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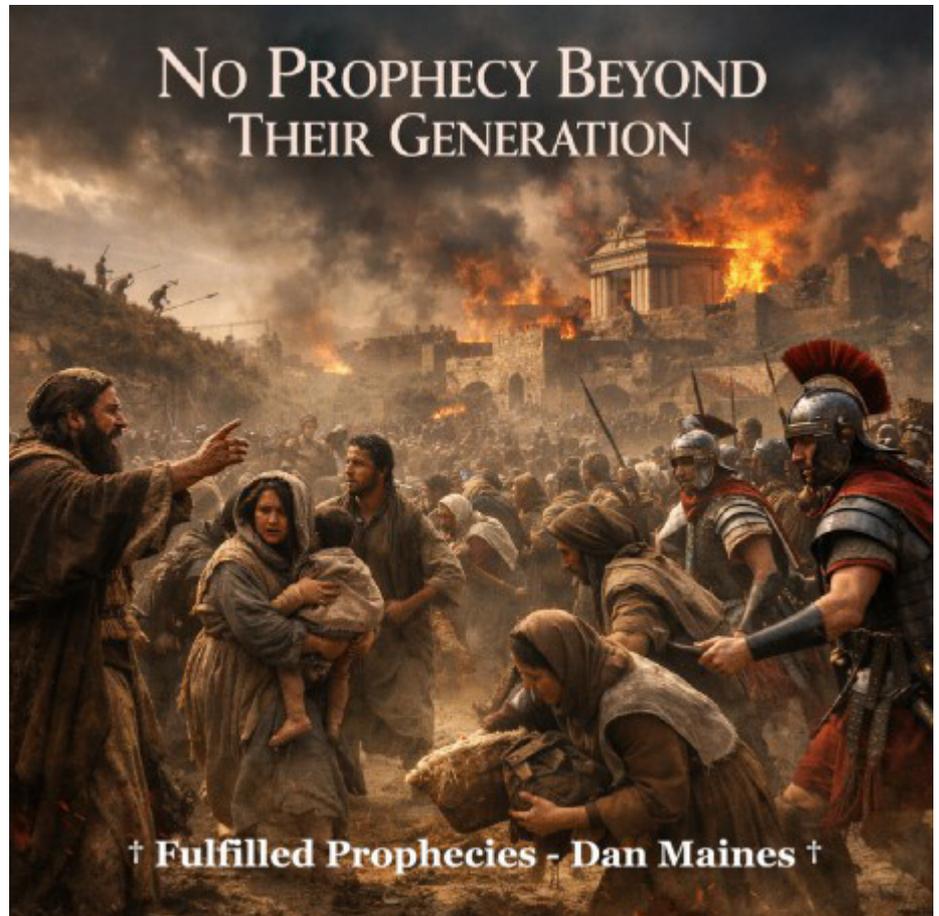
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## No Prophecy Beyond Their Generation



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### Introduction

† The claim has been made that no prophecy of the Bible has anything at all to do with the future of us who are living in the years 2026 and beyond, not one. (Luke 21:22)

† Others respond that Jesus spoke of people outside the first century, some that are not of this fold, and that His kingdom

must extend prophetically into our future. (John 10:16)

† We're going to let Scripture speak plainly, and we're going to deal honestly with what Jesus actually said to His apostles, to their faces, in their lifetime. (Matthew 24:34) Remember Jesus is NOT talking to you.

### **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 MAN 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 tied His coming and judgment to some standing there not tasting death, that is a built in time limit. (Matthew 24:34)

† He didn't say a distant generation thousands of years later would witness it, He said some standing here. (Luke 9:27)

† If some standing there lived to see it, then it cannot be pushed into 2026 and beyond. (Hebrews 10:37)

### **Luke 21:20-23**

But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city, because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled. Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days, for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people.

