

YOU'RE ALL GONNA DIE!!

**HOW THE JEWS KEPT FAILING TO
PREDICT DOOMSDAY AND
CAUSED CHRISTIANITY INSTEAD**

Dr. Richard Carrier

www.richardcarrier.info

THE FIRST DOOMSDAY

- “I will send rain on the earth forty days and nights. I will blot out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made.” ... Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days ... The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered. ... All flesh that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind; of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died. Thus He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark.

Genesis 7:4-23

THE FIRST DOOMSDAY

- “I will send rain on the earth forty days and nights. I will blot out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made.” ... Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days ... The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered. ... All flesh that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and **all mankind** of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died. Thus He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark.

Genesis 7:4-23

THE FIRST DOOMSDAY

- “I will send rain on the earth and will blot out from the face of the land all that I have made.” ... Then the flood came and the waters prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere were covered. ... All flesh that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and **all mankind** of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died. Thus He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark.

BTW, that means millions of cute babies and poor, defenseless little fetuses

Genesis 7:4-23

THE FIRST DOOMSDAY

- “I will send rain on the earth and will blot out from the face of the land all that I have made.” ... Then the flood came, and the waters prevailed more and more upon the earth. The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere were covered. ... All flesh that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind; of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died. Thus He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark.

BTW, that means millions of cute babies and poor, defenseless little fetuses

Genesis 7:4-23

THE FIRST DOOMSDAY

- “I will send rain on the earth forty days and nights. I will blot out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made.” ... Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days ... The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered. ... All flesh that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind; of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died. Thus He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark.

Genesis 7:4-23

THE FIRST DOOMSDAY

- “I will send rain on the earth forty days and nights. I will blot out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made.” ... Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days ... The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered. ... All flesh that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind; of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died. Thus He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark.

Genesis 7:4-23

THE FIRST DOOMSDAY

- “I will send rain on the earth forty days and nights. I will blot out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made.” ... Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days ... The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, and all the high mountains everywhere were covered. ... All flesh that moved on the earth, and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that creeps upon the earth, and all mankind; of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died. Thus He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark.

But fish, squid, dolphins, and whales are okay I guess

every living thing

Genesis 7:4-23

THE FIRST DOOMSDAY

- “I will send rain on the earth forty days and nights. I will blot out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made.” ... Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days ... The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, and all the high mountains everywhere were covered. ... All flesh that moved upon the earth, and all mankind; of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died. Thus He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark.

But fish, squid, dolphins, and whales are okay I guess

Genesis 7:4-23

THE FIRST DOOMSDAY

- “I will send rain on the earth forty days and nights. I will blot out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made.” ... Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days ... The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered. ... All flesh that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind; of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died. Thus He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark.

Genesis 7:4-23

- “And I will establish my covenant with you: never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, nor shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth ... This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I do set my rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ... that when I bring a cloud over the earth, the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud, and I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the rainbow shall be in the cloud. And I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.” And God said unto Noah, “This is the token of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.”

Genesis 9:11-17



BECAUSE NEXT TIME I'M
GONNA BURN YOUR ASS!!



Because God
Loves a
Loophole!

BECAUSE NEXT TIME I'M
GONNA BURN YOUR ASS!!

WHEN GOD REGRETS DROWNING BABIES, HE BURNS THEM INSTEAD

- He'll rebuke the sea and make it dry. He'll dry up all the rivers, too. Bashan and Carmel wither. The blossoms of Lebanon wither. Mountains will quake because of Him, and the hills will dissolve. The earth will be upheaved by His presence, the world and all the inhabitants in it. Who can stand before His indignation? Who can endure the burning of His anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken up by Him. The LORD is good!

Nahum 1:2-8

WHEN GOD REGRETS DROWNING
BABIES, HE BURNS THEM INSTEAD

WHEN GOD REGRETS DROWNING BABIES, HE BURNS THEM INSTEAD

- Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath: for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear away like an old garment, and they who dwell in it will die like gnats. But my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended!

Isaiah 51:6

WHEN GOD REGRETS DROWNING
BABIES, HE BURNS THEM INSTEAD

WHEN GOD REGRETS DROWNING BABIES, HE BURNS THEM INSTEAD

- Behold, the day will come when it will burn like a furnace, and all the proud, and all that work wickedness, shall be stubble. And the day that comes shall burn them up, says Jehovah of Hosts, until it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in its wings. And you shall go forth, and gambol as calves of the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I choose, says Jehovah of Hosts.

Malachi 4:1-3

WHEN GOD REGRETS DROWNING
BABIES, HE BURNS THEM INSTEAD

WHEN GOD REGRETS DROWNING BABIES, HE BURNS THEM INSTEAD

- “...you shall tread down the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet...?”

Hmmmm...

WHEN GOD REGRETS DROWNING BABIES, HE BURNS THEM INSTEAD

- “...you shall tread down the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet...?”

