

**problem:**

getting the kingdom wrong

this whole topic can be a bit confusing if you have never thought of it before the following article is likely too long to discuss in your study but it is a great resource for those who want to dig a bit deeper into the case for pre-millennial eschatology. (<http://www.tms.edu/tmsj/msj23m.pdf>)

**CPT:**

**Context:**

Read: Matthew 24:1-6. What was the context of this section?

here is a brief overview of the Olivet discourse:

<http://www.angelfire.com/tx5/jeansptx/olivedis.htm>

and here is a brief overview of the end times

<http://www.gotquestions.org/end-times.html>

**Judgment of Israel at the close of the Tribulation (Matthew 25:14-30)**

Read the following article and discuss:

[http://www.pre-trib.org/data/pdf/lce-\(Part38\)AnInterpreta.pdf](http://www.pre-trib.org/data/pdf/lce-(Part38)AnInterpreta.pdf)

**Judgment of the Nations at the close of the Tribulation (Matthew 25:31-46)**

-This is the Judgment: Daniel 7:9-14; Joel 3:1-3; Acts 1:6-7; Micah 4:1-7

-It comes after this: Rev 13:11-18 (before the millennial kingdom)

-‘My brothers’ (25:40) are the Jewish evangelists (Revelation 7:1-8) Matthew 24:9-22; Rev 7:1-9

-‘Sheep’ are the gentile nations (Matthew 24:14); whose acts of kindness towards the Jewish evangelists who cannot buy or sell is measured (Rev 7:9-17)

- their acts of kindness are proof of their salvation (Eph. 2:8-10; James 2:18)

-‘Goats’ are the people who reject the Jewish evangelists (Matthew 10:5-15 - prefigures the end); 16–23 (wolves), Matthew 10:40-42; 12:48-49; 7:21-23

**Here is the point:**

we will wear crowns one day - but not today - today we wear a cross

**Implication:**

not getting the timing right - 1 Cor 4:1-17 (over-realized eschatology,)

we think we are kings now

we think we are rich now

we think we are powerful now

but

we are called to a cross

we are called to lose everything

we are called to weakness

here is a great article to discuss regarding this:

<http://jvonkuhn.wordpress.com/2012/06/29/timing-matters-how-over-realized-eschatology-steals-the-assurance-of-genuine-believers/>

**Application:**

we are called to be faithful in a fallen world - 2 Timothy 4:5-8 (faithful)  
*called to proclamation not privilege - 1 Peter 2:9-12 (proclaim)*  
*called to submission not dominion - 1 Peter 2:13-25 (servants)*  
*called to wait not to win- Romans 8:18-25 (waiting)*  
*called to weakness not to strength- 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (weakness)*  
*called to a cross not to a crown - Matthew 16:24-27 (follow Him)*

discuss these things and how to apply them to your lives.