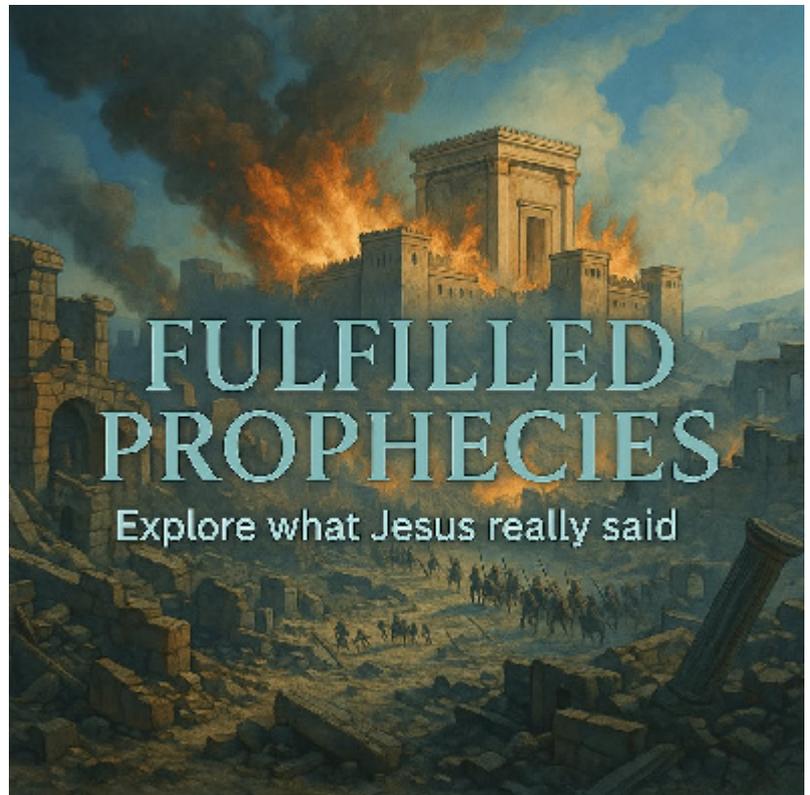


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Matthew 24 and 25 are not about some future tribulation or today's modern Jew. Those chapters were specific to that generation Jesus was speaking to (Matthew 24:34). Jesus was warning 1st-century Israel of their coming judgment under the Old Covenant. Yes, Jews today can be saved in Christ like anyone else, but the Old Covenant nation was judged, removed, and never to be found again in a conventional sense.

Revelation 18:21-23 says:

"Then a strong angel picked up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, 'So will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will never be found again. And the sound of harpists, musicians, flute-players, and trumpeters will never be heard in you again; and no craftsman of any craft will ever be found in you again; and the sound of a mill will never be heard in you again; and the light of a lamp will never shine in you again; and the voice of the groom and bride will never be heard in you again. For your merchants were the powerful people of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your witchcraft.'" (NASB)

This is not about some future global empire. This is Jerusalem. Revelation 11:8 calls the city where Jesus was crucified "Sodom and Egypt" spiritually. That is Jerusalem. Jesus had already said where all the righteous blood would be found:

"So that upon you will fall the guilt of all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah... truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who have been sent to her!" (Matthew 23:35-37)

That great city was Babylon in Revelation, cast into the sea, never to rise again. Its lamp was extinguished. Its covenant role was finished.

Jesus made this crystal clear:

Matthew 21:43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruit."

God was done with Old Covenant Israel as a nation. The kingdom was taken and given to the New Covenant body of

Christ.

Hebrews 8:13 says: "When He said, 'A new covenant,' He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is about to disappear." That disappearance was fulfilled in 70AD. It vanished, and there is no return.

Jesus wept over Jerusalem, knowing its final fate:

Luke 19:43-44 "For the days will come upon you when your enemies will put up a barricade... and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."

And He said plainly:

Matthew 23:38 "Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!"

The Old Jerusalem was the harlot (Revelation 17:1), drunk with the blood of the prophets (Revelation 18:24), and it was permanently replaced by the New Jerusalem, the bride (Revelation 21:2, 9).

Revelation 21:2 "And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband."

Hebrews 12:22-24 "But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem..."

We are already citizens of that New Jerusalem. The old city was judged and thrown down forever. The New Covenant city remains.

Revelation 22:3-5 "There will no longer be any curse... they will see His face... and they will reign forever and ever."

2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, this person is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

The old Jerusalem is gone. Spiritually and conventionally, it will never be found again.

The New Jerusalem is here. And it will never pass away.

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