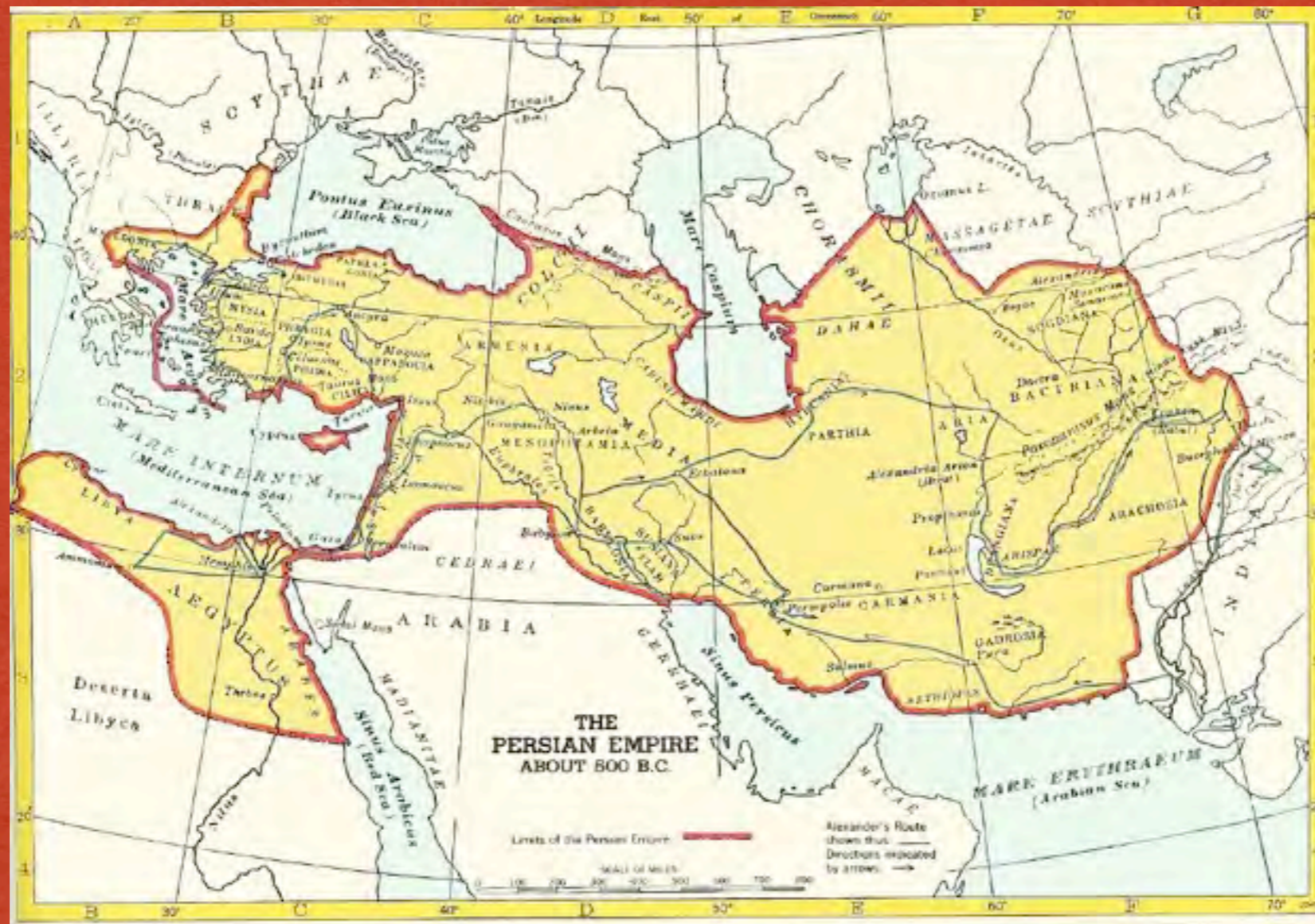
Hmmmm...



**DUDE, WHAT'S WITH
THE SKULL CRUSHING
FANTASIES?**

- And this shall be the plague whereby Jehovah will smite all the peoples that have warred against Jerusalem: their flesh shall rot away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall rot away in their sockets, and their tongue shall rot away in their mouth. ... And the same plague shall befall the horse, the mule, the camel, the ass, and all the beasts that shall be in their camps. ... And it shall come to pass, that anyone that is left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Jehovah of Hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoever of all the families of the earth does *not* go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Jehovah of Hosts, upon them there shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, neither shall rain be upon them. There'll be that plague, too, whereby Jehovah will smite the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment ... of *all* the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Zechariah 14:12-19



PERSIA KICKS GOD'S ASS

ZOROASTRIANISM

UPPING THE DOOMSDAY ANTE

- War of Good God vs. Evil God (Light vs. Dark).
- Bad people burn in hell, good people wait in heaven.
- A river of fire sent by God will flow over the universe burning everything up (even hell itself).
- A new, better world will be created in its place.
- All the good people will be resurrected by God to live in that new world happily ever after.

ZOROASTRIANISM

UPPING THE THURSDAY ANTE

- War of ... (ark).
- Bad people ... better than your God, so ... in heaven.
- A river of fire ... OUR God's gonna do that for US! (Good luck ... the universe burning ... burning in hell, you Persian scum!)
- A new, better world ... created in its p...
- All the good people who ... resurrected by God to live in that new world happily ever after.

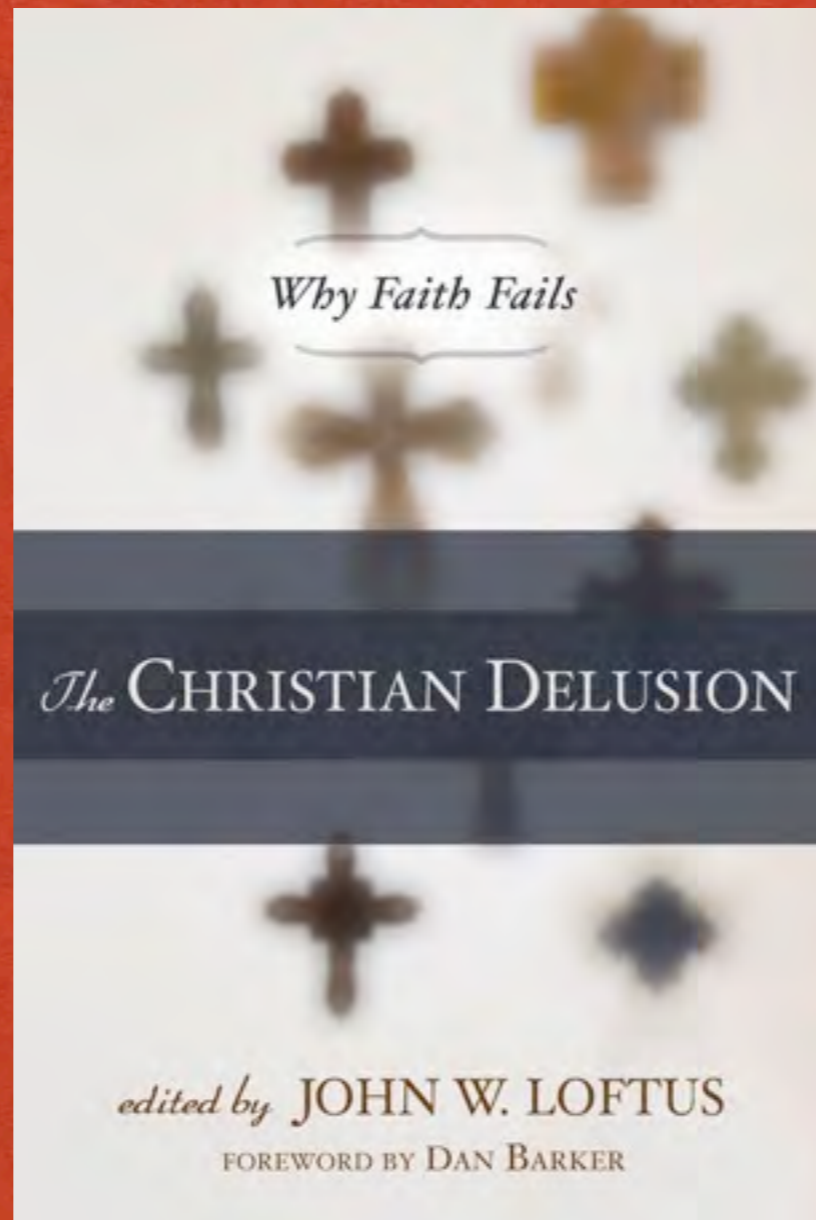


GREECE KICKS PERSIA'S ASS



They had a better God, I guess.