† Jesus gave **them** the sign, Jerusalem surrounded by armies, and told them what to do, flee Judea, that is geographic, local, and time bound. (Matthew 24:16)

† He called it days of vengeance so that all things which are written will be fulfilled, that is total fulfillment language. (Daniel 9:26-27)

† He said wrath to this people and distress upon the land, that is covenant judgment language. (1 Thessalonians 2:14-16)

† If all things which are written were fulfilled in those days of vengeance, then prophecy is not waiting on 2026 and beyond. (Matthew 5:17-18)

## **John 10:16**

I have other sheep, which are not of this fold, I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice, and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

† The other sheep were Gentiles being brought into the one flock under one Shepherd. (Ephesians 2:11-13)

† Jesus said they will hear My voice, and that happened through apostolic preaching. (Colossians 1:5-6)

† This does not create a new prophetic timeline beyond their generation, it describes the expansion of the already established kingdom. (Acts 1:8)

## **Ephesians 2:14-16**

For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the

two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

† Paul speaks in completed language, made, broke down, abolished, establishing, reconcile, put to death, that is fulfillment language. (Colossians 2:14)

† The dividing wall between Jew and Gentile was removed in the first century through the cross. (Galatians 3:28)

† The one new man was already being formed in Paul's day, proving the other sheep were being gathered then. (Romans 10:12-13)

### **Matthew 24:34**

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

† This generation refers to the generation He was speaking to. (Matthew 23:36)

† All these things includes the coming, judgment, tribulation, and fulfillment statements. (Luke 21:22)

† If all these things took place before that generation passed, then prophecy did not extend into 2026 and beyond. (Hebrews 8:13)

### **Matthew 23:36**

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

† Jesus repeated the time limit clearly, all these things upon this generation. (Matthew 24:34)

† The judgment He described was directed at His contemporaries. (1 Thessalonians 2:14-16)

† This reinforces that prophetic fulfillment was confined to that era. (Luke 21:20)

### **Luke 21:32**

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

† Luke confirms the same time statement independently. (Matthew 24:34)

† All things means the events of the discourse, including desolation and vengeance. (Luke 21:22)

† The repetition removes any excuse to stretch fulfillment into distant centuries.

### **Hebrews 10:37**

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

† The writer says in a very little while, not in thousands of years. (James 5:8)

† Will not delay contradicts the idea of a two thousand year postponement.

† This confirms the nearness of the coming in their lifetime.

### **Hebrews 8:13**

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

† The old covenant was already becoming obsolete in their generation.

† Ready to disappear shows the covenant system was about to vanish. (Luke 21:22)

† That disappearance occurred in AD 70 with the destruction of Jerusalem.

## **1 Corinthians 15:24-26**

then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death.

† He must reign until shows He was already reigning in Paul's day. (Acts 2:30-36)

† The end follows the abolition of enemies, not a future earthly millennium.

† The reign is ongoing, but the prophetic transition occurred in their generation.

## **Historical References**

† Eusebius records that believers fled Jerusalem before its destruction, fulfilling Luke 21 literally. (Ecclesiastical History 3.5)

† Josephus documented the siege, famine, and devastation exactly as Jesus described. (Wars of the Jews 6.9.3)

† Irenaeus connected the Lord's warnings with the destruction that came upon Jerusalem. (Against Heresies 5.25)

† Early Christian writers consistently treated the fall of Jerusalem as fulfillment, not as unfinished prophecy.

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

† We are not waiting for prophecy to complete itself, we are living in the reality of a fulfilled kingdom. (Hebrews 12:28)

† Christ reigns now because He was seated on David's throne in the first century. (Acts 2:30-36)

† The kingdom shall never end because His dominion is everlasting. (Daniel 7:14)

† Our confidence rests in completed redemption, not postponed expectation. (John 19:30)

† We live under a kingdom that cannot be shaken, not one that is still waiting to arrive. (Hebrews 12:28)

† We are not standing on the edge of wrath, we are standing in grace because the covenant judgment has already fallen. (Romans 5:1-2)

