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Matthew 23:35-37

35 so that upon you will fall the guilt of all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. 36 Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation. 37 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who have been sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.

In Matthew 23:35–37, Jesus says:

"upon you will fall the guilt of all the righteous blood..."

"all these things will come upon this generation"

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who have been sent to her..."

Jerusalem was the immediate audience and the historical city responsible for killing God's messengers. From Abel to Zechariah, the bloodshed was tied to the covenant people, culminating in first-century Jerusalem's guilt.

If this referred to a distant future, the text would not make sense. Jesus was condemning them, not people 2,000 years later. He was warning of judgment for their crimes, fulfilled in 70 AD with the destruction of the temple.

They weren't just symbolic of rebellion, they were the actual murderers of the prophets.

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