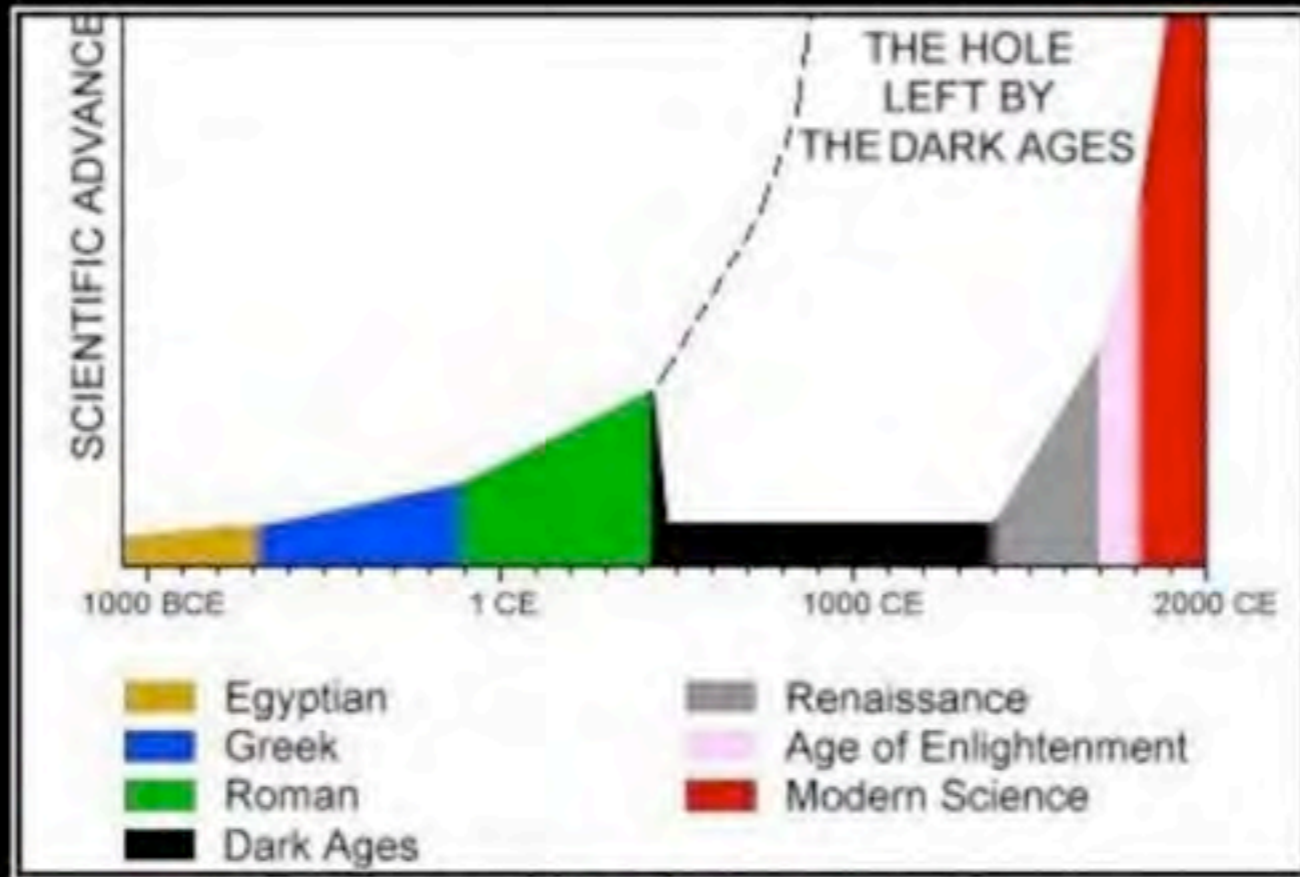
GREECE KICKS PERSIA'S ASS



ARISTOTLE GETS WISE...

THE FIRST “SCIENTIFIC” ARGUMENT FOR DOOMSDAY

- Aristotle observed that the arts and sciences had not reached the end of their progress.
- Aristotle reasoned nothing can be created or destroyed (since only nothing can come from nothing), therefore the universe must always have existed.
- But if the universe has always existed, the arts and sciences would have reached total perfection by now.
- Therefore the world must suffer periodic cataclysms that throw men back into the stone age, so they have to rediscover everything all over again.



DARK AGES

Without Them, We Could Have Been Exploring The Galaxy By Now

HE WAS KIND OF RIGHT...

ARISTOTLE + ZOROASTRIANISM = THE NEW PAGAN DOOMSDAY

- Virgil & Lucretius: the world will burn up someday, maybe ten thousand years from now or so.
- Then it will cool back down and start all over again.
- Stoics & Epicureans only debated whether the universe would run exactly the same each time.

THE CHRISTIAN DOOMSDAY

- Know this first, that in the last days mockers shall come with their mockery ... saying, “Where is the promise of his coming? For everything continues as it had from the beginning of creation!” Ah, but they willfully forget that there were heavens from of old, and an earth compacted out of water and amidst water by the word of God, and by that same means the world that then was, being overflowed with water, also perished. But the heavens that now are, and the earth, by the same word have been stored up for *fire*, being reserved against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men ...

THE CHRISTIAN DOOMSDAY

That's us!

- Know this first, that in the last days mockers shall come with their mockery ... saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For everything continues as it had from the beginning of creation!" Ah, but they willfully forget that there were heavens from of old, and an earth compacted out of water and amidst water by the word of God, and by that same means the world that then was, being overflowed with water, also perished. But the heavens that now are, and the earth, by the same word have been stored up for *fire*, being reserved against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men ...

THE CHRISTIAN DOOMSDAY

- ... But forget not this one thing, dears, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. So the Lord is *not* slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness, but is long suffering toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that *all* should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief, when the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works therein shall be burned up ...

THE CHRISTIAN DOOMSDAY

In 30,000 A.D. they'll
change this to “millions”

- ... But forget not this one thing, dears, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. So the Lord is *not* slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness, but is long suffering toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that *all* should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief, when the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works therein shall be burned up ...

THE CHRISTIAN DOOMSDAY

- ... Seeing that these things are all to be dissolved like this, what manner of persons ought you be? ... So look for and earnestly desire the coming of the day of God, so the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. Because, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein shall dwell righteousness!

