

16A COMPARISON: OLIVET DISCOURSE and I CORINTHIANS 15 (YLT)

Introduction: Some people rightly believe Matthew 24 refers to the coming of the Lord in judgment/salvation in AD 67-70, but then claim that I Corinthians 15 pertains to an event still in the future. This paper is to note the similarity of language and concept in these two passages.

1. CHRIST TO BE PRESENT (Greek “PAROUSIA”)

Matt. 24:27. ... for as the lightning doth come forth from the east, and doth appear unto the west, so shall be also the presence (parousia) of the Son of Man.

I Cor. 15:22-23.... even as in Adam all die, so also in the Christ all shall be made alive, 23 and each in his proper order, a first-fruit Christ, afterwards those who are the Christ's, in his presence (parousia).

2. THE LORD'S PEOPLE TO BE GATHERED/CHANGED AT THE SOUND OF A TRUMPET.

Matt. 24:31. And he shall send his messengers with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the heavens unto the ends thereof.

I Cor 15:52. ...in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, in the last trumpet, for it shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we — we shall be changed: (see video# 13)

3. CHRIST'S REIGN PUTS AN END TO THE OLD COVENANT

Matt 24:3, 14 And when he is sitting on the mount of the Olives, the disciples came near to him by himself, saying, 'Tell us, when shall these be? and what [is] the sign of thy presence, and of the full end of the age?' 14 [Jesus said] and this good news of the reign shall be proclaimed in all the world, for a testimony to all the nations; and then shall the end arrive.

I Cor. 15:24 ...then — the end, when he may deliver up the reign to God, even the Father, when he may have made useless all rule, and all authority and power...(note: Jesus and Yahweh are One and we should in no way presume that Jesus abdicated His rule at that time.)

4. KINGDOM OF GOD CONSUMMATION (GOAL REACHED)

Luke 21:31 ...when ye may see these things happening, ye know that near is the reign of God; 32 verily I say to you — This generation may not pass away till all may have come to pass;

I Cor. 15:24f....then — the end, when he may deliver up the reign to God, even the Father, when he may have made useless all rule, and all authority and power — **25** for it behoveth him to reign till he may have put all the enemies under his feet — **26** the last enemy is done away — death [spiritual death].

5. ALL PROPHECY FULFILLED

Luke 21:22. ... these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all things that have been written.

I Cor. 15:54-55. ...and when this corruptible may have put on incorruption, and this mortal may have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the word that hath been written, 'The Death [spiritual death] was swallowed up — to victory...' (Last enemy was spiritual death i.e. alienation from God.)

6. VICTORY OVER SIN/DEATH/LAW/TEMPLE

Matt. 24:1-2. And having gone forth, Jesus departed from the temple, and his disciples came near to show him the buildings of the temple, **2** and Jesus said to them, 'Do ye not see all these? verily I say to you, There may not be left here a stone upon a stone, that shall not be thrown down.' (Temple was symbolic of the Law.)

I Cor. 15:55-56. ...Where, O Death, thy sting? where, O Hades, thy victory?' **56** and the sting of the death [is] the sin, and the power of the sin the law.

7. ALL FULFILLED IN APOSTLES' GENERATION.

Matt. 24:3,4,34. ...'Tell us, when shall these be? and what [is] the sign of thy presence, and of the full end of the age?' **4** And Jesus answering said to them, 'Take heed that no one may lead you astray... **34** Verily I say to you, this generation may not pass away till all these may come to pass.

I Cor 15:51-52. ...lo, I tell you a secret; we indeed shall not all sleep, and we all shall be changed; **52** in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, in the last trumpet, for it shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we — we shall be changed.

16B COMPARISON: Matthew 24 and I Thessalonians 4-5 (YLT)

Introduction: Some people rightly believe that Matthew 24 pertains to the coming of the Lord in judgment/salvation in AD 67-70, but then maintain that I Thess. 4-5 pertains to events still in the future. This paper is to note the similarity of language and concepts in these two passages. Please notice that these events are listed in virtually the same order in both texts—almost as if Paul had Matthew’s gospel “on his desk” as he wrote the letter to the Thessalonians.

1. LORD IS PRESENT.

Matt. 24:27...for as the lightning doth come forth from the east, and doth appear unto the west, so shall be also the presence of the Son of Man.

I Thess 4:16 ...because the Lord himself... shall come down from heaven...

2. LORD COMES WITH GREAT SOUND, ANGELIC MESSENGERS, TRUMPET.

Matt. 24:30-31. they shall see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds of the heaven, with power and much glory; **31** and he shall send his messengers with a great sound of a trumpet...

I Thess. 4:16 ...because the Lord himself, in a shout, in the voice of a chief-messenger, and in the trump of God, shall come down from heaven...(paper #11)

3. BELIEVERS GATHER TO MEET THE LORD IN THE “CLOUDS/AIR.”

Matt. 24:30-31 ...they shall see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds of the heaven, with power and much glory; **31** and he shall send his messengers...and they shall gather together his chosen from the four winds,..

I Thess. 4:17. ..then we who are living, who are remaining over, together with them shall be caught away in clouds to meet the Lord in air...(paper # 13)

4. LORD COMES WITHIN APOSTLES’ GENERATION.

Matt. 24:34. Verily I say to you, this generation may not pass away till all these may come to pass.

I Thess. 4:15 For this we tell you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left to the coming of the Lord, will in no way precede those who have fallen asleep...

I Thess. 4:17...then we who are living, who are remaining over, together with them shall be caught away in clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so always with the Lord we shall be...

5. COMING OF THE LORD IS “AS A THIEF” i.e. Exact Time Unknown

Matt. 24:36. And concerning that day and the hour no one hath known—not even the messengers of the heavens—except my Father only.

Matt. 24:42-43. ‘Watch ye therefore, because ye have not known in what hour your Lord doth come; **43** and this know, that if the master of the house had known in what watch the thief doth come, he had watched...

I Thess. 5:1-2 And concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need of my writing to you, **2** for yourselves have known thoroughly that the day of the Lord as a thief in the night doth so come,

I Thess. 5:4. and ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day may catch you as a thief;

6. UNBELIEVERS ARE CAUGHT OFF GUARD WITH SUDDEN DESTRUCTION.

Matt. 24:38-39...and as the days of Noah...**39** they did not know until the flood came and took them all away.

I Thess. 5:3. ...for when they may say, Peace and surety, then sudden destruction doth stand by them... and they shall not escape...

7. BELIEVERS NEEDED TO BE WATCHFUL.

Matt. 24:42. ‘Watch ye therefore, because ye have not known in what hour your Lord doth come...

I Thess. 5:4-8 ...so, then, we may not sleep as also the others, but watch and be sober...