

~PRESENCE (1758)

[Greek, *pa-rou-si'a*, meaning, a being alongside]

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· The Greek word from which, presence, is translated is *pa-rou-si'a*, formed from *pa-ra'*, alongside, and *ou-si'a*, being, derived from *ei-mi'*, meaning, be.

· Hence, *pa-rou-si'a* means, literally, being alongside, that is, a presence. It is used 24 times in the Christian Greek Scriptures, frequently with regard to the presence of Christ in connection with his Messianic Kingdom. [See NW appendix, pp. 1576,1577]

· While he was sitting upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him privately, saying; Tell us, When will these things be, and what will be the sign of your **presence** and of the conclusion of the system of things? (Matthew 24:3)

· Many translations vary their renderings of this word. While translating *pa-rou-si'a* as **presence** in some texts, they more frequently render it as **coming**. This has been the basis for the expression, second coming, or **second advent**, *adventus*, **advent**, or **coming**, being the Latin Vulgate translation of *pa-rou-si'a* at;

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.. With Regard To Christ Jesus

· While Jesus **presence** of necessity implies his arrival at the place where he is **present**, the translation of *pa-rou-si'a* by **coming** places all the emphasis on the arrival and obscures the meaning **presence**.

· Jesus himself said that his presence would be like a **thief**. The key meaning here is that he is **present**, but unnoticed, like a **thief** for a

time before his **coming**, or being recognized. This part of his second appearance among mankind preceeds his **coming**, at which time he is recognized by chosen disciples.

- Look! I am coming as a **thief**. Happy is the one that stays awake and keeps his outer garments, that he may not walk naked and people look upon his shamefulness. (**Revelation 16:15**)
- Though allowing for both **arrival** and **presence** as translations of *pa-rou-si'a*, lexicographers generally acknowledge that the **presence** of the person is the principal idea conveyed by the word.
- Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words [1981, Vol. 1, pp. 208,209] states; **PAROUSIA** denotes both an arrival and a consequent presence with. For instance, in a papyrus letter, written in Greek, a lady speaks of the necessity of her **parousia** in a place in order to attend to matters relating to her property there. When used of the return of Christ, at the Rapture of the Church, it signifies, not merely His momentary coming for His saints, but His **presence** with them from that moment until His revelation and manifestation to the world. Liddell and Scotts Greek-English Lexicon [revised by H. Jones, Oxford, 1968, p. 1343] shows that *pa-rou-si'a* is used at times in secular Greek literature to refer to the **visit** of a royal or official personage.

See Also **PAROUSIA**

- Secular Greek writings are, of course, helpful in determining the sense of this Greek term. However, even more effective is the use given the word in the Bible itself. Paul directly contrasts the same word with **absence**.
- Consequently, my beloved ones, in the way that you have always obeyed, not during my **presence** only, but now much more readily during my **absence**, keep working out your own salvation with fear and trembling. (**Philippians 2:12**)
- For example, Paul speaks of the Philippian Christians as obeying not during my **presence** *pa-rou-si'ai*, only, but now much more readily during my absence *a-pou-si'ai*. So, too, at;
- For, say they; His letters are weighty and forceful, but his **presence** in person is weak and his speech contemptible. (**2 Corinthians 10:10**)

- Let such a man take this into account, that what we are in our word by letters when absent, such we shall also be in action when **present**. (2 Corinthians 10:11)
- After referring to those who said that his letters are weighty and forceful, but his **presence**, *pa-rou-si'a*; in person is weak and his speech contemptible, Paul adds, Let such a man take this into account, that what we are in our word by letters when absent, *a-pon'tes*, such we shall also be in action when **present**, *pa-ron'tes*.
- However, for me to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. (Philippians 1:24)
- So, being confident of this, I know I shall remain and shall abide with all of you for your advancement and the joy that belongs to your faith. (Philippians 1:25)
- So that your exultation may overflow in Christ Jesus by reason of me through my **presence** again with you. (Philippians 1:26)
- Only behave in a manner worthy of the Good News about the Christ, in order, that, whether I come and see you or be absent, I may hear about the things which concern you, that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one soul striving side by side for the faith of the Good News. (Philippians 1:27)
- Thus, the contrast is between **presence** and absence, not between an arrival (or coming) and departure.
- In view of this, J. B. Rotherham's Emphasised Bible states in its [appendix p. 271]: In this edition the word *parousia* is uniformly rendered, **presence** , **coming**, as a representative of **this** word, being set aside. The sense of **presence** is so plainly shown by the contrast with **absence** that the question naturally arises, Why not always so render it?
- That Jesus *pa-rou-si'a* is not simply a momentary coming followed by a rapid departure but is, rather, a **presence** covering a period of time is also indicated by his words recorded at;
- For just as the days of Noah were, so the **presence** of the Son of man will be. (Matthew 24:37)
- For as they were in those days before the flood, eating and drinking, men marrying and women being given in marriage,

until the day that Noah entered into the ark. (**Matthew 24:38**)

- And they took no note until the flood came and swept them all away, so the **presence** of the Son of man will be. (**Matthew 24:39**)
- Moreover, just as it occurred in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of man. (**Luke 17:26**)
- They were eating, they were drinking, men were marrying, women were being given in marriage, until that day when Noah entered into the ark, and the flood arrived and destroyed them all. (**Luke 17:27**)
- Likewise, just as it occurred in the days of Lot, they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building. (**Luke 17:28**)
- But on the day that Lot came out of Sodom it rained fire and sulphur from heaven and destroyed them all. (**Luke 17:29**)
- The same way it will be on that day when the Son of man is to be revealed. (**Luke 17:30**)
- Here again the emphasis of his **presence** is that these powerful events were going on amid the peoples of Noah's and Lot's day and they took no note of them until the full force of the events came down upon them and then became so undeniable as to be irrefutable.
- Here the days of Noah are compared to the **presence** of the Son of man, the days of the Son of man, in Luke's account. Jesus, therefore, does not limit the comparison just to the coming of the Deluge as a final climax during Noah's days, though he shows that his own **presence** or days will see a similar climax.
- Since the days of Noah actually covered a period of years, there is basis for believing that the foretold **presence** or days of the Son of man would likewise cover a period of some years, being climaxed by the destruction of those not giving heed to the opportunity afforded them to seek deliverance.

