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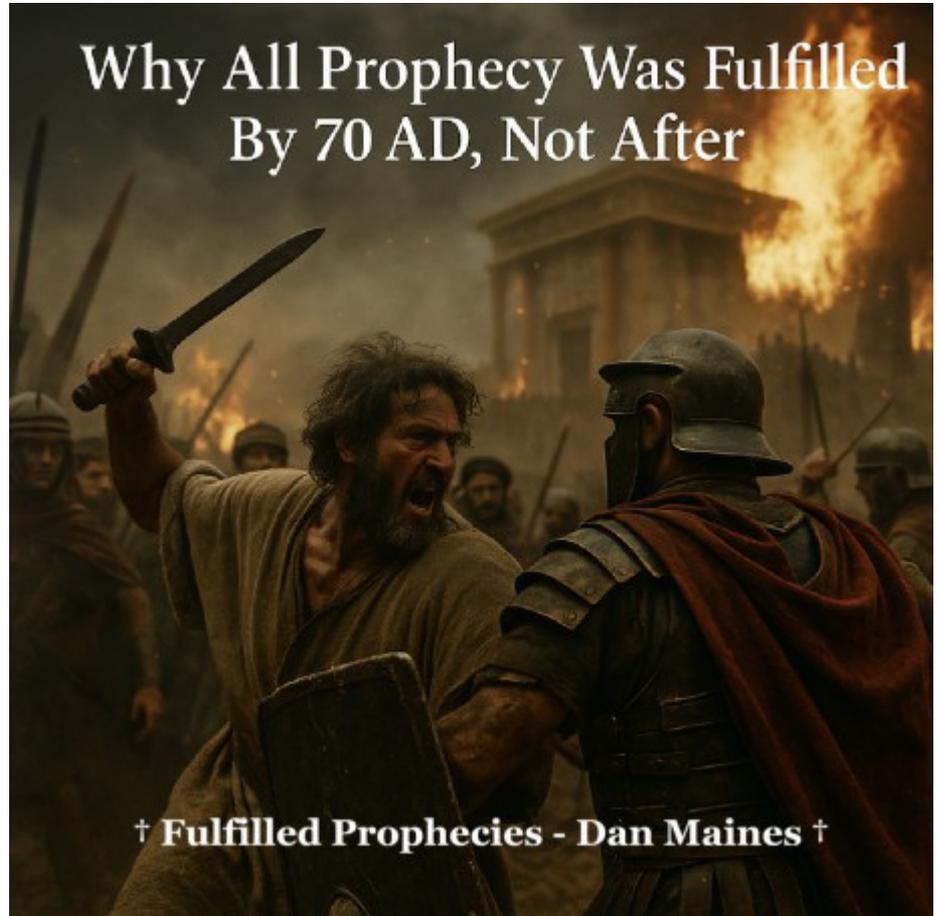
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Prophecy - Why All Prophecy Was Fulfilled By 70 AD, Not After



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Why All Prophecy Was Fulfilled By 70 AD, Not After

Introduction

† This message explains why all prophecy was fulfilled by 70 AD and not carried forward to 73, 74 AD or later. Scripture never tied fulfillment to Masada. It tied it to Jerusalem, the Temple, the priesthood, and the covenant people. When those fell in 70 AD, the prophetic timeline ended exactly where Jesus said it would (Luke 21:20-22).

† Prophecy does not revolve around rebels hiding in a fortress. It revolves around the covenant structures God Himself

established. Once Jerusalem fell and the Temple burned, the Old Covenant age came to its end (Hebrews 8:13).

The Prophetic Clock Set By Jesus

Matthew 23:36

Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

† Jesus set the forty year limit. That generation lived to see 70 AD, and the prophetic timeline could not extend into any later year (Luke 21:20-22).

† Nothing in His words stretches fulfillment past the destruction of Jerusalem.

† The prophecy was tied to the people standing in front of Him. They saw the judgment fall in 70 AD (Luke 21:20-22).

Matthew 24:1-2

Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. And He said to them, Do you not see all these things Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.

† Jesus tied the fulfillment to the destruction of the Temple, not Masada. The Temple fell in 70 AD

† Once the Temple was gone, the Old Covenant world ended. Prophecy was never linked to the survival of Zealots at a desert fortress (Hebrews 8:13).

Jerusalem, Not Masada, Was The Prophetic Center

Luke 21:20-22

But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are inside the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter

the city, because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled.

† Jesus said all things written would be fulfilled in the days of Jerusalem's destruction, and that fulfillment ended in 70 AD, never in any later year

† Prophecy revolves around Jerusalem because Jerusalem was the covenant city. Masada is never mentioned in scripture (Luke 13:33, Matthew 23:37-38).

