

~MANIFESTATION (235)

[Greek, *e-pi-pha'nei-a*]

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• A disclosure, or discernible evidence, a display of authority or power. The Greek term *e-pi-pha'nei-a*, translated, manifestation, is used in the Scriptures with reference to Jesus Christ's days on earth and especially with regard to various events during his presence in royal power.

• God's Son Manifested In Flesh

- It was with respect to the **manifestation** of our Savior, Christ Jesus, in the flesh that the apostle Paul wrote the words of,
- He saved us and called us with a holy calling, not by reason of our works, but by reason of his own purpose and undeserved kindness. This was given us in connection with Christ Jesus before times long lasting. (2 Timothy 1:9)
- But now it has been made clearly evident through the manifestation of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has abolished death but has shed light upon life and incorruption through the Good News. (2 Timothy 1:10)
- For which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher. (2 Timothy 1:11)
- The sending of God's Son from heaven was to work toward the vindication of Yehowah's name and sovereignty. It was also to result in the abolition of death traceable to Adam and to bring to light the prospect of life and incorruption in heaven for some human's. As a feature of the development of the sacred secret of this godly devotion, Jesus was made manifest in flesh.
- Indeed, the sacred secret of this godly devotion is admittedly great. He was made **manifest in flesh**, was declared righteous in spirit, appeared to angels, was preached about among nations,

was believed upon in the world, was received up in glory. (1 Timothy 3:16)

- For the undeserved kindness of God which brings salvation to all sorts of men has been **manifested**. (Titus 2:11)
- Instructing us to repudiate ungodliness and worldly desires and to live with soundness of mind and righteousness and godly devotion amid this present system of things. (Titus 2:12)
- While we wait for the happy hope and glorious manifestation of the great God and of the Savior of us, Christ Jesus. (Titus 2:13)
- **Christ's manifestation** in glory, when accomplished, would also manifest the glory of God, who sent him.

.. Christ Manifest In Heavenly Glory

- During Christ's presence, he would turn his attention to his spiritual brothers who were sleeping in death. These would be the ones Paul speaks of, along with himself, who have loved his **manifestation** and who would receive the crown of righteousness as a reward.
- From this time on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me as a reward in that day, yet not only to me, but also to all those who have loved his **manifestation**. (2 Timothy 4:8)
- When the Lord would descend from heaven with a commanding call, with an archangel's voice and with God's trumpet, the dead in union with Christ would rise first, and Christ would receive them home to himself. He would in this way be powerfully **manifested** in his glory to them. He would then proceed to make his presence **manifest** to his brothers yet on earth, and would take them home to himself at the time of their death.
- For this is what we tell you by Yehowah's word, that we the living who survive to the presence of the Lord shall in no way precede those who have fallen asleep in death. (1 Thessalonians 4:15)
- Because the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a commanding call, with an archangel's voice and with God's

trumpet, and those who are dead in union with Christ will rise first. ([1 Thessalonians 4:16](#))

- Now as he looked up he saw the rich dropping their gifts into the treasury chests. ([Luke 21:1](#))
- And I heard a voice out of heaven say; Write! Happy are the dead who die in union with the Lord from this time onward. Yes, says the spirit, let them rest from their labors, for the things they did go right with them. ([Revelation 14:13](#))

•• As King And Judge

- When Christ was before Pontius Pilate, he said that his Kingdom was no part of this world, though he did not deny being a king.
- Jesus answered; My kingdom is no part of this world. If my kingdom were part of this world, my attendants would have fought that I should not be delivered up to the Jews. But, as it is, my kingdom is not from this source. ([John 18:36](#))
- Therefore Pilate said to him; Well, then, are you a king? Jesus answered; You yourself are saying that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone that is on the side of the truth listens to my voice. ([John 18:37](#))
- He did not then **manifest** himself as a potentate, because the time for taking his Kingdom authority had not arrived. Nevertheless, there would come a time when the **manifestation** of our Lord Jesus Christ would be clearly recognized, when he would exercise authority as the King of those who rule as kings and Lord of those who rule as lords.
- And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be brought to ruin. And the kingdom itself will not be passed on to any other people. It will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, and it itself will stand to times indefinite. ([Daniel 2:44](#))
- I kept on beholding in the visions of the night, and, see there! With the clouds of the heavens someone like a son of man happened to be coming. To the Ancient of Days he gained access, and they brought him up close even before that One.

