

THE KING AND KINGDOM FULFILL THE OLD TESTAMENT, PART 2:  
THE PERMANENCE OF SCRIPTURE  
(Matthew 5:18)

- I. Opening AFFIRMATION—“For TRULY I say to you...”
  - A. Connected to v. 17 by the word “FOR”
  - B. Insisted on the TRUTHFULNESS of this statement
  - C. Affirmed His own DIVINE AUTHORITY
- II. Statement of DURATION—“Until heaven and earth PASS AWAY...”
  - A. Not precisely “FOREVER”
  - B. But until the END of the PRESENT heaven and earth (cf. 24:35 with Ps. 102:25-27; Isa. 51:6; 2 Pet. 3:7; Rev. 21:1)
- III. Extent/Extent of INSPIRATION—“Not the smallest LETTER or STROKE shall pass...”
  - A. Includes EVERY word and their FORMS (cf. 22:29-32)
  - B. Includes the very LETTERS of God’s Word
- IV. Limited in APPLICATION—“...from the LAW...”
  - A. Refers to the ENTIRE OLD TESTAMENT
  - B. Must be careful how we apply it to the WRITTEN TEXT
    1. Some insist it guarantees the Bible’s PERFECT preservation

- a. How do we determine WHICH text?
      - b. How do we explain VARIANT readings?
      - c. How do we explain the manifest IMPERFECTIONS of EVERY extant copy?
    - 2. Others conclude its PERFECT form can be RECONSTRUCTED by COMPARING extant texts
      - a. How do we explain that NO ONE has ever POSSESSED the perfectly preserved text?
      - b. Doesn't that make it merely THEORETICAL?
  - C. Will endure PERFECTLY no matter what mankind does with the TEXT
- V. Guarantee of CONSUMATION—"... until all is ACCOMPLISHED"
- A. Includes His INCARNATION
  - B. Includes His LIFE of OBEDIENCE
  - C. Includes His CRUCIFIXION, RESURRECTION, and ASCENSION
  - D. Includes His life in the CHURCH
  - E. Includes His MILLENNIAL KINGDOM
  - F. Includes the resurrection of the REDEEMED to GLORY and of the LOST to CONDEMNATION
  - G. Includes the ETERNAL KINGDOM