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Last chapter  
PAROUSIA  
[A Greek word meaning "return"]  
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- Period of mystagogia.
- The glorious return and appearance of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as judge of the living and the dead, at the end of time, when history and all creation will achieve their fulfillment.
- Called the second coming of Christ.
- The assembly of the elect so they might be always with Him.
- Refers to the Saving Presence of God; which began with the resurrection. A simple process which is irreversible. It draws the world into God's triumph, grace and judgment.
- Second coming doesn't mean that what happened once and for all, will be reenacted.
- No one knows the completion of this process in earthly time. However acceptance is finding the way to the risen Christ. Rejection is damnation.
- The coming of the son of man {Jesus} is in glory with His Angels coming on a cloud with power and glory.
- Parousia will be preceded by signs in the heavens; the departure of heavenly bodies from their course, like a flash of lightening {suddenness}. The brilliance of His appearance, {in the manner of His ascension} Be ready at all times, for the time is unknown.
- Parousia is the hour of the resurrection of the dead; those converted to the love of God will be saved.
- Parousia is a time of judgment and redemption.
- For Christians of faith, it is an event to be desired and not to be feared.

- Marana-tha is an invocation in the celebration of the Eucharist as well as references to the second coming at the end of time, form a perpetual symbol of unity. This has a parallel in the Hebrew prayer "AMEN", so be it.
- Everybody will be included in the Marana-tha.
- Use prudently what you have to reach the end you want. Use restraint on seeking earthly goods.