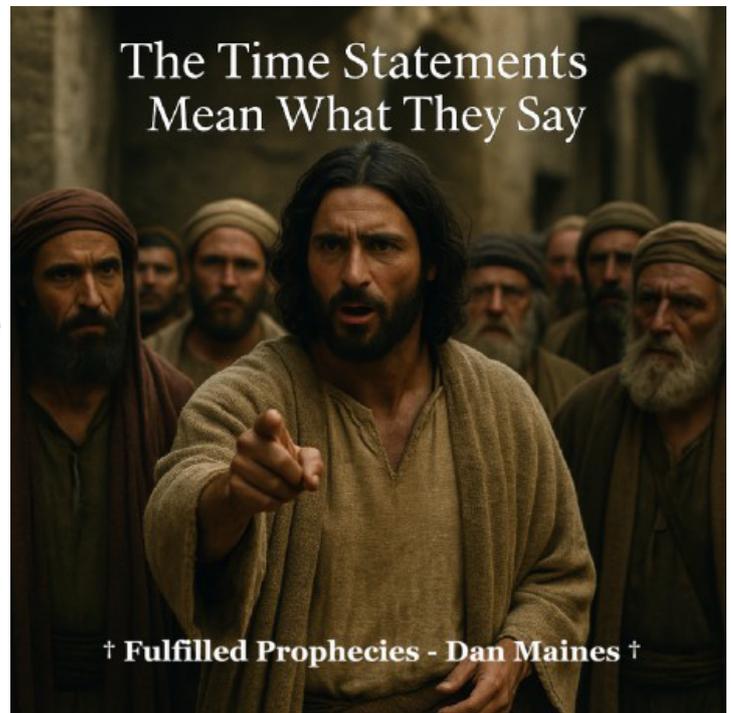


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## Understanding the Fulfilled View The Time Statements Mean What They Say Part 1 of 10



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### Introduction

Jesus and the apostles did not speak vaguely about timing. They spoke with clarity, urgency, and direct relevance to their own generation. When we let scripture interpret scripture, the time statements stand as some of the strongest proof of fulfilled eschatology. The New Testament repeats the same message again and again, declaring that the end of the age, the coming of the Son of Man, the judgment on Jerusalem, and the establishing of the kingdom would happen soon, shortly, at hand, and within that generation. This post lets scripture speak for itself without adding human tradition.

### Jesus Taught Imminence, Not Delay

#### Matthew 10:23

But whenever they persecute you in one city, flee to the next, for truly I say to you, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel until the Son of Man comes.

† Jesus was not speaking in riddles or allegory. He told His disciples directly that His coming would occur before they finished their mission in Israel. This was not about the end of the physical universe but about the end of the covenant order.

† If futurists were right, this verse makes Jesus wrong, because the disciples died two thousand years ago and never finished preaching to every city on earth. But Jesus wasn't talking about the whole world. He spoke of the cities of Israel, proving the coming He referenced was tied to Israel's judgment in the first century.

† Scripture interprets itself. Matthew 10, Matthew 16, and Matthew 24 all describe the same event. Jesus never separated His coming from that generation or that mission.

### **Matthew 16:27-28**

For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every person according to his deeds. 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.

† Jesus anchored the timing to living people standing in His presence. Not symbolic people, not future believers, not a distant church age. Real individuals hearing His voice. Some would still be alive when He came.

† Futurism forces Jesus to be wrong by pushing His coming thousands of years away. But Jesus put it within the lifetime of those listening. He did not say maybe, or might, or possibly. He said truly I say to you.

† This verse alone destroys the futurist framework. If the coming of the Son of Man didn't happen when Jesus said it would, then His words failed. But His words didn't fail. They were fulfilled in that generation.

### **The Olivet Discourse Fixes the Time**

#### **Matthew 24:34**

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

† Jesus gave an unbreakable time marker. This generation means the generation He was speaking to, just as throughout the entire Gospel of Matthew. The same people He rebuked in Matthew 23 were the ones who would see the events of Matthew 24.