.. **Nature Of Christ's Parousia**

- A *pa-rou-si'a*, or **presence**, can, of course, be **visible**, and in six occurrences of the word the reference is to the **visible**, human **presence** of men, such as Stephanas, Fortunatus, Achaicus, Titus, and Paul.
- But I rejoice over the **presence** of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your not being here. (**1 Corinthians 16:17**)
- Nevertheless God, who comforts those laid low, comforted us by the **presence** of Titus. (**2 Corinthians 7:6**)
- Yet not alone by his **presence**, but also by the comfort with which he had been comforted over you, as he brought us word again of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced yet more. (**2 Corinthians 7:7**)
- For, say they; His letters are weighty and forceful, but his **presence** in person is weak and his speech contemptible. (**2 Corinthians 10:10**)
- So that your exultation may overflow in Christ Jesus by reason of me through my **presence** again with you. (**Philippians 1:26**)
- Consequently, my beloved ones, in the way that you have always obeyed, not during my **presence** only, but now much more readily during my absence, keep working out your own salvation with fear and trembling. (**Philippians 2:12**)
- That a *pa-rou-si'a* can also be **invisible** is indicated by Paul's use of the related verb form *pa'rei-mi* when speaking of being **present** in spirit **though absent in body**.
- I for one, although **absent in body** but **present in spirit**, have certainly judged already, as if I were present, the man who has worked in such a way as this. (**1 Corinthians 5:3**)
- So, too, Jewish historian Josephus, writing in Greek, refers to God's *pa-rou-si'a* at Mount Sinai, his **invisible presence** being evidenced by the thunders and lightning. [*Jewish Antiquities*, III, 80, v, 2]
- The Scripturalness of an invisible **presence** is also borne out by Yehowah God's saying to Moses regarding the ark of the covenant in the Most Holy of the tabernacle; And I will present myself to you there and speak with you from above the cover.

- **And I will present myself to you there and speak with you from above the cover, from between the two cherubs that are upon the ark of the testimony, even all that I shall command you for the sons of Israel. (Exodus 25:22)**
- **God's **presence** was not in a visible form, since the Scriptures are clear that no man has seen God at any time, neither Moses nor the High Priest who entered the Most Holy.**
- **No man has seen God at any time, the only-begotten god who is in the bosom position with the Father is the one that has explained him. (John 1:18)**
- **And he added; You are not able to see my face, because no man may see me and yet live. (Exodus 33:20)**
- **When King Solomon inaugurated the temple at Jerusalem, the cloud of the glory of Yehowah filled the house. Solomon spoke of Yehowah as residing in the temple. Nevertheless, Solomon himself stated; But will God truly dwell upon the earth?**
- **Look! The heavens, yes, the heaven of the heavens, themselves cannot contain you, how much less, then, this house that I have built! However, God's eyes would be opened continually toward that house and prayers that were made there would be heard by him at the place of his dwelling, in the heavens.**
- **And it came about that when the priests came out from the holy place, the cloud itself filled the house of Yehowah. (1 Kings 8:10)**
- **And the priests were unable to stand to do their ministering because of the cloud, for the glory of Yehowah filled the house of Yehowah. (1 Kings 8:11)**
- **At that time Solomon said; Yehowah himself said he was to **reside** in the thick gloom. (1 Kings 8:12)**
- **I have successfully built a house of lofty abode for you, an established place for you to dwell in to time indefinite. (1 Kings 8:13)**
- **But will God truly dwell upon the earth? Look! The heavens, yes, the heaven of the heavens, themselves cannot contain you, how**

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- And you must turn toward the prayer of your servant and to his request for favor, O Yehowah my God, to listen to the entreating cry and to the prayer with which your servant is praying before you today. ([1 Kings 8:28](#))
- That your eyes may prove to be opened toward this house night and day, toward the place of which you said; My name will prove to be there, to listen to the prayer with which your servant prays toward this place. ([1 Kings 8:29](#))
- And you must listen to the request for favor on the part of your servant and of your people Israel with which they pray toward this place, and may you yourself hear at the place of your dwelling, in the heavens, and you must hear and forgive. ([1 Kings 8:30](#))
- And our forefathers who succeeded to it also brought it in with Joshua into the land possessed by the nations, whom God thrust out from before our forefathers. Here it remained until the days of David. ([Acts of Apostles 7:45](#))
- He found favor in the sight of God and asked for the privilege of providing a habitation for the God of Jacob. ([Acts of Apostles 7:46](#))
- However, Solomon built a house for him. ([Acts of Apostles 7:47](#))
- Nevertheless, the Most High does not dwell in houses made with hands, just as the prophet says. ([Acts of Apostles 7:48](#))
- The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What sort of house will you build for me? Yehowah says. Or what is the place for my resting? ([Acts of Apostles 7:49](#))
- My hand made all these things, did it not? ([Acts of Apostles 7:50](#))
- These accounts illustrate God's power to be **present** on earth in a spiritual, hence, **invisible**, way while He yet remains in heaven. His **presence** might in some cases be by means of an angelic representative who acted and spoke for God, even saying; I am the God of your father, as did the angel in the flaming bush who spoke to Moses.

- Then Yehowah's angel appeared to him in a flame of fire in the midst of a thorn bush. As he kept looking, why, here the thorn bush was burning with the fire and yet the thorn bush was not consumed. (**Exodus 3:2**)
- At this Moses said; Let me just turn aside that I may inspect this great phenomenon, as to why the thorn bush is not burnt up. (**Exodus 3:3**)
- When Yehowah saw that he turned aside to inspect, God at once called to him out of the midst of the thorn bush and said; Moses! Moses! To which he said; Here I am. (**Exodus 3:4**)
- Then he said; Do not come near here. Draw your sandals from off your feet, because the place where you are standing is holy ground. (**Exodus 3:5**)
- And he went on to say; I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Then Moses concealed his face, because he was afraid to look at the true God. (**Exodus 3:6**)
- And Yehowah added; Unquestionably I have seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and I have heard their outcry as a result of those who drive them to work, because I well know the pains they suffer. (**Exodus 3:7**)
- And I am proceeding to go down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a land good and spacious, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the locality of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. (**Exodus 3:8**)
- Here I am sending an angel ahead of you to keep you on the road and to bring you into the place that I have prepared. (**Exodus 23:20**)
- And now, come, lead the people to where I have spoken to you of. Look! My angel will go ahead of you, and on the day of my bringing punishment I shall certainly bring punishment upon them for their sin. (**Exodus 32:34**)
- So, too, Yehowah told Moses that he was coming to him at Mount Sinai and would come down there.

