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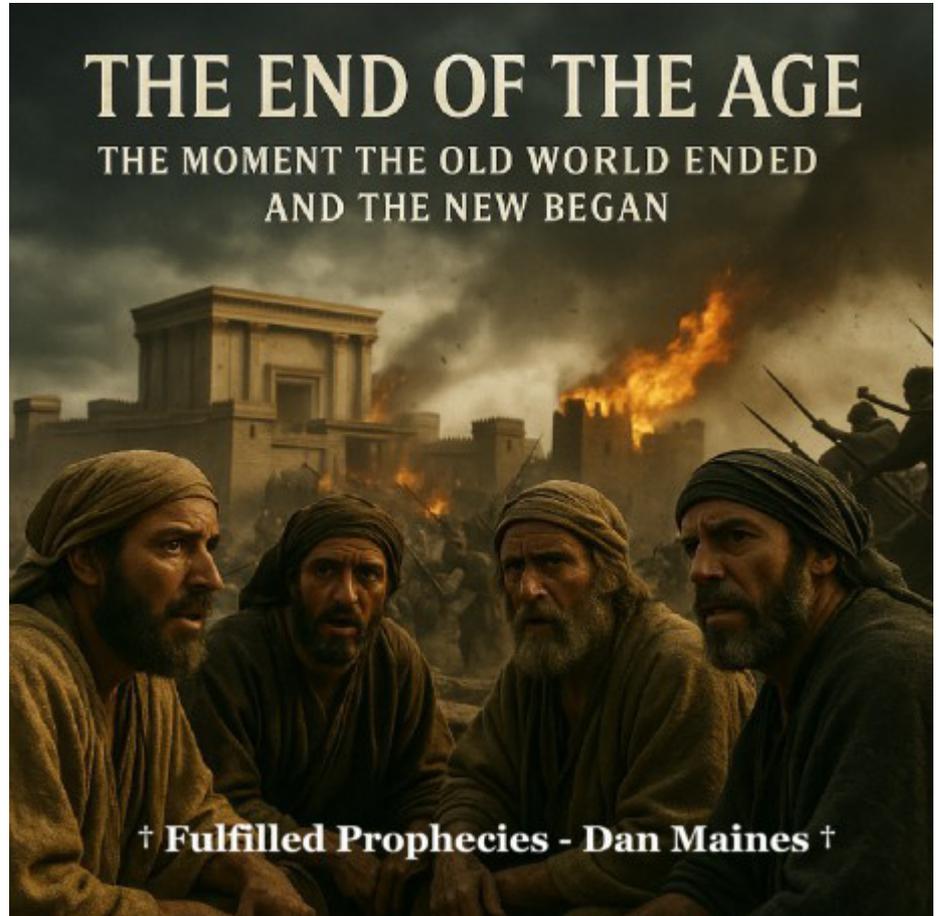
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The End Of The Age: The Moment The Old World Ended And The New Began

Introduction

† Most Christians today think the end of the age is still in the future. They picture the destruction of the planet, the collapse of the universe, and the final end of time. But Jesus never talked about the end of the world. He spoke about the end of the age. And He told His disciples it would happen in their generation. This changes everything.

Jesus Defined The End Of The Age For His Audience

Matthew 13:39 says the harvest is the end of the age. Matthew 13:40 says the tares are taken out of His kingdom at the end of the age. Jesus takes the same language into Matthew 24:3 when the disciples ask Him about the end of the age. And in Matthew 24:34 He tells them all these things would happen in their generation.

† Jesus connected the end of the age to their time, not ours.

Why The Disciples Asked About The End Of The Age

† The disciples weren't asking about the end of the physical world. They asked about the end of the age because Jesus told them the temple would be destroyed. To a first century Jew, the destruction of the temple meant the destruction of their entire covenant world.

The End Of The Age Is The End Of The Old Covenant System

† The Bible never uses the phrase end of the age to describe the end of the physical universe. It describes the end of the Mosaic age. The temple, the sacrifices, the priesthood, and the entire system that stood between God and man. When that covenant world collapsed in AD 70, the age ended exactly when Jesus said it would.

† The end of the age was the end of the Old Covenant world, not the end of creation.

