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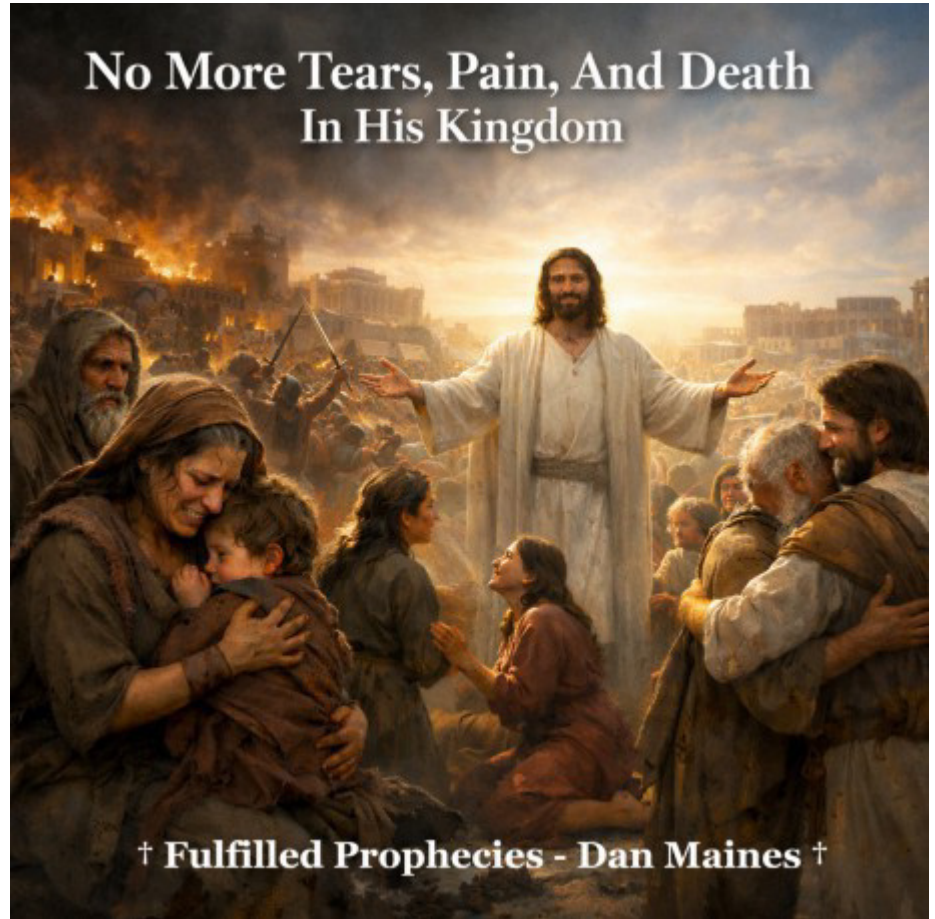
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## No More Tears, Pain, And Death In His Kingdom



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### Introduction

† From the fulfilled perspective, no more tears, pain, and death is not describing the end of the physical world, it's describing the end of the Old Covenant system that produced sorrow, separation, and death (Hebrews 8:13; Revelation 21:4).

† Under the Law, Israel lived in a constant state of guilt, judgment, and fear because sin was never truly taken away, it

was only covered year by year (Hebrews 10:1-3).

† The promises of no more tears and no more pain are covenantal, they point to the completed work of Christ and the full arrival of His kingdom by AD 70 (Isaiah 65:17-19; Matthew 24:34).

### **Genesis 3:16-19**

To the woman He said,  
"I will greatly multiply  
Your pain in childbirth,  
In pain you shall give birth to children,  
Yet your desire will be for your husband,  
And he will rule over you."

Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it';

Cursed is the ground because of you,  
With hard labor you shall eat from it  
All the days of your life.

Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you,  
Yet you shall eat the plants of the field;

By the sweat of your face  
You shall eat bread,

Until you return to the ground,  
Because from it you were taken;

For you are dust,  
And to dust you shall return."