- **At this Yehowah said to Moses; Look! I am coming to you in a dark cloud, in order, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and that in you also they may put faith to time indefinite. Then Moses reported the words of the people to Yehowah. (Exodus 19:9)**
- **And they must prove ready for the third day, because on the third day Yehowah will come down before the eyes of all the people upon Mount Sinai. (Exodus 19:11)**
- **And Mount Sinai smoked all over, due to the fact that Yehowah came down upon it in fire, and its smoke kept ascending like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain was trembling very much. (Exodus 19:18)**
- **So Yehowah came down upon Mount Sinai to the top of the mountain. Then Yehowah called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went on up. (Exodus 19:20)**
- **Yet the apostolic writings show that it was actually by his angels that God was there present and delivered to Moses his covenant.**
- **Why, then, the Law? It was added to make transgressions manifest, until the seed should arrive to whom the promise had been made, and it was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. (Galatians 3:19)**
- **For if the word spoken through angels proved to be firm, and every transgression and disobedient act received a retribution in harmony with justice. (Hebrews 2:2)**

See Also FACE

- **Since Yehowah's resurrected Son Jesus Christ was granted all authority in heaven and on the earth, and is the exact representation of God's very being, it follows that he should also be able to be invisibly present in a similar manner.**
- **And Jesus approached and spoke to them, saying; All authority has been given me in heaven and on the earth. (Matthew 28:18)**
- **Has at the end of these days spoken to us by means of a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he**

made the systems of things. ([Hebrews 1:2](#))

- He is the reflection of his glory and the exact representation of his very being, and he sustains all things by the word of his power, and after he had made a purification for our sins he sat down on the right hand of the Majesty in lofty places. ([Hebrews 1:3](#))
- In this regard we may note that, even when on earth, Jesus Christ was able to effect healings of persons from a distance, just as though he were there personally present.
- When he entered into Capernaum, an army officer came to him, entreating him ([Matthew 8:5](#))
- And saying; Sir, my manservant is laid up in the house with paralysis, being terribly tormented. ([Matthew 8:6](#))
- He said to him; When I get there I will cure him. ([Matthew 8:7](#))
- In reply the army officer said; Sir, I am not a fit man for you to enter under my roof, but just say the word and my manservant will be healed. ([Matthew 8:8](#))
- For I too am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me, and I say to this one, Be on your way! And he is on his way, and to another, Come! And he comes, and to my slave, Do this! And he does it. ([Matthew 8:9](#))
- Hearing that, Jesus became amazed and said to those following him; I tell you the truth, with no one in Israel have I found so great a faith. ([Matthew 8:10](#))
- But I tell you that many from eastern parts and western parts will come and recline at the table with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of the heavens. ([Matthew 8:11](#))
- Whereas the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the darkness outside. There is where their weeping and the gnashing of their teeth will be. ([Matthew 8:12](#))
- Then Jesus said to the army officer; Go. Just as it has been your faith, so let it come to pass for you. And the manservant was healed in that hour. ([Matthew 8:13](#))

- Accordingly he came again to Cana of Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. Now there was a certain attendant of the king whose son was sick in Capernaum. ([John 4:46](#))
- When this man heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went off to him and began asking him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of dying. ([John 4:47](#))
- However, Jesus said to him; Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe. ([John 4:48](#))
- The attendant of the king said to him; Lord, come down before my young child dies. ([John 4:49](#))
- Jesus said to him; Go your way, your son lives. The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went his way. ([John 4:50](#))
- But already while he was on his way down his slaves met him to say that his boy was living. ([John 4:51](#))
- Therefore he began to inquire of them the hour in which he got better in health. Accordingly they said to him; Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. ([John 4:52](#))
- Therefore the father knew it was in the very hour that Jesus said to him; Your son lives. And he and his whole household believed. ([John 4:53](#))
- It is also clear that Yehowah God has placed angels subject to his glorified Son's command.
- He is at God's right hand, for he went his way to heaven, and angels and authorities and powers were made subject to him. ([1 Peter 3:22](#))
- Texts relating to Jesus **presence** regularly describe him as accompanied by angelic hosts or as sending them forth.
- In response he said; The sower of the fine seed is the Son of man. ([Matthew 13:37](#))
- The field is the world, as for the fine seed, these are the sons of

the kingdom, but the weeds are the sons of the wicked one.
([Matthew 13:38](#))

- And the enemy that sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is a conclusion of a system of things, and the reapers are angels.
([Matthew 13:39](#))
- Therefore, just as the weeds are collected and burned with fire, so it will be in the conclusion of the system of things. ([Matthew 13:40](#))
- The Son of man will send forth his angels, and they will collect out from his kingdom all things that cause stumbling and persons who are doing lawlessness. ([Matthew 13:41](#))
- Again the kingdom of the heavens is like a dragnet let down into the sea and gathering up fish of every kind. ([Matthew 13:47](#))
- When it got full they hauled it up onto the beach and, sitting down, they collected the fine ones into vessels, but the unsuitable they threw away. ([Matthew 13:48](#))
- That is how it will be in the conclusion of the system of things: the angels will go out and separate the wicked from among the righteous. ([Matthew 13:49](#))
- For the Son of man is destined to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he will recompense each one according to his behavior. ([Matthew 16:27](#))
- And he will send forth his angels with a great trumpet sound, and they will gather his chosen ones together from the four winds, from one extremity of the heavens to their other extremity.
([Matthew 24:31](#))
- For whoever becomes ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man will also be ashamed of him when he arrives in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. ([Mark 8:38](#))
- But, to you who suffer tribulation, relief along with us at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with his powerful angels. ([2 Thessalonians 1:7](#))

- This does not mean, however, that his foretold **presence** in Kingdom power and glory consists solely of using angelic messengers or deputies on earthly missions, for this was being done already back in the **First Century C.E.** in connection with the apostles and others.
- But during the night Yehowah's angel opened the doors of the prison, brought them out and said. (**Acts of Apostles 5:19**)
- However, Yehowah's angel spoke to Philip, saying; Rise and go to the south to the road that runs down from Jerusalem to Gaza. This is a desert road. (**Acts of Apostles 8:26**)
- Just about the ninth hour of the day he saw plainly in a vision an angel of God come in to him and say to him; Cornelius! (**Acts of Apostles 10:3**)
- As soon as the angel that spoke to him had left, he called two of his house servants and a devout soldier from among those who were in constant attendance upon him. (**Acts of Apostles 10:7**)
- They said; Cornelius, an army officer, a man righteous and fearing God and well reported by the whole nation of the Jews, was given divine instructions by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear the things you have to say. (**Acts of Apostles 10:22**)
- But, look! Yehowah's angel stood by, and a light shone in the prison cell. Striking Peter on the side, he roused him, saying; Rise quickly! And his chains fell off his hands. (**Acts of Apostles 12:7**)
- The angel said to him; Gird yourself and bind your sandals on. He did so. Finally he said to him; Put your outer garment on and keep following me. (**Acts of Apostles 12:8**)
- And he went out and kept following him, but he did not know that what was happening through the angel was real. In fact, he supposed he was seeing a vision. (**Acts of Apostles 12:9**)
- Going through the first sentinel guard and the second they got to the iron gate leading into the city, and this opened to them of its own accord. And after they went out they advanced down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. (**Acts of Apostles 12:10**)

