

## THE PARTICIPLE: and where is it in time?

As a general rule, the participle reflects the same time/action sequence as the tense in which it is used BUT depends on the leading verb in the sentence for its full significance. It may be in a different tense from the leading verb but will be dependent on it in understanding. Look at this illustration.

ἦσαν δὲ εἰς Ἱερουσαλὴμ κατοικοῦντας Ἰουδαίους  
there were (but) in Jerusalem dwelling Jews.

"There were Jews dwelling in Jerusalem"

The verb ἦσαν is imperfect but the participle κατοικοῦντας is present. However it, too, refers to past time and merely shows the contemporaneous action of things in time past.

Well, you may have to sweat that out a little but actually it is easier than it looks. Just don't make a case based on a participle used by itself for a time factor.

Now here is a text from the Nestle-Aland New Testament...just lifted out by me as the text is so clear. I am asking for permission but haven't heard anything yet so maybe we will have to paint over it. The participles are marked with a checkmark and the number 1 indicates adjectival usage, 2, substantive usage, and 3, adverbial usage. But no further delineation is given than that.

v. 1 "when he had seen"	5	Ἰδὼν δὲ τοὺς ὄχλους ἀνέβη εἰς τὸ ὄρος καὶ καθίσαντος	3
"after sitting down"		αὐτοῦ προσήλθαν αὐτῷ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ 2 καὶ ἀνοίξας	3
v. 2 "having opened his mouth"		τὸ στόμα αὐτοῦ ἐδίδασκεν αὐτοὺς λέγων,	1
"saying"		The Beatitudes (Lk 6.20-23)	
v. 4 "the ones who mourn"	3	Μακάριοι οἱ πτωχοὶ τῷ πνεύματι,	
		ὅτι αὐτῶν ἐστὶν ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν.	
	4	μακάριοι οἱ πενθοῦντες,	2
v. 6 "the ones who hunger"		ὅτι αὐτοὶ παρακληθήσονται.	
	5	μακάριοι οἱ πραεῖς,	
"the ones who thirst"		ὅτι αὐτοὶ κληρονομήσουσιν τὴν γῆν.	
	6	μακάριοι οἱ πεινῶντες καὶ διψῶντες τὴν δικαιοσύνην,	2
		ὅτι αὐτοὶ χορτασθήσονται.	
v. 10 "the ones persecuted"	7	μακάριοι οἱ ἐλεήμονες,	
		ὅτι αὐτοὶ ἐλεηθήσονται.	
	8	μακάριοι οἱ καθαροὶ τῇ καρδίᾳ,	
		ὅτι αὐτοὶ τὸν θεὸν ὄψονται.	
v. 11 "they being liars"	9	μακάριοι οἱ εἰρηνοποιοί,	
		ὅτι αὐτοὶ υἱοὶ θεοῦ κληθήσονται.	
	10	μακάριοι οἱ δεδιωγμένοι ἕνεκεν δικαιοσύνης,	2
		ὅτι αὐτῶν ἐστὶν ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν.	
	11	μακάριοί ἐστε ὅταν ὀνειδίωσιν ὑμᾶς καὶ διώξωσιν καὶ	
		εἰπωσιν πᾶν πονηρὸν καθ' ὑμῶν [ψευδόμενοι]* ἕνεκεν	3
		ἐμοῦ. 12 χαίrete καὶ ἀγαλλιᾶσθε, ὅτι ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν	

Actually books are written on participle usage so...