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Introduction

If all things are fulfilled, then Jesus kept every time statement He spoke. The fulfilled perspective accepts His words exactly as He gave them. The law, the prophets, the judgment, the resurrection, and the kingdom reached covenant completion in the generation He addressed. That means we live in the fullness of the new creation today.

Matthew 24:34

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

† Jesus placed every prophetic event inside the lifetime of the people standing before Him. This was the same covenant generation condemned in Matthew 23, and the same generation that saw the end of the old covenant age in AD 70.

† Jesus tied judgment, resurrection, kingdom arrival, and the end of the age to one specific generation, not multiple generations across history.

† The phrase this generation always refers to the generation Jesus was speaking to. Not once in scripture does it ever mean a far future group.

† If His words failed, He would not be the Messiah. But they did not fail. Every event He described unfolded exactly when He said it would, proving the fulfilled perspective is simply taking Jesus at His word.

Luke 21:22

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

† All things which are written refers to the prophetic writings of Israel. Jesus tied the complete fulfillment of prophecy to the destruction of Jerusalem, showing the end of the old covenant age in their generation.

† The phrase days of vengeance echoes Deuteronomy 32, where Moses warned of Israel's covenant breaking and the destruction that would follow. Jesus identifies His generation as the one Moses foresaw.

† When Jesus says all things written, He includes Daniel, Zechariah, Isaiah, Joel, and every prophet. Nothing is left unfulfilled.

† This eliminates futurist speculation. If Jesus said all things written were fulfilled in the fall of Jerusalem, then prophecy is not waiting for a modern completion.

Acts 3:24

And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and his successors onward, have also announced these days. † Peter declares that the prophets announced these days, not future days thousands of years removed. Fulfillment was happening right then, in the first century.

† These days refers to the last days of the old covenant age, the very days when the Messiah appeared and judgment was approaching.

† If the prophets announced their days, then the last days were already unfolding, confirming that the prophetic timeline was reaching its completion.

† Futurism collapses under this verse. Peter locates fulfillment in his own generation, not ours.

Acts 26:6

And now I am standing trial for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers.

Acts 26:7

The promise to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly serve God night and day. And for this hope, O King, I am being accused by Jews.

† Paul preached the arrival of the promise given to Israel, not its postponement. Christ fulfilled the covenant promises in the same generation that rejected Him.

† The hope of Israel included resurrection, the kingdom, forgiveness, and restoration. Paul said this hope was arriving, not delayed for thousands of years.

† Paul never separated Christianity from Israel's promises. He declared they were being fulfilled through Christ in their own time.

Romans 10:4

For Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

† Christ brought the law's condemnation to its appointed end. The old covenant's power to condemn was removed through

His finished work.

† The destruction of the temple in AD 70 publicly ended the law's sacrificial and priestly system, confirming the new covenant as the only standing covenant.

† If Christ is the end of the law, then the law cannot continue past the destruction of the old covenant age. Fulfillment belongs to the first century, not our future.

Hebrews 10:37

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

† A very little while does not mean thousands of years. The writer expected Christ's coming within their lifetime.

† Hebrews connects this coming directly to the removal of the old covenant system and the judgment on Jerusalem.

† The verse ends any futurist timeline. The inspired author said He would not delay.

Hebrews 8:13

When He said, A new covenant, He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is about to disappear.

† The old covenant was already fading away when Hebrews was written. It had not disappeared yet because the temple was still standing.

† In AD 70, the temple fell and the old covenant system vanished exactly as Hebrews predicted.

† This proves beyond doubt that the end of the age was the end of the old covenant age, not the end of world history.

Revelation 1:3

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 a clear and unmistakable statement that its events were near, not distant.

† Near means near. John did not confuse his audience. He told

them the prophecy concerned their time.

† Revelation cannot be separated from Jesus' teaching in Matthew 24. Both are anchored to the same generation and the same judgment.

Revelation 22:6

And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond servants the things which must soon take place.

Revelation 22:10

Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

† Daniel was told to seal his prophecy because fulfillment was far off. John was told not to seal his prophecy because fulfillment was near.

† This proves Revelation was for the first century, not our modern age.

† The end of the old covenant age and the destruction of Jerusalem are the context, timing, and fulfillment of Revelation.

All Things That Were Fulfilled

Redemption

Ephesians 1:7

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

† Redemption was the release from the law's condemnation. Christ fulfilled it completely.

Colossians 1:13-14

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

† Redemption is not future. It arrived fully in Christ before AD 70, and was revealed covenantally when the old system ended.

Hebrews 9:12

And not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

† Eternal redemption was already obtained before the temple fell. AD 70 manifested it through the end of the old covenant structure.

Judgment

Deuteronomy 32:35-36

Vengeance is Mine, and retribution, for the Lord will vindicate His people.

