MATTHEW 16:27-28 = REVELATION 22:12

The following short study provides powerful biblical evidence for a first century Parousia (second coming) of Christ as prophesied in the book of Revelation.

By comparing the two passages, we see that Matthew 16:27-28 serves as a primary prophetic source for the second coming of Christ as prophesied in Revelation 22:12.

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.

Revelation 22:12

Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.

Now, noticed the absolute perfect parallels listed on the following chart:

MATTHEW 16:27-28	REVELATION 22
The coming of the Son of Man (16:27)	The coming (return) of Jesus (22:6-7,10,12,20)
To reward every man according to their works (16:27)	To reward every man according to their works (22:12)
To establish the kingdom (16:28)	To establish the New Jerusalem (22:14,19)
Fulfilled in the lifetime of Jesus'	Fulfilled "soon/shortly/quickly" (without delay), from
contemporary disciples (16:28)	when John wrote the book (22:6-7,10,12,20)

Based on this evidence, consider the following conclusion:

- -The coming of the Son of Man in Matthew 16:27-28 = coming (return) of Jesus in Revelation 22:12.
- -But, the coming (return) of Jesus Revelation 22:12 refers to the second coming of Christ at the end of the millennium.
- -Therefore, Matthew 16:27-28 refers to the second coming of Christ at the end of the millennium as prophesied in Revelation 22:12, which Jesus promised to fulfill in the lifetime of his contemporary disciples.

In conclusion; what we have seen is clear and undeniable biblical testimony that refutes all futurist eschatological paradigms which place the second coming of Christ beyond the lifetime of Jesus' generation. Matthew 16:27-28 served as a primary "New Testament" prophetic source for Revelation 22:12. But Revelation 22:12 prophesied the "soon" and "at hand" second coming of Christ. Therefore, Matthew 16:27-28 prophesied the second coming of Christ, and in agreement with John, limited its fulfillment to the lifetime of Jesus' generation.