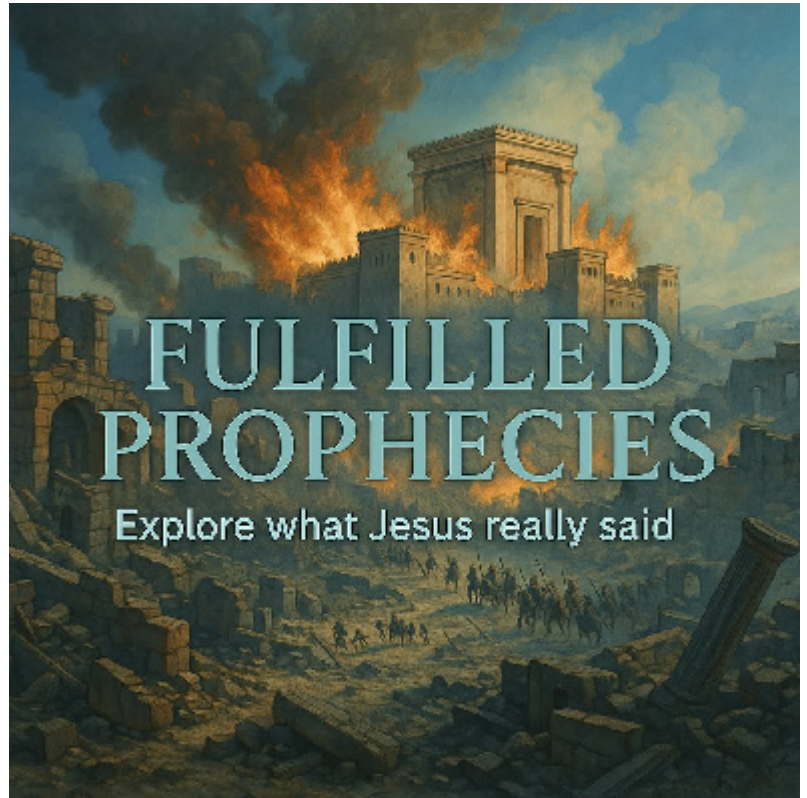


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Matthew 10:22-23



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Matthew 10:22-23 NASB

22 And you will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.

23 “But whenever they persecute you in one city, flee to the next; for truly I say to you, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel until the Son of Man comes.

I believe most Christians place themselves in these verses. I was mistakenly taught to put myself into scripture. I will tell you

right now the "you" in both these verses is not you! It was in reference to the twelve, Not you and I. When we understand the context of chapter 10 and the audience of the twelve is understood, then we will understand Jesus is saying to the Twelve, You will not finish going through all the cities of Israel before my "Coming".

Look at each verse in chapter 10 it's all the same audience, the twelve. It's as plain as day, His Coming was to take place in the twelve's generation.

Now, lets read it again. Matthew 10:23 When they persecute you (the twelve) in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you (the twelve), you (the twelve) will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

These verses are not referring to Christians two thousand years in the future. Jesus implied that He would COME before His disciples had gone through all the cities of Israel in the first century.

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