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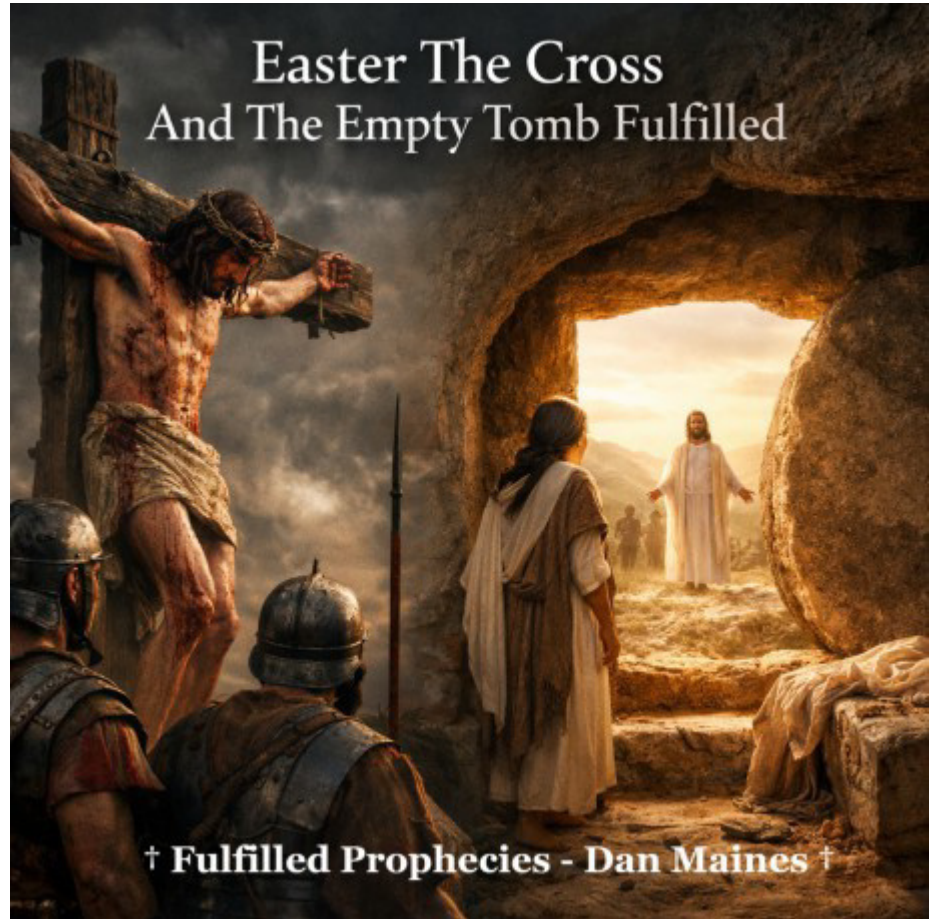
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## Easter The Cross And The Empty Tomb Fulfilled



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### Introduction

† Easter isn't just a celebration, it's the turning point of everything God promised coming into reality in their generation.

† It carries both sorrow and joy, sorrow for the suffering of Christ, and joy for what His death and resurrection accomplished.

† What many miss is that while Jesus' resurrection is acknowledged as past, the full meaning of it, the resurrection of

the covenant people, the kingdom, and the judgment, are still pushed into the future, but scripture says it was fulfilled in that first-century generation.

### **Isaiah 53:3-5**

He was despised and forsaken by men,  
A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
And like one from whom men hide their face  
He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.  
Surely our griefs He Himself bore,  
And our sorrows He carried;  
Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken,  
Smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But He was pierced through for our transgressions,  
He was crushed for our iniquities;  
The punishment for our well-being fell upon Him,  
And by His scourging we are healed.

† This is the sorrow of Easter, the suffering wasn't symbolic, it was real, brutal, and necessary (Isaiah 53:10).

† He wasn't suffering for Himself, He was carrying the sins of His people to complete the covenant, and we now live in the life that work accomplished. (Hebrews 9:26).

† This shows the cost of redemption, it wasn't cheap, it was paid in blood (1 Peter 1:18-19).

### **Psalm 22:16-18**

For dogs have surrounded me;  
A band of evildoers has encircled me;  
They pierced my hands and my feet.  
I can count all my bones;  
They look, they stare at me;  
They divide my garments among them,  
And for my clothing they cast lots.

† This shows that the cross wasn't an accident, it was foretold in detail long before it happened (Acts 2:23).

† Even the smallest details were fulfilled, proving God's plan was exact and deliberate (Luke 24:44).

† The suffering of Christ was the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, not something still waiting to happen (Matthew 5:17).

