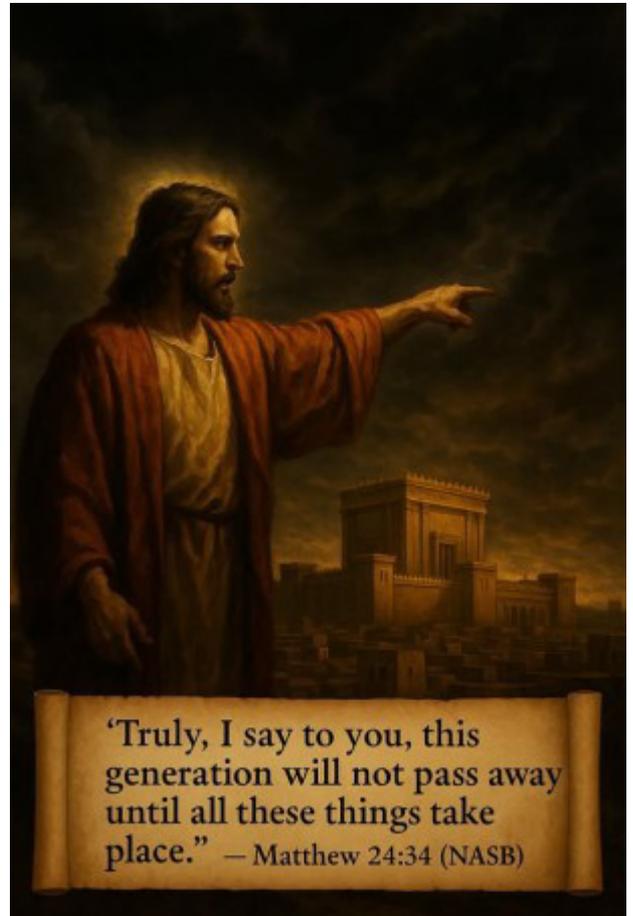


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Generation - Matthew 24:34
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Introduction:

Today we look at a single verse. Just one.

Matthew 24:34. A statement from Jesus Himself.

A verse so clear that you have to be **taught to misunderstand it.**

What Did Jesus Say?

"Truly I say to you" – When Jesus says "truly," He is emphasizing truth, certainty, and authority.

"This generation will not pass away" – Jesus is speaking to ***His generation***, the people standing right there.

"Until all these things take place" – Not *some* things. Not *most* things. ***All these things.***

What Are "These Things"?

The context is key. Go back to Matthew 24:1-3:

Jesus told the disciples the **temple would be destroyed.**

They asked Him *when* it would happen and *what signs* to look for.

Jesus proceeds to describe:

Wars and rumors of wars (v6)

Nation rising against nation (v7)

Persecution (v9)

Gospel preached to the whole world (v14 – compare with Colossians 1:6, 23)

Abomination of desolation (v15)

Great tribulation (v21)

Signs in the heavens (v29)

Coming on the clouds (v30)

Gathering of the elect (v31)

What Did Jesus Mean by "This Generation"?

The Greek word is *genea*, meaning the people alive at that time.

In every other place in the Gospels where Jesus says "this generation," it always refers to the one He is speaking to. (See Matthew 11:16, 12:41-42, 23:36)

Matthew 23:36 says: "Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation."

So in two back-to-back chapters, Jesus says it clearly and consistently.

Why Is This Important?

If we ignore Jesus' timeframe, we make Him out to be wrong or misleading.

But He was not wrong. Everything He said *did* take place by 70 AD.

Jerusalem was destroyed, the temple was torn down, and not one stone was left upon another, just as He said (Matthew 24:2).

What About the "Coming on the Clouds"?

This is judgment language from the Old Testament.

Isaiah 19:1 – "The Lord is riding on a swift cloud and is about to come to Egypt..."

It is not about a physical appearance, but divine judgment.

Jesus came in judgment upon Jerusalem, just as He said.

Conclusion:

Matthew 24:34 stands as a witness to Jesus' truthfulness.

It was fulfilled just as He said it would be.

You do not have to stretch the text, change the meaning of "generation," or postpone fulfillment for 2,000 years.

Instead, you can stand firm in the knowledge that Christ's words did not fail.

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away." (Matthew 24:35)

Call to Action:

Let us not be ashamed of the words of Christ.

Let us boldly proclaim fulfilled prophecy, so that others may see the reliability of Jesus' words.

Truth was not delayed. It was delivered.

And the kingdom is here.

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