† From the beginning, pain, toil, and death entered because of sin, this set the stage for the entire Old Covenant world, a system defined by curse and separation (Romans 5:12; Romans 8:20).

† The ground being cursed shows the whole covenant world of man was affected, not just physical soil, but the condition of life

under sin and law (Romans 8:20-21; Galatians 3:10).

† Death here is more than physical, it is separation from God, the very problem the Law could never fix (Isaiah 59:2; Hebrews 10:1-4).

### **Lamentations 3:48-49**

My eyes run down with streams of water  
Because of the destruction of the daughter of my people.  
My eyes pour down unceasingly,  
Without stopping,

† Israel lived in continual sorrow because of covenant judgment, their tears were tied to the consequences of breaking the Law (Deuteronomy 28:65-67).

† The destruction of Jerusalem brought literal weeping, showing that tears were part of the Old Covenant reality (Jeremiah 9:1; Lamentations 2:11).

† This sorrow was not removed because the system itself could not remove sin, it only reminded them of it (Hebrews 10:3-4; Hebrews 9:9-10).

### **Isaiah 65:17-19**

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth;  
And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create;  
For behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing  
And her people for gladness.  
I will also rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people;  
And there will no longer be heard in her  
The sound of weeping and the sound of crying.

† God promised a new heavens and a new earth where weeping would end, this is clearly tied to Jerusalem, not the end of the physical planet (Isaiah 51:15-16; Hebrews 12:22-24).

† The removal of weeping is covenantal, it comes with the creation of a new covenant people, not a new physical universe (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15-16).

† This promise was future to them, but fulfilled in Christ when the Old Covenant system passed away (Hebrews 8:13; Matthew 24:34).

### **Isaiah 25:8**

He will swallow up death for all time,  
And the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,  
And He will remove the disgrace of His people from all the earth;  
For the Lord has spoken.

† This directly connects the removal of death with the wiping away of tears, showing both are covenant realities being fulfilled together (1 Corinthians 15:54-57).

† This is not new language in Revelation, it's fulfillment of what Isaiah already promised (Revelation 21:4; 2 Corinthians 1:20).

† The reproach being removed shows the end of covenant shame and judgment under the Law (Hebrews 9:9-10; Romans 8:1).

### **Revelation 21:3-4**

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their

eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

† This is the fulfillment of Isaiah, the removal of tears happens when the first things pass away, meaning the Old Covenant system (Isaiah 65:17-19; Hebrews 8:13).

† Death being no more is not physical death ending, it's the end of covenant separation, the spiritual death that came through the Law (1 Corinthians 15:56-57; Romans 7:9-11).

† God dwelling with His people is the completed reality of the New Covenant, not something still waiting in the future (Ephesians 2:19-22; 2 Corinthians 6:16).

### **John 16:20**

Truly, truly I say to you, that you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy.

† Jesus told His disciples their sorrow would be turned into joy, not removed instantly, but transformed through His completed work (John 16:22; Hebrews 12:2).

† Their weeping was tied to the transition period, the passing of the Old Covenant and the coming of the New (Hebrews 9:8-10; Galatians 4:24-26).

† That sorrow ended when the kingdom was fully established, not thousands of years later (Matthew 16:27-28; Matthew 24:34).

### **Hebrews 10:1-2**

For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near. Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins?

† The reason they still had sorrow is because they still had a constant reminder of sin under the Law (Hebrews 10:3; Hebrews 9:9).

† No more consciousness of sins connects directly to no more mourning, crying, and pain (Revelation 21:4; Romans 8:1).

† This proves the removal of tears is tied to the removal of sin guilt, not physical conditions (Colossians 2:13-14; Hebrews 10:14).

## **1 Corinthians 15:56**

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

† This defines death as tied directly to sin and the Law, not physical biology (Romans 5:12; Romans 7:11).

