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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

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The Time Is Now

When their government oppressed God's people, the Prophet Elijah asked the timid Israelites,

"How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." (**1 Kings 18:21**)

Good people cannot survive in a society (or world!) by shrinking away from the inevitable choice: good or evil. Joshua challenged his people:

"Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." (**Joshua 24:15**)

Paul wrote there will be:

...The day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel. (**Romans 2:16**)

There will be "multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision!" (**Joel 3:14**). The "cowardly" will burn in Hell with "all liars" and sinners (**Revelation 21:8**).

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### **Hate-filled Strife**

There can be no question that in the world, "hatred" is preached and practiced! Christians should leave this behind, for Paul wrote in **Titus 3:3**:

For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

There is a third word for "hatred" listed as a "work of the flesh" that disqualifies anyone from inheriting "the kingdom of God" (**Galatians 5:19-21**). Only the hateful stir up strife:

Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; and where there is no talebearer, strife ceases. As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, so is a contentious man to kindle strife. (**Proverbs 26:20-21**)

For the love of God, we should "keep His commandments" (**1 John 5:3**).

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Promise to Give Kingdom to Others

Jesus gave a parable about a landowner who provides a productive vineyard, but his workers beat, kill, and stone everyone he sends to receive its fruits. When the workers kill his son, Jesus asks:

"When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"

[Then Jesus said,] "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it." (**Matthew 21:33-43**)

Now when the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them. (**Matthew 21:45**)

Jesus had told Jews in His day,

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (**Mark 1:15**)

The kingdom of God today has been established for those who obey the Gospel, both Jews & Gentiles, or else Jesus lied, and God's word is meaningless!

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**What Law Did Jesus Fulfill?**

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled." (Jesus, **Matthew 5:17-18**)

Jesus then gave 6 quotes from the Law of Moses which He contrasted with His own Laws (**Matthew 5:21-48**). After He was raised from the dead,

He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures . (**Luke 24:44-45**)

Once fulfilled, the Law of Moses was removed by Jesus' cross.

He takes away the first that He may establish the second.  
(**Hebrews 10:9**)

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God's Land Promise

There is no prophecy of Scripture about the Jews returning to their Promised Land that has not already been fulfilled! Jerusalem was destroyed in the Old Testament, it was:

... to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years. (**2 Chronicles 36:21**)

God used Babylonians to remove His people for 70 years. That time ended:

... In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing. (**2 Chronicles 36:22**)

No New Testament prophecy promises the Jews that land again.

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