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## Kingdom - Fulfillment of the Kingdom



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### **Fulfillment of the Kingdom**

**Matthew 24:34** *"Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place."*

For many Christians, the study of prophecy has often been shaped by futuristic expectations, looking for the signs of the end, the rise of Antichrist, and a coming tribulation. But what if Jesus meant exactly what He said? What if the prophecies of judgment, tribulation, and the coming of the Son of Man were fulfilled in the first century, just as He declared?

In Matthew 24, Jesus warned His disciples about the destruction of Jerusalem, the great tribulation, and His coming in judgment. He explicitly told them, *"This generation will not pass away until all these things take place."* That generation witnessed the fulfillment of His prophecy when Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 AD, just as He said. The "coming of the Son of Man" was not about Jesus returning in physical form but about His vindication as King, bringing judgment on the Old Covenant world and establishing the New.

Hebrews 12:28 tells us that we have received a kingdom that cannot be shaken. We are not waiting for Christ to establish His reign, He already reigns! The destruction of the temple signified the end of the Old Covenant, and the fullness of God's kingdom was revealed in the New Covenant. We are not looking for a future earthly kingdom; we are living in the reign of Christ now, as His kingdom advances in the world.

So what does this mean for us today? It means we are called to live in the confidence that Christ reigns now. The world is not spiraling toward chaos but is being transformed by the gospel. Our mission is not to sit and wait for an escape but to be active participants in the expansion of His kingdom through love, justice, and truth.

Jesus was faithful to His word. He came in judgment upon Israel, fulfilling prophecy, and established His everlasting kingdom. Let us walk in the reality of His victory, knowing that His promises are sure. The kingdom is here, and we are called to live as citizens of it, bringing the light of Christ into the world.

Instead of fearing the future, let's embrace our role in God's kingdom today. Let's proclaim His reign, live in His peace, and spread His love because His kingdom is here, and it has no end! (Isaiah 9:7, Daniel 2:44, 7:14, Luke 1:32-33, 7:20-21 etc.)

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