† The fear driven timelines of modern futurism collapse when we accept that the days of vengeance already occurred. (Luke 21:22)

† Our mission is not to predict prophetic countdowns, it is to proclaim a finished work. (John 19:30)

† The gospel we preach is not a warning that destruction is about to come upon Jerusalem, it is the announcement that

Christ reigns. (Acts 17:31)

† Because the old covenant passed away, we do not live under shadows, types, and temple systems, we live in the reality of the new covenant. (2 Corinthians 3:11)

† The kingdom advancing today is not prophetic fulfillment unfolding, it is the ongoing expansion of a kingdom already established. (Colossians 1:13)

† We do not wait for Jesus to take His throne, He already has, and we serve under His present authority. (Matthew 28:18)

† Confidence replaces confusion when we understand that all things which are written were fulfilled in their time. (Luke 21:22)

† The stability of our faith rests in fulfilled prophecy, not postponed expectation. (2 Peter 1:19)

## **Q and A Appendix**

**Q** If all prophecy was fulfilled, does that mean Christ is not reigning now?

**A** No. Acts 2:30-36 shows He was seated on David's throne in the first century, and Daniel 7:14 declares His dominion is everlasting.

**Q** What about some that are not of this fold?

**A** John 10:16 refers to Gentile inclusion, and Ephesians 2:14-16 shows that unity was established in the apostolic age.

**Q** Does Revelation speak about our future?

**A** Revelation 1:1 and 1:3 state the events must soon take place and the time is near.

**Q** Are there any prophecies left for 2026 and beyond?

**A** Matthew 24:34, Matthew 23:36, and Luke 21:32 state that all these things would take place before that generation passed away.

**Q** If Jesus already came in judgment in that generation, what are we waiting for now?

**A** We're not waiting for prophetic fulfillment. We're living in the ongoing reign of Christ. Hebrews 12:28 says we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken.

**Q** What about the Great Commission, does that mean prophecy continues?

**A** The Great Commission is mission, not prophecy. Matthew 28:18-20 shows Christ already had all authority. The command to disciple the nations flows from fulfillment, not future prediction.

**Q** If Revelation was fulfilled, why does evil still exist?

**A** Revelation addresses covenant judgment and the fall of the old order, not the immediate removal of all sin from the earth. 1 Corinthians 15:25 says He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet, showing an ongoing reign after fulfillment.

**Q** What about the resurrection, hasn't that already happened in your view?

**A** 2 Timothy 2:17-18 warns about those who misunderstood the resurrection timing. The resurrection connected to the end of the age and covenant transition occurred as Scripture said

within that generation, 1 Corinthians 15:23-24.

**Q** If all prophecy was fulfilled, does that mean there is no future judgment for individuals?

**A** Individual judgment is consistent throughout Scripture. Hebrews 9:27 says it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment. That is not a postponed covenant event, that is personal accountability.

**Q** Why does the New Testament repeatedly say soon and near if it really meant thousands of years?

**A** It doesn't mean thousands of years. Revelation 1:1 and Revelation 22:10 both state the events must soon take place and the time is near. The plain meaning supports first century fulfillment.

**Q** Doesn't the kingdom continuing into future generations prove prophecy is ongoing?

**A** No. Daniel 7:14 says His dominion is everlasting. The reign continues, but the prophetic transition into that reign occurred in their generation.

**Q** Are you saying there is no future hope?

**A** Our hope is not in postponed prophecy, it is in a reigning King and an unshakable kingdom. Colossians 1:13 says we have been transferred into the kingdom of His beloved Son.

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

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† Matthew 16:27-28; Luke 21:20-23; John 10:16; Ephesians 2:14-16; Matthew 24:34; Matthew 23:36; Luke 21:32; Hebrews 10:37; Hebrews 8:13; 1 Corinthians 15:24-26; Acts 2:30-36; Daniel 7:14; Hebrews 12:28; John 19:30

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