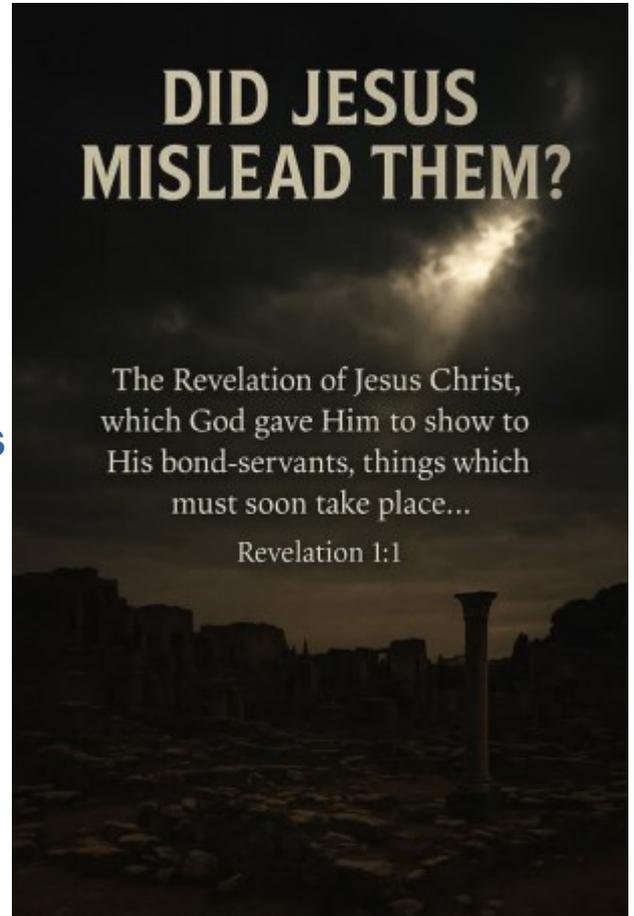


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## Didnt mean anything - Did Jesus Mislead Them?



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### **Did Jesus Mislead Them?**

Did Jesus mislead His disciples? Or have people misunderstood Him because of modern tradition? When the first-century audience read Revelation and heard Jesus' words, were they being misled? Or were they seeing the fulfillment of everything He promised?

Let the scriptures speak for themselves:

**Revelation 1:1** "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which **must soon take place**, and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John,"

**Revelation 1:3** "Blessed is the one who reads, and those who hear the words of the prophecy and keep the things which are written in it, for **the time is near.**"

**Revelation 22:6** "And he said to me, 'These words are faithful and true', and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show His bond-servants the things which **must soon take place.**"

**Revelation 22:10** "And he said to me, 'Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the **time is near.**'"

Ask yourself honestly:

Would God tell those believers the **time was "near"** if it was actually thousands of years away?

Would Jesus say **"soon"** if He meant thousands of years later?

The Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24 is often pushed into the future, but look at what Jesus said:

**Matthew 24:34** "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place."

**He was speaking to the very disciples in front of Him**, not a far future audience.

**Matthew 16:28** "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."

These were clear, time-bound promises, not vague predictions.

## **So the question remains: Did Jesus mislead them?**

Futurists often have to change the meaning of simple, time-based words like "**soon**," "**near**," and "**this generation**" to make their system work. But if we let the Bible speak on its own terms:

The events of judgment and fulfillment did take place in their generation.

Jesus kept His word to come in power before some of them died.

The Old Covenant age came to its end just as He said it would.

But that's not the end of the story.

While the judgments of Revelation **were for them**, the fruit of that fulfillment, the New Jerusalem, the river of life, the removal of the curse, and access to the tree of life, are **for all of us** who live in the New Covenant age.

**Revelation 21:3-4** "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them... and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**Revelation 22:1-2** "And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb... and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

That's our present reality. We are **not** waiting for the Kingdom, **we are living in it.**

Jesus did not mislead them. He was faithful to His word, and because of that, we are **living in the blessings of His fulfilled promises today.**

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