

24 PAROUSIA : PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST (YLT)

Parousia means presence and refers to what is commonly called the “second coming” of Christ. This is a complete list of the occurrences of the word in the New Testament for personal study. “Parousia” is generally used in reference to an extended visit—perhaps 3.5 years.

1. **Matt. 24:3.** And when he is sitting on the mount of the Olives, the disciples came near to him by himself, saying, ‘Tell us, when shall these be? and what [is] the sign of thy presence (parousia) and of the full end of the age?’
2. **Matt 24:27** ... as the lightning doth come forth from the east, and doth appear unto the west, so shall be also the presence (parousia) of the Son of Man.
3. **Matt 24:37** ...and as the days of Noah — so shall be also the presence (parousia) of the Son of Man.
4. **Matt 24:39.** ...and they did not know till the flood came and took all away; so shall be also the presence (parousia) of the Son of Man.
5. **I Cor 15:22-23.** ...for even as in Adam all die, so also in the Christ all shall be made alive, and each in his proper order, a first-fruit Christ, afterwards those who are the Christ’s, in his presence (parousia).
6. **I Thess 2:19.** for what [is] our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? are not even ye before our Lord Jesus Christ in his presence (parousia)?
7. **I Thess 3:13.** ...and you the Lord cause to increase and to abound in the love to one another, and to all, even as we also to you, 13 to the establishing your hearts blameless in sanctification before our God and Father, in the presence (parousia) of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.
8. **I Thess. 4:15f.** ...for this to you we say in the word of the Lord, that we who are living — who do remain over to the presence (parousia) of the Lord — may not precede those asleep, 16 because the Lord himself, in a shout, in the voice of a chief-messenger, and in the trump of God, shall come down from heaven.
9. **I Thess. 5:23-24.** ...and the God of the peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved unblameably in the presence (parousia) of our Lord Jesus Christ; stedfast is He who is calling you, who also will do [it].
10. **II Thess. 2:1-2.** And we ask you, brethren, in regard to the presence (parousia) of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of our gathering together unto him, that ye be not quickly shaken in mind, nor be troubled, neither through spirit, neither through word, neither through letters as through us, as that the day of Christ hath arrived;
11. **II Thess. 2:8...** and then shall be revealed the Lawless One, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the manifestation of his presence (parousia).
12. **James 5:7** Be patient, then, brethren, till the presence (parousia) of the Lord; lo, the husbandman doth expect the precious fruit of the earth, being patient for it, till he may receive rain — early and latter;
- 13.) **James 5:8** Be patient, ye also; establish your hearts, because the presence (parousia) of the Lord hath drawn nigh;
14. **2 Peter 1:16.** For, skillfully devised fables not having followed out, we did make known to you the power and presence (parousia) of our Lord Jesus Christ, but eye-witnesses having become of his majesty —
15. **2 Peter 3:3-4** ... there shall come in the latter end of the days scoffers, according to their own desires going on, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of his presence (parousia) for since the fathers did fall asleep, all things so remain from the beginning of the creation.
16. **2 Peter 3:11-12.** what kind of persons doth it behove you to be in holy behaviours and pious acts? 12 waiting for and hastening to the presence (parousia) of the day of God, by which the heavens, being on fire, shall be dissolved, and the elements with burning heat shall melt;
17. **I John 2:28.** And now, little children, remain in him, that when he may be manifested, we may have boldness, and may not be ashamed before him, in his presence (parousia).

NOTE: Parousia is also used pertaining to “the lawless one.” II Thess. 2:8,9 And then shall be revealed the Lawless One, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the manifestation of his presence, [him,] whose presence is according to the working of the adversary, in all power, and signs, and lying wonders.

NOTE: The N.T. also references the parousia of people: I Cor. 16:17, 2 Cor. 7:6-7, 2 Cor. 10:10, Phil. 1:26., Phil. 2:12

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