

2021 Goals!

ABCs Of Reflecting & Remembering
God's Faithfulness in 2020

BREAKTHROUGH!

A: Accomplishments (You've Achieved)

B: Blessings (He Has Provided)

C: Challenges (He Helped You Overcome)

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is the **greatest word** from the **greatest man** on the **greatest day** in all eternity has changed the history & destiny of mankind.

Kuwornu-Adjaottor & Yankyera

3 words in Greek

What comes to mind when you think of these words?

ΤΕΤΕΛΕΣΤΑΙ

Stong's Concordance 5055

The root "tel" means reaching the end (to aim).

To bring to a close.

Complete and fulfilled.

The last act which completes a process.

To settle an account.

To pay in full.

"**It is finished,**" is one of Jesus' most important statements, is translated from the single Greek word **Tetelestai**. The grammatical structure of the Greek word, perfect passive indicative, is very important. The perfect tense indicates that the **progress of an action has been completed** and the **result of that action is ongoing and with full effect**.

That is to say, Jesus' mission [my work is not finished > it is finished] to redeem sinners had **reached its intended goal** and that the benefits to the redeemed would **last throughout eternity**.

The perfect tense **Tetelestai** (It is finished) signifies **full completion of Jesus' work** and the establishment of a basis for faith. **Nothing further is needed to be done**.

The phrase **Tetelestai** was **not a cry of termination**, but a shout of triumph, declaring **the completion of Christ's work on the cross**.

ΤΕΤΕΛΕΣΤΑΙ

This triumphant declaration was a signal that Jesus had;

- (1) **fulfilled his earthly mission** given by the Father (John 18:37);
- (2) **fulfilled Old Testament prophecy** about the Messiah's suffering (Gen 3:15; Isa 53);
- (3) **completed the work** of spiritual rescue and restoration by providing the perfect sacrifice for sin (John 1:29; 1Cor 5:7);
- (4) **secured the decisive victory** over Satan and his network of demons (Col 2:15);
- (5) achieve the means of **restoring God's relationship** with his creation and sinful humanity (2Cor 5:18-19,21).

Jesus' expression of **Tetelestai** meant **He had finished** the types and figures of the ceremonial law. He had at length offered up **the perfect sacrifice**, of which every Mosaic sacrifice was a type and symbol, and there remained no more need of offerings for sin. **The old covenant was finished.**

The Shift:

Therefore Jesus told them, "**My time is not yet here**; for you any time will do. You go to the festival. I am not going up to this festival, because **my time has not yet fully come.**"

John 7:6, 8

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "**It is finished.**" With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:30

ΤΕΤΕΛΕΣΤΑΙ

EXAMPLES OF HISTORICAL USES OF **TETELESTAI**

Artists.

The masterpiece is finished. Nothing left. No corrections. No improvements.

Servants.

Yes, master I have finished the work.

Priests.

The offering was acceptable. Nothing more needed.
It is finished.

Merchants.

The one holding the promissory note wrote –
Paid in Full.

Soldiers.

You are finished to a vanquished foe.

Prisoners.

*Certificate of Decrees. Paid in full. It is finished.

ΤΕΤΕΛΕΣΤΑΙ

Which one(s) affect you the most? Why?

What does "it is finished" mean to me?

How can I apply Tetelestai to my life?

ΤΕΤΕΛΕΣΤΑΙ

POWER & AUTHORITY TO WAGE VICTORIOUS WARFARE!

“We need to keep Satan from destroying our families, breaking up our marriages, owning our children, influencing our minds, and inflaming our passions.”

Tony Evans, Warfare

1. The Person of Jesus
- 2. The Payment of Jesus**
3. Our Position in Jesus

1. PERSON OF JESUS

God wanted to demonstrate His power over Satan by using the weakness and fragility of human flesh to defeat the powerful ruler of the evil spirit world.

OT > Temporary payment for sin [animal sacrifice]
NT > Final payment for sin [personal sacrifice, Tetelestai!]

The law provided **temporary payment for sin** until it was time for the Savior. The Israelites brought bulls and goats to offer on the altar to cover their sin. And every time an animal was sacrificed, it was a way of affirming, “One day a woman is going to have a baby who is going to CRUSH Satan’s head!” (Genesis 3:15 > think of **Tetelestai!**)

ΤΕΤΕΛΕΣΤΑΙ

“But when the set time had fully come [for Jesus to make the FINAL PAYMENT FOR SIN – **Tetelestai!**], God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Galatians 4:4

2. PAYMENT OF JESUS

In order to conquer Satan, Jesus had to conquer death, because death is Satan’s weapon. But to conquer death, Jesus had to pay for sin, since death is the consequence of sin. It was sin that brought death into the world. And there is only ONE WAY to conquer death, and that is through RESURRECTION! You need RESURRECTION POWER TO CONQUER DEATH! Somebody had to get up from the dead if death is going to be defeated. Jesus broke the power hold of sin and the consequence of death – the biggest weapon Satan has. He entered Satan’s territory and beat the devil at his own game! Praise the LORD! Tetelestai!!! Paid in full! Amen!