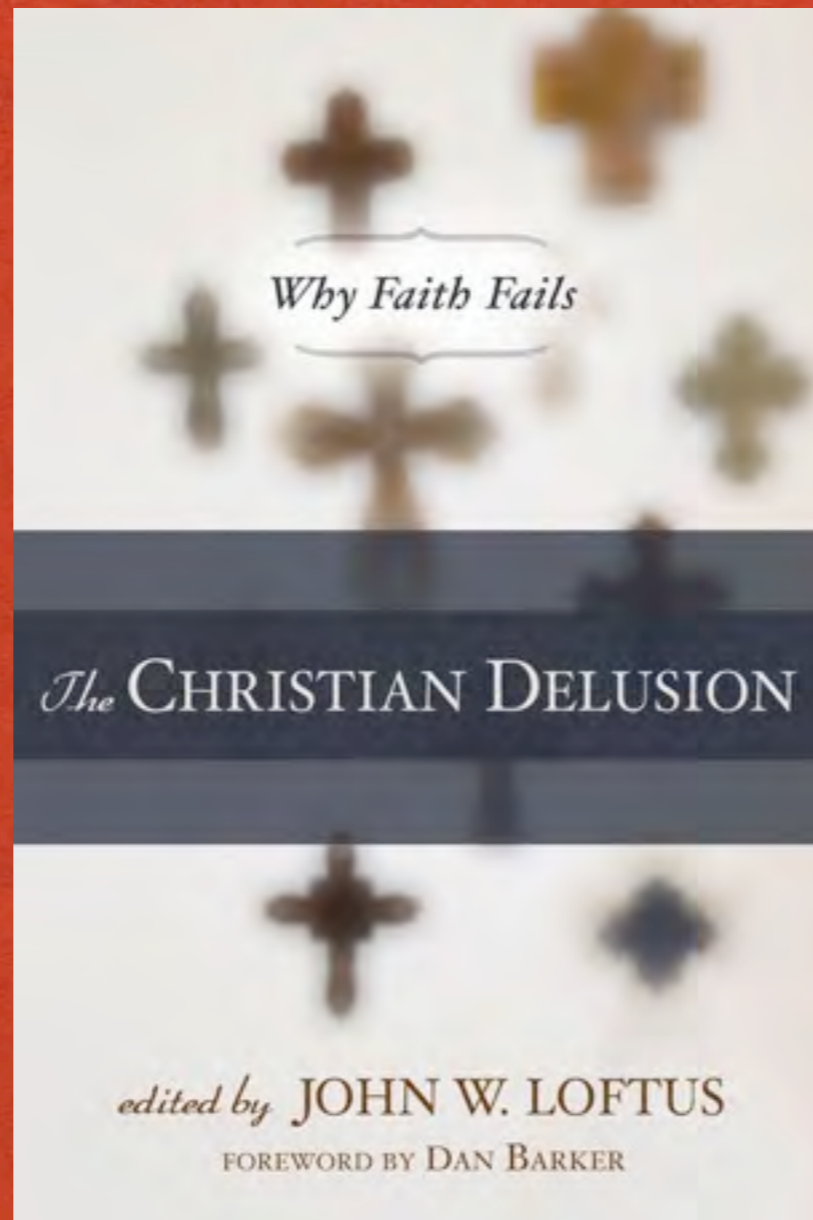
2 Peter 3:3-13

THE CHRISTIAN DOOMSDAY

- ... Seeing that these things are all to be dissolved like this, what manner of persons ought you be? ... So look for and earnestly desire the coming of the day of God, so the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. Because, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein shall dwell righteousness!

“... and we’ll finally be rid of all those filthy heathens and Jews”

2 Peter 3:3-13



“THIS GENERATION SHALL NOT PASS AWAY, UNTIL ALL THESE THINGS BE ACCOMPLISHED.”

- **JESUS** (MARK 13:30)



DID THEY?

BUT WHY CHRISTIANITY?

(WASN'T THE *JEWISH* APOCALYPSE
ALREADY GOOD ENOUGH?)

MESSIAH FEVER

- 1st century was awash with a sudden “messiah fever”
- The Parables of Enoch / the Dead Sea Scrolls
- John the Baptist, Simon Magus
- Josephus and the Pretenders
- The Jewish War (66-70 A.D.)

MESSIAH FEVER

- 1st century was awash with a sudden “messiah fever”
- The Parables of Enoch / the Dead Sea Scrolls
- John the Baptist, Simon Magus
- Josephus and the Pretenders
- The Jewish War (66-70 A.D.)

With all these people claiming to be “The One” is it any surprise *one* of them would get a successful cult going?

JOSHUA WAS THE FIRST JESUS

- “The Samaritan”
 - The first & last “Jesus” at Mount Gerizim, *soon after* crossing the Jordan to assemble and consecrate the nation of Israel.
- “Theudas”
 - Said he would part the Jordan, just as the first “Jesus” did before crossing to create the nation of Israel.
- “The Egyptian”
 - Preached from the Mount of Olives & claimed he’d fell the walls of Jerusalem just like the walls of Jericho: which the first “Jesus” did in his first battle *after* crossing the Jordan.

JOSHUA WAS THE FIRST JESUS

- “The Samaritan”

- The first & last “Jesus” at Mount Gerizim, *before* crossing the Jordan to create the nation of Israel.

Our “Jesus” *also* visted Gerizim (John 4)

crossed the Jordan, just as the first “Jesus” did to create the nation of Israel.

- “The Egyptian”

- Preached from the Mount of Olives & claimed he’d fell the walls of Jerusalem just like the walls of Jericho: which the first “Jesus” did in his first battle *after* crossing the Jordan.

JOSHUA WAS THE FIRST JESUS

- “The Samaritan”

- The first & last “Jesus” at Mount Gerizim, *before* crossing the Jordan to create the nation of Israel.

- “Theudas”

- Said he would part the Jordan, just as the first “Jesus” did before crossing to create the nation of Israel.

- “The Egyptian”

- Preached from the Mount of Olives & claimed he’d fell the walls of Jerusalem just like the walls of Jericho: which the first “Jesus” did in his first battle *after* crossing the Jordan.

JOSHUA WAS THE FIRST JESUS

- “The Samaritan”

- The first & last “Jesus”
the Jordan to create the

Our “Jesus” *also* “parts the Jordan” (he is baptized in it)

- “Theudas”

- Said he would part the Jordan, just as the first “Jesus” did before crossing to create the nation of Israel.

- “The Egyptian”

- Preached from the Mount of Olives & claimed he’d fell the walls of Jerusalem just like the walls of Jericho: which the first “Jesus” did in his first battle *after* crossing the Jordan.

