

# **“This Generation”**

**A Short Study of a  
Controversial Word**

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- **Recent visitors have rejoiced to see it!**
- **Do you grasp its great importance?**
- **Most Christians (98%) miss it today.**
- **They corrupt its meaning many ways.**
- **Can you clearly explain it to others?**

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- **Timing words for the Olivet Discourse**
- **Wars and rumors of wars (24:6)**
- **Gospel to the whole world (24:14)**
- **Abomination of desolation (24:15)**
- **The “great tribulation” (24:21)**

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# **What Is the Problem?**

- **Futurists want the events in the future!**
- **Jewish fables reject Christ's words**
- **Ignorance of the historical fulfillment**
- **So they corrupt "this generation"**
- **A glorious prophecy is taken from Bible**

# **Glorious Prophecy Stolen**

- **Christ's strong words are flatly denied**
- **His kingdom and kingship are rejected**
- **Dozens of prophecies are destroyed**
- **False doctrines replace prophecies**
- **Corrupting of scripture becomes norm**

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# Christ's Strong Words

- ***Verily* = emphatic emphasis of truth**
- ***Verily* = In truth; as a matter of fact**
- ***I say unto you* = a personal declaration**
- **The most solid things we know will go**
- **But the Lord's words will be fulfilled!**

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# **What Is the Issue?**

- **Were all the things Jesus said fulfilled?**
- **Wild stories are made up from Matt 24.**
- **We believe all the things were fulfilled.**
- **The rest of the Bible declares it so.**
- **Well known Jewish history confirms it.**

# **What Is the Issue?**

- **Others have presuppositions of future**
- **They cannot imagine Matt 24 fulfilled**
- **So they must corrupt “this generation”**
- **We believe Jesus meant what He said**
- **Scripture and history prove fulfillment**



# **“This Generation”**

- **This study is limited to these words.**
- **The full Olivet Discourse is too large.**
- **It has been fully dealt with elsewhere.**
- **See various resources on the last slide.**
- **What timeframe is “this generation”?**

# What Is the Timeframe?

- **When were all Matt 24 things fulfilled?**
- **The issue of timing is everything here**
- **Most (98%) put most or all in the future**
- **Church history has most or all in past**
- **Jesus: All fulfilled in “this generation”**

# The Truth

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# **Evidence #1 – The Words**

- **We start with the Holy Spirit's words.**
- **What does “this generation” mean?**
- **It means ... THIS GENERATION!**
- **It means ... THE PEOPLE NOW LIVING!**
- **This is the simplest point in the Bible!**

# Evidence #1 – The Words

**The whole body of individuals born about the same period; also, the time covered by the lives of these.**

**Source: Oxford English Dictionary**

# Evidence #1 – The Words

- ***This* = demonstrative adjective**
- ***This* = a thing close in space or time**
- ***This generation* = the closest in time**
- ***That generation* = one farther away**
- ***That* is needed for futurism's heresies**

# Evidence #1 – The Words

- ***Generation*** = people living at one time
- ***My generation*** = people living with me
- ***Father's generation*** = living with him
- ***Next generation*** = people coming next
- ***Last generation*** = people living before

# Evidence #1 – The Words

- ***Generation*** = people living at one time
- ***Her generation*** = those living with her
- ***Hitler's generation*** = living with Hitler
- ***This generation*** = people living now
- ***This generation*** = the one now living

# **Evidence #1 – The Words**

**“This generation” must mean the people contemporary with the speaker, unless the context states a different generation for the demonstrative adjective.**

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**And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in **this generation** (Genesis 7:1).**

**Who are the people under consideration?**

**The men living with Noah ... of course!**

**Please forgive the ignorance of heretics!**



# Evidence #1 – The Words

And Joseph died, and all his brethren,  
and all **that generation** (Exodus 1:6).

**Who are the people under consideration?**

**The men living with Joseph ... of course!**

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**Why *that*? Moses wrote 300 years later!**

# **Evidence #1 – The Words**

**Surely there shall not one of these men of **this evil generation** see that good land, which I swear to give unto your fathers (Deut 1:35).**

**Who are the people under consideration?**

**The men living with Moses ... of course!**

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# Evidence #1 – The Words

And also all **that generation** were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose **another generation after them**, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

**Judges 2:10**

**What is the first generation considered?**

**The men living with Joshua ... of course!**

**Can you figure out the next generation?**

# Evidence #1 – The Words

**Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from **this generation** for ever (Ps 12:7).**

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**The men living with David ... of course!**

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# Evidence #1 – The Words

Now also when I am old and grayheaded,  
O God, forsake me not; until I have  
shewed thy strength unto **this**  
**generation**, and thy power to every one  
that is to come (Ps 71:18).