† Futurists have to redefine generation into something it never means anywhere in scripture. They stretch it into thousands of years to protect their tradition, but Jesus spoke plainly. The disciples asked about the destruction of the temple they were looking at, and Jesus answered them directly.

† Nothing in Matthew 24 suggests a second meaning for a later age. Jesus tied the entire prophecy to His own generation, and scripture confirms it all throughout the New Testament.

#### **Luke 21:22**

Because these are the days of punishment, so that all things which have been written will be fulfilled.

† Jesus declared that the destruction of Jerusalem would fulfill all things written, meaning the prophetic expectations of Israel's covenantal end. No other event in history fits the description Jesus gave.

† This connects directly to Daniel 12, the shattering of the holy people. It also connects to Hosea, Micah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and all other covenant judgment

prophecies.

† Scripture interprets scripture. Jesus didn't say some things written. He said all things written. This ends futurism immediately.

## **The Apostles Repeated the Same Deadline**

### **Romans 13:11-12**

Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep, for now salvation is nearer to us than when we first believed. The night is almost gone, and the day is near.

† Paul wasn't telling them about something far off in the future. He told them the day was near, the night was almost gone. These words have no meaning if the event is thousands of years away.

† Salvation here is covenantal deliverance from the Old Covenant order that was about to vanish. Hebrews 8:13 confirms the same.

† The urgency is real. The apostles lived in the last days of the Old Covenant world.

### **Hebrews 10:37**

For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay.

† God said He would not delay. Futurism accuses God of delay. Scripture contradicts futurism.

† A very little while does not mean two thousand years. No one in their right mind would interpret language that way outside of religious conditioning.

† Hebrews was written just before AD 70, urging believers not to fall back into the doomed Old Covenant system.

### **James 5:8-9**

You too be patient, strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, against one another, so that you may not be judged, behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

† James' language matches Jesus exactly in Matthew 24:33. Near. At the door. Not symbolic. Not delayed.

† James wasn't confused. He spoke by the Spirit, confirming Jesus' timeline.

† There is no theological reason to move this event to the future except to protect tradition.

### **1 Peter 4:7**

The end of all things is near, therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.

† Peter didn't say the end will be near someday. He said it was near when he wrote.

† The end of all things refers to the Old Covenant heaven and earth system, not the globe.

† Again, scripture interprets scripture. The end was covenantal, not cosmic.

## **Revelation Continues the Pattern**

## **Revelation 1:1-3**

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond servants the things which must soon take place, and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond servant John, who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, everything that he saw. Blessed is the one who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things which are written in it, for the time is near.

† Revelation opens with timing that can't be twisted. Must soon take place. The time is near. God didn't lie.

† Futurists treat these words as meaningless. But scripture doesn't allow that. God told the truth.

† Everything in Revelation fits the first century context, including the beast, the harlot, and the fall of the city where the Lord was crucified.

## **Revelation 22:6**

These words are faithful and true, and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show His bond servants the things which must soon take place.

† The book ends exactly as it began. Soon means soon. Near means near.

† Scripture interprets scripture. God did not confuse His people.

† The end of Revelation confirms the beginning. Nothing is postponed.

## **How Scripture Interprets Scripture**

† When we compare Matthew 24, Romans, Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, and Revelation, every writer uses the same timing language. No writer ever points to a far future generation. The consistency is perfect.

† Jesus promised judgment on that generation, and every apostle affirmed the nearness of His coming. The New Testament is in total unity about the timing.

† Futurism collapses completely when scripture interprets scripture.

## **How It Applies To Us Today**

† Fulfillment strengthens faith. Jesus kept His word exactly as He said.

† We now live in the fully established New Covenant kingdom without waiting for fear, wrath, or destruction.

† Understanding fulfilled prophecy removes confusion and restores confidence in the authority of Jesus' teaching.

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

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† Matthew 10:23, Matthew 16:27-28, Matthew 24:34, Luke 21:22, Romans 13:11-12, Hebrews 10:37, James 5:8-9, 1 Peter 4:7, Revelation 1:1-3, Revelation 22:6

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