- And Peter, coming to himself, said; Now I actually know that Yehowah sent his angel forth and delivered me out of Herod's hand and from all that the people of the Jews were expecting. (**Acts of Apostles 12:11**)
- Instantly the angel of Yehowah struck him, because he did not give the glory to God, and he became eaten up with worms and expired. (**Acts of Apostles 12:23**)
- For this night there stood near me an angel of the God to whom I belong and to whom I render sacred service. (**Acts of Apostles 27:23**)
- Jesus parables and other texts show that his **presence** is like that of a master returning to his household and that of a man receiving kingship who returns to take control of his domain, and that Jesus **presence** means **a personal inspection, in the manner that a thief would come to inspect**, and judgment followed by the active expression or execution of that judgment and the giving of reward to those found approved.
- But know one thing, that if the householder had known in what watch the thief was coming, he would have kept awake and not allowed his house to be broken into. (**Matthew 24:43**)
- On this account you too prove yourselves ready, because at an hour that you do not think to be it, the Son of man is coming. (**Matthew 24:44**)
- Who really is the faithful and discreet slave whom his master appointed over his domestics, to give them their food at the proper time? (**Matthew 24:45**)
- Happy is that slave if his master on arriving finds him doing so. (**Matthew 24:46**)
- Truly I say to you, He will appoint him over all his belongings. (**Matthew 24:47**)
- But if ever that evil slave should say in his heart; My master is delaying. (**Matthew 24:48**)
- And should start to beat his fellow slaves and should eat and

drink with the confirmed drunkards. ([Matthew 24:49](#))

- The master of that slave will come on a day that he does not expect and in an hour that he does not know. ([Matthew 24:50](#))
- And will punish him with the greatest severity and will assign him his part with the hypocrites. There is where his weeping and the gnashing of his teeth will be. ([Matthew 24:51](#))
- For it is just as when a man, about to travel abroad, summoned slaves of his and committed to them his belongings. ([Matthew 25:14](#))
- And to one he gave five talents, to another two, to still another one, to each one according to his own ability, and he went abroad. ([Matthew 25:15](#))
- Immediately the one that received the five talents went his way and did business with them and gained five more. ([Matthew 25:16](#))
- In the same way the one that received the two gained two more. ([Matthew 25:17](#))
- But the one that received just one went off, and dug in the ground and hid the silver money of his master. ([Matthew 25:18](#))
- After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ([Matthew 25:19](#))
- So the one that had received five talents came forward and brought five additional talents, saying; Master, you committed five talents to me, see, I gained five talents more. ([Matthew 25:20](#))
- His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave! You were faithful over a few things. I will appoint you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master. ([Matthew 25:21](#))
- Next the one that had received the two talents came forward and said; Master, you committed to me two talents, see, I gained two talents more. ([Matthew 25:22](#))
- His master said to him; Well done, good and faithful slave! You

- were faithful over a few things. I will appoint you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master. ([Matthew 25:23](#))
- Finally the one that had received the one talent came forward and said; Master, I knew you to be an exacting man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not winnow. ([Matthew 25:24](#))
 - So I grew afraid and went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours. ([Matthew 25:25](#))
 - In reply his master said to him; Wicked and sluggish slave, you knew, did you, that I reaped where I did not sow and gathered where I did not winnow? ([Matthew 25:26](#))
 - Well, then, you ought to have deposited my silver monies with the bankers, and on my arrival I would be receiving what is mine with interest. ([Matthew 25:27](#))
 - Therefore take away the talent from him and give it to him that has the ten talents. ([Matthew 25:28](#))
 - For to everyone that has, more will be given and he will have abundance, but as for him that does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ([Matthew 25:29](#))
 - And throw the good-for-nothing slave out into the darkness outside. There is where his weeping and the gnashing of his teeth will be. ([Matthew 25:30](#))
 - When the Son of man arrives in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit down on his glorious throne. ([Matthew 25:31](#))
 - And all the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ([Matthew 25:32](#))
 - And he will put the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on his left. ([Matthew 25:33](#))
 - Then the king will say to those on his right; Come, you who have been blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the founding of the world. ([Matthew 25:34](#))

- **For I became hungry and you gave me something to eat. I got thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you received me hospitably. ([Matthew 25:35](#))**
- **Naked, and you clothed me. I fell sick and you looked after me. I was in prison and you came to me. ([Matthew 25:36](#))**
- **Then the righteous ones will answer him with the words; Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty, and give you something to drink? ([Matthew 25:37](#))**
- **When did we see you a stranger and receive you hospitably, or naked, and clothe you? ([Matthew 25:38](#))**
- **When did we see you sick or in prison and go to you? ([Matthew 25:39](#))**
- **And in reply the king will say to them; Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me. ([Matthew 25:40](#))**
- **Then he will say, in turn, to those on his left; Be on your way from me, you who have been cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels. ([Matthew 25:41](#))**
- **For I became hungry, but you gave me nothing to eat, and I got thirsty, but you gave me nothing to drink. ([Matthew 25:42](#))**
- **I was a stranger, but you did not receive me hospitably, naked, but you did not clothe me, sick and in prison, but you did not look after me. ([Matthew 25:43](#))**
- **Then they also will answer with the words; Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not minister to you? ([Matthew 25:44](#))**
- **Then he will answer them with the words; Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of these least ones, you did not do it to me. ([Matthew 25:45](#))**
- **While they were listening to these things he spoke in addition an illustration, because he was near Jerusalem and they were imagining that the kingdom of God was going to display itself**

instantly. (Luke 19:11)

- Therefore he said; A certain man of noble birth traveled to a distant land to secure kingly power for himself and to return. (Luke 19:12)
- Calling ten slaves of his he gave them ten minas and told them, Do business till I come. (Luke 19:13)
- But his citizens hated him and sent out a body of ambassadors after him, to say; We do not want this man to become king over us. (Luke 19:14)
- Eventually when he got back after having secured the kingly power, he commanded to be called to him these slaves to whom he had given the silver money, in order to ascertain what they had gained by business activity. (Luke 19:15)
- Then the first one presented himself, saying; Lord, your mina gained ten minas. (Luke 19:16)
- So he said to him; Well done, good slave! Because in a very small matter you have proved yourself faithful, hold authority over ten cities. (Luke 19:17)
- Now the second came, saying; Your mina, Lord, made five minas. (Luke 19:18)
- He said to this one also; You, too, be in charge of five cities. (Luke 19:19)
- But a different one came, saying; Lord, here is your mina, that I kept laid away in a cloth. (Luke 19:20)
- You see, I was in fear of you, because you are a harsh man; You take up what you did not deposit and you reap what you did not sow. (Luke 19:21)
- He said to him, Out of your own mouth I judge you, wicked slave. You knew, did you, that I am a harsh man, taking up what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? (Luke 19:22)
- Hence why is it you did not put my silver money in a bank? Then on my arrival I would have collected it with interest. (Luke

19:23)

