

MATTHEW 16:27-28 = ISAIAH 59:17-21 & ROMANS 11:25-27

The following short study provides powerful biblical evidence for a first century Parousia (second coming) of Christ in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.

Notice that Isaiah 59:17-21 serves as a primary Old Testament source for Jesus' prophecy in Matthew 16:27-28. Below are the two passages, one after another.

Matthew 16:27

"For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every man according to his deeds".

Isaiah 59:18,20

"According to their deeds, so He will repay... A Redeemer will come to Zion..."

Undeniably, Jesus' "Son of Man" is Isaiah's "Redeemer" who was prophesied to "come" (return) in both salvation and vengeance, to repay Israel *"according to their deeds"*. The following chart powerfully illustrates the numerous parallels in these two prophesies.

MATTHEW 16:27-28	ISAIAH 59:17-21
Coming of the Son of Man (16:27)	Coming of the Redeemer (59:19-20)
Judgment of Christ (16:27)	Judgment of the Lord (59:18)
Coming in glory (16:27)	Coming in glory (59:19)
Judgment of every man (16:27)	Judgment of the wicked and the righteous (59:18-20)
Judgment according to their deeds (16:27)	Judgment according to their deeds (59:18)
To establish the kingdom (16:28)	To establish the New Covenant-kingdom (59:20-21)
Fulfilled in the lifetime of Jesus' first century disciples (16:28)	

The significant thing about these parallels is that all eschatological paradigms agree that Isaiah 59:17-21 prophesies the second coming of Christ. And this should not surprise us, after all, it was the apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans who interpreted *the second coming of Christ to be the fulfillment of the "coming of the Redeemer to Zion" in Isaiah 59*. Below are the two passages followed by a comparative chart, illustrating the perfect parallels.

Romans 11:26-27

And so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, *"The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will remove ungodliness from Jacob."* *This is my covenant with them*, when I take away their sins. 80

Isaiah 59:20-21

A Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob, declares the Lord. As for Me, *this is My covenant with them*," says the Lord....

ISAIAH 59:17-21	ROMANS 11:25-27
The judgment of Israel (to repay according to their works) (59:18)	The judgment of Israel (to remove ungodliness from Jacob) (11:26)
Salvation of Israel (59:17,20)	Salvation of Israel (11:26)
The coming of the Lord (59:20)	The coming of the Lord (11:26)
To bring righteousness (59:14-17)	To take away their sins (11:27)
To establish the New Covenant (59:21)	To establish the New Covenant (11:27)

Clearly, Paul's "Deliverer" is Isaiah's "Redeemer" who would return to Zion to establish the promised New Covenant with "all Israel", that is, with "those who turn from transgression in Jacob". Based on these perfect parallels consider the following argument:

-Romans 11:25-27 prophesied the second coming of Christ in fulfillment of Isaiah 59:17-21.

-But, the second coming of Christ in Isaiah 59:17-21 was a primary Old Testament source for the coming of the Son of Man in Matthew 16:27-28.

-Therefore, the coming of the Son of Man in Matthew 16:27-28 must refer to the second coming of Christ in fulfillment of Isaiah 59, and by implication, Romans 11:25-27.

The following chart powerfully illustrates the parallels in all three passages and vindicates this conclusion:

MATTHEW 16:27-28	ISAIAH 59:17-21	ROMANS 11:25-27
The coming of the Son of Man (16:27)	The coming of the Lord (59:20)	The coming of the Lord (11:26)
As Judge (16:27)	As Redeemer (59:20)	As Deliverer (11:26)
Repay according to their deeds (16:27)	Repay according to their deeds (59:18)	Take away the sins of Jacob (11:26-27)
To establish the kingdom (16:28)	To establish the New Covenant (59:21)	To establish the New Covenant (11:26-27)
Life received (16:25)	Redemption received (59:20)	Salvation received (11:26)
Fulfilled in the lifetime of Jesus' first century disciples (16:28)		

Based on this evidence, consider the following argument:

-The coming of the Son of Man in Matthew 16:27-28 = the coming of the Lord in Isaiah 59:17-21 and Romans 11:25-27

-But according to Paul, Romans 11:25-27 and Isaiah 59:17-21 prophesied of the second coming of Christ for the salvation of all Israel.

-Therefore, the coming of the Son of Man in Matthew 16:27-28 referred to the second coming of Christ for the salvation of all Israel in fulfillment of Isaiah 59:17-21 and Romans 11:25-27.

This being true, consider the following conclusion:

-The coming of the Son of Man in Matthew 16:27-28 referred to the second coming of Christ for the salvation of all Israel in fulfillment of Isaiah 59:17-21 and Romans 11:25-27.

-But according to Jesus, the coming of the Son of Man in Matthew 16:27-28 which referred to his second coming, *was to occur in the lifetime of his contemporary disciples. (Matthew 16:28)*

-Therefore, the second coming of Christ for the salvation of all Israel in fulfillment of Isaiah 59:17-21 and Romans 11:25-27, must have taken place in the lifetime of Jesus' contemporary disciples just as Jesus promised.

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 every man 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.