JOSHUA WAS THE FIRST JESUS

- “The Samaritan”

- The first & last “Jesus” at Mount Gerizim, *before* crossing the Jordan to create the nation of Israel.

- “Theudas”

- Said he would part the Jordan, just as the first “Jesus” did before crossing to create the nation of Israel.

- “The Egyptian”

- Preached from the Mount of Olives & claimed he’d fell the walls of Jerusalem just like the walls of Jericho: which the first “Jesus” did in his first battle *after* crossing the Jordan.

JOSHUA WAS THE FIRST JESUS

- “The Samaritan”

- The first & last “Jesus” at Mount Gerizim *before* crossing the Jordan to create the nation

- “Theudas”

- Said he would part the Jordan *before* crossing to create a nation

- “The Egyptian”

- Preached from the Mount of Olives & claimed he’d fell the walls of Jerusalem just like the walls of Jericho: which the first “Jesus” did in his first battle *after* crossing the Jordan.

Our “Jesus” also preached there, just as the messiah was expected to (Zechariah 14)

JOSHUA WAS THE FIRST JESUS

- “The Samaritan”

- The first & last “Jesus” at Mount Gerizim, *before* crossing the Jordan to create the nation of Israel.

- “Theudas”

- Said he would part the Jordan, just as the first “Jesus” did before crossing to create the nation of Israel.

- “The Egyptian”

- Preached from the Mount of Olives & claimed he’d fell the walls of Jerusalem just like the walls of Jericho: which the first “Jesus” did in his first battle *after* crossing the Jordan.

THE SUICIDE FOOLS

- Several of these guys did foolish things and got themselves killed by the Romans (Just like our Jesus).
- Yet the expectation was that the messiah would be a victorious super-warrior, a king of kings, invincible.
- So did they foolishly think God had their back?
Or did they expect to get killed?

THE DYING MESSIAH

- “The Christ shall be killed even though there is no judgment upon him. Then the city and the sanctuary will be torn down by the ruler who shall come. They will be knocked down in a cataclysm, until the end, when after war wreaks havoc there will be a systematic extermination.”

Daniel 9:26

THE DYING MESSIAH

- “The messiah,” God’s “servant,” will be “cast off” by God and allowed to die by the hands of his enemies.
- **Psalms 89:38**
- “God’s servant” will be “killed” even though innocent, and his death will atone for all the sins of Israel. - **Isaiah 53**
- Talmud says Isaiah 53 is about the messiah, and records a rabbinical debate over whether he had indeed already died.
- 1st century Targum inserts “messiah” in Isaiah 53.
- A Dead Sea peshar explicitly identifies the servant of Isaiah 53 with the messiah of Daniel 9.

THE DYING MESSIAH

- “The messiah,” God’s “servant,” will be “cast off” by God and allowed

- **Psalm**

- “God’s s
death wi

- Talmud s
rabbinica

- 1st centu

- A Dead

with the messiah of Daniel 9.

Remember, “Christ” means
“Messiah” and as we just saw
earlier, many people in this same
generation are claiming to be the
new Jesus and Messiah, in other
words lots of people are claiming
to be the new **Jesus Christ**

and his

a
died.

saiah 53

THE DYING MESSIAH

- “The messiah,” God’s “servant,” will be “cast off” by God and allowed to die by the hands of his enemies.
- **Psalms 89:38**
- “God’s servant” will be “killed” even though innocent, and his death will atone for all the sins of Israel. - **Isaiah 53**
- Talmud says Isaiah 53 is about the messiah, and records a rabbinical debate over whether he had indeed already died.
- 1st century Targum inserts “messiah” in Isaiah 53.
- A Dead Sea peshar explicitly identifies the servant of Isaiah 53 with the messiah of Daniel 9.

THE DYING MESSIAH

- “The messiah,” God’s “servant,” will be “cast off” by God and allowed to die by the hands of his enemies.
- **Psalms 89:38**
- “God’s servant” will be “killed” even though innocent, and his death will atone for all the sins of Israel. - **Isaiah 53**
- Talmud says Isaiah 53 is about the messiah, but a rabbinical debate over who he is.
- 1st century Targum interprets Isaiah 53 as referring to the messiah.
- A Dead Sea peshar explains Isaiah 53 in connection with the messiah of Daniel.

It is their sins for which
God keeps holding back his promise!
So a Jesus Christ who dies to atone for
all those sins will clear the way for
doomsday!

SO WHY IS EVERYONE
CLAIMING TO BE JESUS CHRIST
AND TRYING TO GET HIMSELF
KILLED AT THIS EXACT SAME
TIME IN HISTORY?

DANIEL 9

- Seventy weeks are decreed upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy. ... from the going forth of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem, to the Christ ... shall be seven weeks, and sixty two weeks ... And after the sixty two weeks shall the Christ be killed ... Then the [evil one] will make a covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of that week he shall cause the sacrifice to end ... unto the full end [when] wrath will be poured out upon the desolate.

DANIEL 9

- Seven
city, to
make
righte
the m
restor
weeks
shall t
coven
week
[wher

The Dead Sea Scrolls, in the century
before the time of Jesus, show
attempts to work out what date
these numbers point to, using “week”
to mean “seven years,” and trying out
different calendars. By one method
(found in Christian sources), it works
out to exactly 30 A.D. Sound familiar?

ny holy
nd to
ng
o anoint
ent to
en
weeks
a
hat
end

SO ALL THAT “SUICIDAL
JESUS CHRIST” MANIA WAS
CAUSED BY A DOOMSDAY
TIMETABLE LAID OUT IN
THE JEWISH BOOK OF THE
PROPHET DANIEL

WHAT WAS *SUPPOSED* TO HAPPEN...

- According to Daniel's timetable:
 - The messiah was to appear around 30 A.D.
 - Then be killed despite his innocence
 - Then Jerusalem would be destroyed by an evil prince
 - Then in just a few years God's wrath would be poured out and the resurrection would begin
 - And then it's all righteous gamboling on the ashen skulls of our enemies.

WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN...

- Acc

- TH

- TH

- TH

- TH

an

- Ar

ou

In other words, everyone was claiming to be Jesus Christ and trying to get themselves killed to start a war that would usher in God's apocalypse so we can all stop waiting to live happily ever after already. Does this political strategy sound eerily familiar to anyone?

