

The Apostle Paul and the Return of the LORD

The Apostle Paul used four words when describing the Return of the LORD: *apokalupsis* (602), *parousia* (3952), *phaneroo* (5319), and *epiphaneia* (2015). Only *epiphaneia* is unique to Paul's description of the Lord's return, but in 2 Thessalonians 2:8, he relates the *epiphaneia* to the *parousia* of the Lord. Every usage of these words by Paul is presented below.

Apokalupsis (602)

- 1) laying bare, making naked
- 2) a disclosure of truth, instruction
 - a) concerning things before unknown
 - b) used of events by which things or states or persons hitherto withdrawn from view are made visible to all
- 3) manifestation, appearance

Part of speech: noun feminine

Total KJV Occurrences: 18

Translated Revelation, 10 times

Romans 2:5: "But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and **revelation** of the righteous judgment of God; ⁶Who will render to every man according to his deeds..."

Romans 16:25: "Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the **revelation** of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began..."

1 Corinthians 14:6: "Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by **revelation**, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?"

1 Corinthians 14:26: "How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a **revelation**, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying."

Galatians 1:12: "For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the **revelation** of Jesus Christ."

Galatians 2:2: "And I went up by **revelation**, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain."

Ephesians 1:17: "...making mention of you in my prayers; ¹⁷That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and **revelation** in the knowledge of him..."

Ephesians 3:3: "...How that by **revelation** he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words..."

1 Peter 1:13: "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the **revelation** of Jesus Christ..."

Revelation 1:1: “The **Revelation** of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John...”

Translated Revealed, 2 times

2 Thessalonians 1:7: “And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels...”

1 Peter 4:13: “But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be **revealed**, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy...”

Translated Revelations, 2 times

2 Corinthians 12:1: “It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and **revelations** of the Lord.”

2 Corinthians 12:7: “And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the **revelations**, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.”

Translated Appearing, 1 time

1 Peter 1:7: “That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the **appearing** of Jesus Christ...”

Translated Coming, 1 time

1 Corinthians 1:7: “So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ...”

Translated Lighten, 1 time

Luke 2:32: “A light to **lighten** the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.”

Translated Manifestation, 1 time

Romans 8:19: “For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the **manifestation** of the sons of God.”

Parousia (3952)

1) presence

2) the coming, arrival, advent

a) the future visible return from heaven of Jesus, to raise the dead, hold the last judgment, and set up formally and gloriously the kingdom of God

Part of speech: noun feminine

Total KJV Occurrences: 24

Translated Coming, 22 times

Matthew 24:3: “And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy **coming**, and of the end of the world?”

Matthew 24:27: “For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the **coming** of the Son of man be.”

Matthew 24:37: “But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the **coming** of the Son of man be.”

Matthew 24:39: “And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the **coming** of the Son of man be.”

1 Corinthians 15:23: “But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his **coming**.”

1 Corinthians 16:17: “I am glad of the **coming** of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied.”

2 Corinthians 7:6-7: “Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the **coming** of Titus; ⁷And not by his **coming** only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.”

Philippians 1:26: “That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my **coming** to you again.”

1 Thessalonians 2:19: “For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Are* not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his **coming**?”

1 Thessalonians 3:13: “To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.”

1 Thessalonians 4:15: “For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the **coming** of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.”

1 Thessalonians 5:23: “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 Thessalonians 2:1: “Now we beseech you, brethren, by the **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together unto him...”

2 Thessalonians 2:8-9: “And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his **coming**: ⁹*Even him*, whose **coming** is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders...”

James 5:7-8: “Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the **coming** of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. ⁸Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the **coming** of the Lord draweth nigh.”

2 Peter 1:16: “For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.”

2 Peter 3:4: “And saying, Where is the promise of his **coming**? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.”

2 Peter 3:12: “Looking for and hasting unto the **coming** of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?”

John 2:28: “And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his **coming**.”

Translated Presence, 2 times

2 Corinthians 10:10: “For *his* letters, say they, *are* weighty and powerful; but *his* bodily **presence** *is* weak, and *his* speech contemptible.”

Philippians 2:12: “Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my **presence** only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”

Phaneroo (5319)

1) to make manifest or visible or known what has been hidden or unknown, to manifest, whether by words, or deeds, or in any other way.

a) make actual and visible, realized

b) to make known by teaching

c) to become manifest, be made known

d) of a person

1) expose to view, make manifest, to show one's self, appear

e) to become known, to be plainly recognized, thoroughly understood

1) who and what one is

Part of speech: verb

Total KJV Occurrences: 71

Translated Manifest, 23 times

John 1:31: “And I knew him not: but that he should be made **manifest** to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.”

John 3:21: “But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made **manifest**, that they are wrought in God.”

John 9:3: “Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made **manifest** in him.”

Acts 4:16: “Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them *is* **manifest** to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny *it*.”

Romans 1:19: “Because that which may be known of God is **manifest** in them; for God hath showed *it* unto them.”

Romans 16:26: “But now is made **manifest**, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith...”