## **John 19:30**

Therefore, when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

† This is where sorrow reaches its peak, the moment of death, but also where victory begins (Colossians 2:14).

† It is finished means the debt was paid in full and the Old Covenant system was brought to its end in principle, and what was becoming obsolete was fully removed in that generation (Hebrews 8:13; Matthew 24:2).

† Nothing was left undone, everything required under the Law was completed right there (Romans 10:4).

## **Matthew 28:5-6**

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying."

† This is the joy of Easter, death didn't win, the grave didn't hold Him (Acts 2:24).

† His resurrection confirmed everything He said was true (Romans 1:4).

† This wasn't just about Him rising, it was about the beginning of a new covenant reality (1 Corinthians 15:20-23).

## **Daniel 12:2**

"Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt."

† The resurrection wasn't about every individual at the end of time, it was about the covenant people being raised into new life (John 5:24-25).

† Many, not all, showing this was tied to Israel and their transition (Matthew 24:34).

† This connects directly to what was fulfilled in that generation, not thousands of years later (Luke 21:22).

† This awakening is tied to the time of the end spoken of in Daniel 12:1, which aligns with the tribulation and judgment leading up to AD 70 (Matthew 24:21-22).

† The resurrection life began with Christ as the firstfruits, but the full covenantal transition and separation, life and judgment, was manifested in that generation (1 Corinthians 15:20-23).

† This shows a process, not a single moment, the cross secured it, and the events leading to AD 70 revealed and completed it (Hebrews 8:13).

## **Matthew 16:27-28**

"For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every person according to his deeds. Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

† Jesus Himself placed His coming and judgment within the lifetime of His audience, not thousands of years later (Matthew 24:34).

† This locks the timing of Easter's fulfillment to that generation, not a future expectation (Luke 21:22).

† The resurrection and kingdom were not delayed, they were established just as He said (Mark 9:1).

## **Hebrews 8:13**

When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

† This shows the Old Covenant was in the process of passing away in that first century generation (Hebrews 9:10).

† The cross and resurrection marked the transition, but the full removal came with judgment in AD 70 (Matthew 24:2).

† Easter is not isolated, it is part of the complete covenant shift that was fulfilled.

## **1 Corinthians 15:44-46**

It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So also it is written: "The first man, Adam, became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.

† The resurrection is defined as spiritual, not a return to fleshly life (John 6:63).

† Christ as the life-giving spirit shows the nature of the new life believers receive (2 Corinthians 5:16-17).

† This confirms the resurrection fulfillment was about transformation, not reanimation of physical bodies.

## **Historical References**

† Josephus records the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 in detail, matching the judgment Jesus described in Matthew 24.

† Eusebius writes that the early Christians saw these events as fulfillment of Christ's prophecies.

† Tacitus confirms the historical crucifixion of Christ under Roman authority.

## How It Applies To Us Today

† We don't live waiting for victory, we're living in what Christ already accomplished (2 Corinthians 5:17).

† Death has lost its power over us spiritually, we are alive in Him now (Ephesians 2:5-6).

† The sorrow reminds us of the cost, the joy reminds us of the victory, both are essential to understand the gospel fully.

## Q & A Appendix

**Q** If Christ already rose, what does that mean for us now?

**A** It means we already share in that life, John 5:24 says we have passed out of death into life.

**Q** Was the resurrection only about Jesus?

**A** No, He was the firstfruits, 1 Corinthians 15:20 shows it began a greater covenant resurrection.

**Q** Why is Easter both sad and joyful?

**A** Because it shows the suffering of the cross and the victory over death, Hebrews 12:2 shows both together.

**Q** If everything is fulfilled, why is there still physical death?

**A** Because the victory was over spiritual death, John 5:24 and Ephesians 2:1-6 show we have already passed into life even while physically alive.

**Q** If Jesus said "It is finished," what exactly was finished?

**A** The work of the Law and the Old Covenant system was completed, John 19:30 and Hebrews 8:13 show the covenant was made obsolete and ready to disappear.

**Q** If the resurrection is spiritual, what happens to the physical body?

**A** The body returns to dust, but life is in the spirit, 1 Corinthians

15:44-46 and John 6:63 show that the spiritual is what gives life.

**Q** Did Jesus already come in His kingdom?

**A** Yes, He said some standing there would see it before they died, Matthew 16:27-28 confirms it happened in that generation.

**Q** What was fulfilled in AD 70?

**A** The judgment, the end of the Old Covenant age, and all things written were fulfilled, Luke 21:22 and Matthew 24:2 show the temple's destruction marked that completion.

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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