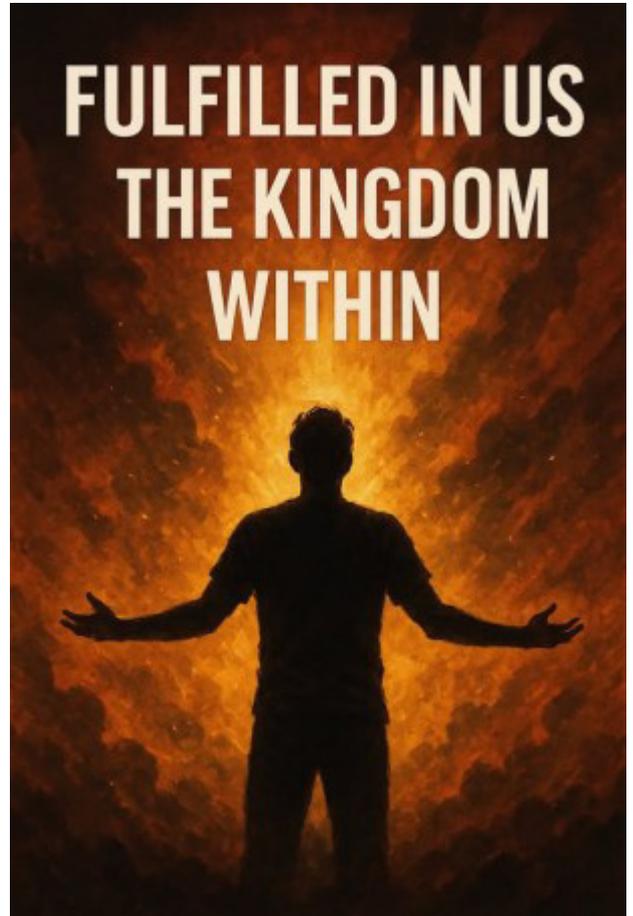


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We often talk about fulfilled prophecy as something that happened in the first century and rightly so. But the powerful truth is that fulfillment did not stop with external events. Scripture shows that the promises of God were not only fulfilled historically, but are continually fulfilled within us. The kingdom is not just something that came near, it came to dwell inside believers.

Let us walk through the living Word to see what has been fulfilled within us.

Luke 17:20-21 "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst."

The kingdom was never about an outward throne, but about the presence of the King dwelling among and within His people.

Colossians 1:27 "To whom God willed to make known what the wealth of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles is, the mystery that is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

The mystery was revealed, Christ in us. That is the fulfilled hope.

2 Corinthians 1:20 "For as many as the promises of God are, in Him they are yes; therefore through Him also the Amen is spoken by us to the glory of God."

Every promise has been fulfilled in Christ, and we confirm it by living it out.

Romans 8:10 "If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness."

His life in us is the evidence of fulfillment. The Spirit quickens us now.

John 14:23 "Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will follow My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him.'"

God's dwelling is now with man, this is the New Jerusalem reality.

2 Corinthians 3:3 "You are a letter of Christ, delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts."

Fulfillment of Jeremiah 31:33. His law is now written in our hearts.

Galatians 4:19 "My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you..."

This was the goal, Christ formed in His people. Not a future hope, but a present reality.

Romans 5:5 "...the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

The giving of the Spirit is not future. It was fulfilled, and now abides within.

Ezekiel 36:26-27 "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you... I will put My Spirit within you and bring it about that you walk in My statutes..."

This was a prophecy. It was fulfilled at Pentecost, and continues in the New Covenant community.

Hebrews 8:10 "For this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put My laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts..."

The New Covenant is not coming. It already came, and it is within.

2 Corinthians 4:6-7 "For God...has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen containers..."

His light is not outside of us, it is in our hearts. The treasure is within.

John 7:38-39 "The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture said: 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.' Now this He said in reference to the Spirit..."

Living water now flows from the hearts of believers. This is Spirit-fulfilled life.

Romans 8:11 "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

Resurrection life is already active in us, spiritually.

Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control..."

This fruit is evidence that God's Spirit has been fulfilled within us.

Philippians 2:13 "For it is God who is at work in you, both to desire and to work for His good pleasure."

His fulfillment is not just something we talk about, it works through us daily.

Ephesians 3:16-17 "...that He would grant you...to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner self, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith..."

Fulfilled promise: Christ now dwells in the hearts of His people.

Conclusion: As Preterists, we affirm that the great external events of prophecy have been fulfilled. But these scriptures remind us of something greater, fulfillment did not stop with the destruction of Jerusalem. It continues in us. The temple is no longer physical, but spiritual. The covenant is not written on stone, but on hearts. And the kingdom is not still coming, it is alive within us.

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