

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED— Not Failed or Postponed

The New Testament writers, the church fathers, and 18 centuries of theologians all affirmed that the purposes for which our Lord Jesus Christ came from heaven to earth were all accomplished. There was not one failed or postponed mission.

Not until dispensationalism, pre-tribulation rapturism, and Israel-first theology appeared around 1830 was the total fulfillment and accomplishment of our Lord's First Advent ever questioned.

An interesting Bible study at this time of the year is to note the many references to the birth of the *King*, and His love for and rule over *Israel* in our so-called Christmas carols. What inspired these statements of faith from the hearts and minds of the songwriters? What was the biblical basis for such poetry? Some outspoken dispensationalists go so far as to voice their objection to such mentions of Israel, the newborn Jesus as King, and especially the combination of the two—Jesus Christ as King over His Israel.

Why? Simply because dispensationalism teaches that our Lord Jesus Christ failed in his mission to become king over Israel, therefore, this failed mission should not be enshrined in our sacred music!

It is important to understand, further, at this season of the year, that one of the driving forces behind many of the strange doctrines and interpretations of the dispensationalists is a *false importance assigned to Old Testament Israel during this New Testament dispensation*. They go so far as to say that restored Old Testament Israel (during the Great Tribulation) will accomplish more in the evangelization of the world *in the absence of the Holy Spirit and in the midst of great tribulation in 7 years than the church of Jesus Christ did with the presence of the Holy Spirit in 2,000 years!*

Preposterous.

And then they accuse me, and simple Bible believers like me, of "replacement theology." That is, we have replaced their future King Jesus, King of Israel, with our present King Jesus, not only the Head of His body, the church, but also the King of His spiritual Israel. We will see from the scriptures below that the Israel-first dispensationalists are the ones guilty of "replacement theology," not we.

So to end this short First Advent

Bible study on a positive note, let us list some of the missions accomplished by the coming of the Messiah.

Jesus came as true Israel's true King. "The prince of peace." (Isa. 9:6) "He shall reign over the house of Jacob (Israel) forever." (Lk. 1:33)

He came to save His people from their sins. (Lk. 19:10) "He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel." (Isa. 11:12) "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21)

He established and ascended to the throne of David. "Upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever." (Isa. 9:7, 8) "The Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." (Lk. 1:32-33) "I will . . . build again the tabernacle of David . . ." (Acts 15:13-17. See also Acts 2:29-36 and Psalm 110:1)

He continued His eternal reign and firmly established the Kingdom of God on earth. "My kingdom is not of this world." (John 18:36) "Whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom." (Dan. 7:27)

He fulfilled all Old Testament prophecies concerning the suffering and glorified Messiah, His death, burial, and resurrection. "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isa. 53) "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." (Psalm 16:10 with Acts 2:23-32)

He and his Apostles predicted his Second Coming many times, as well as the collapse and overthrow of the governments of the nations of the world, His day of judgment, and the ultimate victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of good over evil, and of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit over all for all eternity.

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This message on the First Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ can be considered to be Part 13 in the series, "Errors and Deceptions of Dispensational Teachings, Including the Any-Moment Pre-Tribulation Secret Rapture of the Church," and item No. 34 of the biblical proofs which support our opposition to the 175 year-old dispensational scheme of interpretation.

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- sources, donors, expenditures, especially cash transactions.
16. must file form 1099 annually to report (a) all church financial activity, and/or (b) special gifts to missionaries, evangelists, etc.
 17. must in general, give unlimited submission to all government authorities with respect to government law and "public policy." ("Public policy" may not be in accordance with the law, holiness, or will of God.)
 18. must in general, be engaged in ministries and activities that further exclusively "public policy." ("Public policy" may not be in accordance with the law, holiness, or will of God.)
 19. must advocate and promote racial integration in its church ministries and activities.
 20. must not oppose licensing and other forms of government control over church ministries.
 21. must not engage in political activities that oppose favorable laws for abortion, pornography, and sodomy (to make it more personal, abortionists, pornographers, and sodomites).
 22. must not support candidates for public office who oppose abortion, pornography, and sodomy.
 23. must not support legislation and/or legislators that say that children belong to parents, not the state, and that the parents have the right to educate their children at home.
 24. must be neutral on all political, social, and moral issues.
 25. must not actively participate in opposing the government tax supported school system.
 26. must not form or participate in any kind of Political Action Committee (PAC) that opposes government sponsored lotteries and gambling activities.
 27. must not advocate support of the U.S. or state Constitutions as the supreme law of the land. (Remember, "public policy" must take precedence over the law, holiness, and will of God, as well as over all constitutions.)
 28. must use only IRS approved methods of fundraising.
 29. must make pastors accountable to the IRS concerning any position taken against the government, its agency the IRS, or any and all tax laws passed by Congress.
 30. must require all employees, including pastors, to pay taxes to an immoral government, even though they are receiving remuneration from God's people for doing God's work.
 31. must use only IRS approved methods of fundraising.
 32. must not publicly declare that the church of Jesus Christ is to obey God rather than men and their governments.

*The premise of the headline is a monumental contradiction, based on the Internal Revenue Code itself. See article on the IRS and IRC in this issue.