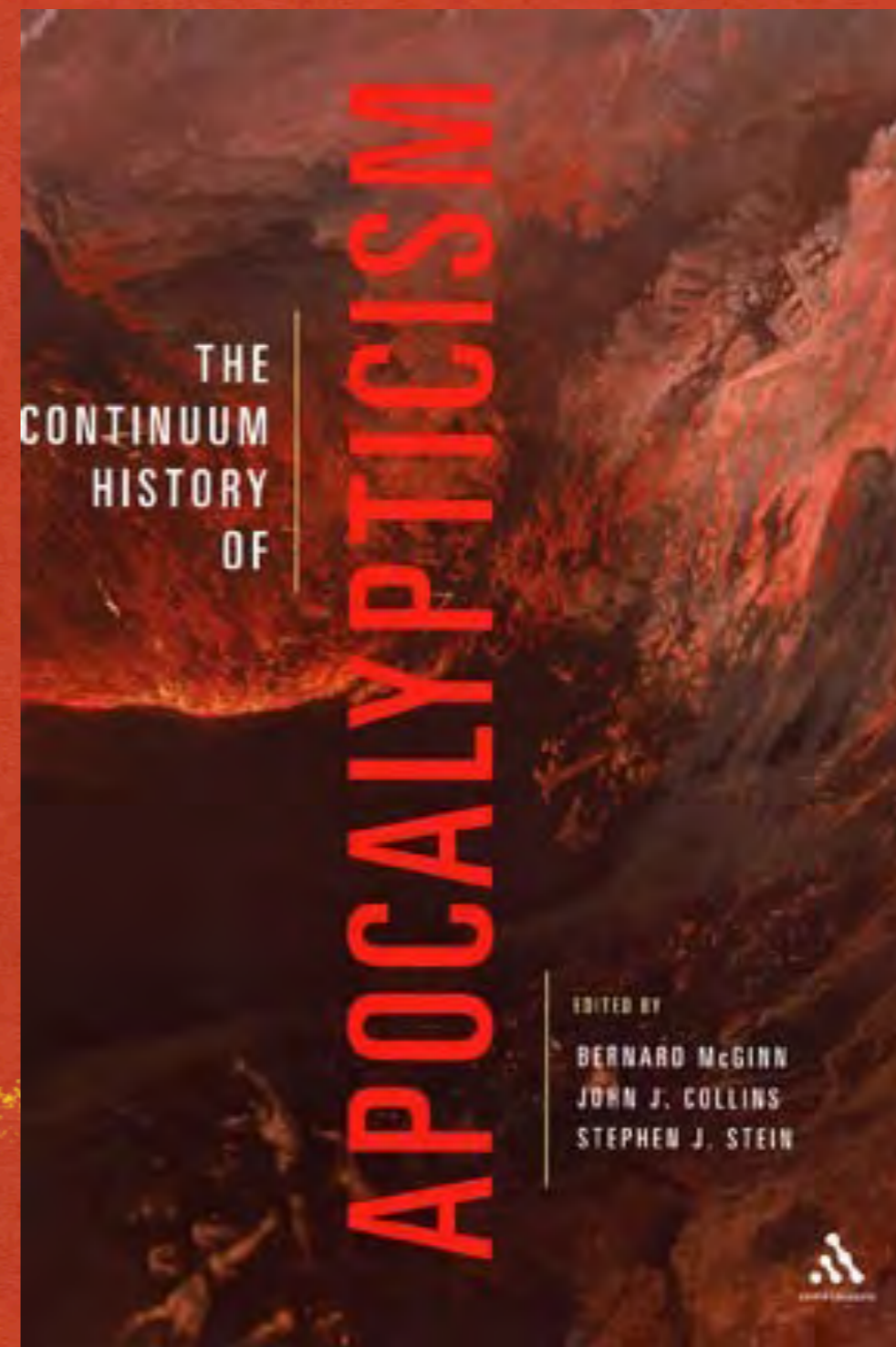
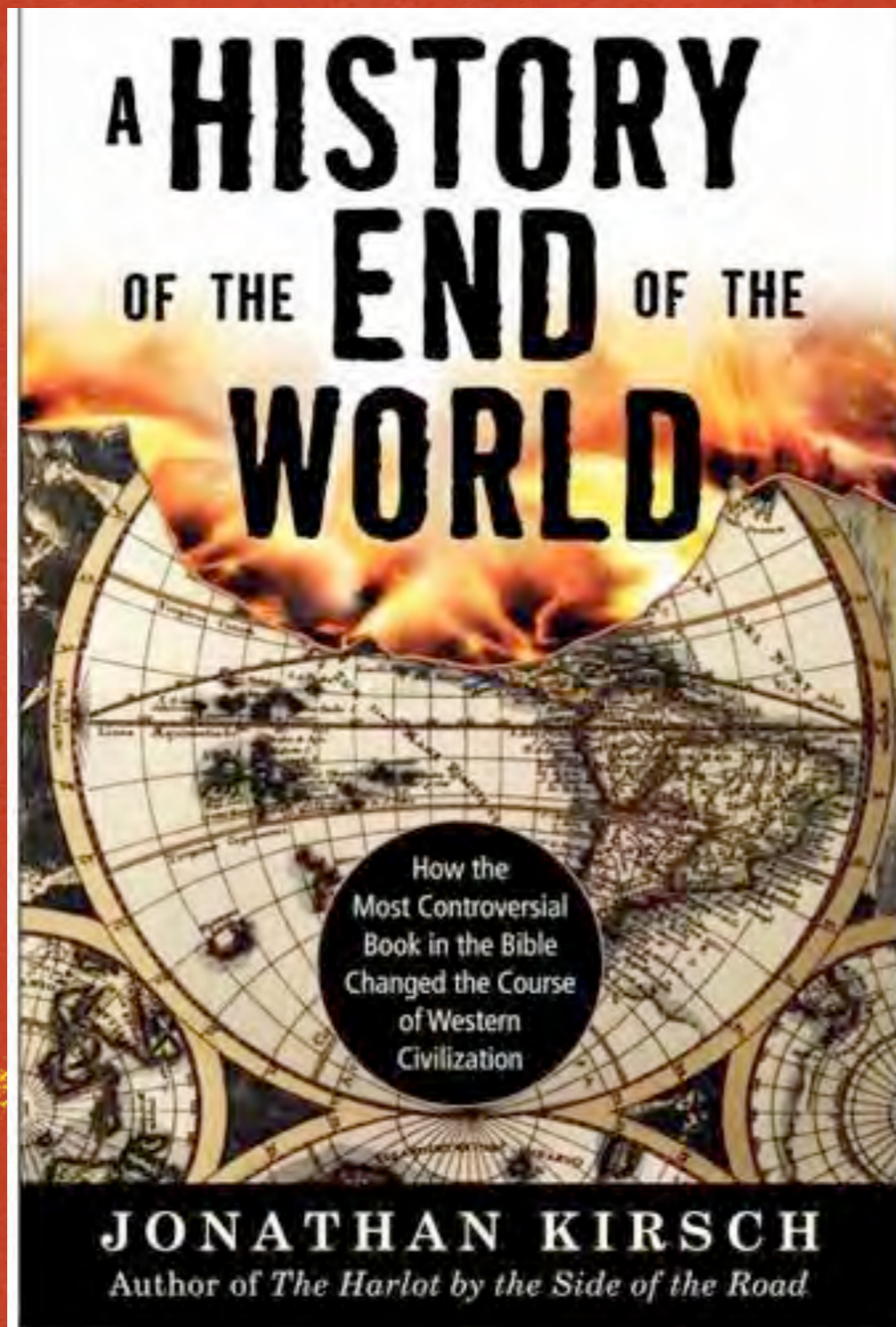
(Google "Armageddon Lobby")

out

ls of

BUT IT DIDN'T
HAPPEN

(OOPS!)