**Who are the people under consideration?**

**The men living with David ... of course!**

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# Evidence #1 – The Words

**Forty years long was I grieved with **this generation**, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: (Ps 95:10).**

**Who are the people under consideration?**

**Those dying before Canaan ... of course!**

**Identified in context for the “this” (v8-9).**

# Evidence #1 – The Words

**But whereunto shall I liken **this generation?** It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows (Matt 11:16).**

**Who are the people under consideration?**

**The men living with Jesus ... of course!**

**This point is very simple, but most deny.**

# Evidence #1 – The Words

**The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with **this generation**, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here (Matt 12:41).**

**Who are the people under consideration?**

**The men living with Jesus ... of course!**

**They were guilty for Jesus teaching them.**



# Evidence #1 – The Words

The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with **this generation**, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here (Matt 12:42).

**Who are the people under consideration?**

**The people living with Jesus ... of course!**

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# Evidence #1 – The Words

**Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto **this wicked generation.****

**Matthew 12:45**

**The men living with Jesus ... of course!**

**They were devilish by scripture and history.**

# **Evidence #1 – The Words**

**Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon **this generation.****

**Matthew 23:36**

**Who are the people under consideration?**

**The men living with Jesus ... of course!**

**The scribes and Pharisees in context!**

**What things? Judgment for persecution!**

# Evidence #1 – The Words

And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth **this generation** seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto **this generation** (Mark 8:12).

**Who are the people under consideration?**

**The men living with Jesus ... of course!**

**What sign did Jesus give? Resurrection!**

# Evidence #1 – The Words

Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in **this adulterous and sinful generation**; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Mark 8:38

**Who are the people under consideration?**

**The men living with Jesus ... of course!**

**His language fits His generation for sure.**

# **Evidence #1 – The Words**

**But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of **this generation** (Lu 17:25).**

**The men living with Jesus ... of course!**

**When did Jesus suffer? In 2050?**

**What men rejected Jesus like no other?**

# **Evidence #1 – The Words**

**And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from **this untoward generation** (Acts 2:40).**

**Who are the people under consideration?**

**The men living with Peter ... of course!**

**When did Peter preach? In about 30 A.D.!**

# Evidence #1 – The Words

**Wherefore I was grieved with **that generation**, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways” (Heb 3:10).**

**Who are the people under consideration?**

**The men living with Moses ... of course!**

**Identified in context for the “that” (v8-9).**



# Evidence #1 – The Words

- **We studied the Spirit's words: each occurrence of "this generation."**
- ***Generation* = the men living at one time**
- ***This generation* = the men now living!**
- ***Demonstrative adjectives* = this & that**
- **This is the simplest point in the Bible!**

# The Truth

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# Evidence #2

**But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, **O generation of vipers**, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?**

**Matthew 3:7**

**Who did John call vipers? Muslims in 2050?**

**When was the axe laid to the trees? THEN!**

**When was the fan in Christ's hand? THEN!**

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**What wrath did John prophesy? MAL 4:5-6**

**He was to come before what? God's curse!**

**What else? Great and dreadful day of God!**

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**Is a generation of vipers an evil generation?**

**Is a generation of vipers an untoward one?**

**Jesus would baptize them with what? FIRE!**

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**John said the time was fulfilled? DANIEL 9!**

**Daniel 9 prophesied of what? MESSIAH!**

**What came next? A PRINCE TO DESTROY!**

# Evidence #3

**For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.**

**Verily I say unto you, **There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death,** till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.**

**Matthew 16:27-28**

**If some still lived, how long? A generation!**

**It is the generation John and Jesus blasted!**

# Evidence #4

**Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.**

**For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.**

**Luke 23:28-29**

**Selves and kids, how long? A GENERATION!**

**What danger? VERY GREAT TRIBULATION!**



# Evidence #5

**For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not **the time of thy visitation** (Luke 19:43-44).**

**When did the visit occur? HIS GENERATION!**

**Who was guilty for the visit? THOSE JEWS!**

# Evidence #6

**And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from **this untoward generation** (Acts 2:40).**

**From what? Great and notable day of God!**

**Who are yourselves? The Jewish audience!**

**What generation? The killers of Christ!**

**What is untoward? Evil generation of vipers!**

# Evidence #7

**Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:**

**Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost (I Thess 2:15-16).**

**Who killed Jesus? HIS GENERATION!**

**What is “contrary to all men”? UNTOWARD!**

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**Fill up their sins alway? DANIEL 9:24!**

**When would wrath come on them? THEN!**

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**What wrath? THE WRATH PROPHESED!**

