

FAQ 28

The Data Of Mt. 24 Unfolds In One Generation - The Final One

Q #28 Do you believe we are living in the "final generation" before our Lord's return?

The Scriptures teach end-time events will take place in one final generation. This does NOT mean there have not been earlier moments in history when some of the signs were presenting themselves. But because the complete fulfillment of the end-time passages did not occur, these signs were NOT actually eschatological fulfillments of the events listed. This statement simply affirms the teaching of our Lord: "Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until **all** these things have taken place." (Matthew 24:34; emphasis ours; NRSV) In application, please don't allow the dogmatic Preterists to mislead you toward ill-preparedness, for they teach falsely concerning this crucial biblical theme of *watchfulness* before our Lord's return.

[Note: A sub FAQ, but one which is appropriate here: Some have said, "Don't you demonstrate a lack of academic integrity when you use the word "preterist" as opposed to the word "preterits"? In answer: Actually, no, the word "preterists" has been around for a long time. See Webster's New International Dictionary (2nd Edition; 1951) which has, as the second entry for "Preterists, the following: "2. *Theol.* One who believes the prophecies of the Apocalypse to have been already fulfilled"]