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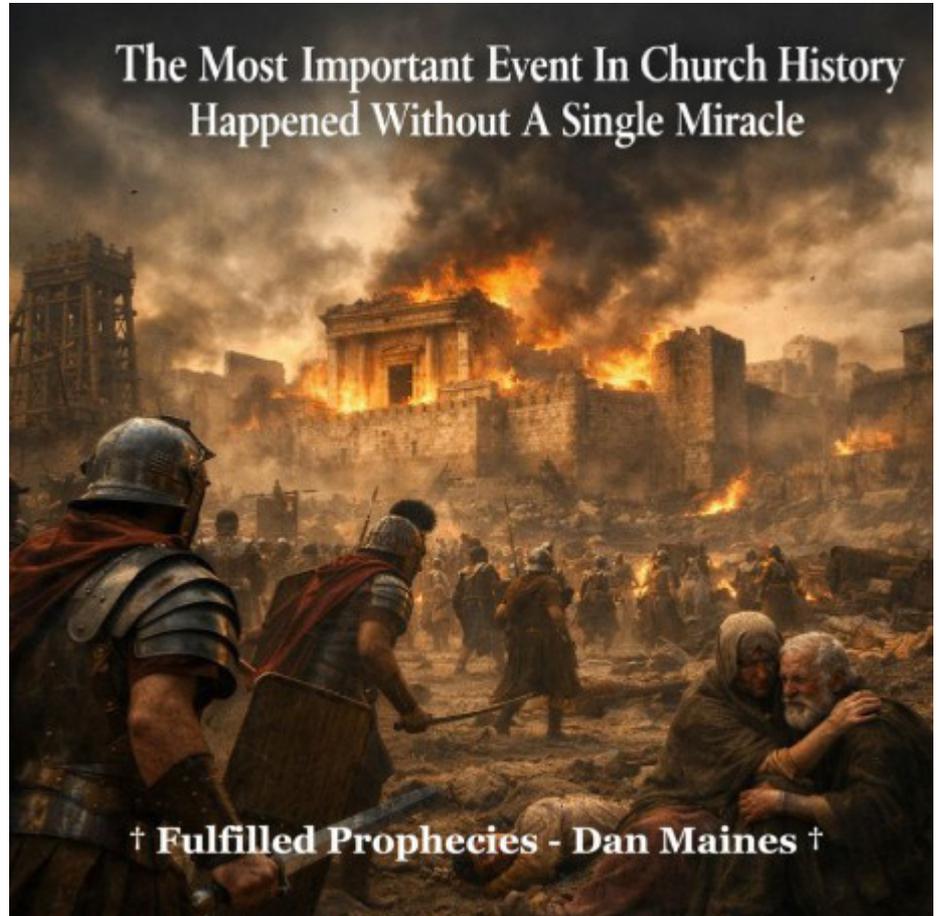
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The Most Important Event In Church History Happened Without A Single Miracle



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Introduction

† Scripture shows miracles at the beginning of covenant transitions, not at their conclusion.

† Signs and wonders authenticated the gospel while the Old Covenant was still standing.

† AD 70 was the most decisive covenantal event in church history, yet it occurred without a single recorded miracle.

† No apostles are shown healing, no tongues are mentioned, no signs are recorded.

† That silence is intentional and decisive.

Hebrews 2:3-4

how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders, and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

† The text places signs and wonders at the confirmation stage of the gospel message.

† Miracles functioned to authenticate the message during the transition period.

† There is no statement here that miracles accompany covenant removal or judgment.

† Once the message was confirmed, the purpose of signs was complete.

1 Corinthians 13:8-10

Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away with; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away with. For we know in part and prophesy in part; but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away with.

† Paul teaches that miraculous gifts were temporary and partial.

† These gifts belonged to an incomplete covenantal state.

† The perfect refers to covenantal completion, not the end of the physical world.

† With completion, the partial means were removed.

Matthew 24:2

But He responded and said to them, "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."

† Jesus foretold the destruction of the temple without promising miraculous signs to accompany it.

† There is no instruction for apostles to perform wonders during its fall.

† The judgment was decreed and unavoidable.

† Fulfillment required execution, not spectacle.

Luke 21:20

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near.

† The sign given is historical and visible, not supernatural.

† Roman armies, not angels, carried out the judgment.

† God used ordinary means to accomplish a covenantal end.

† This confirms the transition was legal and historical.

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 rendered obsolete when the New Covenant was established.

† Hebrews describes it as already aging while still functioning outwardly.

† AD 70 did not make it obsolete, it removed it from history.

† The disappearance was final and irreversible.

Historical References

† Josephus records the destruction of Jerusalem in detail and never mentions apostles or miracles.

† Tacitus describes the fall as political and catastrophic, not supernatural.

† Eusebius confirms the church fled Jerusalem and witnessed

its destruction without miraculous intervention.

† Suetonius records omens and portents surrounding Roman emperors, yet records no miraculous signs connected to Jerusalem's fall.

† The historical silence matches the scriptural pattern.

How It Applies To Us Today

† We don't need signs to validate a finished covenant.

† Faith rests on fulfillment, not spectacle.

† God's greatest covenantal act occurred quietly and decisively.

† Nothing is missing, nothing is pending, nothing is delayed.

Q & A Appendix

Q Why were there no miracles during AD 70

A Because miracles authenticate beginnings, not endings, Hebrews 2:3-4.

Q Does the absence of miracles mean God stopped working

A No, it means His covenant work was completed, Hebrews 8:13.

Q Why do people expect signs during judgment

A Because modern theology confuses inauguration with fulfillment, 1 Corinthians 13:8-10.

Q Why would God allow the most important covenant event to occur without miracles

A Because judgment does not need authentication, only execution, Matthew 24:2; Luke 21:20; Hebrews 8:13.

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

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