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\*I am NOT looking forward to the Kingdom of God...now read the blog!\*

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An email newsletter from Jonathan Welton and Welton Academy

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\*If you are looking forward to the Kingdom of God, then your  
theology got messed up somewhere along the line.\*

This is one of many thoughts I had after spending a whole day surrounded by individuals that would describe themselves as Charismatic, yet they are dispensational in thinking. Allow me to define.

Therefore we are currently living in what is called the Church Age until we are Raptured and then the Kingdom Age will begin. The Bible doesn't teach any of this, but Dispensationalism does. Dispensational teaching says that when the first century Jews rejected Jesus as their Messiah, God turned to plan B, which we know as the Church. The claim is that no Old Testament prophets saw the Church coming and that God created the Church to save a bunch of Gentiles, then God will Rapture the Church out of the way and re-establish His relationship with the Jews again in the Kingdom Age of the post-Rapture world.

\*The truth of the matter is that if the Kingdom is not until the Church Age is over, then much of the New Testament teaching holds NO value for our life currently.\* The Book of Matthew alone is chock full of parables about the Kingdom. I guess we can just tear that book out and throw it away because we will be raptured and sitting in heaven before that book has any application?!?!

The Old Testament very clearly prophesied of the arrival of the Kingdom of God in the First Century. In Daniel 2 we find that Nebuchadnezzar had a dream of a statue. It represented the four kingdoms of: Babylon, Medeo-Persia, Greece, and The Roman Empire. At the base of the statue there were ten toes made of Iron and Clay. History records that these four kingdoms came just as the dream predicted...

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