**How much? TOTAL DESOLATION AND RUIN!**

# Evidence #8

**They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons (Matt 21:41).**

**The audience? Chief Priests, Pharisees!**

**Did they know what generation? YES!**

# Evidence #9

**But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city (Matt 22:7).**

**The audience? Chief Priests, Pharisees!**

**Who was wroth? Almighty God!**

**Which generation? Rejecters of the Son**

# Evidence #10

**Then answered all the people, and said,  
His blood be on us, and on our children.**

**Matthew 27:25**

**Who said this? RULERS OF THE JEWS!**

**Us and children? THAT GENERATION!**

**Is this the whole issue? ABSOLUTELY!**



# Evidence #11

**But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries (Heb 10:27).**

**This day was visibly approaching (10:25).**

**Which adversaries? THE WICKED JEWS!**

**What fiery anger? JOHN AND JESUS!**

**See also Heb 2:1-4; 6:4-8; and 12:25-29!**

# Evidence #12

**I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?**

**Luke 12:49**

**When would fire burn? THAT GENERATION.**

**John's baptism of fire on his generation.**

**What event occurred first? CRUCIFIXION.**

**Are Muslims in 2050 in this text? NO WAY!**

# Evidence #13

For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be **in his day.**

But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of **this generation.**

And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in **the days of the Son of man.**

**Luke 17:24-26**

**What generation? OF JESUS CHRIST!**

**What like Noah? DESOLATION OF JEWS!**

# Evidence #14

**But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.**

**Luke 19:27**

**Which enemies? THE WICKED JEWS!**

**Which generation? JESUS REJECTERS!**

**This is Luke's version of the talents.**

# Evidence #15

**Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:**

**So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors (Matt 24:32-33).**

**What generation? HEARERS OF JESUS!**

**How much delay? IT WAS AT THE DOOR!**

# **Did All the Things Occur?**

- **Indeed they did!**
- **Remarkably so!**
- **They had to have, or Jesus is a liar!**
- **Confirm the fulfillment in other studies.**
- **Compare Matt 24 to other prophecies.**

# **Did All the Things Occur?**

- **Gospel preached to world (Col 1:6,23)**
- **Abomination of desolation (Luke 21:20)**
- **Temple and city torn apart to ground**
- **Greatest city tribulation in history**
- **Days are shortened to save elect**
- **Figurative descriptions are just that**

# **Prophets Used Figures**

- **Read Hosea 12:10 and learn the truth!**
- **Read Revelation 1:1 and see “signified”**
- **Read John 12:33; 21:19; and I Pet 1:11**
- **Read Isaiah 13 about Babylon’s fall!**
- **Read Acts 2:16-21 about Pentecost!**



# **What Do Others Do?**

- **They corrupt “generation” to fit heresy.**
- **Most popular – the Jews as a race.**
- **Another – the Jews living at the end.**
- **Another – Jews after nation (1948-88).**
- **Another – multiple fulfillments.**

# **Glorious Prophecy Restored**

- **Christ's strong words are proven true!**
- **His kingdom and kingship already true!**
- **Dozens of prophecies all fulfilled!**
- **False doctrines condemned as heresy!**
- **Fitting scripture becomes our norm!**

# **Glorious Prophecy Restored**

- **Jesus is indeed King of His kingdom**
- **His kingdom and kingship already true**
- **He destroyed His wicked enemies**
- **Glorious witness of the gospel stands!**
- **Jewish fables and heresies destroyed**

# **What Should We Do?**

- **Be thankful for the truth (II Thes 2:13).**
- **Rejoice in a glorious, victorious Jesus!**
- **Consider His severe judgment of Jews.**
- **Know we shall give an account to Him.**
- **Repent of sin and serve Him fully.**

# For Further Study

**Witness of 70 A.D. ...** <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/pdf/witness-of-70ad.pdf>

**Two Parables Explained ...** <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/pdf/two-parables-explained.pdf>

**Excellent Book ...** <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/bible/prophecy/great-prophecies-of-the-bible.php>

**Excellent Book ...** [http://www.preteristarchive.com/Books/1921\\_mauro\\_seventy-weeks.html](http://www.preteristarchive.com/Books/1921_mauro_seventy-weeks.html)

**Outline of Daniel ...** <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/daniel/daniel-intro.htm>

**One Shall Be Taken ...** <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/bible/prophecy/one-shall-be-taken.htm>

## Others about 70 A.D.

<http://www.tentmaker.org/books/destruction-of-jerusalem.htm>

[http://www.preteristarchive.com/Books/1876\\_patton-jerusalem.html](http://www.preteristarchive.com/Books/1876_patton-jerusalem.html)

<http://reformedonline.com/view/reformedonline/Tribulation.htm>

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