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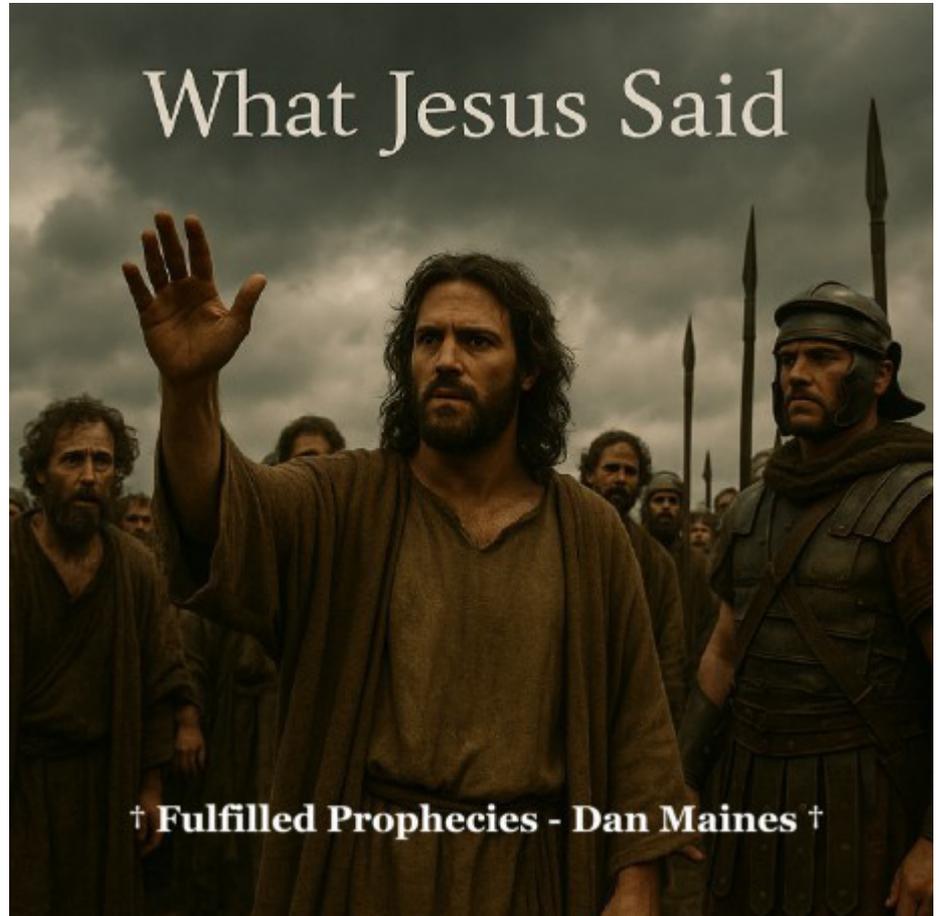
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What Jesus Said



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Introduction

† When Jesus spoke about the end of the age, He spoke directly to His disciples about events they would live to see. He named the audience, He named the timing, and He described the signs that belonged to their generation. Nothing He said was delayed for two thousand years. He tied His words to the people standing in front of Him, and He fulfilled everything exactly as He promised.

Jesus Named The Generation

Matthew 24:34

Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

† He said you, He said this generation, and He meant exactly what He said. Every sign He listed belonged to them, not us.

Jesus Tied His Coming To The Temple's Destruction

Matthew 24:2

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.

† His return in judgment was directly tied to Jerusalem's fall. That was the end of the Old Covenant age, the end of the sacrificial system, and the revealing of His New Covenant kingdom.

Jesus Promised To Come Before Some Died

Matthew 16:28

Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.

† Some standing there would live to see His coming. That's not future to us. That's past to us and fulfilled exactly on time.

Jesus Said His Coming Would Be Seen In Judgment

Matthew 24:30

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

† Cloud coming is judgment language. The tribes of the land were Israel. They mourned because the consequences of

rejecting their Messiah had arrived.

Jesus Said The Kingdom Would Be Taken From Them

Matthew 21:43

Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing the fruit of it.

† He told the leaders of His day that the kingdom was being taken from them and given to the believers. That happened in that generation when Jerusalem fell.

Jesus Said The Gospel Would Reach Their World Before The End

Matthew 24:14

This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Colossians 1:23

This gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven.

† Jesus said it would happen, and Paul said it already did happen in their generation. That's fulfillment, not futurism.

Historical References

† Josephus recorded the signs, famine, false prophets, betrayal, and the destruction exactly as Jesus predicted.

† Tacitus confirmed supernatural signs and heavenly armies.

† Eusebius recorded the church escaping to Pella exactly as Jesus instructed.

What Jesus Said About His Audience

† Jesus said you will hear of wars and rumors of wars (Matthew 24:6).

† Jesus said when you see the abomination of desolation (Matthew 24:15).

† Jesus said when you see all these things (Matthew 24:33).

† Jesus said this generation will not pass away (Matthew 24:34).

† Jesus spoke directly to the disciples standing before Him.

What Jesus Said About Timing

† Jesus said some standing here will not taste death before He came (Matthew 16:28).

† Jesus said you will not finish going through the cities of Israel before He came (Matthew 10:23).

† Jesus said all these things would come on this generation (Matthew 23:36).

† Jesus said it would all happen in the days of vengeance (Luke 21:22).

† Jesus said this generation would see all things fulfilled (Luke 21:32).

What Jesus Said Would Happen First

† Wars and rumors of wars (Matthew 24:6).

† The gospel preached in all the world (Matthew 24:14).

† Jerusalem surrounded by armies (Luke 21:20).

† The abomination of desolation (Matthew 24:15).

† Great tribulation in those days (Matthew 24:21).

† The Son of Man coming in judgment (Matthew 24:30).

What Jesus Said About Jerusalem

† Jerusalem killed the prophets (Matthew 23:37).

† Jerusalem was guilty of all righteous blood (Matthew 23:35).

† Their house would be left desolate (Matthew 23:38).

† That generation would bear the judgment (Luke 11:51).

† The days of vengeance were upon them (Luke 21:22).

What Jesus Said About Fulfillment

† All these things would be fulfilled in their generation (Matthew 24:34).

† All things written would be fulfilled in those days (Luke 21:22).

† The kingdom would be taken from them and given to another

people (Matthew 21:43).

† The Son of Man would come before some died (Matthew 16:28).

Direct Quotes Section Only His Words

† This generation will not pass away (Matthew 24:34).

† Some standing here will not taste death (Matthew 16:28).

† You will not finish the cities of Israel until the Son of Man comes (Matthew 10:23).

† All these things will come on this generation (Matthew 23:36).

† It shall be required of this generation (Luke 11:51).

† These are the days of vengeance, that all things written may be fulfilled (Luke 21:22).

† If I want him to remain until I come (John 21:22).

How It Applies To Us Today

† Jesus kept His word. We're not waiting for a delayed kingdom. We're living in the fullness of the New Covenant He established. Our confidence rests in a Messiah who fulfilled everything He promised.

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

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