

Parousia (Coming / Presence)

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(The text of the Scripture is the King James Version. The bold font emphasis is the author's, indicating the English translation of the Greek *parousia*.)

Conclusion

1. "Parousia," (coming, presence), is used in the N. T. in relation to the coming or presence of humans, a Satanically-controlled being ("Antichrist"), and a new era.
2. With reference to Christ it is used of His first coming, His return for the Church, and His second coming in power. It is altogether possible that some of the passages refer generally to His Second Advent, in contrast to His First Advent, without specifying whether it is specifically His return to take the Church to heaven (the Rapture) or His return to reign upon the earth.

A. First Coming of Christ

1. 2 Peter 1:16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

B. 2nd Coming of Christ (after the Tribulation)

1. Matthew 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what [shall be] the sign of thy **coming**, and of the end of the world?
2. Matthew 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the **coming** of the Son of man be.
3. Matthew 24:37 But as the days of Noe [were], so shall also the **coming** of the Son of man be.
4. Matthew 24:39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the **coming** of the Son of man be.
5. 2 Thessalonians 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his **coming**:
- PRO 6. 2 Peter 3:4 And saying, Where is the promise of his **coming**? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as [they were] from the beginning of the creation. (PROBABLY)

C. Rapture (Some of these could be classified as "presumable" or "indeterminate" as noted.)

- PRE 1. 1 Corinthians 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his **coming**. (PRESUMABLY RAPTURE.)
- PRE 2. 1 Thessalonians 2:19 For what [is] our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? [Are] not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his **coming**? (PRESUMABLY RAPTURE)

- IND 3. 1 Thessalonians 3:13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. (INDETERMINATE: Could refer to His coming with all His saints and angels at His 2nd Coming, cf. Zech. 14:5; or could refer to His coming with departed church saints at the Rapture, cf. 1 Thess. 4:16).
- YES 4. 1 Thessalonians 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the **coming** of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. (YES, THIS SPEAKS OF THE RAPTURE.)
- PRE 5. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ. (PRESUMABLY RAPTURE, because of the need for personal holiness when Christ returns for the Church, rather than an emphasis on judgment for the ungodly.)
- YES 6. 2 Thessalonians 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ, and [by] our *gathering* together unto him, (YES, THIS SPEAKS OF THE RAPTURE.)
- PRE 7. James 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the **coming** of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. (PRESUMABLY RAPTURE, because of the emphasis on comfort for the saints, rather than judgment for the ungodly.)
- PRE 8. James 5:8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the **coming** of the Lord draweth nigh. (PRESUMABLY RAPTURE, because of the emphasis on comfort for the saints, rather than judgment for the ungodly.)
- PRE 9. 1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his **coming**. (PRESUMABLY RAPTURE, because of the need for personal holiness when Christ returns for the Church, rather than an emphasis on judgment for the ungodly.)

D. Of Someone or Something Else

1. Human Coming

- i. 1 Corinthians 16:17 I am glad of the **coming** of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied.
- ii. 2 Corinthians 7:6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the **coming** of Titus;
- iii. 2 Corinthians 7:7 And not by his **coming** only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.
- iv. 2 Corinthians 10:10 For [his] letters, say they, [are] weighty and powerful; but [his] bodily **presence** [is] weak, and [his] speech contemptible.

- v. Philippians 1:26 That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my **coming** to you again.
- vi. Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my **presence** only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

2. **Coming of a Satanic Being**

- i. 2 Thessalonians 2:9 [Even him], whose **coming** is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

3. **Coming of Another Era**

- i. 2 Peter 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the **coming** of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

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