PART TWO
THE COINCIDENCE OF THE ESCHATOLOGICAL RESURRECTION AND JESUS' PAROUSIA

Part two of this study will offer a traditio-historical analysis of the idea that the eschatological resurrection will take place at the time of Jesus' second coming (1 Cor. 15:23). This analysis will lead to the heart of early Christian eschatology. It will be made clear how two central eschatological expectations, that of the future eschatological resurrection and that of Jesus' parousia, originated and how they became part of one scenario of the events at the end of time. Not only Paul's letters but also the two other main repositories of the earliest Christian traditions, the gospel according to Mark and the source Q, will be taken into consideration. These sources appear to be indispensable for examining the origin of early Christian eschatology. Chapter IV will offer an examination of all passages besides 1 Cor. 15:23 in which the idea is found that the eschatological resurrection will occur at the time of Jesus' parousia. Next, the two expectations connected in this idea will be analysed. In chapter V an examination of how the expectation of the eschatological resurrection arose among Christians will be conducted. Chapter VI will address the issue of how the expectation of Jesus' future coming originated. Then, in chapter VII, an attempt will be made to trace the origin of the idea that the eschatological resurrection will take place at the time of Jesus' second coming.