

# The Resurrection of the Dead - 7

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and Revelation 20

(with reference to 1 Corinthians 15:22-28 & 51-52)

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## Comfort

### 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The KJV translates Strong's G3870 in the following manner: beseech (43x), comfort (23x), exhort (21x), desire (8x), pray (6x), intreat (3x), miscellaneous (4x), variations of 'besought' (1x) | Total 109x

Strong's Definition: παρακαλέω parakalēō; from G3844 and G2564; to call near, i.e. invite, invoke (by imploration, hortation or consolation): - beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, (give) exhort(-ation), intreat, pray. [1]

Originally the meaning was to strengthen *not* soothe.

Bayeux Tapestry:

The stepbrother of William the Conqueror, Bishop Odo, was meticulous in observing canon law. Since a cleric was not allowed to “wield the sword,” he used a battle club. In the Bayeux Tapestry under the scene of him forcing his men into a hail of arrows, are the abbreviated Latin words: “*Hic Odo Eps [Episcopus] Baculu[m] Tenens Confortat Pueros*” which means: “Here, Bishop Odo, holding his club, **comforts** his boys.” [2]



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## Parousia

### 1 Thessalonians 4:15 & 1 Corinthians 15:23

Gustav Adolf Deissmann in 1908 showed that the Greek word parousia occurred as early as the 3rd century BC to describe the visit of a king or dignitary to a city – a visit arranged in order to show the visitor's magnificence to the people. (*Light from the Ancient East: The New Testament Illustrated by Recently Discovered Texts of the Graeco-Roman World.*) [3]

He was a German Protestant theologian, best known for his leading work on the Greek language used in the New Testament, which he showed was the koine, or commonly used tongue of the Hellenistic world of that time. [4]

The Greek New Testament uses the Greek term parousia (παρουσία, meaning "arrival", "coming", or "presence") **twenty-four times**, seventeen of them concerning Christ. **However, parousia has the distinct reference to a period of time rather than an instance in time.** [3]

The Greek word παρουσία is formed from the combination of the preposition παρά (para) and the noun οὐσία (ousia), which is derived from the participle οὔσα (ousa), meaning “being.” **Hence, παρουσία literally means “the act or state of being with,” in other words, “presence.”** Therefore, the παρουσία of Jesus Christ is his presence with us. While some English translations translate it as “coming,” such a translation is slightly inaccurate, as the Greek would likely be the infinitive ἐλθεῖν followed by a preposition. The Greek verb meaning “come” is ἔρχομαι, while the verb meaning “to be with” (i.e., to be present) is παρέμι. Nevertheless, Jesus’ presence with us would naturally assume his prior coming from some other place, i.e. heaven. [5]

The KJV translates Strong's G3952 in the following manner: coming (22x), presence (2x) | Total 24x

Strong's Definition: παρουσία parousía; from the present participle of G3918; a being near, i.e. advent (often, return; specially, of Christ to punish Jerusalem, or finally the wicked); (by implication) physically, aspect:—coming, presence. [6]

**The KJV translates Strong's G3918 in the following manner:** be present (9x), come (7x), present (3x), be present here (1x), be here (1x), such things as one hath (with G3588) (1x), he that lacketh (with G3361) (with G3739) (1x) | Total 23x

Strong's Definition: πάρεμι páreimi; from G3844 and G1510 (including its various forms); to be near, i.e. at hand; neuter present participle (singular) time being, or (plural) property:—come, × have, be here, + lack, (be here) present. [7]

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### Occurrences of Strong's G3952:

*Italics highlight usage about someone (or something) other than Jesus.*

Mat 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, and of the end of the age?"

Mat 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.

Mat 24:37

"For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.

Mat 24:39

and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

1Co 15:23

But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming,

1Co 16:17

*I rejoice over the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have supplied what was lacking on your part.*

2Co 7:6

*But God, who comforts the depressed, comforted us by the coming of Titus;*

2Co 7:7

*and not only by his coming, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you, as he reported to us your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced even more.*

2Co 10:10

*For they say, "His letters are weighty and strong, but his personal presence is unimpressive and his speech contemptible."*

Phl 1:26

*so that your proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.*

Phl 2:12

*So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;*

1Th 2:19

For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming?

1Th 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.

1Th 4:15

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.

1Th 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2Th 2:1

Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,

2Th 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;

*2Th 2:9*

*that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,*

Jas 5:7

Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.

Jas 5:8

You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

2Pe 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.

2Pe 3:4

and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.”

*2Pe 3:12*

*looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!*

1Jo 2:28

Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.

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