- **With that he said to those standing by; Take the mina from him and give it to him that has the ten minas. (Luke 19:24)**
- **But they said to him; Lord, he has ten minas! (Luke 19:25)**
- **I say to you, To everyone that has, more will be given. But from the one that does not have, even what he has will be taken away. (Luke 19:26)**
- **Moreover, these enemies of mine that did not want me to become king over them bring here and slaughter them before me. (Luke 19:27)**
- **Jesus said to them; Truly I say to you, in the re-creation, when the Son of man sits down upon his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also yourselves sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (Matthew 19:28)**
- **And everyone that has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands for the sake of my name will receive many times more and will inherit everlasting life. (Matthew 19:29)**
- **Since Jesus kingship includes the whole earth, his presence is a global one (Matthew 24:23-30) and Paul's inspired words at;**
- **Next, the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has brought to nothing all government and all authority and power. (1 Corinthians 15:24)**
- **For he must rule as king until God has put all enemies under his feet. (1 Corinthians 15:25)**
- **As the last enemy, death is to be brought to nothing. (1 Corinthians 15:26)**
- **For God subjected all things under his feet. But when he says that all things have been subjected, it is evident that it is with the exception of the one who subjected all things to him. (1 Corinthians 15:27)**
- **But when all things will have been subjected to him, then the**

Son himself will also subject himself to the One who subjected all things to him, that God may be all things to everyone. (1 Corinthians 15:28)

- **As well as references to Christ's reign in;**
- **And when he took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp and golden bowls that were full of incense, and the incense means the prayers of the holy ones. (Revelation 5:8)**
- **And they sing a new song, saying; You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals, because you were slaughtered and with your blood you bought persons for God out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation. (Revelation 5:9)**
- **And you made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God, and they are to rule as kings over the earth. (Revelation 5:10)**
- **Because the Lamb, who is in the midst of the throne, will shepherd them, and will guide them to fountains of waters of life. And God will wipe out every tear from their eyes. (Revelation 7:17)**
- **And I saw the heaven opened, and, look! A white horse. And the one seated upon it is called Faithful and True, and he judges and carries on war in righteousness. (Revelation 19:11)**
- **His eyes are a fiery flame, and upon his head are many diadems. He has a name written that no one knows but he himself. (Revelation 19:12)**
- **And he is arrayed with an outer garment sprinkled with blood, and the name he is called is The Word of God. (Revelation 19:13)**
- **Also, the armies that were in heaven were following him on white horses, and they were clothed in white, clean, fine linen. (Revelation 19:14)**
- **And out of his mouth there protrudes a sharp long sword, that he may strike the nations with it, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron. He treads too the winepress of the anger of the wrath of God the Almighty. (Revelation 19:15)**

- **And upon his outer garment, even upon his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. ([Revelation 19:16](#))**
- **And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven with the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ([Revelation 20:1](#))**
- **And he seized the dragon, the original serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ([Revelation 20:2](#))**
- **And he hurled him into the abyss and shut it and sealed it over him, that he might not mislead the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After these things he must be let loose for a little while. ([Revelation 20:3](#))**
- **And I saw thrones, and there were those who sat down on them, and power of judging was given them. Yes, I saw the souls of those executed with the ax for the witness they bore to Jesus and for speaking about God, and those who had worshiped neither the wild beast nor its image and who had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand. And they came to life and ruled as kings with the Christ for a thousand years. ([Revelation 20:4](#))**
- **The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. ([Revelation 20:5](#))**
- **Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first resurrection, over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. ([Revelation 20:6](#))**
- **And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea is no more. ([Revelation 21:1](#))**
- **I saw also the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God and prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ([Revelation 21:2](#))**
- **With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say; Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his peoples. And God himself will be with them. ([Revelation 21:3](#))**

- And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. (**Revelation 21:4**)
- And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls which were full of the seven last plagues, and he spoke with me and said; Come here, I will show you the bride, the Lambs wife. (**Revelation 21:9**)
- So he carried me away in the power of the spirit to a great and lofty mountain, and he showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. (**Revelation 21:10**)
- And I did not see a temple in it, for Yehowah God the Almighty is its temple, also the Lamb is. (**Revelation 21:22**)
- And the city has no need of the sun nor of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God lighted it up, and its lamp was the Lamb. (**Revelation 21:23**)
- And the nations will walk by means of its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (**Revelation 21:24**)
- And its gates will not be closed at all by day, for night will not exist there. (**Revelation 21:25**)
- And they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. (**Revelation 21:26**)
- But anything not sacred and anyone that carries on a disgusting thing and a lie will in no way enter into it, only those written in the Lambs scroll of life will. (**Revelation 21:27**)
- Imply that Christ's **presence** is the time for him to direct his full attention to the whole earth and its population, bringing the full force of his kingly power to bear so as to accomplish his Fathers will for the earth and its inhabitants.
- Paul wrote that the second time that he **appears** it would be **apart from sin** and to **those earnestly looking to him for their salvation**. This proves undeniably that a **second appearance of Christ** is scheduled and that only those **earnestly looking to him for salvation will see it**.

- So also the Christ was offered once for all time to bear the sins of many, and the second time that he appears it will be apart from sin and to those earnestly looking for him for their salvation. (**Hebrews 9:28**)
- You must pray, then, this way; Our Father in the heavens, let your name be sanctified. (**Matthew 6:9**)
- Let your kingdom come. Let your will take place, as in heaven, also upon earth. (**Matthew 6:10**)
- Some, on the basis of texts speaking of Jesus being seen coming in clouds with great power and glory.
- And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. (**Mark 13:26**)
- Look! He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, and those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will beat themselves in grief because of him. Yes, Amen. (**Revelation 1:7**)
- Conclude that his **presence** must be a **visible** one. Yet, as shown under the heading **CLOUD, Illustrative Usage**, the use of clouds in connection with other divine manifestations suggests **invisibility** rather than **visibility**. However, they also they denote the **invisible presence** of Yehowah supporting his Son of Man at his **presence**. So, too, seeing can refer to figurative sight, perception with the mind and heart.

See Also CLOUD, Illustrative Usage

- They have not come to know, nor do they understand, because their eyes have been besmeared so as not to see, their heart so as to have no insight. (**Isaiah 44:18**)
- Hear, now, this, O unwise people that is without heart; They have eyes, but they cannot see, they have ears, but they cannot hear. (**Jeremiah 5:21**)
- Son of man, in the midst of a rebellious house is where you are dwelling, that have eyes to see but they actually do not see, that have ears to hear but they actually do not hear, for they are a rebellious house. (**Ezekiel 12:2**)