† Moses predicted the judgment on Israel for breaking the covenant.

Matthew 23:35-36

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

† Jesus places covenant judgment on the first century generation.

Luke 21:20-22

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

† Jesus identifies Jerusalem's fall as the fulfillment of covenant judgment.

Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

† Adam brought biological mortality into the world, but Paul is speaking of covenant death, the condemnation that came through the law.

1 Corinthians 15:54-56

Death is swallowed up in victory... The power of sin is the law.

† Resurrection is the removal of the law's condemnation, not

biological change.

Philippians 3:10-11

That I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

† Paul is seeking covenant resurrection, the release from the old covenant world of death.

Kingdom

Daniel 7:13-14

His dominion is an everlasting dominion.

† Christ received the kingdom at His ascension.

Matthew 16:27-28

Some standing here will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.

† The kingdom arrived in their generation.

Colossians 1:13

He rescued us and transferred us into the kingdom.

† The kingdom was already present before AD 70.

New Jerusalem

Hebrews 12:22-24

You have come to Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem.

† The New Jerusalem was already accessible.

Galatians 4:26

The Jerusalem above is free, she is our mother.

† The true Jerusalem is covenantal.

Revelation 21:2

The holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven.

† Revealed fully when the old city was destroyed.

End of the Age

Matthew 13:39-40

The harvest is the end of the age.

† Not the end of the physical world, but the end of the old covenant age.

Matthew 24:3

What will be the sign of the end of the age?

† Jesus answers with the destruction of Jerusalem.

Hebrews 9:26

He has been manifested at the consummation of the ages.

† Christ appeared in the transition between the old covenant age and the new.

Death

Romans 5:12

Through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin.

† Adam introduced biological mortality, but the death Paul teaches is covenant death, the condemnation that came through the law.

Romans 6:23

The wages of sin is death.

† This is the death produced by sin's relationship to the law, not physical death.

1 Corinthians 15:56

The power of sin is the law.

† Paul defines this death as the law's power to condemn. That death ended when the old covenant ended.

New Creation

Isaiah 65:17

For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth.

† This is covenant restoration, not a change in the physical universe.

2 Corinthians 5:17

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature.

† New creation life is already present in Christ.

Galatians 6:15

A new creation is what matters.

† The new covenant people are the new creation.

Elect Gathered

Matthew 24:31

He will gather His elect.

† This occurred at the end of the old covenant age.

John 11:52

To gather together into one the children of God.

† Christ gathered the elect into one covenant body.

Ephesians 1:9-10

The summing up of all things in Christ.

† The elect were gathered into one new covenant body.

Spirit Outpoured

Joel 2:28-29

I will pour out My Spirit.

† Fulfilled in Acts 2.

Acts 2:16-18

This is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel.

† Peter confirms the outpouring was fulfilled in their generation.

Promises to the Fathers

Acts 13:32-33

We preach that God has fulfilled this promise.

† Paul declares fulfillment in their day.

Acts 26:6-7

The hope of our twelve tribes.

† Paul says this hope was happening in their generation.

Romans 15:8

Christ to confirm the promises given to the fathers.

† Christ completed them.

Restoration of All Things

Acts 3:21

The period of restoration of all things.

† Occurring in the apostolic era.

Luke 1:68-75

He has visited and accomplished redemption.

† Restoration was underway through Christ.

Prophets Fulfilled

Luke 24:44

All things written must be fulfilled.

† Jesus declares total fulfillment.

Acts 3:18

God fulfilled what He announced through the prophets.

† Fulfillment occurred in their generation.

Acts 3:24

All the prophets announced these days.

† Their days, not ours.

Heaven and Earth Changed

Matthew 5:17-18

Until heaven and earth pass away.

† This refers to the old covenant world.

Hebrews 12:26-28

The removal of things that can be shaken.

† The old covenant was removed.

2 Peter 3:10-13

New heavens and a new earth.

† The new covenant world.

Historical References

† Josephus, Wars 6.2, records the destruction of Jerusalem exactly as Jesus foretold.

† Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History 3.7, confirms Matthew 24 was fulfilled in the fall of Jerusalem.

† Clement of Alexandria taught that the old covenant ended with the destruction of the temple.

† Tertullian affirmed that Israel's prophetic judgments reached fulfillment in the days of the apostles.

How It Applies to Us Today

If all things are fulfilled, then we're not waiting for a future kingdom or a future last days. We live in the everlasting kingdom Christ established. We are not under the law's condemnation. We do not fear a future judgment. We live in the completed new creation that Christ secured through His finished work.

Because all things are fulfilled, believers live in the fullness of covenant life, restored access to God, and the assurance that death's covenant power has been removed forever.

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

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