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1. Time Statements

This generation will not pass away
(Matthew 24:34, Luke 21:22)

2. The End

End of the Old Covenant age, not the physical world (1 Corinthians 10:11, 1 Peter 4:7)

3. The Coming

Christ came in covenantal judgment on Israel in AD 70 (Matthew 24:30, Luke 21:20)

The promises of God are fulfilled.
The Kingdom is here.

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The Error of Dual Fulfillment

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The Call to Truth

Paul wrote, For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires, and they will turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths (2 Timothy 4:3-4). This warning

came in the first century, and the fruit of it continues in our day. Pulpits are filled with men who do not handle the word of God with honesty. They proclaim fear instead of freedom, delay instead of fulfillment, and bondage instead of the finished work of Christ.

† Paul told Titus, For there are many rebellious people, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of dishonest gain (Titus 1:10-11). The same problem exists today. The question is not whether lies exist in pulpits, but whether we will speak against them.

† Lies are not harmless. They shape how people live, how they hope, and how they view God. If men stand in pulpits preaching fear and futurism, their congregations remain chained. But when truth is declared, it cuts through deception and frees people from the bondage of false expectation.

† Just as Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for shutting the kingdom of heaven in people's faces (Matthew 23:13), so too today's leaders shut out the freedom of the fulfilled gospel when they preach delay. If we stay silent, we share in their guilt.

The Example of the Apostles

Every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ (Acts 5:42). Paul reminded the Ephesian elders, I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house (Acts 20:20).

† The apostles did not remain silent. They risked their lives to speak the truth. They did not wait for people to come to them, they went into the synagogues, the marketplaces, and homes. Jude also warned, For certain people have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this

condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into indecent behavior and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ (Jude 4). Silence was never an option for them, and it must not be for us.

† Josephus records that false prophets rose up in Jerusalem during the siege, deceiving the people with lies of deliverance and persuading them to stay in the city when destruction was near (Wars 6.5.2-3). These men did not save lives, they destroyed them. Their deception shows exactly how dangerous it is when religious leaders refuse to tell the truth.

† Tacitus confirms the same turmoil, writing of omens, armies in the skies, and the stubborn refusal of the Jews to repent (Histories 5.13). Even secular historians saw the deception. If pagan Rome could recognize the stubborn blindness of Israel, how much more should the church today recognize the blindness of those preaching lies?

The Responsibility of the Watchman

If the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet and the people are not warned, and a sword comes and takes a person from them, his blood I will require from the watchman's hand (Ezekiel 33:6). But if the watchman warned them and they refused to listen, he had delivered his soul.

† We have been given the truth of Christ's fulfillment. We see the error and destruction that futurism and fear-based teaching cause. If we stay silent, the blood is on our hands. If we warn, even if they reject, we have been faithful watchmen. This is why Paul urged Timothy, Preach the word, be ready in season and out of season, correct, rebuke, and encourage with great patience and instruction (2 Timothy 4:2).

† Eusebius records how the early church obeyed Christ's warning and fled to Pella before the destruction of Jerusalem (Church History 3.5). They escaped because they listened to

the truth. Meanwhile, those who followed lying prophets perished. This is the difference between hearing truth and following lies, life or death.

† If we know the truth and refuse to speak it, we are no better than the silent watchman of Ezekiel 33. Our calling is to warn, not to remain comfortable while others perish in ignorance.

Basic Preterism 101

† First, the time statements. Jesus was clear that His coming in judgment would take place in the lifetime of His disciples. Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place (Matthew 24:34). Luke records His words, These are the days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled (Luke 21:22). To deny these time statements is to deny Christ's own words.

† Second, the meaning of “the end.” The Bible does not speak of the end of the physical universe, but the end of the Old Covenant age. Paul wrote, The ends of the ages have come upon us (1 Corinthians 10:11). Peter said, The end of all things is near (1 Peter 4:7). What ended in AD 70 was the temple system, the sacrifices, and the priesthood. The New Covenant was fully established, and the Old passed away.

† Third, the nature of Christ's coming. His coming was covenantal judgment against Old Covenant Israel. Just as God came in the Old Testament using nations as instruments of judgment, Christ came in judgment through the Roman armies. The destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 was the visible sign that He had kept His word. The kingdom was not delayed, it was fulfilled.

How Many More Years?

Jesus said, You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free (John 8:32). Paul wrote, The ends of the ages have come upon us (1 Corinthians 10:11). Peter said, The end of all things

is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer (1 Peter 4:7). Yet churches today continue to preach delay, fear, and waiting for what has already been accomplished.

† How many more years will people be held under the burden of false prophecy? How many more generations must grow up fearing a judgment that already came in the first century? How long will the body of Christ be robbed of its inheritance in the New Covenant?

† Jesus said, This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come (Matthew 24:14). Paul confirms it was fulfilled: Their voice has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world (Romans 10:18). He also wrote, The gospel has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven (Colossians 1:23). The mission was completed. Yet futurist pulpits deny these plain statements.

† Philo wrote of superstition enslaving minds, blinding men from reason and truth. The same principle applies to futurism today. When falsehood governs hearts, it robs them of freedom. The gospel of fulfillment restores what lies have taken away.

The Path Forward

Jesus declared, You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-14). Salt that loses its taste is worthless. A lamp hidden under a basket gives no light.

† Not all are called to go door to door, but all are called to speak truth. Some may write, others may teach, others may share in daily conversation, but no one is called to silence. Every time the truth is spoken, the lie is weakened. Every time the light shines, darkness flees.

† Paul told the Philippians, Do all things without complaining or arguments, so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world (Philippians 2:14-15). This is our role, to shine, not to hide.

† If we will not speak, who will? Lies do not silence themselves. They must be challenged. The apostles gave their lives for the truth. What excuse do we have if we remain silent?

How It Applies to Us Today

We live in a time when false teaching is widespread. Many pastors preach futurism, keeping their congregations bound to fear of a coming judgment and robbing them of the freedom Christ has already given. The apostles did not sit silent while lies spread, and neither should we.

† Every sermon we share, every scripture we explain, every lie we expose is a trumpet blast against deception. We may not all knock on doors, but every conversation, every online post, every act of truth-telling is part of the same mission.

† Just as the early church fled destruction by heeding Christ's words, so today people escape spiritual bondage when they hear the truth of fulfillment. Our task is not to wait for others to do it, but to be the watchmen in our own generation.

† The longer we stay silent, the more futurist lies harden. But if we speak, even to one person at a time, we are breaking chains. Christ has already won. Our mission is to declare it.

Conclusion

The lies will not vanish by themselves. They will continue as long as they are tolerated. The question is not simply, should we go door to door? The question is, will we be faithful

watchmen? Will we be salt? Will we be light?

† Today is the day to speak. Today is the day to shine. Today is the day to stand for the truth of Christ's fulfilled promises.

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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