **ONE** Faith is the never-changing message in an ever-changing world. **(Acts 2:41-42)** We must all speak the same thing. **(1 Corinthians 1:10)** The Scriptures are very plain when it comes to fact checking. **(1 Thessalonians 5:21, Proverbs 14:15)**

The question that is being asked today is **“What is Futurism and when did it begin?”**

Futurism is an ideology that finds its meaning and fulfillment of Biblical prophecy in the future rather than in the past. A Futurist is someone who advocates the prediction of end-time events to be fulfilled in the not-too-distant future.

In reality, these events have already occurred in the past. It was in the first century that the last days spoken of in Scripture took place.

It was in the Book of Acts, chapter 2, that the Apostle Peter stood up on the Day of Pentecost to offer an explanation of what was transpiring that day. It was the outpouring of the Spirit of God upon the believers for the very first time.

In **Acts 2:16-17**, the Apostle Peter proclaimed that this outpouring of the Holy Ghost was the fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel. **(Joel 2:28)**

On the Day of Pentecost, Peter stated that this marked the beginning of the Last Days. It was the Last Days of the Covenant that God made with the Nation of Israel at Mt Sinai 1500 years earlier.

This Covenant came to an end in AD 70 of the first century. **(Hebrews 8:13)** This marked the End of the Age. **(Matthew 24:3)**

All the New Testament writers wrote about this End. **(1 Corinthians 10:11, Matthew 24:14, Romans 1:8, Colossians 1:23)** Everywhere the Apostles went, they preached that Jesus was going to return in their lifetime before their generation would pass away.

Jesus said all the things and events in **Matthew chapter 24**, in **Mark chapter 13**, and in **Luke chapter 21** would all happen in their lifetime before their generation would pass away. **(Matthew 24:34, Mark 13:30, Luke 21:32)**

Jesus was with the Apostles when He told them that some of them would be alive when He returned in AD 70. **(Matthew 16:27-28)**

Jesus also said that the disciples would not have gone into all the cities of Judea before He returned. **(Matthew 10:23)**

Jesus told the High Priest that He would see His return in AD 70. **(Matthew 26:64)**

The preaching of the Gospel message so impacted the lives of first century Christians that they sold their houses and lands and gave it all to the Apostles because they believed the message of the Apostles when they proclaimed that Jesus would return in their lifetime. **(Acts 4:34-35,37)**

The belief of Futurism began after the Christians were caught away. **(1 Corinthians 15:51-54)** The Apostle Paul also taught about this catching away in **1 Thessalonians 4:14-17**.

The **“we”** in **verse 15** was **“them”** in the first century, not people living today or in the future. Only those who were prepared went to be with Jesus when He returned. **(Matthew 25:1-2,10)**

With the believers gone, carnal-minded people began to alter the Gospel message. The Apostles doctrine began to be changed. **(Matthew 15:9)** Paul warned the Church to beware and to take heed unto the doctrine. **(Romans 16:17-18, 1 Timothy 4:16)** Paul also gave a very strong warning to the Galatians in **Galatians 1:8-9**. Jude said to contend for the Faith delivered by the Apostles. **(Jude 1:3,17)**

Ever since Jesus returned in AD 70, Futurism has been advocated as the time that all the things spoken of in Scripture are to happen sometime **“soon”** in the future. The only problem is that **“the soon future”** never arrives.

The teaching of End-time events about to happen is false doctrine and those who preach and teach it are deceivers. Notice what Jesus said in **Luke 21:22**.

ALL prophecy was fulfilled. There is no prophecy waiting to be fulfilled today or ever. The Book of Revelation has already been fulfilled completely. The Book of Revelation is all about the Judgment of God on the Nation of Israel, on the City of Jerusalem, on the Jewish Temple because they broke the Old Covenant. **(Isaiah 24:5)**

The Book of Revelation was addressed to the seven Churches that existed almost 2,000 years ago about things that were getting ready to happen in their lifetime. **(Revelation 1:1,3-4)**

The Book of Revelation was not written to anyone today. The end of Revelation stresses the imminency of all the events just described throughout the entire Book. **(Revelation 22:10, 20)** When Jesus returned, He brought a New Eternal Everlasting Covenant through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **(Jeremiah 31:31-33, 32:39-40)**

Conclusion

The cunningly devised fable of Futurism has been here for many centuries. This is not what Jesus or the Apostles taught at all. The strong presence of imminency can be clearly seen throughout the New Testament.

The Old Covenant was passing away, and the New Everlasting Eternal Covenant was being ushered in.

Those who really are seeking for Truth will discover the wonder of God's Word. **(Jeremiah 29:12-13)**

Always remember: what God says to one, He says to all. What God requires of one, He requires of all. This Gospel is a never changing message to an ever-changing world.

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