- **As for you, O son of man, make up for yourself luggage for exile and go into exile in the daytime before their eyes, and you must go into exile from your place to another place before their eyes. Perhaps they will see, though they are a rebellious house. (Ezekiel 12:3)**
- **This is why I speak to them by the use of illustrations, because, looking, they look in vain, and hearing, they hear in vain, neither do they get the sense of it. (Matthew 13:13)**
- **And toward them the prophecy of Isaiah is having fulfillment, which says, By hearing, you will hear but by no means get the sense of it, and, looking, you will look but by no means see. (Matthew 13:14)**
- **For the heart of this people has grown unreceptive, and with their ears they have heard without response, and they have shut their eyes, that they might never see with their eyes and hear with their ears and get the sense of it with their hearts and turn back, and I heal them. (Matthew 13:15)**
- **However, happy are your eyes because they behold, and your ears because they hear. (Matthew 13:16)**
- **That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the accurate knowledge of him. (Ephesians 1:17)**
- **The eyes of your heart having been enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he called you, what the glorious riches are which he holds as an inheritance for the holy ones. (Ephesians 1:18)**
- **To deny this would be to deny that the opposite of sight, namely, blindness, could be used in a figurative or spiritual, rather than literal, sense. Yet Jesus clearly used both sight and blindness in such a figurative or spiritual sense.**
- **And Jesus said; For this judgment I came into this world, that those not seeing might see and those seeing might become blind. (John 9:39)**
- **Those of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things, and they said to him; We are not blind also, are we? (John 9:40)**

- **Jesus said to them; If you were blind, you would have no sin. But now you say; We see. Your sin remains. (John 9:41)**
- **And to the angel of the congregation in Laodicea write. These are the things that the Amen says, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation by God. (Revelation 3:14)**
- **I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were cold or else hot. (Revelation 3:15)**
- **So, because you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I am going to vomit you out of my mouth. (Revelation 3:16)**
- **Because you say; I am rich and have acquired riches and do not need anything at all, but you do not know you are miserable and pitiable and poor and blind and naked. (Revelation 3:17)**
- **I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire that you may become rich, and white outer garments that you may become dressed and that the shame of your nakedness may not become manifested, and eyesalve to rub in your eyes that you may see. (Revelation 3:18)**
- **Among whom the god of this system of things has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, that the illumination of the glorious Good News about the Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine through. (2 Corinthians 4:4)**
- **For if these things are not present in anyone, he is blind, shutting his eyes to the light, and has become forgetful of his cleansing from his sins of long ago. (2 Peter 1:9)**
- **Job, being spoken to by Yehowah out of the windstorm, likely accompanied by clouds, afterward said; In heresay I have heard about you, but now my own eye does see you.**
- **And Yehowah proceeded to answer Job out of the windstorm and say. (Job 38:1)**
- **In hearsay I have heard about you, but now my own eye does see you. (Job 42:5)**

- This, too, must have been by perception of mind and heart rather than the literal eye, in view of the clear Scriptural teaching that no man has seen God at any time.
- No man has seen God at any time, the only-begotten god who is in the bosom position with the Father is the one that has explained him. (John 1:18)
- Also, the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. You have neither heard his voice at any time nor seen his figure. (John 5:37)
- Not that any man has seen the Father, except he who is from God, this one has seen the Father. (John 6:46)
- At no time has anyone beheld God. If we continue loving one another, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. (1 John 4:12)

See Also CLOUD (Illustrative Usage)

- Evidence weighing against Jesus **presence** as being a **visible** one, in the sense of Jesus appearing in a bodily form that could be seen by human eyes, is found in Jesus own statement that by his death he would sacrifice his flesh in behalf of the life of the world.
- I am the living bread that came down from heaven, if anyone eats of this bread he will live forever, and, for a fact, the bread that I shall give is my flesh in behalf of the life of the world. (John 6:51)
- Some have taken the statement by Paul below to apply to Jesus, but this is a misunderstanding on their parts. It applies to Yehowah the **happy God** and **only Potentate** who alone **has immortality**.
- That you observe the commandment in a spotless and irreprehensible way until the **manifestation, coming**, of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Timothy 6:14)
- This **manifestation** the **happy and only Potentate, Yehowah**, will show in its own appointed times, **he the King of those who rule as kings and Lord of those who rule as lords**. (1 Timothy 6:15)
- The **one alone having immortality**, who dwells in unapproachable

light, whom not one of men has seen or can see. To him be honor and might everlasting. Amen. ([1 Timothy 6:16](#))

- Jesus therefore could tell his disciples that a little longer and the world will behold me no more. This pointed to his going away to heaven to Yehowah's presence. True, his disciples would behold him, not only because he would appear to them after his resurrection but also because in due time they would be resurrected to join him in the heavens and behold the glory that his Father had given him.
- A little longer and the world will behold me no more, but you will behold me, because I live and you will live. ([John 14:19](#))
- Father, as to what you have given me, I wish that, where I am, they also may be with me, in order to behold my glory that you have given me, because you loved me before the founding of the world. ([John 17:24](#))
- But the world in general would not behold him because after his resurrection to life as a spirit creature.
- Why, even Christ died once for all time concerning sins, a righteous person for unrighteous ones, that he might lead you to God, he being put to death in the flesh, but being made alive in the spirit. ([1 Peter 3:18](#))
- Jesus restricted his appearances to his disciples. His ascension to heaven was also seen only by them, not by the world, and the angels present assured the disciples that Jesus return would be in **the same this**, **Greek**, *tro'pos*, not *mor-phe'*, **form**, hence without public display, discerned only by his faithful followers.
- Therefore his **visible**, though **not widely announced return** would follow a period when he was **present** among his disciples, observing them without their knowing it, and followed by a **coming** to a discreet group of them who were waiting for his arrival eagerly.
- See the drama of Joseph and his revealing of himself to his brothers for more details. Also see, [[Revealing The Sons Of God](#)]
- The first account, O Theophilus, I composed about all the things Jesus started both to do and to teach. ([Acts of Apostles 1:1](#))
- Until the day that he was taken up, after he had given

commandment through Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he chose. ([Acts of Apostles 1:2](#))

- To these also by many positive proofs he showed himself alive after he had suffered, being seen by them throughout forty days and telling the things about the kingdom of God. ([Acts of Apostles 1:3](#))
- And while he was meeting with them he gave them the orders; Do not withdraw from Jerusalem, but keep waiting for what the Father has promised, about which you heard from me. ([Acts of Apostles 1:4](#))
- Because John, indeed, baptized with water, but you will be baptized in Holy Spirit not many days after this. ([Acts of Apostles 1:5](#))
- When, now, they had assembled, they went asking him; Lord, are you restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time? ([Acts of Apostles 1:6](#))
- He said to them; It does not belong to you to get knowledge of the times or seasons which the Father has placed in his own jurisdiction. ([Acts of Apostles 1:7](#))
- But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit arrives upon you, and you will be witnesses of me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the most distant part of the earth. ([Acts of Apostles 1:8](#))
- And after he had said these things, while they were looking on, he was lifted up and a cloud caught him up from their vision. ([Acts of Apostles 1:9](#))
- And as they were gazing into the sky while he was on his way, also, look! Two men in white garments stood alongside them. ([Acts of Apostles 1:10](#))
- And they said; Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus who was received up from you into the sky will come thus in the same manner as you have beheld him going into the sky. ([Acts of Apostles 1:11](#))

