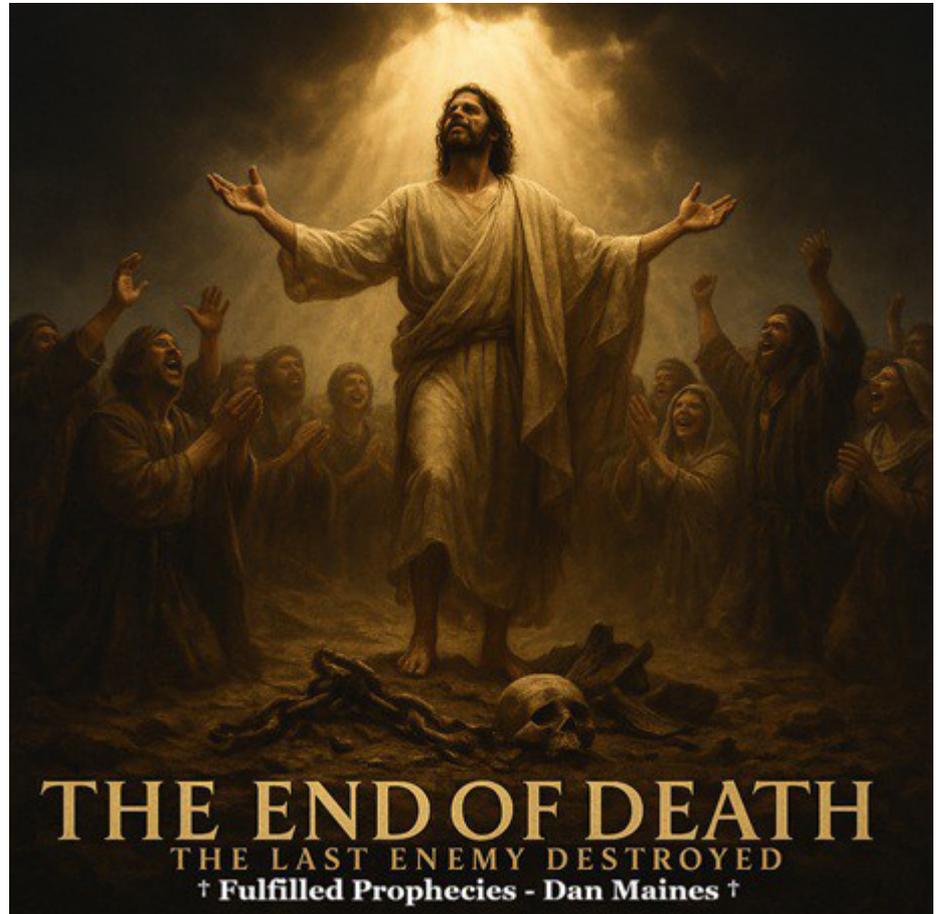


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1 Corinthians 15:25-26

For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death.

† Paul declared that Christ's reign would continue until every enemy was subdued beneath His authority.

† The "last enemy" was not a force yet to be conquered, but the spiritual death that separated man from God.

† Through the cross and resurrection, Christ abolished death's

dominion once and for all.

† His reign brought life and immortality to light, fulfilling the promise that death would be no more.

Revelation 21:4

And He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.

† John's vision confirmed the complete removal of death's power in the new creation.

† "The first things" refer to the old covenant order where sin and death reigned through the law.

† The wiping away of tears represents full restoration and peace with God.

† The new covenant life is eternal, unbroken by sorrow, for the curse has ended forever.

Isaiah 25:8

He will swallow up death for all time, and the Lord God will wipe tears away from all faces, and He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken.

† Isaiah foresaw the day when God would consume death entirely, ending its hold on mankind.

† The "reproach" of His people was the separation and shame brought by sin.

† This prophecy found fulfillment in Christ, whose victory removed death's sting.

† The Lord's word accomplished what no sacrifice or ritual ever could, total restoration.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death

were subject to slavery all their lives.

† Christ entered into death itself to destroy its ruler and free humanity from fear.

† The power of death lay in sin's condemnation; once removed, death lost its authority.

† The devil's dominion ended when Christ triumphed through His sacrifice and resurrection.

† The redeemed no longer live in fear, for the curse has been replaced by eternal life.

Romans 6:9-10

Knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

† Christ's resurrection marked the end of death's dominion, both for Himself and for all in Him.

† "Once for all" means His death was complete, final, and irreversible in its effect.

† The life He now lives is shared with His body, the Church, which participates in His immortality.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, death is not waiting to be destroyed, it already has been.

2 Timothy 1:9-10

Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

† Paul clearly states that Christ "abolished death" at His appearing, not in a future age.

† The gospel reveals what was hidden from ages past, the

eternal life of the Spirit.

† Life and immortality are now accessible to all who are in Christ.

† The reign of death ended when the gospel brought light to the world.

Romans 8:2

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

† The old law bound humanity under the penalty of sin, but the Spirit of life brought freedom.

† This liberation marks the true resurrection, passing from death to life in Christ.

† The law of sin and death has no jurisdiction in the new covenant kingdom.

† The Spirit's law governs by grace, not by condemnation, ensuring eternal fellowship with God.

How it applies to us today

† Death is no longer our master, it has been defeated by the Lamb once and for all.

† The fear of death no longer binds believers, for life reigns eternally in the Spirit.

† Every tear wiped away signifies full peace and victory over the curse.

† The last enemy has been destroyed; we live in the everlasting triumph of the new creation.

† The kingdom we inherit is one of life, where death's shadow can never return.

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

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