

Matthew 24-25 CONTEXT - quotes from NIV

Sermon by Jesus, starting in Matthew 24 and continuing on into Matthew 25. We MUST keep the context of this sermon in order to understand the meaning of the verses in question. Sermon is clearly about the end of this age and the start of his 1000 year reign on earth. NOT about the final judgement.

Matt 24:3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"
(NOTE: Age is Greek AION. English word Eon.)

Matt 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne.
(NOTE: Again clearly talking about Second Coming, not Final Judgement)

Sheep and Goats

Matt 25:31-46

• Nations Judged as to who will serve in the 1000 year kingdom!

Kingdom is described: Revelation 20:4-6

1 Corinthians 15:22-28 - Christ only reigns on earth until everything has been subjected to God. 1000 years.

• The Matthew 25 judgement is based on works, not confession unto salvation - no mention is made of confessing Jesus. If this was final judgement, then you MUST believe we "saved" by works. This would contradict Ephesians 2:9 "For by grace are you saved, not works so no one can boast". Does Jesus contradict the Bible? If you believe this chapter is about Eternity, then there is a clear contradiction.

• Because Christ is reigning during this time, it proves this is the Kingdom Age, not eternity.

Matt 25:46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

The word used here for Eternal is again, Aionian. Adjective form of the original word Jesus used in Matt 24:3 "The end of the Age". One place some versions translate "Eternal" while some versions translate it like Matt 24:3 "age".

Both chapters are about events of the 1000 reign (kingdom age). Nothing in these chapters is about eternity because at the end of the Age, as 1 Cor 15:22-28 says, he stops ruling and turns it all over to the father. So life and punishment (pruning) in full context of Matt 24-25 has to do with ONLY the age. Further, 1 Cor 15 says many won't even be resurrected until AFTER the 1000 year reign! That's why "Age Lasting Life" is important - some are resurrected to LIVE AND RULE with Christ during his 1000 year reign. Others who opposed him and are alive at his second coming do NOT and are punished.