- A bad condition of heart coupled with wrong expectations regarding Christ's **presence** no doubt contributes to the attitude of ridiculers. It was foretold that, in the last days, they would scoff, saying; Where is this promised **presence** of his? Why, from the day our forefathers fell asleep in death, all things are continuing exactly as from creations beginning.
- This attitude also reflects that while Christ's presence was ongoing it was not widely recognized by others. I am coming as a thief!
- That you should remember the sayings previously spoken by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles. (2 Peter 3:2)
- For you know this first, that in the last days there will come ridiculers with their ridicule, proceeding according to their own desires. (2 Peter 3:3)
- And saying; Where is this promised **presence** of his? Why, from the day our forefathers fell asleep in death, all things are continuing exactly as from creations beginning. (2 Peter 3:4)
- No, it was not by following artfully contrived false stories that we acquainted you with the power and **presence** of our Lord Jesus Christ, but it was by having become eyewitnesses of his magnificence. (2 Peter 1:16)
- Clearly, men will be aware of what is taking place at the revelation, *Greek, a-po-ka'ly-psis*, of Jesus Christ with his powerful angels in a flaming fire, as he brings vengeance upon those who do not know God and those who do not obey the Good News about our Lord Jesus.
- But, to you who suffer tribulation, relief along with us at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with his powerful angels. (2 Thessalonians 1:7)
- In a flaming fire, as he brings vengeance upon those who do not know God and those who do not obey the Good News about our Lord Jesus. (2 Thessalonians 1:8)
- These very ones will undergo the judicial punishment of everlasting destruction from before the Lord and from the glory

of his strength. (2 Thessalonians 1:9)

- This, however, still allows for an **visible presence** that goes undiscerned by all but the faithful **prior to that revelation**. We may recall that Jesus, when paralleling his **presence with the days of Noah**, states that in Noah's time the people **took no note** until watery destruction came upon them, and so the **presence of the Son of man will be**.
- For just as the days of Noah were, so the **presence of the Son of man will be**. (Matthew 24:37)
- For as they were in those days before the flood, eating and drinking, men marrying and women being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. (Matthew 24:38)
- And **they took no note** until the flood came and swept them all away, so the **presence** of the Son of man will be. (Matthew 24:39)

•• Events Marking His Presence

- Jesus had promised to be with his followers in their meeting together;
- For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there I am in their **midst**. (Matthew 18:20)
- And he also assured them that he would **be with them in their discipling work all the days until the conclusion of the system of things**. Therefore during the Christ's **presence** he would participate in the worldwide preaching work as a Christian disciple, and therefore go unrecognized.
- Likewise also you, when you see all these things, know that he is near **at the doors**. (Matthew 24:33)
- Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)
- Teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you. And, look! I am with you all the days until the conclusion of the system of things. (Matthew 28:20)

- The *pa-rou-si'a* of;
- While he was sitting upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him privately, saying; Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your **presence** and of the conclusion of the system of things? (**Matthew 24:3**)
- And related texts, of course, must signify something beyond this. It clearly relates to a special **presence**, one involving and affecting all earth's inhabitants and inseparably connected with Jesus expression of full authority as King anointed by God.
- Among the events marking Jesus **presence** in Kingdom power are. The **resurrection of those of his followers who have died, these being joint heirs** with him to the heavenly Kingdom.
- But each one in his own rank. Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who belong to the Christ **during his presence**. (**1 Corinthians 15:23**)
- If, then, we are children, we are also heirs. Heirs indeed of God, but joint heirs with Christ, provided we suffer together that we may also be glorified together.
- If, then, we are children, we are also heirs. Heirs indeed of God, but joint heirs with Christ, provided we suffer together that we may also be glorified together. (**Romans 8:17**)
- His gathering together and bringing into union with himself other followers who are living at the time of his **presence**.
- And he will send forth his angels with a great trumpet sound, and they **will gather his chosen ones together from the four winds**, from one extremity of the heavens to their other extremity. (**Matthew 24:31**)
- 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**)
- His **bringing to nothing** the **apostate man of lawlessness**, this being accomplished by the **manifestation**, or **appearance**, or **materialization**, *e-pi-pha-nei'ai* of his Jesus **presence**.

- 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)
- The destruction of all those who give no heed to the opportunity for deliverance.
- For just as the days of Noah were, so the **presence of the Son of man will be**. (Matthew 24:37)
- For as they were in those days before the flood, eating and drinking, men marrying and women being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. (Matthew 24:38)
- And they took no note until the flood came and swept them all away, so the **presence of the Son of man will be**. (Matthew 24:39)
- And, of necessity, the introduction of his Thousand Year Reign.
- And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven with the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. (Revelation 20:1)

- And he seized the dragon, the original serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. (**Revelation 20:2**)
- And he hurled him into the abyss and shut it and sealed it over him, that he might not mislead the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After these things he must be let loose for a little while. (**Revelation 20:3**)
- And I saw thrones, and there were those who sat down on them, and power of judging was given them. Yes, I saw the souls of those executed with the ax for the witness they bore to Jesus and for speaking about God, and those who had worshiped neither the wild beast nor its image and who had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand. And they came to life and ruled as kings with the Christ for a thousand years. (**Revelation 20:4**)
- The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. (**Revelation 20:5**)
- Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first resurrection, over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. (**Revelation 20:6**)
- See also the article **TRANSFIGURATION** for information on the way in which observers of that vision of Christ in Kingdom glory were enabled to acquaint others with the power and **presence** of our Lord Jesus Christ.

See Also TRANSFIGURATION

- No, it was not by following artfully contrived false stories that we acquainted you with the power and **presence** of our Lord Jesus Christ, but it was by having become eyewitnesses of his magnificence. (**2 Peter 1:16**)
- For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when words such as these were borne to him by the magnificent glory, This is my son, my beloved, whom I myself have approved. (**2 Peter 1:17**)

- Yes, these words we heard borne from heaven while we were with him in the holy mountain. (**2 Peter 1:18**)

See Also MAN OF LAWLESSNESS

.. Conditions Accompanying His Presence

- The book of Revelation presents in symbolic expression much information relating to Christ's **presence** and his manifestation and revelation. The symbolic picture of the crowned rider on the white horse depicted. He opens up seals upon a scroll and then divulges the information contained within.
- But one of the elders says to me; Stop weeping. Look! The Lion that is of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has conquered so as to **open the scroll and its seven seals**. (**Revelation 5:5**)
- And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice as of thunder; Come! (**Revelation 6:1**)
- And I saw, and, look! A white horse, and the one seated upon it had a bow, and a crown was given him, and he went forth conquering and to complete his conquest. (**Revelation 6:2**)
- Corresponds to that of the rider of;
- And I saw the heaven opened, and, look! A white horse. And the one seated upon it is called Faithful and True, and he judges and carries on war in righteousness. (**Revelation 19:11**)
- His eyes are a fiery flame, and upon his head are many diadems. He has a name written that no one knows but he himself. (**Revelation 19:12**)
- And he is arrayed with an outer garment sprinkled with blood, and the name he is called is The Word of God. (**Revelation 19:13**)
- Also, the armies that were in heaven were following him on white horses, and they were clothed in white, clean, fine linen. (**Revelation 19:14**)
- And out of his mouth there protrudes a sharp long sword, that he may strike the nations with it, and he will shepherd them with a

