

THE COMING OF CHRIST

THE PAROUSIA (παρουσία = “coming”)



**UNIFIED
MULTI-EVENT
SECOND COMING**

ONE SECOND COMING INCLUDING MULTIPLE EVENTS

1 CORINTHIANS 15

First divine purpose of the parousia is the resurrection. When Christ comes (parousia), those who belong to Him will be resurrected and raptured.

²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His **coming**.

- The resurrection is one of the many divine purposes of Jesus' parousia.

⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed

- Paul teaches further on the resurrection as he mentions the mystery that the last generation of the church, who are alive at Christ's parousia, will not have to die because they will receive their new bodies without dying.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:15-18

Paul connects the resurrection and rapture with the parousia.

¹⁵For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the **coming** of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

- Paul teaches that the last generation of the church will survive until the **coming** (*parousia*) of the Lord.
- Paul and Jesus are speaking of the inception of the *Parousia*.
- The initial aspect of the *Parousia* of Christ is that the resurrection and rapture will happen immediately when Christ returns.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1

Paul connects the rapture with the parousia.

And, brothers, we entreat you, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of our gathering together to Him

- Paul and Jesus are speaking of the inception of the *Parousia*.
- Paul and Jesus use the same language to describe the same event, namely the *Parousia*.

MATTHEW 24:27-31

Jesus draws attention to the beginning of the Parousia by referring to the sign of His Coming (v.27)

²⁷For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the **coming** of the Son of Man be. ²⁸For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

²⁹"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

³⁰Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. (Mt.24:27-31)

- This sign will be His glory that will burst through at His return (v.30-31)
- This sign of Jesus will announce the *Parousia* (v.30-31).
- Jesus connects the gathering of the elect with the *Parousia* (v.31).

MATTHEW 24:37—25:30

The parables of Jesus illustrates the beginning point of the parousia, namely the gathering of the elect.

- Paul likewise states the major event that begins the *parousia* is the resurrection and rapture.
- Jesus and Paul both view the deliverance of God's elect as the first purpose of the Son's return, then followed immediately by God's judgment.