

## The Pre-Tribulation Rapture

I'm recording this message as based on my message last week has raised many questions from folks who are against the pre-trib Rapture. So to go on record as to what I believe I'm doing this Series to answer that Question. I am pre-trib, pre Millennium

Rapture a English word that in the KJV Bible is in the following verses and is a translated word from the Greek word Harposo. In the Latin Bible the word is translated Rapturo and this is where we get our word Rapture. Here are the Places this Word is recorded as Caught Up or Away same word Harpazo:

Acts 8:39-40 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

2Co\_12:2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

2Co\_12:4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

1Th\_4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Rev\_12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

The definition of this Greek word in Strongs is harpazo

; to seize (in various applications): - catch (away, up), pluck, pull, take (by force).

Thayer Definition:

- 1) to seize, carry off by force
- 2) to seize on, claim for one's self eagerly
- 3) to snatch out or away

The first time Jesus speaks to this event is in John 14:1-3. After Judas had left possessed by Satan (John 13:21, 26-27 )Jesus took the opportunity to speak to the remaining Apostles to speak to the future period when He will return back to remove the church. As we see the Apostles are going to have the Job to begin to build the Church and spread the Gospel to Jews first and then to all nations. Lets look at this Upper Room Discourse which happened the night before Jesus went to the cross.

Vs 1 "Let not your heart be troubled": Who's comforting who?! He's the one facing tomorrow...He must tread the winepress alone.

"...heart": Cardia, seat of life (moral, intellectual, volitional, emotional aspects. Jesus had spoken about soul, spirit, heart (Jn 12:27; 13:21; 14:27).

"...believe": Pisteuete, indicative (fact) or imperative (command)? Most commentators lean to the imperative usage. A troubled heart could eat away at faith; faith can calm a troubled heart...faith is the key to overcoming (1 Jn 5:4).

Vs 2-3 "If I go" Which he did in Mk 16:19, Lk 24:49-51, Acts 1:8-9

"I will come Again" This promise of a second advent of Christ is to be distinguished from His return in glory to the earth; it is the first disclosure in Scripture of "the day of Christ".

Here He comes for His saints 1Th\_4:14-17 there Mat\_24:29-30. He come to judge the nations, etc.

So before we proceed lets look at the differences between these 2 events. The Second Coming vs The Rapture.

<b>Rapture Passages</b>	<b>Second Coming Passages</b>
John 14:1-3	Daniel 2:44-45
Romans 8:19	Daniel 7:9-14
1 Corinthians 1:7-8	Daniel 12:1-3
1 Corinthians 15:51-53	Zechariah 12:10
1 Corinthians 16:22	Zechariah 14:1-15
Philippians 3:20	Matthew 13:41
Philippians 4:5	Matthew 24:15-31
Colossians 3:4	Matthew 26:64
1 Thessalonians 1:10; 2:19	Mark 13: 14-27
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Mark 14:62 , 23
1 Thessalonians 5:19	Luke 21:25-28
2 Thessalonians 2:1	Acts 1:9-11
1 Timothy 6:14	Acts 3:19-21
2 Timothy 4:1, 8	1 Thessalonians 3:13
Titus 2:13	Jude 14, 15
Hebrews 9:28	Revelation 1:7
1 Peter 1:7, 13; 5:4	Revelation 19:11-20:6
Revelation 2:25; 3:10	Revelation 22:7, 12, 20