1 Corinthians 4:5: “Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make **manifest** the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.”

2 Corinthians 2:14: “Now thanks *be* unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh **manifest** the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.”

2 Corinthians 5:10-11: “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad. ¹¹Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made **manifest** unto God; and I trust also are made **manifest** in your consciences.”

2 Corinthians 11:6: “But though *I be* rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been thoroughly made **manifest** among you in all things.”

Ephesians 5:13: “But all things that are reprov'd are made **manifest** by the light: for whatsoever doth make **manifest** is light.”

Colossians 1:26: “*Even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made **manifest** to his saints...”

Colossians 4:4: “That I may make it **manifest**, as I ought to speak.”

1 Timothy 3:16: “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was **manifest** in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”

2 Timothy 1:10: “But is now made **manifest** by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel...”

Hebrews 9:8: “The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made **manifest**, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing...”

1 Peter 1:20: “Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was **manifest** in these last times for you...”

1 John 2:19: “They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made **manifest** that they were not all of us.”

Revelation 15:4: “Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for *thou* only *art* holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made **manifest**.”

Translated Made, 14 times

John 1:31: “And I knew him not: but that he should be **made manifest** to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.”

John 3:21: “But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be **made manifest**, that they are wrought in God.”

Romans 16:26: “But now is **made manifest**, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith...”

2 Corinthians 5:10-11: “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad. ¹¹Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are **made manifest** unto God; and I trust also are **made manifest** in your consciences.”

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Colossians 1:26: “*Even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is **made manifest** to his saints...”

2 Timothy 1:10: “But is now **made manifest** by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel...”

Hebrews 9:8: “The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet **made manifest**, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing...”

1 John 2:19: “They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be **made manifest** that they were not all of us.”

Revelation 15:4: “Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for *thou only art* holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are **made manifest**.”

Translated Appear, 10 times

Mark 4:22: “For there is nothing hid, which shall not be **manifested**; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad. ²³If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.”

John 2:11: “This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and **manifested** forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.”

John 17:6: “I have **manifested** thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.”

Romans 3:21: “But now the righteousness of God without the law is **manifested**, being witnessed by the law and the prophets...”

Titus 1:3: “But hath in due times **manifested** his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour...”

1 John 1:2: “For the life was **manifested**, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was **manifested** unto us...”

1 John 3:5: “And ye know that he was **manifested** to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.”

1 John 4:8-9: “He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. ⁹In this was **manifested** the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.”

Translated Appear, 9 times

2 Corinthians 5:10: “For we must all **appear** before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.”

2 Corinthians 7:12: “Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, *I did it* not for his cause that had done the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might **appear** unto you.”

Colossians 3:4: “When Christ, *who is* our life, shall **appear**, then shall ye also **appear** with him in glory.”

1 Peter 5:4: “And when the chief Shepherd shall **appear**, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.”

1 John 2:28: “And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall **appear**, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.”

1 John 3:2: “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet **appear** what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall **appear**, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.”

Revelation 3:18: “I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not **appear**; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.”

Translated Showed, 4 times

John 21:1: “After these things Jesus **showed** himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise **showed** he *himself*.”

John 21:14: “This is now the third time that Jesus **showed** himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.”

Romans 1:19: “Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath **showed** *it* unto them.”

Translated Appeared, 3 times

Mark 16:12: “After that he **appeared** in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.”

Mark 16:14: “Afterward he **appeared** unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.”

Hebrews 9:26: “For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he **appeared** to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.”

Translated Make, 3 times

1 Corinthians 4:5: “Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will **make** manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.”

Ephesians 5:13: “But all things that are reprov'd are **made manifest** by the light: for whatsoever doth **make manifest** is light.”

Colossians 4:4: “That I may **make** it manifest, as I ought to speak.”

Translated Declared, 1 time

2 Corinthians 3:3: “*Forasmuch as ye are* manifestly **declared** to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.”

Translated Forth, 1 time

John 2:11: “This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested **forth** his glory; and his disciples believed on him.”

Translated Maketh, 1 time

2 Corinthians 2:14: “Now thanks *be* unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and **maketh** manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.”

Translated Manifestly, 1 time

2 Corinthians 3:3: “*Forasmuch as ye are* **manifestly** declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.”

Translated Show, 1 time

John 7:3-4: “His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. ⁴For *there is* no man *that* doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, **show** thyself to the world.”

Epiphaneia (2015)

1) an appearing, appearance

Part of speech: noun feminine

Total KJV Occurrences: 6

Translated Appearing, 5 times

1 Timothy 6:14: “That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the **appearing** of our Lord Jesus Christ...”

2 Timothy 1:10: “But is now made manifest by the **appearing** of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel...”

2 Timothy 4:1: “I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his **appearing** and his kingdom...”

2 Timothy 4:8: “Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his **appearing**.”

Titus 2:13: “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious **appearing** of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ...”

Translated Brightness, 1 time

2 Thessalonians 2:8: “And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the **brightness** of his coming...”