The Second Coming Of Christ

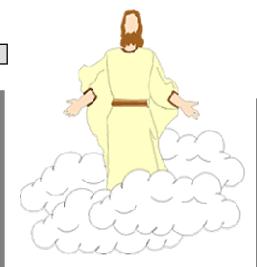
- A Study Of Greek Words -

<u>INTRODUCTION</u> — There are many Bible theologians who would divide the return of Christ into two stages, namely, the secret rapture, and the glory coming. Another way it is expressed is: The coming "for" His saints, then a returning "with" the saints. The opposing view would be that Jesus is only returning once more, not twice. Determine for yourself as you study the four Greek words below, and see if such a theory of two comings can be substantiated from the Scriptures.

Parousia

THE ARRIVING PRESENCE OF...

- 2 Corinth 10:10 'bodily presence' of Paul (also: 2 Corinth 7:6; Philip 1:26)
- Matthew 24:3 the sign of the Son of Man (which is Jesus Himself) is revealed AFTER the tribulation.
- Matthew 24:27 the parousia is compared to lightning (not something secretive).
- Matthew 24:37, 39 the parousia is likened unto the days of Noah wherein the faithful were spared God's judgment, while the unsaved and unfaithful were punished.
- 1 Thess 3:13 the parousia will be with all the "saints" (which are not all the saved).
- 1 Thess 4:15 some will be alive at the parousia, while others will have died "in Christ." All these will together be resurrected and caught up to meet Jesus in the air.
- 1Thess 5:23 some will be preserved "blameless" at the parousia of Christ.
- 8. **2 Thes 2:1** At the parousia, there will be a "gathering unto Christ." (the rapture).
- 2 Thes 2:8 The parousia of Christ will destroy the "Antichrist."
- 10. 1 John 2:28 Although some will be blameless, others will be ashamed at Christ's parousia.



Erchomai

TO GO, TO COME...

- <u>John 14:1-3</u> the promise of Christ to come again and to receive His disciples unto Himself.
- 2. <u>Acts 1:11</u> Jesus will come in the same manner as He left; that is, *bodily*, *visibly*, *once*.
- Matthew 24:30 At Jesus' coming, every eye will see Him.
- 1Corinth 11:26 the ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be observed until the "coming" of the Lord.
- 5. <u>Matthew 16:27</u> the rewarding will occur when Jesus returns.

Apokalupsis

REMOVING THE COVER OF ..

- 1. 1 Corinth 1:7 the members at Corinth were waiting for the "revelation" of Christ (not a secret coming).
- 2 Thess 1:7 the members at Thessalonica were looking for the "revelation" of Christ (not some first-stage secret coming).
- 3. <u>1 Peter 1:13</u> Peter encouraged his readers to hope to the end at the time of the revelation of Jesus.
- 1 Peter 1:7— at the apokalupsis, we are admonished to have our faith worthy of praise, honor, and glory.

Epiphaneia

THE SHINING, BRIGHTNESS OF...

- 2 Thess 2:8 the epiphaneia of Christ will be "bright" (not something secret).
- 2. <u>1 Tim 6:14</u> some will be without spot at the epiphaneia.
- 3. **2 Tim 4:1** Christ's kingdom will arrive at the epiphaneia.
- 2 Tim 4:8— at the epiphaneia, Jesus will give the reward.
- <u>Titus 2:13</u> the epiphaneia of Christ will be glorious, notable, and open (not something quiet or secretive).