† Once the Law is removed, the sting is gone, meaning covenant death is removed (Hebrews 8:13; Ephesians 2:15).

† This perfectly explains how death can be no more in Christ's kingdom while physical death still exists (John 5:24; 2 Timothy 1:10).

## **Historical References**

† Josephus records the immense suffering, famine, and sorrow during the destruction of Jerusalem, confirming the reality of

covenant judgment in that generation (Matthew 24:21; Luke 23:28-30).

† Eusebius writes that the fall of Jerusalem marked the end of the old system and the vindication of Christ's words (Matthew 24:2; Matthew 24:34).

† Tacitus describes the destruction and mourning in Judea, aligning with the biblical record of weeping and judgment (Luke 19:41-44; Lamentations 1:12).

† Clement of Alexandria taught that the transition into life in Christ removed the burden of the Law and its condemnation (Romans 8:1-2; 2 Corinthians 3:6-11).

## **How It Applies To Us Today**

† We are not living under a system of sorrow and condemnation, we're living in the completed kingdom where God dwells with His people (Romans 8:1; Ephesians 2:22).

† The tears, pain, and death tied to the Law are gone, we are no longer separated from God, we are united in Christ (Colossians 1:13-14; Ephesians 2:13).

† This means we live in joy, not fear, because the covenant that produced sorrow has been removed (Hebrews 10:14-18; 1 John 4:18).

## **Q & A Appendix**

**Q** If there is no more death, why do people still die physically?

**A** The death removed is covenant death, separation from God, not physical death, which has always existed. Paul said the sting of death is sin and the power of sin is the law, so the death in view is the death brought by the Law's condemnation (1

Corinthians 15:56; Romans 5:12; Romans 7:9-11).

**Q** Why do people still experience pain today?

**A** Physical pain still exists in the world, but the covenantal pain of sin, guilt, judgment, and separation has been removed in Christ. Revelation 21 is speaking about the passing of the first things, the Old Covenant order, not the end of all human sensation (Revelation 21:4; Hebrews 8:13; Romans 8:1).

**Q** When were tears wiped away?

**A** When the Old Covenant passed away and the New Covenant was fully established. Jesus placed that fulfillment in His generation, not thousands of years later (Matthew 24:34; Hebrews 12:26-28; Revelation 21:4).

**Q** Why did they have tears and pain in the Old Testament, but not in His kingdom?

**A** They had tears and pain because they lived under a covenant that exposed sin, brought judgment, and could never cleanse the conscience. In Christ's kingdom, that covenant is gone, access to God is open, and the conscience is cleansed (Hebrews 9:9-10; Hebrews 10:1-2, 14-18; Ephesians 2:18).

**Q** Does "no more tears" mean believers will never cry emotionally today?

**A** No, the context is covenantal, not emotional. The tears removed are tied to mourning, judgment, and separation under the Law, not everyday human emotion. God removed the cause of covenant sorrow, not human feelings (Revelation 21:4; Hebrews 10:1-3; Ecclesiastes 3:4).

**Q** If death is defeated, why does the Bible still talk about people dying after Christ?

**A** Because physical death was never the enemy Christ came to destroy. Scripture defines death as sin empowered by the Law, and that is what was removed. Physical death continues, but covenant death has been defeated (1 Corinthians 15:56; Romans 7:9-11; John 11:25-26).

**Q** Is Revelation 21 describing heaven or something happening on earth?

**A** It describes God dwelling with His people, which is New Covenant reality, not relocation to a different place. The focus is on relationship, not location, God with man, not man leaving earth (Revelation 21:3; Ephesians 2:19-22; 2 Corinthians 6:16).

**Q** What are the "first things" that passed away?

**A** The first things are the Old Covenant system, the Law, the temple, sacrifices, and everything tied to sin, death, and separation. When that system ended, the sorrow connected to it ended as well (Hebrews 8:13; Hebrews 9:8-10; Revelation 21:4).

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

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