

# *The Parousia of Jesus*

Acts 1:6-11

## 1. THE CERTAINTY OF THE PAROUSIA.

**Acts 1:9–11** *After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”*

**Rev 22:12–13** *Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.*

## 2. THE NATURE OF THE PAROUSIA.

**1 Thessalonians 4:16–18** *For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.*

*It will be \_\_\_\_\_.* **John 14:2–3** *My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*

*It will be \_\_\_\_\_.* **Revelation 1:7** *“Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all peoples on earth will mourn because of him.” So shall it be!*

*It will be \_\_\_\_\_.* **Matthew 24:30** *Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.*

*It will be \_\_\_\_\_.* **Matthew 24:44** *So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.*

## 3. THE PURPOSE OF THE PAROUSIA: \_\_\_\_\_.

*The purpose of Christ’s coming, is not to satisfy our curiosity or enhance our importance. It is to fulfill God’s ancient plan to display His glory and to enjoy the love of His people. —David Allan Hubbard*

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**Revelation 20:10** *And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*

**John 5:28–29** *Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.*

**Rom 9:22–23** **NLT** *In the same way, even though God has the right to show his anger and his power, he is very patient with those on whom his anger falls, who are destined for destruction. He does this to make the riches of his glory shine even brighter on those to whom he shows mercy, who were prepared in advance for glory.*

**\*BY \_\_\_\_\_ FOR ETERNAL LIFE IN HIS PRESENCE.**

**Job 19:25–27** *I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!*

**John 11:25–26** *Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”*

**1 Corinthians 15:50–54** *I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”*

**\*BY \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE GOD WILL DWELL AMONG US ONCE AGAIN.**

**Revelation 21:1–5** *Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”*

**4. OUR RESPONSE TO THE PROMISED PAROUSIA: \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Revelation 3:3** *Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.*

\*Let us renew our relationship with Christ.

\*Eagerly live for Christ, aware of His imminent (not necessarily immediate) return.

\*Reflect His glory through our words and actions.

\*Pursue our calling to make disciples with enthusiasm.

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