THE PUNCHLINE...

ANDRÉ LACOCQUE
THE BOOK OF DANIEL

DANIEL WAS *ORIGINALLY* A FAILED PROPHECY...

- Daniel was forged around 165 B.C. and passed off as a prophetic book from around 500 B.C.
- Its original timetable was intended to “predict” the end of the world in 164 B.C. (during the Hasmonean resistance to *Greek* occupation, rather than, as in 30 A.D., the *Roman* occupation).
- It didn’t happen. So everyone tried “reinterpreting” the data in the timetable.
- One such result pegged the 30’s A.D. as the correct time.
- The latest such result pegged *today* as the correct time (**Has Jesus shown up yet? Tick tock...**)

BUT THAT'S
NOT EVEN
THE FUNNY
BIT...

DANIEL WAS TRYING TO FIX ANOTHER FAILED PROPHECY...

- “I, Daniel, understood by the Scriptures the number of the years, according the word of Jehovah that came to *Jeremiah* the prophet, for bringing to pass the doomsday of Jerusalem, as being seventy years. And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting and sackcloth and ashes...” [...in order to ask him WTF]

Daniel 9:1-3

JEREMIAH'S DOOMSDAY PROPHECY...

- Therefore saith Jehovah of hosts: [*as punishment for your sins you and other*] nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. And when seventy years are done, then I will punish the king of Babylon and his whole nation for their crimes ... I will make it desolate forever ... and likewise *all* the kingdoms of the whole world, which are upon the face of the earth ... Jehovah will roar from on high ... against all the inhabitants of the earth ... and Jehovah will judge all flesh, and the wicked he will put to the sword ... and the slain of Jehovah shall be on that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be as dung upon the face of the ground.

Jeremiah 25:8

JEREMIAH'S DOOMSDAY PROPHECY...

- Therefore saith Jehovah of hosts: [*as punishment for your sins you and other*] nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. And when ye have punished the king of Babylon and ye shall say, We will no longer serve the king of Babylon, because we have despised his word, we will say, We will not serve him; for we have fulfilled his word, that we should serve him seventy years. I will make it desolate, as of the whole earth, because ye have despised my word, saith Jehovah. Jehovah will roar against the earth ... and will put to the sword every man his neighbor that day from one end of the earth to the other: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be as dung upon the face of the ground.

**Didn't
Happen**

Jeremiah 25:8

SO....

- Around 600 B.C. Jeremiah witnesses his master race get its ass kicked by the Babylonians and Persians and asks God WTF ... and God says it will last only 70 years then God will reward his master race by holocausting the rest of the world.
- When *that* doomsday didn't occur, and the Jews were getting their asses kicked yet again *by the Greeks*, someone faked a prophecy from "Daniel" around 165 B.C. in which God says, "Oh, I meant seventy weeks of years!"
- When *that* doomsday didn't occur, everyone tried using different calendars and calculations to get "Daniel" not to be wrong, and many came up with a date in the 1st century A.D., conveniently right when the Jews got sold out *to the Romans*.

AND....

- So the Jews, believing they are the master race who were promised by their God they'd rule the whole world and gambol on the ashen skulls of their enemies, keep getting stomped on and ruled by their enemies...again, and again, and again...
- At last “Daniel” could be stretched to mean sometime in the 1st century A.D. the Christ would be executed and a war would soon follow in which the Jews would get their asses kicked for the last time and *then* the end would finally come in a few years.
- So everyone tried being that Christ and tried getting killed, but no war followed, and when one finally did, there was no gamboling on the skulls of their enemies.

BUT...

- In the midst of all this, one of those “Christs” managed to inspire a following that *survived* his death. And their movement became what we call Christianity.
- They kept their apocalyptic claims alive, by various devices, sure it would come any minute now (because, after all, their Christ had been killed, exactly as Daniel predicted).
- Then a lucky turn came: Paul said “God” told him you don’t even have to be Jews, you just need to be “adopted” into the master race, and it’s more about the moral community we create than the actual doomsday thing anyway, *although that’s sure to come any minute now.*
- It’s still sure to come any minute now. After 2,000 years.
(Has Jesus shown up yet? Tick tock...)

BUT...

- In the inspire became

- They it would had be

- Then even master create

sure to come any minute now.

So a failed prophecy from 600 B.C. causes a *fake* prophecy to be forged in 165 B.C. that “reinterprets” the earlier failed prophecy, but that *also* fails. So people try recalculating from that *fake* prophecy and get dates in the 1st century, which leads to a fad of Jesus Christs everywhere trying to get killed, which causes Christianity.

- It's still sure to come any minute now. After 2,000 years. **(Has Jesus shown up yet? Tick tock...)**

to
ement

es, sure
Christ

on't
to the
we
that's

AND THEY'VE BEEN
“RECALCULATING” AGAIN AND
AGAIN, AFTER FAILURE AFTER
FAILURE, AS DOOMSDAY KEEPS
NOT TURNING UP...

FOR 2,000 YEARS

...AND STILL GOING.

THIS COULD WELL BE THE
LONGEST RUNNING DELUSION IN
HISTORY, SPANNING OVER 2,500
YEARS, DESPITE BEING DECISIVELY
REFUTED HUNDREDS OF TIMES.

