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**Second Coming -
THE SON OF MAN
COMING IN HIS
KINGDOM Matthew
16:27-28 and
Hebrews 9:28**



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INTRODUCTION Two of the most misunderstood statements of Jesus and the apostles are found in **Matthew 16:27-28** and **Hebrews 9:28**. From the fulfilled perspective, these passages clearly point to the **first-century return of Christ** in judgment and salvation, not a still-future event thousands of years later.

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 each

person 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 connects His coming in glory with **judgment** and the **rewarding of each person according to their deeds**.

This is **not vague** or about a distant event, He anchored it in the lifetime of **some who were standing there**.

This fits with **Matthew 24:34**, "this generation will not pass away until all these things take place."

The "coming in His kingdom" refers to **His ascension authority (Daniel 7:13-14)** revealed in power and judgment upon Jerusalem in **AD 70**.

"Angels" here are His messengers of judgment (**Matthew 24:30-31**).

Cross References That Reinforce This Promise

Psalms 62:12 – "For You repay a person according to his work."

Proverbs 24:12 – "Will He not repay a person according to his work."

Romans 2:6 – "who will repay each person according to his deeds."

Revelation 2:23 – "I will give to each one of you according to your deeds."

Matthew 10:23 – "you will not finish going through the cities of Israel until the Son of Man comes."

Matthew 23:36-39 – "all these things will come upon this generation" and "you will not see Me until you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

THE REWARDS AT HIS COMING

Rewards for the Faithful in That Generation

Vindication before persecutors (**Luke 21:28**)

Inheritance of the unshakable kingdom (**Hebrews 12:28**)

Access to the true temple presence (**Revelation 3:12**,
Hebrews 10:19-22)

Recompense for the Unbelieving Covenant Breakers

Loss of the kingdom (**Matthew 21:43**)

Covenant lawsuit and desolation (**Matthew 22:7**, **Luke 19:41-44**)

"According to deeds" judgment realized in the fall of Jerusalem (**Matthew 16:27**, **Revelation 18**)

Application Today We now live in the reality of that reward. We are in the kingdom that cannot be shaken (**Hebrews 12:28**), with direct access to the Father. The vindication they received in AD 70 is the same assurance we stand on now, our citizenship is in heaven, and nothing can remove us from His kingdom.

HEBREWS 9:28 "So Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him."

The **first appearing** was His incarnation to deal with sin through the cross.

The **second appearing** is His coming in judgment and vindication for His people.

His audience was **first-century Hebrew believers** enduring persecution and awaiting deliverance from the old covenant system that was "becoming obsolete and growing old" (**Hebrews 8:13**).

Near-Term Markers in Hebrews

Hebrews 8:13 – "becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear."

Hebrews 9:8-10 – earthly regulations "imposed until a time of reformation."

Hebrews 10:25 – "as you see the day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:37 – "For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay."

This salvation came in **AD 70**, when the old covenant temple was destroyed, freeing them completely from the shadow system.

SCRIPTURAL HARMONY

Matthew 16:27-28 and Hebrews 9:28 speak of the **same event**, Christ appearing in judgment and salvation within the lifetime of His first-century followers.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 affirms the afflicted church would receive relief "when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels."

Revelation 22:12 echoes Matthew 16:27, "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to reward each one as his work deserves."

COMMON OBJECTIONS ANSWERED

Objection – Matthew 16:28 refers to the Transfiguration.

The verse promises seeing the Son of Man "coming in His kingdom," paired with repayment language in 16:27.

The Transfiguration previewed glory but did not bring judgment or recompense "according to deeds."

The time marker "some standing here will not taste death" matches **Matthew 10:23** and **Matthew 24:34**.

Objection – Hebrews 9:28 is about a still-future, bodily return at the end of world history.

Hebrews is about **temple, priesthood, and covenant transition** (Hebrews 8–10).

The "second" appearing is the public vindication of those first-century believers from the old order.

Hebrews 10:37 says "in a very little while", binding 9:28 to their generation.

1 Peter 4:5, 7, 17 – "the end of all things is near" and "judgment begins with the household of God", matching first-century covenant judgment.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Assurance – Nothing can separate us from the presence of God in this completed new covenant (**Hebrews 10:19-22**).

Accountability – The Lord still weighs deeds for kingdom faithfulness and reward (**Revelation 22:12, 1 Corinthians 3:12-15**).

Mission – We labor from victory, not for it (**1 Corinthians 15:58**).

CONCLUSION Jesus kept His promise to come with angels, execute covenant recompense, and manifest His kingdom **within that generation** (**Matthew 16:27-28, Matthew 24:34**). Because He has done this, our assurance today is settled. We live in the unshakable kingdom with full access to the Father (**Hebrews 10:19-22, Hebrews 12:28**), and our works still matter (**Revelation 22:12**).

Matthew 16:27-28 and Hebrews 9:28 are not about a delayed or failed prophecy, they are fulfilled prophecies, perfectly timed, bringing judgment on the old covenant world and full salvation to the new covenant people of God. **This is the victory of Christ's kingdom, established forever.**

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