- rod of iron. He treads too the winepress of the anger of the wrath of God the Almighty. ([Revelation 19:15](#))
- And upon his outer garment, even upon his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. ([Revelation 19:16](#))
 - Who is the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ Jesus. ([Revelation Chapter 6](#)) shows that when Christ rides forth as conquering King he does not immediately bring about removal of wickedness from the earth, but rather, his ride is accompanied by war that takes peace away from the earth, as well as by food scarcity and deadly plague.
 - And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say; Come! ([Revelation 6:3](#))
 - And another came forth, a fiery-colored horse, and to the one seated upon it there was granted to take peace away from the earth so that they should slaughter one another, and a great sword was given him. ([Revelation 6:4](#))
 - And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say; Come! And I saw, and, look! A black horse, and the one seated upon it had a pair of scales in his hand. ([Revelation 6:5](#))
 - And I heard a voice as if in the midst of the four living creatures say; A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the olive oil and the wine. ([Revelation 6:6](#))
 - And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say; Come! ([Revelation 6:7](#))
 - And I saw, and, look! A pale horse, and the one seated upon it had the name Death. And Hades was closely following him. And authority was given them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with a long sword and with food shortage and with deadly plague and by the wild beasts of the earth. ([Revelation 6:8](#))
 - This, in turn, parallels features found in Christ's prophecy at. ([Matthew Chapter 24](#), [Mark Chapter 13](#), and [Luke Chapter 21](#))

- It therefore appears that Jesus prophecy found in the Gospel accounts, which clearly involves the destruction of Jerusalem and its temple occurring in **70 C.E.**, also has an application to the time of Christ's **presence**, thereby supplying a sign that allows for determining when that **presence** is taking place and when deliverance is getting near.
- While he was sitting upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him privately, saying; Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your **presence** and of the conclusion of the system of things? (**Matthew 24:3**)
- Now learn from the fig tree as an illustration this point: Just as soon as its young branch grows tender and it puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. (**Matthew 24:32**)
- Likewise also you, when you see all these things, know that **he is near at the doors**. (**Matthew 24:33**)
- But as these things start to occur, raise yourselves erect and lift your heads up, because your deliverance is getting near. (**Luke 21:28**)
- With that he spoke an illustration to them; Note the fig tree and all the other trees. (**Luke 21:29**)
- When they are already in the bud, by observing it you know for yourselves that now the summer is near. (**Luke 21:30**)
- In this way you also, **when you see these things** occurring, know that the kingdom of God is near. (**Luke 21:31**)
- Other references to Christ's **presence** generally present encouragement to faithfulness and endurance until and during that time.
- For what is our hope or joy or crown of exultation, why, is it not in fact you? Before our Lord Jesus at his **presence**. (**1 Thessalonians 2:19**)
- Moreover, may the Lord cause you to increase, yes, make you abound, in love to one another and to all, even as we also do to you. (**1 Thessalonians 3:12**)

- To the end that he may make your hearts firm, unblamable in holiness before our God and Father at the **presence** of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. (**1 Thessalonians 3:13**)
- So now, little children, remain in union with him, that when he is made manifest we may have freeness of speech and not be shamed away from him at his **presence**. (**1 John 2:28**)
- May the very God of peace sanctify you completely. And sound in every respect may the spirit and soul and body of you brothers be preserved in a blameless manner at the **presence** of our Lord Jesus Christ. (**1 Thessalonians 5:23**)
- Exercise patience, therefore, brothers, until the **presence** of the Lord. Look! The farmer keeps waiting for the precious fruit of the earth, exercising patience over it until he gets the early rain and the late rain. (**James 5:7**)
- You too exercise patience, make your hearts firm, because the **presence** of the Lord has drawn close. (**James 5:8**)

•• The Presence Of The Day Of Yehowah

- In his second letter Peter exhorts his brothers to be awaiting and keeping close in mind the **presence** of the day of Yehowah, demonstrating this by the way they live.
- Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of persons ought you to be in holy acts of conduct and deeds of godly devotion. (**2 Peter 3:11**)
- Awaiting and keeping close in mind the **presence** of the day of Yehowah, through which the heavens being on fire will be dissolved and the elements being intensely hot will melt! (**2 Peter 3:12**)
- They must be careful to keep Yehowah's day of judgment constantly in mind, realizing that it is close at hand. In that day of Yehowah, the governmental heavens of this wicked world will be destroyed as by fire and the **elements, religion, commerce, government** and **military**, that go with it will not be able to hold together but will **melt** because of the **intense heat**. The present system under the control of Satan will come to its end.

- Since Yehowah God acts by and through his Son and appointed King, Christ Jesus
- The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. (John 3:35)
- But each one in his own rank. Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who belong to the Christ during his presence. (1 Corinthians 15:23)
- Next, the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has brought to nothing all government and all authority and power. (1 Corinthians 15:24)
- It follows that there is a relationship between this promised presence of Yehowah and the presence of Christ Jesus. Logically, those who scoff at the proclamation of the one will scoff at the proclamation of the other. Again the attitude of the people prior to the Deluge is used as a corresponding example.
- For, according to their wish, this fact escapes their notice, that there were heavens from of old and an earth standing compactly out of water and in the midst of water by the word of God. (2 Peter 3:5)
- And by those means the world of that time suffered destruction when it was deluged with water. (2 Peter 3:6)
- But by the same word the heavens and the earth that are now are stored up for fire and are being reserved to the day of judgment and of destruction of the ungodly men. (2 Peter 3:7)
- For just as the days of Noah were, so the presence of the Son of man will be. (Matthew 24:37)
- For as they were in those days before the flood, eating and drinking, men marrying and women being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. (Matthew 24:38)
- And they took no note until the flood came and swept them all away, so the presence of the Son of man will be. (Matthew 24:39)

.. The Lawless ones Presence

- But the **lawless ones presence** is according to the operation of Satan with every powerful work and lying signs and portents. (**2 Thessalonians 2:9**)
- And with every unrighteous deception for those who are perishing, as a retribution because they did not accept the love of the truth that they might be saved. (**2 Thessalonians 2:10**)
- So that is why God lets an operation of error go to them, that they may get to believing the lie. (**2 Thessalonians 2:11**)
- In order, that they all may be judged because they did not believe the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness. (**2 Thessalonians 2:12**)
- The apostle describes the **lawless ones presence** as being according to the operation of Satan with every powerful work and lying signs and portents and with every unrighteous deception. This, too, illustrates the point that *pa-rou-si'a* means more than a momentary coming, or arrival, **for a period of time of some length is required** for the effecting of all these works, signs, portents, and this deception.