The Last Days Belonged To Them, Not Us

Hebrews 1:1-2 says God spoke in these last days through His Son. Acts 2:16-17 says Joel's prophecy was being fulfilled in their days. James 5:3 says the last days were present then. 1 Peter 1:20 says Christ was revealed at the end of the ages.

† The last days were the final days of the Old Covenant world, not the last days of planet earth.

Daniel Saw The Same End That Jesus Spoke Of

Daniel 12:1-7 describes the great tribulation, the resurrection,

and the shattering of the holy people.

† And Daniel is told all these things would be fulfilled when the power of the holy people was shattered.

† That happened in AD 70 when Jerusalem fell and the temple was destroyed.

† Jesus quoted Daniel in Matthew 24 because He was pointing to the same event.

† Daniel saw the end of the Old Covenant age, and Jesus said it would happen in their lifetime.

† Daniel's timeline matches Jesus' timeline perfectly.

† Jesus wasn't pointing His followers to a distant future. He was telling them they would witness the very events Daniel foresaw. The same generation Daniel's prophecy targeted is the same generation Jesus addressed.

Paul Confirmed The End Of The Age Was Approaching In His Day

1 Corinthians 10:11 says the ends of the ages had come upon them. Hebrews 9:26 says Jesus appeared at the consummation of the ages.

† Paul understood that the old age was closing and the new was about to be revealed.

† The end was not thousands of years away. It was happening as the New Covenant was being established.

† The first century church was living in the final days of the Old Covenant age.

† The writer of Hebrews told them the old covenant was becoming obsolete and ready to disappear, confirming that the end of the age was unfolding in their lifetime.

The Passing Of Heaven And Earth

† Jesus wasn't talking about the end of the planet when He said heaven and earth would pass. He was talking about the passing of Israel's covenant world. The phrase heaven and earth was covenant language describing the temple-centered system that governed their relationship with God.

The New Creation Began When The Old Age Ended

Revelation 21:1 says John saw a new heaven and a new earth after the first passed away.

† That is covenant language. The old creation of Law and death ended, and the new creation of grace and life began. We're living in that fulfilled world now.

† The new creation is our present reality, not a future hope.

The Kingdom Arrived When The Age Ended

Mark 9:1 says some standing there would not taste death until they saw the kingdom. Matthew 16:27-28 says the Son of Man would come in His kingdom in their lifetime. Luke 21:31-32 says when they saw those things happen, the kingdom was near, and that generation would not pass away.

† The kingdom didn't delay. It arrived when the Old Covenant world ended.

Prophetic Consistency

† Daniel saw the time of the end. Jesus said it would happen in their generation. Paul said the end of the ages had come upon them. All three spoke about the same event, and all three pointed to the first century.

What Didn't End In AD 70

† The planet didn't end. Humanity didn't end. History didn't end. Only the Old Covenant world ended. The destruction of the temple marked the end of Law, sacrifice, priesthood, and separation.

Covenant Access Fully Restored

† The destruction of the temple removed the barrier between God and man. No priesthood, no temple veil, no sacrificial system. Full access through Christ alone.

Historical Writers

† Justin Martyr wrote about the temple's destruction as the clear marker of the end of the former order.

† Eusebius connected the fall of Jerusalem directly to the fulfillment of the prophecies of Jesus in Matthew 24, showing that the end of the age was the end of the covenant world.

† Josephus recorded the shattering of the Jewish nation, describing the collapse of the people Daniel said would be broken at the end of the age.

† Seeing the end of the age in its true historical setting removes confusion, strengthens our understanding of prophecy, and shows the absolute faithfulness of Christ's promises.

How It Applies To Us Today

† We're not waiting for the end. We're living in the world after the end. The age Jesus spoke about has already closed. The New Covenant world is fully established. The separation is complete. The kingdom is open. And nothing stands between us and the Father. Understanding this gives stability, confidence, and clarity. It frees us from fear, it destroys confusion, and it anchors us in the finished work of Christ.

† The end of the age wasn't a threat to fear. It was the transition into the world we now live in, the fully established kingdom of God.

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

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† Matthew 13:39-40, Matthew 24:3, 34

† Daniel 12:1-7

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