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins [because He PAID FOR THEM IN FULL! **Tetelestai!**], 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away [Tetelestai!], nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:13-14

ΤΕΤΕΛΕΣΤΟΙ

CERTIFICATE OF DECREES: LEGAL INDEBTEDNESS

We were dead in sin and without hope, because we had a “certificate of decrees” posted against us. In Roman law when someone was convicted of a crime and imprisoned a list of his offenses was written up and posted on his cell door. This was a certificate of decrees, showing why he was imprisoned. Anybody who walked by his cell could see why a person was in prison because of the certificate of decrees.

Jesus Christ had a certificate of decrees posted over His cross written in Hebrew, Greek and Latin:

“JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS.”

He claimed to be God – blasphemy against the Jews.

He claimed to be King – blasphemy against Rome.

As far as Satan was concerned he was eliminating the SEED of the woman that was going to CRUSH him - and breaking the promise of God found in Genesis 3:15.

Oh but God... oh God had another certificate of decrees posted above Jesus' cross. This was a divine certificate, drawn up by God, bearing the name of every person who has ever lived. This certificate contained every sin of every person, and every charge on that certificate was valid. We were hopelessly guilty – and the sentence for those sins – death.

ΤΕΤΕΛΕΣΤΑΙ

But Jesus born the PUNISHMENT for all the sins [PAYMENT IN FULL – **Tetelestai!**] of those that put their faith and trust in Him!! AMEN!! He took our guilt. Paid the bill in full.

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:21

NOW THE GOOD PART!

When a criminal had finished his sentence, and paid his death to society [**Tetelestai**], his certificate of decrees was taken off his cell door and stamped with one Greek word > **Tetelestai**. “Paid in full.”

The certificate was canceled, and handed to the former criminal, so he could prove to anyone who asked that he was now FREE. Those charges could never be brought against him again.

The certificate of death that was rightfully ours was Paid in Full by Jesus Christ and His death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead! The debt that you and I owe to God were completely **Tetelestai-ed** by Jesus.

So when Satan goes to God, and shows the certificate of decrees warranting death – Jesus steps in and says, your right the certificate warrants death – but move your hand – do you see that stamp made with MY BLOOD – his debt has been **PAID IN FULL, TETELESTAI!**

ΤΕΤΕΛΕΣΤΑΙ

WHO DO YOU KNOW?

There are 2 types of certificates – those with the stamp and those without. Who do we know that needs the stamp? Who needs to understand that all their sins, all their shame, all their sorrow and all their pain has been paid in full? Who needs to know **Tetelestai**?

Jesus not only paid for our sins in full, but in doing so He reclaimed our AUTHORITY.

When you pay a bill in full you get a receipt. Your receipt is your proof. The resurrection was the proof that Jesus payment was acceptable to God, that is satisfied the debt.

Acts 2:32

32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Witness **> The Proof.**

Jesus' VICTORY over Satan disarmed him – took away his weapon – sin and its consequence - death. He lost all his ammunition and is rendered powerless! Satan's best weapon was deactivated. The roaring lion had his teeth pulled out.

Colossians 2:15

And having **disarmed the powers and authorities**, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

The devouring lion from John 10:10 was devoured by the Lion of Judah.

ΤΕΤΕΛΕΣΤΑΙ

Because of the stamp **Tetelestai**, all our sin debts and the consequence of eternal death have been PAID IN FULL, and we have the POWER AND AUTHORITY to stand IN VICTORY over Satan and death! Praise the Lord!!!

3. OUR POSITION IN CHRIST

Jesus triumph did not end with the resurrection. Jesus told His disciples that He had to leave them. He was ascending back to heaven as High Priest to take His blood stamp and apply it to the mercy seat in heaven. He sits at the right hand of the Father where He rules over all creation.

Matthew 28:18

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Jesus was enthroned [in throned] by God the Father, and all powers came under His authority – including the power of Satan and his demons.

Colossians 2:9-10

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10 and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

Once again Hebrews 2:14-16

14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might **break the power of him who holds the power of death**—that is, the devil— 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

ΤΕΤΕΛΕΣΤΑΙ

Ephesians 2:6

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

Revelation 12:11

They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb [**Tetelestai!**] and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death [from Satan's attacks and accusations > his hand over the stamp – **Tetelestai!**

To exercise your **Tetelestai** paid in full POWER & AUTHORITY bought by Jesus Christ you must know your POSITION in Christ and that you sit on that same seat with Him!

Satan knows he can defeat you – your powerless in the spiritual world alone. But oh how he knows that when you claim the Authority of the Risen One – the One who signed the Certificate of Decrees in HIS BLOOD! He must flee – he has no authority over you!!!

As believers we are clothed with Christ! Galatians 3:27

for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

We already have victory over the devil. Put on your uniform. The FULL ARMOR OF CHRIST! Today by faith I am going to live in Christ's authority, trusting His blood to give me the power that comes by way of His authority to give me power over any attacks of the evil one.

Certificate of Decrees

Debtor's Name

My Debts

Tetelestai!

PAID IN FULL

Jesus

