

2 Thessalonians 1:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

Analysis

And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels—the flip side of verse 6: persecuted believers receive anesis (ἀνεσις, relief/rest), literally 'loosening' of pressure. This **rest** comes **when** (en, ἐν, at the time of) Christ's apokalypsei (ἀποκαλύψει, revelation/unveiling)—His visible, unmistakable return.

From heaven (ap' ouranou, ἀπ' οὐρανοῦ) indicates heaven as His origin-point. **With his mighty angels** (literally 'angels of His power') shows Christ commanding angelic armies. This is no secret rapture but public, glorious manifestation. The same Jesus who ascended will descend with divine entourage to execute judgment.

Historical Context

The Roman emperor's parousia (arrival) involved massive military escort and public ceremony. Paul deliberately uses imperial imagery to describe Christ's return—the true King arrives with heavenly armies, eclipsing all earthly potentates. Caesar's arrival brought terror to rebels; Christ's coming brings rest to the faithful.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does the certainty of Christ's visible return affect your daily choices?
2. What 'rest' do you long for that only Christ's return can fully provide?
3. Why does Christ need angelic armies at His return—what does this reveal about His mission?

Interlinear Text

καὶ ὑμῖν τοῖς θλιβομένοις ἄνεσιν μετ' ἡμῶν ἐν τῇ
And **to you** G3588 **who are troubled** **rest** **with** **us** **when** G3588
G2532 G5213 G2346 G425 G3326 G2257 G1722

ἀποκαλύψει τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἀπ' οὐρανοῦ μετ'
shall be revealed G3588 **the Lord** **Jesus** **from** **heaven** **with**
G602 G2962 G2424 G575 G3772 G3326

ἀγγέλων δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ
angels **mighty** G846
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Additional Cross-References

Revelation 14:13 (References Lord): And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Matthew 16:27 (Parallel theme): For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Revelation 22:16 (References Jesus): I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

Titus 2:13 (References Jesus): Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Revelation 21:4 (Parallel theme): And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Isaiah 57:2 (Parallel theme): He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.

Romans 8:17 (Parallel theme): And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Matthew 25:31 (Parallel theme): When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

2 Corinthians 4:17 (Parallel theme): For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

Luke 17:30 (Parallel theme): Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.