The End Of The Age Required The End Of The Temple

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.

† Hebrews places the disappearance of the Old Covenant in the near future, which was 70 AD

† The Old Covenant disappeared when the Temple, priesthood, and sacrifices ended, all in 70 AD (Matthew 24:1-2).

The Priesthood Ended In 70 AD

† The Levitical priesthood required a standing Temple and genealogical records. Both were destroyed in 70 AD (Ezra 2:62, Hebrews 7:11-18).

† Once the priesthood ended, the covenant world ended. Prophecy cannot be stretched beyond the death of the priesthood to any later year (Hebrews 7:18).

† Zealots at Masada were not priests, were not offering sacrifices, and had no covenantal authority (Exodus 28:1, Hebrews 5:1-4).

Added Refutation To Cover All Later Dates

† Some people try to extend the prophetic timeline beyond 70 AD because Rome continued military clean up for several years. But prophecy does not revolve around the last rebel dying. It revolves around the destruction of the Temple, the end of the priesthood, and the fall of the covenant city. Once those fell in 70 AD, the prophetic clock reached its end no matter what dates anyone assigns to later battles (Luke 21:22, Hebrews 8:13).

The Great Tribulation Was Tied To Jerusalem, Not Masada

Matthew 24:21

For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will again.

† Jesus tied the great tribulation to Jerusalem's siege. It reached its climax in 70 AD

† The horrors Jesus described were in that city, not at Masada (Luke 19:41-44).

Masada Was Not A Covenantal Event

† Masada was a military cleanup operation, not a prophetic marker (Luke 21:22).

† No prophet predicted Masada. Jesus never mentioned it. The apostles never pointed to it (Matthew 24:1-2).

† The prophetic timeline ended when the covenant city fell, not when the last rebels died (Luke 21:20-22).

Daniel 12 Clarified

† Some people claim Daniel 12 pushes fulfillment past 70 AD because of the 1290 and 1335 days (Daniel 12:11-12).

† The numbers in Daniel 12 never extend the Old Covenant beyond the destruction of the Temple, because Daniel tied those numbers directly to the ending of the daily sacrifice, which

stopped forever in 70 AD (Daniel 12:11, Matthew 24:15).

† The 1290 days in Daniel 12 begin when the daily sacrifice is taken away. That happened during the siege of Jerusalem when the Temple services collapsed shortly before its destruction in 70 AD. Once the sacrifices stopped, the prophetic timer Daniel mentioned began and pointed directly to the end of the Old Covenant system in that same period (Daniel 12:11, Luke 21:20).

† The 1335 days in Daniel 12 simply extend past the 1290 days to show the blessedness of those who endured through the tribulation leading up to the destruction of the Temple. These are not extra years added to the prophetic timeline. They are day counts tied to the same event, the ending of the daily sacrifice in 70 AD, not to Masada or any later battle (Daniel 12:12).

The Sign Of The Son Of Man Appeared In 70 AD

Matthew 24:30

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.

† Every sign Jesus gave was fulfilled in the events surrounding Jerusalem's fall (Matthew 16:27-28).

† Nothing in the Olivet Discourse extends fulfillment to any later date (Matthew 24:34).

The Kingdom Was Fully Opened In 70 AD

Revelation 21:2

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

† The judgment of the harlot city and the full unveiling of the bride was tied to Jerusalem's fall. That happened in 70 AD (Revelation 17:1, Revelation 18:20).

† Masada plays no role in the covenant shift revealed in Revelation.

Closing Covenant Finality

† When the covenant city fell, the Temple fell, and the priesthood ended, nothing was left waiting to be fulfilled. The Old Covenant died in 70 AD, and the New Covenant stood alone in its fullness (Hebrews 8:13, Luke 21:22).

Historical References

† Josephus records Jerusalem's destruction, the burning of the Temple, and the end of the priesthood in 70 AD.

† He also records Masada, but only as the final military sweep, not as a covenantal turning point.

† Early Christian writers like Eusebius saw the fall of Jerusalem, not Masada, as the fulfillment of Jesus prophecy.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Knowing prophecy was fulfilled in 70 AD strengthens our confidence in Jesus words (Matthew 24:34).

† It removes confusion by keeping the prophetic timeline tied to the events Jesus actually identified (Luke 21:22).

† It frees believers from futurist fear and anchors us in the completed work of Christ (Hebrews 12:22-28).

† We live in the New Jerusalem today. The Kingdom is open, the judgment is past, and prophecy has reached its fulfillment (Revelation 21:2-3).

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

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