

# The Use of Parousia in the NT (24x)

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παρουσία  
Engl: *parousia*

## Range of Meaning:

1. Presence
2. Coming, arrival
  - a. *In general*
  - b. *Of Jesus in the Eschaton*

**1 Thess 4:15-17 — Key Rapture Passage**

15 For 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 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.

**Eschatological Usage of Parousia with Jesus in View:**

Matt 24:3  
Matt 24:27, 37, 39  
1 Cor 15:23  
1 Thess 2:19; 3:13; 4:15; 5:23  
2 Thess 2:1; 2:8  
Jas 5: 7, 8  
2 Pet 1:16; 3:4;  
1 John 2:28

**Matt 24:27**  
“For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.”

**1 Thess 3:13**  
“so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints (*or angels; lit., ‘holy ones’*).”

**2 Thess 2:8**  
“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.”

**2 Pet 1:16**  
“For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.”

These four passages clearly have the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming in view after the Tribulation

<b>Gospels</b> (only in Matt - 4x)	<b>Acts</b> (none)	<b>Pauline</b> (14x)	<b>General Epistles</b> (6x)	<b>Revelation</b> (none)
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Mt 24:3, 27, 37, 39

1 Cor 15:23; 16:17; 2 Cor 7:6, 7; 10:10; Phil 1:26; 2:12;  
1 Thess 2:19; 3:13; 4:15; 5:23; 2 Thess 2:1; 2:8; 2:9

Jas 5:7, 8; 2 Pet 1:16; 3:4;  
3:12; 1 Jn 2:28