

The Coming (Parousia) of Jesus Christ and the Gathering Together of His Saints

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The Olivet Discourse: Question of Jesus' Parousia - Matt 24

³ As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of **Your coming** [*parousia*], and of the end of the age?"

Before the Tribulation

¹⁵ Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.

²¹ For then there will be a **great tribulation**, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.

After the Tribulation

²⁷ For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will **the coming** [*parousia*] of the Son of Man be.

³⁰ And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.

³¹ And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will **gather together** [*episunagō*] His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

The Rapture in Relation to the Parousia - 1 Thess 4:13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.

¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until **the coming** [*parousia*] of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

The Antichrist in Relation to the Parousia - 2 Thess 2:1-8

¹ Now we request you, brethren, with regard to **the coming** [*parousia*] of our Lord Jesus Christ and our **gathering together** [*episunagōgēs*] to Him,

² that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

³ Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

⁵ Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?

⁶ And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed.

⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.

⁸ Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of **His coming** [*parousia*].

Note: When the Antichrist is slain!