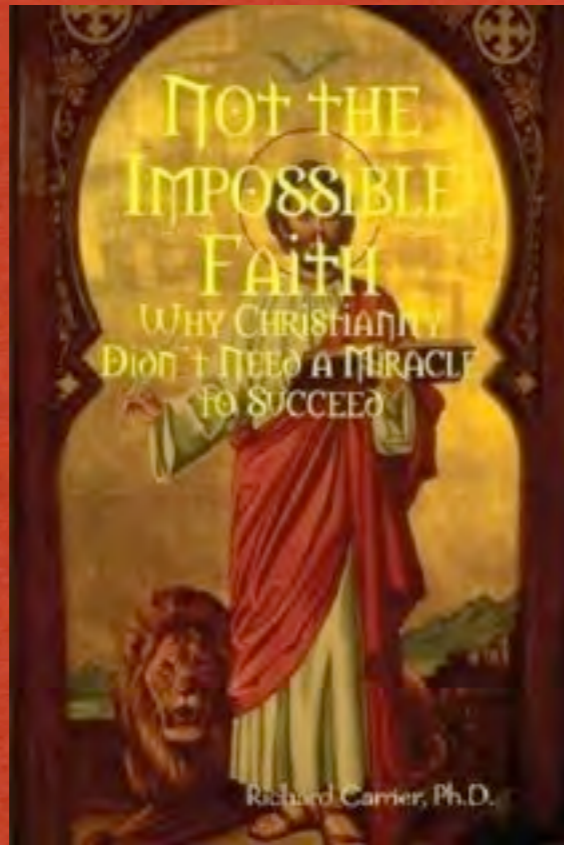
LON
HIS
YEA
RE

So do you think it will
finally happen *this* time?

N IN
500
VELY
ES.

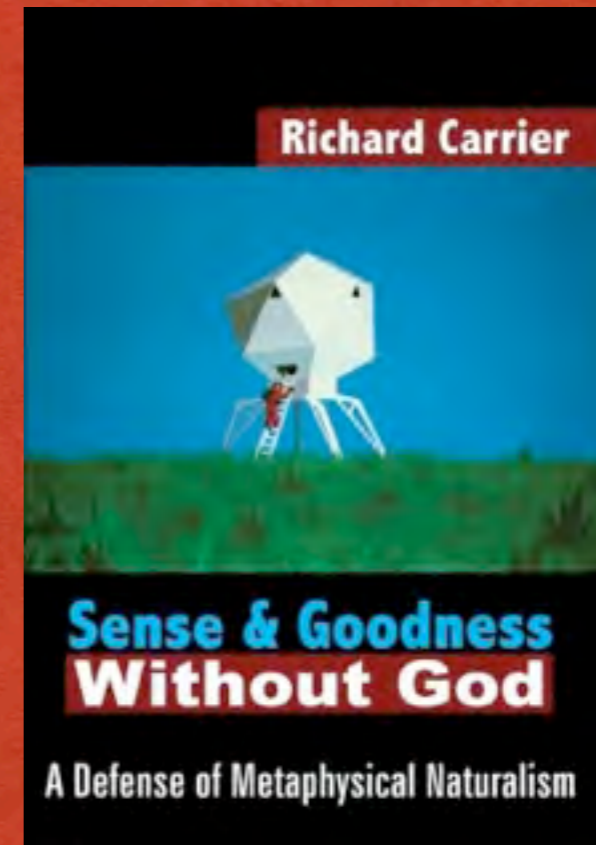
I mean, Jesus Christ!!

SO WHAT'S
THE CURE?



NOT THE
IMPOSSIBLE
FAITH
WHY CHRISTIANITY
DIDN'T NEED A MIRACLE
TO SUCCEED

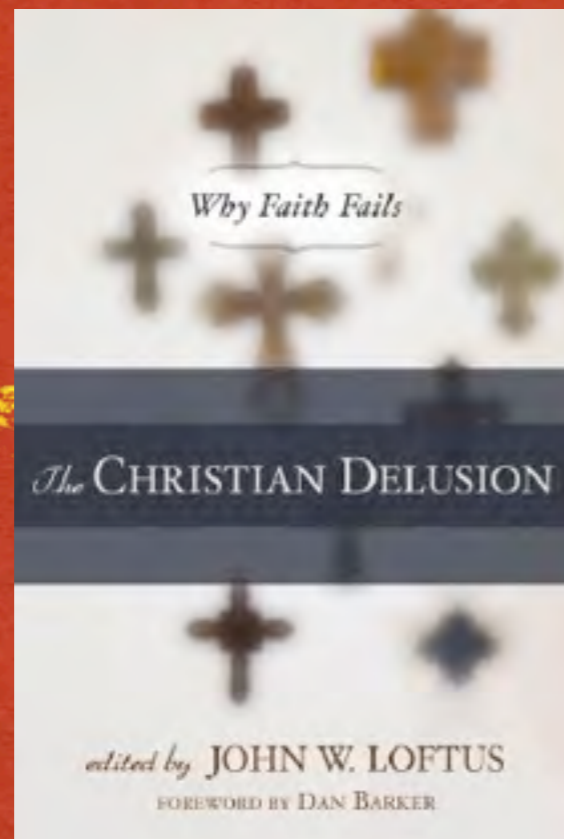
Richard Carrier, Ph.D.



Richard Carrier

Sense & Goodness
Without God

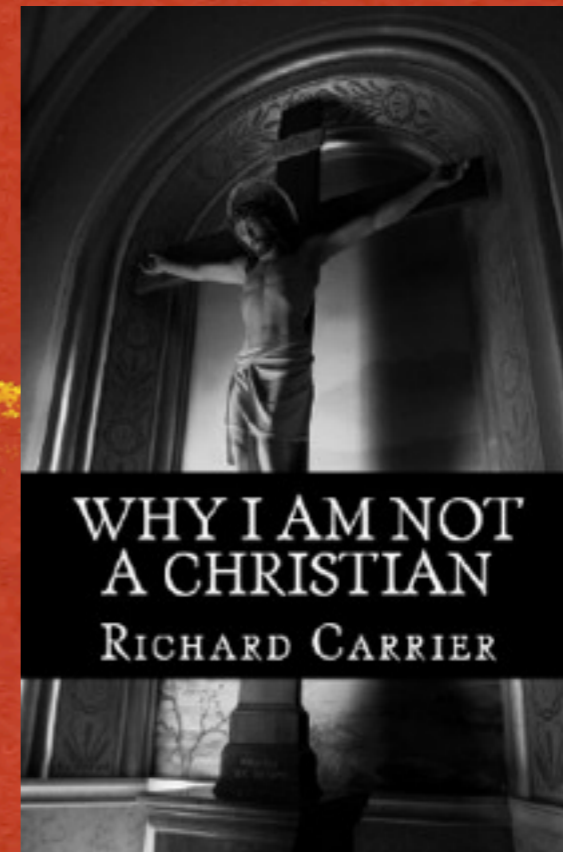
A Defense of Metaphysical Naturalism



Why Faith Fails

The CHRISTIAN DELUSION

edited by JOHN W. LOFTUS
FOREWORD BY DAN BARKER



WHY I AM NOT
A CHRISTIAN
RICHARD CARRIER