

# The Revealing – Unlocking Hidden Truths on the Glorification of God’s Children: Notes-#4b

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## THE GLORY OF GOD – THE PAROUSIA

The word translated *coming* is the Greek word *parousia*, mainly used in the New Testament to *denote Christ’s second coming for the Church* as the Bridegroom to take His Bride – what most Christians call the “Rapture.”

“They that are Christ’s” indicates possession or ownership. Ephesians 1:14 states: “redemption of the purchased possession”

For every promise concerning Christ’s First Advent there are five promises concerning His Second Advent.

God’s emphasis is a witness to the value He places on this event!

### There are (at least) five purposes in Christ’s second coming:

1. Christ, the Bridegroom, comes for the Church, His bride. (Rev 21:2,9-11)
2. To save *nationally* (in some sense) the people of Israel. (Rom 11:26-27)
3. To overthrow the antichrist and Satan. (Rev 12:5,9-11;19:11-20)
4. To judge the Gentile nations and their gods. (Matt 25:31-32)
5. To establish His thousand-year kingdom on earth. (Isa 24:23; Rev 20:4)

By what we have learned from Dr. Heiser, #6 would be *to judge the deposed Divine Council members and install the newly adopted Sons of God – the glorified members of the Body of Christ. (Psalm 82)*

**1 Th 4:15-17** <sup>15</sup>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 by no means precede those who are asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them *in the clouds* to meet the Lord in the air. *And thus, we shall always be with the Lord.*

Jesus will snatch up only what is His (the jewels from the earth).

**Rev 16:15** “Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”

**Mat 24:43** But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

In 1 Thessalonians 4:17, the word “air” is the Greek *aer*. *It should be distinguished from aether – aether referring to a higher air more distant from the earth. Aer denotes a “lower air” in immediate contact with the earth’s surface.*

Paul indicates *that the meeting of the Lord and His saints will take place in the lower air – closer to the surface of the earth.* Would this event be visible? Would the glory of Christ and His Bride be seen?

**1 Cor 15:35-44** <sup>35</sup>But someone will say, “How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?” <sup>36</sup>Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but

mere grain – perhaps wheat or some other *grain*.<sup>38</sup>But *God gives it a body as He pleases*, and to each seed its own body.<sup>39</sup>All flesh *is not the same flesh*, but *there is one kind of flesh* of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds.<sup>40</sup>*There are* also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial *is one*, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is another*.<sup>41</sup>*There is one glory* of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for *one star differs from another star in glory*.<sup>42</sup>So also *is the resurrection of the dead*. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.<sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor, *it is raised in glory*. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.<sup>44</sup>It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. *There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body*.

Where the LORD calls us to work, we will be empowered to serve Him—whether the job is in the heavens or on the earth. He has a job for us (at least one!) in the ages to come.

Indeed, all of creation is eagerly waiting for **the revealing**... the “manifestation of the sons of God”. (Romans 8:19)

**2 Cor 4:14** Knowing that He who raised up the *Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you*.

**2 Cor 4:17-18** For our *light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory*,<sup>18</sup>while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

**2 Cor 5:1-5** For we know that if our earthly house, *this tent*, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.<sup>2</sup>For in this we groan, *earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven*,<sup>3</sup>if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked.<sup>4</sup>For we who are in *this tent* groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.<sup>5</sup>Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee*.

**Gen 15:5** Then He brought him outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and *count the stars* [a double meaning] if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “*So shall your descendants be*.”

**Gen 22:17** Blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants *as the stars of the heaven* [implying multiple meanings as we will see below] and as the sand which *is* on the seashore; and your *descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies*.

David Burnett makes the case in his paper, “So Shall Your Seed Be,” that the promise to Abraham is not only quantitative, but qualitative as well...

In other words, it is not only referring to the quantity of Abraham’s seed, but also the shining quality of stars.

This also indicates that the glorified church will shine as the stars, and remember the Sons of God in the Old Testament (God’s angels) are referred to as stars.

**Daniel 12:2-3** And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

The present physical bodies of men and women are adapted to express and satisfy the soul – but their new resurrected body will be adapted to express and fulfill God’s highest spiritual aspirations for humanity.

**Prov 3:35** The *wise shall inherit glory*, but shame shall be the legacy of fools.

**1 Cor 15:47-49** <sup>47</sup>The first man *was* of the earth, *made* of dust; the second Man *is* the Lord from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As *was* the man of dust, so also *are* those *who are made* of dust; and as *is* the heavenly Man, so also *are* those *who are* heavenly. <sup>49</sup>And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, *we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man*.

**1 Cor 15:51-53** <sup>51</sup>Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed – <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

**Phil 3:20-21** <sup>20</sup>For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>*who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to **His glorious body***, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

The secret of resurrection power, is: *one must die to oneself before we can receive this life from God*. To die to oneself means to put the priorities of serving Christ and doing His will before your own will.

**Galatians 2:20** I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

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