

REFUTING PM – PART 6

- I. **Most Premillennialists believe that, following the rapture and before their Anti-Christ reveals himself, the Old Testament temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem and that the Old Testament sacrifices will once again be offered.**
- A. “After 3 ½ years the Antichrist will stop the sacrifice and offering in the temple...” (**lastdaysmystery.info**).
- B. “The Scriptures tell us that there will be a Third Temple because sacrifices will be taking place during the last part of the Tribulation. For this to occur, there must be an altar and some sort of structure - be it a stone temple or a tent similar to Moses' or David's tabernacle” (**therefinersfire.org**).
- C. July 1 2008 – “Wearing a turban and a light blue tunic threaded with silver, a man stands in a workshop in Jerusalem's Old City beside spools of white thread affixed to sewing machines. A painting of high priests performing an animal sacrifice beside the First Temple illustrates the function of the room. On Monday, the Temple Institute started preparing to build a Third Temple on Jerusalem's Mount Moriah, the site of the Dome of the Rock and the Aksa mosque, by inaugurating a workshop that manufactures priestly garments” (**lastdaysmystery.info**).
- D. “Prophecy tells us the antichrist breaks the covenant or treaty (**Dan. 9:27**) by causing the sacrifice to cease. Therefore, the covenant must be one that involves sacrifices on the Temple Mound” (**raptureready.org**).
- E. “It is at the midpoint of the Tribulation period that the Antichrist will break his covenant with Israel (**Dan. 9:27**)... the Antichrist will make a stop of the Jewish sacrifices in the rebuilt temple” (**eternalministries.org**).
- F. To suggest anyone (Jews or otherwise) will once again offer Old Testament sacrifices with God’s approval is absurd.
- II. **The PM view refuted:**
- A. In the quotes above did you notice that those who appealed to scripture noted **Dan. 9:27**?
1. This is another of their favorite sugar-sticks.
 2. We will properly dissect that passage at another time. For now let’s just note their assumptions based on the text.
 - (a) They **assume** that the “*he*” in this text is referring to their antichrist.
 - (i) However, a careful study of **Dan. 9:24-27** reveals “*he*” is not their Anti-Christ, but Christ Himself.
 - (b) They **assume** the passage is referring to events after their rapture.
 - (i) However, a careful study of **Dan. 9:24-27** reveals that the text is referring to the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple after the Babylonian captivity, Christ’s appearance in the 1st century, His sacrifice on the cross, and His coming in judgment (via the Romans) to destroy (make desolate) Jerusalem.
 - (c) They **assume** Daniel’s prophecy has not yet been fulfilled.
 - (i) This seems strange in view of **Matt. 5:17**.
 - ◆ Jesus stated He came to fulfill {#4137 πληρώω plerōō – to complete; to bring to an end; to wrap up} the law and the prophets (the Old Testament).
 - ◆ This certainly includes the prophet and the passage under discussion. **Lk. 16:17** clears up things.
 3. When one properly understands **Dan. 9:27** has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the PM camp’s idea about OT sacrifices following the rapture goes out the window.
- B. To suggest that anyone would ever again offer animal sacrifices with God’s approval is an insult to the sufficiency of Christ’s sacrifice in the 1st century.
1. In the Greek language, there is a word, when used in connection to Christ, which denotes the permanency of His sacrifice. The word is #560 ἄπαξ (**hapax**). It means once for all time; “of that which is perpetually valid” (**Vine**).
 2. **Rom.6:10; Heb. 7:27; 9:12, 26-28; 10:10, 12; 1 Pet. 3:18.**
 3. To suggest that we will ever need animal sacrifices again must simply be an insult to Jesus.
 4. To suggest God will look kindly on any whom hold to the old law is contrary to 1st century Christianity (**Gal. 5:1-4**).
- C. Sundry passages show that the Old Testament law (along with its sacrifices) has been abrogated.
1. **Rom. 7:1-6; 10:1-4; Heb. 7:11-18; 10:1-18; 2 Cor. 3:1-7; Gal. 3:24-25; Eph. 2:15; et al.**
- III. **Conclusion** – How anyone could ever go along with sacrifices being reinstated is beyond me.