

# One Question

## Introduction and Instructions

### Introduction:

When Yeshua charged his followers to ‘seek first the kingdom...’, he was identifying the pathway to a new and glorious world. The solution to the world’s needs and problems, he was saying, is found in the prophetic kingdom. This kingdom concept, and how it actually comes, or is manifested on earth, is poorly understood. There are numerous, radically diverse opinions on how this will happen, even within Christianity. Why are there such differing opinions? Is this confusion justified? Did God intend for man to understand the end-of-the-age (EOTA) and the transition to the kingdom?

These are all good questions without easy answers. But there is one question that will bring unprecedented new clarity to the end-of-the-age discussion. The answer to this question will provide a kind of ‘missing-link’ to EOTA prophecy. Amazingly, this hidden doorway has been right before our eyes for 2000 years. It comes from the very words of Yeshua in perhaps the most studied prophecy chapter in the Bible. If true, it will bring an unprecedented shift in prophetic understanding. An end-of-the-age breakthrough just in time for the end-of-the-age. It’s as if this was God’s intention all along!

### Instructions

To unfold this question properly, it has been laid out in three parts (four, including this Introduction).

The first page is the question: “**One Question** – A Prophetic Exercise”. Follow the instructions there and do the exercise for yourself to see if you see what others see (or don’t see) in Yeshua’s words. Answer the question (in the space on the bottom) without looking at the Summary Explanation (answer).

The second page is a Summary Explanation. The “**One Question** – A Summary Explanation” page is a short, one page statement of the ‘answer’ with specific verses and a short paraphrased summary of those verses revealing Yeshua’s effective meaning.

The third part is a multi-page explanation. The “**One Question** – Explained”, section provides a longer explanation of the ‘answer’. It expands each of the selected verses into their intended meaning and then shows how they are, in fact, a framework for the entire end-of-the-age. That framework is further explained both in terms of the physical events themselves, and also the ‘spiritual’ purposes, or truth, behind those events. The EOTA is ultimately about people and about government in very surprising terms. Yeshua gives us a framework in which that can happen.

When properly understood Yeshua’s words in Matt. 24 speak of a radically new role for his disciples in the EOTA, and a radically new model for the end-of the age and Christian prophecy. Preparing the earth for Yeshua’s return is neither quick nor simple. That may not please everyone, but our personal preferences should not cloud our understanding. Yeshua has clearly revealed the journey ahead. In the end, we should long to hear those words, “Good and faithful servant”!

It all begins with **One Question!**

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## A Prophetic Exercise

### Background:

Based on the New Testament, Yeshua delivered only one prophecy message. This message contains a panorama of prophetic ('last days') events. Scholars have named this message the 'Olivet Discourse' and the most complete record of it is found in Matt. 24-25 (also Mark 13 & Luke 21).

Wikipedia: [The Olivet Discourse] is also known as the "Little Apocalypse" because it includes Jesus' descriptions of the end times, the use of apocalyptic language, and Jesus' warning to his followers that they will suffer tribulation and persecution before the ultimate triumph of the Kingdom of God.[1] ... This message was given during the turbulent events of the Lord's last week before the cross".[8]

### The Question:

Read Matt. 24 quietly, meditatively, and with the attitude of a **minister**, looking for one specific type of instruction – a '**commission**'. You are not looking for warnings, admonitions, or statements, but a '**commission**' (see Definitions below). While reading this chapter, can you identify one or more '**commissions**' Yeshua assigned to his '**followers**' in this panoramic presentation of 'last days' events.

### Definitions:

**Commission** means: a prophetic (a strategic event that has an assigned time to start and end) worldwide positive offensive, whether it be in the form of a message alone or strategic actions. A commission is neither a general command nor directive regarding warnings or issues of righteous behavior. For example: Christianity as a whole has taken from Yeshua's words (in other places) one corporate assignment that has come to be called 'the great commission'. [Mat 28:19 NIV] "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"... This an example of a commission given to followers of Yeshua.

**Minister** means: someone mature, competent and knowledgeable in Scripture and active service, not only a believer or worshiper of God.

**Followers** means: probably a small (or very small) portion of the worldwide members of the 'body of Messiah' (professing true Christians with a prophetic anointing).

### Answers: (one or more; may enter verse#)

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## A Summary Explanation

Yeshua gave us one prophecy message (Matt 24-25) where he surveyed the entire end-of-the-age (world). Though worded somewhat implicitly in this message, there are clearly two commissions revealed by Yeshua in Matt 24. The 'who then' is not clearly stated, but the inference is that the commissions will be carried out by his faithful followers. The two commissions are in verses 14 and 45. Below, both commissions are listed with the original (implicit) wording followed by a paraphrased explicit translation. Also, notice the added 'interval' which is not a commission as such but a necessary component of the 'two commissions framework'.

Definitions: Implicit: Implied though not plainly expressed.

Explicit: Stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt.

### Initial Commission: v14:

**Original:** [Mat 24:14 NIV] And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

**Explicit:** [Mat 24:14 NIV] And you, my disciples, will preach this gospel of the imminent kingdom to the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the formative (cursed) world will end, and the (reset) kingdom world will begin.

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### The interval:

**Original:** [Mat 24:34 NIV] I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

**Explicit:** [Mat 24:34 NIV] I tell you the truth, this wilderness generation, the first generation of the new world, will certainly not pass away until all these things, including the final commission, have been completed.

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### Final Commission: v45:

**Original:** [Mat 24:45 NIV] "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time?"

**Explicit:** [Mat 24:45 NIV] "As the first set-apart kingdom generation perfected in my likeness, you, my disciples, will be my faithful and wise servants, whom I will put in charge of earth's 'citizens' to bring them under the covenant by selling them food during the great (Sabbath) famine?"

### Doing when he returns:

**Original:** 46 It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns.

**Explicit:** 46 This is what I expect you, my disciples, to be doing when I return.

### Reward:

**Original:** 47 Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

**Explicit:** 47 Truly I tell you, my disciples, you are joint heirs who will rule and reign with me.

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**Summarized, Matt. 24:** Yeshua is declaring that his followers would initiate two prophetic commissions around a lengthy interval, the first ends the world as we know it, and begins the kingdom; the second finalizes the place of three people groups – rulers, citizens and rebels in preparation for Yeshua's return. These are the 'two peaks' in his end of the age framework. This framework is not arbitrary. It is, in fact, a familiar song; the pattern of all spiritual journeys; Israel's, Christianity's, the Kingdom, and even mine – the Exodus, the Wilderness, & possession of the 'Promised Land'. How beautiful! But are we ready?