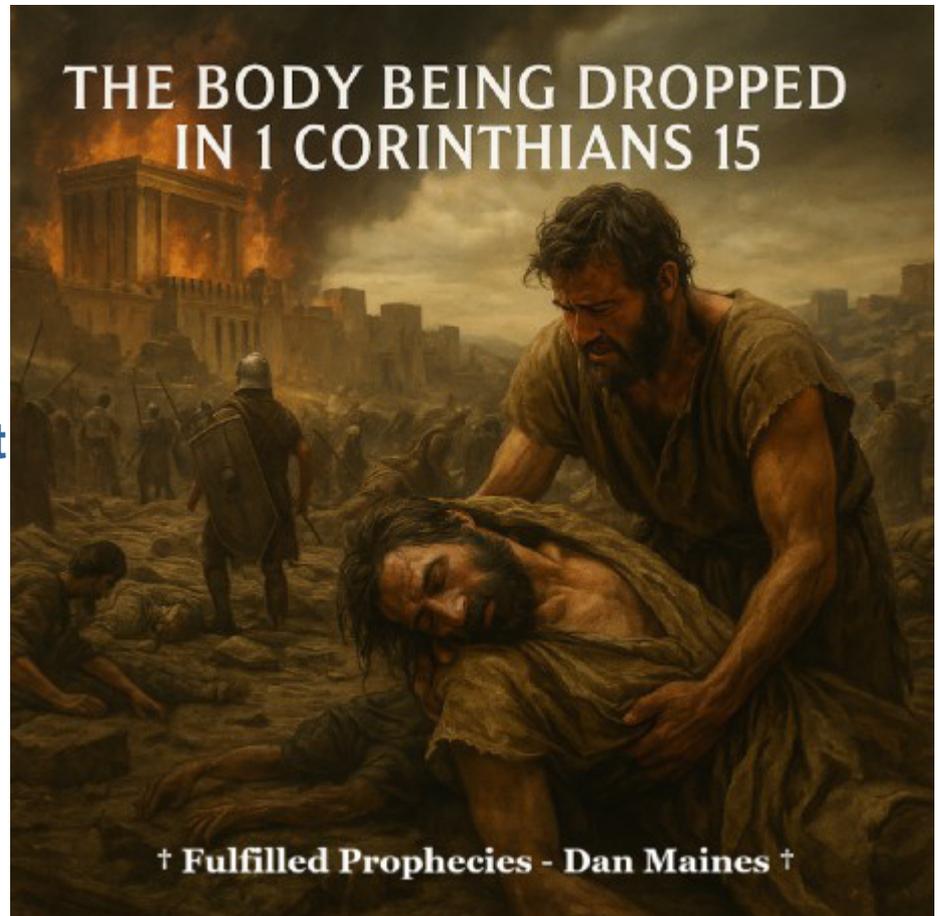


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† There is very strong scriptural evidence showing that the "body" in 1 Corinthians 15 refers to the corporate covenantal body, Old Covenant Israel, rather than individual fleshly corpses. Scripture itself proves this clearly and consistently within the fulfilled framework.

Paul already defines "body" as corporate earlier in 1 Corinthians

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

† Here Paul unmistakably defines "body" as a corporate collective of believers, joined by the Spirit. The same letter, 1 Corinthians, uses "body" consistently to describe the Church as a unified covenant entity. There's no shift to a biological sense in chapter 15 unless the context forces it, and it doesn't.

The "body of sin" and "body of death" in Paul's other writings are covenantal

Romans 6:6

Our old self was crucified with Him, so that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin.

Romans 7:4

You also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead.

Romans 7:24

Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?

† Notice Paul ties "body" to the old order of sin and the Law, not physical tissue, but a covenantal condition. Israel under the Law was the "body of death." Through Christ's death, believers die to that body and are raised into a new covenant body, the body of Christ.

Paul explicitly connects "flesh and blood" with the Old Covenant

1 Corinthians 15:50

Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the

kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

† "Flesh and blood" was a Hebrew idiom for natural lineage and covenantal standing through physical descent, as seen also in Galatians 4:23-26. It refers to Israel after the flesh, the Old Covenant system. Paul isn't saying physical humans can't inherit the kingdom, but that the Old Covenant body, flesh and blood Israel, couldn't. The perishable covenant was being replaced by the imperishable New Covenant body.

The "sowing" language points to Israel's covenantal death Hosea 2:23

I will sow her for Myself in the land.

Hosea 8:7

For they sow the wind and they reap the whirlwind.

† Hosea used "sowing" as a metaphor for Israel's judgment and restoration. When Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:36, That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies, he's drawing from the same prophetic imagery, Israel being sown in judgment, death under the Law, and raised as the new covenant people in Christ.

Daniel's prophecy shows a covenantal resurrection of Israel

Daniel 12:2

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

† This is the same resurrection Paul refers to in Acts 24:14-15 and 1 Corinthians 15. Daniel's "many" refers to Israel's covenant people, not all biological corpses. It's a spiritual awakening from the death of separation under the Law to the

life of the kingdom.

The Church, the New Covenant body, replaces the Old Covenant body

Ephesians 1:22-23

And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

† Paul never once calls individual corpses "His body." The body of Christ is corporate, the covenantal community now alive through Him. This is the "new body" raised when the old one, Israel after the flesh, was sown in death.

Hebrews confirms the same transition

Hebrews 8:13

When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

† The old body was growing old and was about to disappear. That disappearance was fulfilled in AD 70, when the Old Covenant system perished. That's the very death Paul speaks of in 1 Corinthians 15, the perishable giving way to the imperishable.

† The "body" in 1 Corinthians 15:35-54 isn't about individual flesh being transformed but the Old Covenant corporate body, Israel under Law, being sown in judgment and raised as the spiritual body of Christ under grace.

† 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 shows "body" is corporate. Romans 6-7 define "body" as covenantal, not biological. 1 Corinthians 15:50 proves "flesh and blood" means the Old Covenant.

Hosea 2 and 8 provide the prophetic background for "sowing." Daniel 12:2 identifies the same covenantal resurrection.

Ephesians 1:22-23 identifies the new body as the Church. Hebrews 8:13 shows the death of the old body and rise of the new.

† All of it aligns perfectly. The body being dropped was Israel after the flesh. The body raised was the Church, the body of Christ.

Historical References

† Josephus, Wars of the Jews 6.8, describing the fall of Jerusalem and the end of the Old Covenant order.

† Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History 3.5, confirming the early church saw the fall of Jerusalem as the fulfillment of Christ's words.

† Justin Martyr, Dialogue with Trypho 80, showing the new life in Christ as the true resurrection from death, not the revival of physical bodies.

How It Applies To Us Today

† The resurrection was not about corpses or physical transformation. It was the passing away of the Old Covenant body and the raising of the New Covenant body, the Church. We now live in that body, joined to Christ, alive in the New Creation where death has no dominion.

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

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