(Daniel 7:13)

- And to him there were given rulership and dignity and kingdom, that the peoples, national groups and languages should all serve even him. His rulership is an indefinitely lasting rulership that will not pass away, and his kingdom one that will not be brought to ruin. (Daniel 7:14)
- In view of the coming Kingdom and of Christ's **manifestation**, Paul said to Timothy;
- I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who is destined to judge the living and the dead, and by his **manifestation** and his kingdom. (2 Timothy 4:1)
- Preach the word, be at it urgently in favorable season, in troublesome season, reprove, reprimand, exhort, with all long-suffering and art of teaching. (2 Timothy 4:2)
- The apostle thus pointed to the time when Christ's glorious position in heaven would be made unmistakably **manifest**, when he would make God's judgments felt in the earth.

.. In Destroying The Man Of Lawlessness

- In writing to Christians in Thessalonica respecting the **presence** of our Lord Jesus Christ, Paul urged them not to be shaken from their reason or to be excited by any message to the effect that the day of Yehowah is here. The symbolic **man of lawlessness**, which had been operating for centuries in opposition to God and Christ, would then be brought to nothing by the **manifestation** of his **presence**.
- This **lawless one** would recognize Christ's **presence**, not by faith, as would Christians, who loved his **manifestation**, but by Jesus power **manifested** in annihilating those of this composite **man of lawlessness**.
- However, brothers, respecting the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we request of you (2 Thessalonians 2:1)
- Not to be quickly shaken from your reason nor to be excited either through an inspired expression or through a verbal message or through a letter as though from us, to the effect that the day of Yehowah is here. (2 Thessalonians 2:2)

- Let no one seduce you in any manner, because it will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness gets revealed, the son of destruction. (**2 Thessalonians 2:3**)
- He is set in opposition and lifts himself up over everyone who is called, god or an object of reverence, so that he sits down in the temple of The God, publicly showing himself to be a god. (**2 Thessalonians 2:4**)
- Do you not remember that, while I was yet with you, I used to tell you these things? (**2 Thessalonians 2:5**)
- And so now you know the thing that acts as a restraint, with a view to his being revealed in his own due time. (**2 Thessalonians 2:6**)
- True, the mystery of this **lawlessness** is already at work, but only till he who is right now acting as a restraint gets to be out of the way. (**2 Thessalonians 2:7**)
- Then, indeed, the **lawless** one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will do away with by the spirit of his mouth and bring to nothing by the **manifestation** of his **presence**. (**2 Thessalonians 2:8**)

See Also MAN OF LAWLESSNESS

•• **Manifestation Of The Spirit And The Truth**

- After the Holy Spirit was poured out on Christ's disciples, the fact of its invisible operation on these disciples was **manifested** by visible evidences. Some of these were, the ability to speak in foreign tongues, gifts of healing, and discernment of inspired utterances.
- But the **manifestation** of the spirit is given to each one for a beneficial purpose. (**1 Corinthians 12:7**)
- For example, to one there is given through the spirit speech of wisdom, to another speech of knowledge according to the same spirit. (**1 Corinthians 12:8**)
- To another faith by the same spirit, to another gifts of healings by that one spirit. (**1 Corinthians 12:9**)

- To yet another operations of powerful works, to another prophesying, to another discernment of inspired utterances, to another different tongues, and to another interpretation of tongues. (**1 Corinthians 12:10**)
- The apostle Paul also speaks of making the truth **manifest** to others by the good conduct and preaching of Christians.
- But we have renounced the underhanded things of which to be ashamed, not walking with cunning, neither adulterating the word of God, but by making the truth **manifest** recommending ourselves to every human conscience in the sight of God. (**2 Corinthians 4:2**)