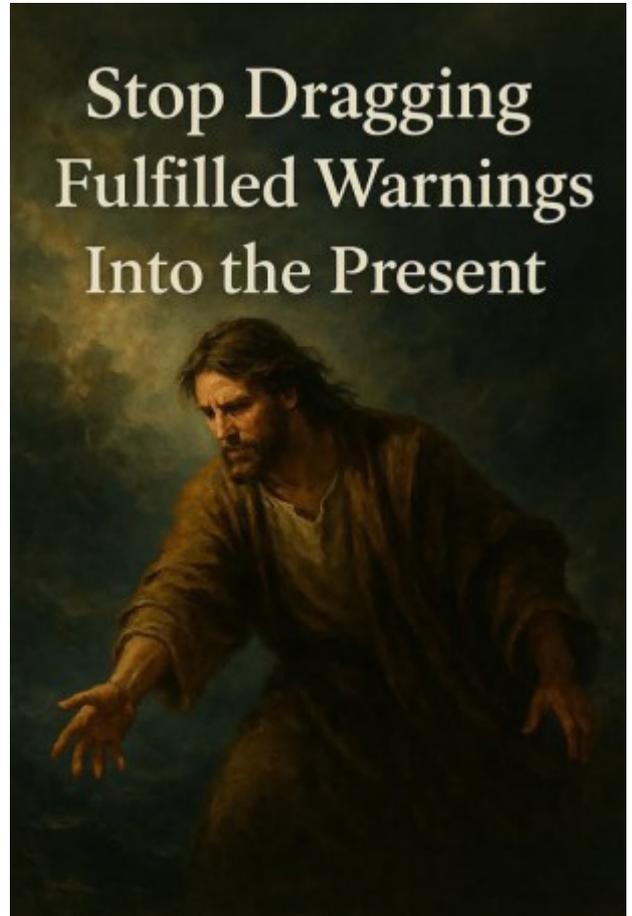


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Salvation - Stop Dragging Fulfilled Warnings Into the Present A follow-up to "Saved By Jesus Only"



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Stop Dragging Fulfilled Warnings Into the Present *A follow-up to "Saved By Jesus Only"*

In the last message, we declared with clarity that salvation is found in Christ alone. He is the door, the way, the truth, and the life. There is no salvation apart from Him.

But here's the problem. Many today believe they are still under the shadow of judgment, as if the work is unfinished, as if the warnings of Hebrews and Revelation are speaking directly to us

today. They are not.

You're mixing covenants and ignoring audience relevance.

These warnings were given to **first-century Jews**, not twenty-first-century Christians. They were the generation facing the end of the age, the removal of the Old Covenant, and the coming of the New.

Hebrews 4:16 "Therefore let's approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace for help at the time of our need." This was an invitation to the Hebrews to come out of the Old Covenant system, to stop trusting in temple sacrifices, and to find mercy and grace in Christ alone. That offer had an expiration date. It was **before AD 70**.

Hebrews 10:26-31 "For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment..." This was not about struggling with sin. It was about **willful apostasy**. Rejecting the gospel after hearing it. That judgment was not theoretical.

Hebrews 10:37 says, "For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay." That was about Jesus coming in judgment on the Old Covenant system. That **happened in AD 70**.

Matthew 23:36 "Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation." Jesus said it. That generation. Not ours. The scribes and Pharisees who filled up the measure of their fathers' guilt.

Revelation Is Not About Our Future

You cannot ignore the historical context of Revelation. It is filled with symbols of covenantal judgment.

Revelation 9:20-21 "And the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent..." This is **Jerusalem under siege**, still refusing to repent even as judgment fell. The trumpets and bowls were not random global catastrophes. They were covenantal curses, aimed at apostate Israel.

Revelation 21:7-8 "The one who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. But for the cowardly, and unbelieving...their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." This is not about Christians today falling away and going to hell. It is about the **covenantal contrast**. Those who overcame inherited the New Jerusalem. Those who clung to the harlot, the Old Covenant system, faced the second death.

The **second death** is not your future. It was the fate of the unbelieving, Christ-rejecting first-century world. It was the **final death** of that covenantal order.

You're Not Living Under Threat

You're **not** choosing your destiny today.

You're either **trusting in Christ's finished work**, or you're still living in fear of a judgment that's already fulfilled.

You're **not in danger** of being cast into some future lake of fire because of "willful sin."

That was a warning for them. It was fulfilled in their time.

If you're in Christ, then:

Romans 8:1 "Therefore there is now no condemnation at all for those who are in Christ Jesus."

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."

Stop dragging fulfilled warnings into the present. You're not still in the wilderness. You're in the kingdom. You're not under wrath. You're under grace.

Live Like You Believe It

Hebrews 12:28 "Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let's show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe." That kingdom is **not future**. We already received it.

Ephesians 2:6 "And raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

If you have been raised with Christ, then act like it.

Conclusion

Let go of fear. Let go of futurism. Jesus already won. The judgment already fell. The Old Covenant is gone. The temple is gone. The warnings were fulfilled. **We are the New Jerusalem. We are the Bride. We are not waiting. We are living.**

Saved by Jesus only. Secured by His finished work. Set free to walk in the fullness of the New Creation.

Amen.

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