

The Present Struggle 1:9-10



The Echoes of Glory 1:1-10

παρουσία coming, physical presence

παρά alongside, beside, present

ουσία being

Matt 24:27,37,39

James 5:8,9

Matt. 24:27 “For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, (*sudden and visible to all*) so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Matt. 24:37-39 “For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. Because in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be (*sudden and unexpected for the majority of people*).

James 5:8-9 *You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for **the coming of the Lord is near.** Do not complain against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged—**Behold, the Judge is standing right at the door!***

Parousía is Imminent

impending, “It might happen soon ...”

“in the offing”

“in the cards”

“just around the corner”

“coming down the pike”

1Cor. 15:51-52 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, (***very sudden***) ... for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we (***Paul's expectation***) will be changed.

1Th. 4:17 Then (***after the dead are raised***) we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them (***the souls of the dead***) in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we (***Paul's expectation***) shall always be with the Lord.

Rapture

Jesus comes in the air FOR HIS CHURCH

WRATH

Jesus comes to the earth WITH HIS CHURCH

Return

Royal Reign

“Rapture —> Wrath —> Return —> Reign”

1:2 We are always thanking God ...

We are grateful *because ...*

1:2 we are *praying*—continually

1:3 we are *remembering*

your Faith/Love/Hope

1:4 we are *knowing*

Because you ...

1:6 *became* imitators

1:7 *became* **a** model, **a** type

1:8 The GOOD News produces good news!

... from you

1:8 The Word of the Lord has “*echoed out*”

ἐξηχέω

Your faith toward God has “*gone out*”

ἐξερχομαι

We don't even need to speak!

1:5 for our gospel did not come to you *in word only*
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit
and with full conviction (*Faith!*)

1:9 They bring news to US about YOU!

... about the reception you gave us

... **how you turned** toward God (*Faith 1:8*)

... **how you turned** from idols (*Repentance*)

ἐπιστρέφω

1:9b You turned to God TO SERVE HIM

... a **living**, *active-in-our-lives* God (idols are **dead**)

... a **true**, *genuine* God (idols are **fake**)

1:10 You turned to God TO WAIT for HIS SON

... alive from the dead

... a rescuer from the Wrath to Come

NEXT WEEK: “THE JOY-THE HOPE-THE CROWN!”