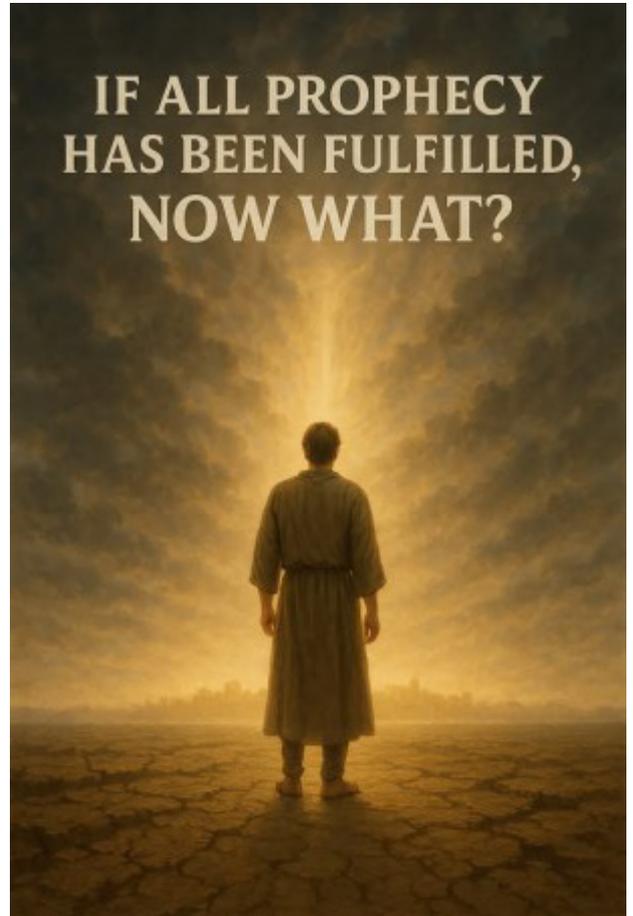


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Prophecy - If All Prophecy Has Been Fulfilled, Now What?



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Introduction:

People often ask, "If all prophecy has been fulfilled, now what?" That question reveals an assumption that without a future return or judgment to wait for, there must be nothing left. But that could not be further from the truth. Fulfillment is not the end of the story. It is the beginning of life in the full presence of God's promises.

So now what? Now, we live in the reality of His completed work, with a mission here and a hope beyond.

We Live in the Presence of God Now

- Revelation 21:3 "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."

We are not waiting for God to come near. He already has. We live in the reality of a restored relationship that Israel longed for. Christ dwells among us through His Spirit and in His Body, the Church.

- 2 Corinthians 6:16 "For we are the temple of the living God, just as God said: I will dwell among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

We Live in the Fulfilled Kingdom

- Matthew 28:18-20 "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations... teaching them to follow all that I commanded you."

We are not waiting for Jesus to be enthroned. He is enthroned. We are not waiting for a kingdom. We are in it. Our mission is not to wait, but to work, teaching, discipling, serving.

- Hebrews 12:28 "Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe."

We Live with Joy, Purpose, and Eternal Hope

- 1 Peter 1:3-5 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of

Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and unfading, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith."

Fulfilled prophecy does not cancel hope. It confirms that God keeps His promises. That includes the promise of eternal life in His presence.

- 2 Corinthians 5:8 "We are of good courage and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord."

Death is not the end. Being with Christ after death is part of our fulfilled hope. The kingdom is here, but the King also receives His faithful ones into His presence beyond this life.

- Philippians 1:21-23 "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain... having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better."

Paul's words remain true. Life now is kingdom life, but death means gain, we enter His presence fully and forever.

Conclusion:

If all prophecy has been fulfilled, then now we live in what the prophets only dreamed of. We live in Christ's kingdom, we walk in His Spirit, and we carry His mission. And when our time here is finished, we go to be with Him in the eternal joy of His presence.

The story is not over. It has just begun. The King reigns. The kingdom is here. The hope of eternal life is sure. That is more than enough to live for and to die for.

Amen.

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