Rapture	Corresponding Verses	Second Coming	Corresponding Verses
Translation of all believers.	1 Corth 15:50-53	No translation at all.	
Translated saints go to heaven.	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, John 14:1-3	Translated saints return to earth.	Rev 19:14, White Linen or Raiment Rev 4:4, 19:7-9, 14
Earth not judged.	Not mentioned in Rapture verses	Earth judged; righteousness established.	Rev 19:11
Imminent, any-moment, sign less.	See Below	Follows definite predicted signs, including Tribulation.	Daniel 9:27, 12:11-12, Rev 12:6 (1/3rd saved Zec 13:8-9)
Not in the Old Testament.	Only Shadows. Enoch and Noah, Daniel & Furnace	Predicted often in Old Testament.	Dan 2:44-45, Zec 14:1-2,
Believers only.	John 14:1-2	Affects all men on the earth.	Jude 14-15, Rev 19:18, 21
Before the day of wrath.	Nah 1:2, Romans 5:9, 1 Thess 5:9, Rev 3:10	Concluding the day of wrath.	Psm 30:5, Rev 16:17
No reference to Satan.	Not mentioned in Rapture verses	Satan is bound.	Rev 20:1-3
Christ comes for His own.	1 Thess 4:16, John 14:1-3	Christ comes with His own.	Always with Him 1 Thess 4:17
He comes in the air.	1 Thess 4:17,	He comes to the earth.	Zec 14:4,
He claims His bride.	Jewish Wedding Model, Eph 5:25-32	He comes with His bride.	Rev 19:14, White Linen or Raiment Rev 4:4, 19:7-9, 14
Only His own see.	In the Air 1 Thess 4:17	Every eye shall see Him.	Rev 1:7
Tribulation begins	In Heaven prior to 1st Seal Rev 4:1, 6:1-2	Millennial Kingdom begins.	Dan 12:1-3
Church believers only?	2 Corth 11:2	OT saved raised later?	Dan 12:2, Ezk 37:12-14, Rev 20:4-5

## The Jewish Wedding

- The *Ketubah*, Betrothal
  - Payment of the purchase price
  - Set apart (sanctified)
- Bridegroom departs to Father's House
  - Prepares room addition
  - Bride prepares for his imminent return
- Surprise gathering
  - *Huppah*, Wedding
- Seven day Marriage supper

## The Marriage Fulfilled

- Covenant established: 1 Cor 11:25.
- Purchase price: 1 Cor 6:19-20.
- Bride set apart: Eph 5:25-27; 1 Cor 1:2; 6:11; Heb 10:10; 13:12.
- Reminded of the covenant: 1 Cor 11:25-26.
- Bridegroom left for the Father's house...
- Escort to accompany Him upon His return to gather His Bride: 1 Thess 4:16-17.

## The Process: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

deinde nos qui vivimus qui relinquimur simul **rapiemur** cum illis in nubibus obviam Domino in aera et sic semper cum Domino rimus  
1 Thessalonians 4:17 (Latin Vulgate)

Rapiemur is the proper tense of rapio: Our English words "rapt" and "rapture" come from the past participle of rapio.

## Seven “Raptures”

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| 1) Enoch          | Gen 5:42; Heb 11:5              |
| 2) Elijah         | 2 Kgs 2:1, 11                   |
| 3) Jesus          | Mk 16:19; Acts 1:9-11; Rev 12:5 |
| 4) Philip         | Acts 8:39                       |
| 5) Paul           | 2 Cor 12:2-4                    |
| 6) Body of Christ | 1 Thess 4:17                    |
| 7) John           | Rev 4:1                         |

### **The Purpose: 1 Corinthians 15:50-55**

#### **The Doctrine of Imminence**

In the Jewish Wedding, the Bridegroom departs to Father’s House; he prepares a room addition and his bride prepares for his imminent return.

The Father of the Bridegroom is the deciding factor of when!! Acts 1:6-7

Imminent = next expectation: Not be confused with “immanent,” that God is not only transcendent, or far above us, but that He is always with us and active on our behalf. Nor should it be confused with “eminent,” which is a title of honor reserved for persons of outstanding distinction.

Believers are taught to expect the Savior from heaven at any moment (Phil 3:20; Titus 2:13; Heb 9:28; 1 Thess 1:10; 4:18; 5:6; Rev 22:20).

They are to express hope and a warm spirit of expectancy (1 Thess 1:10), which should result in a victorious and purified life (1 Jn 3:2,3).

Paul seemed to include himself among those who looked for Christ’s return (1 Thess 4:15,17; 2 Thess 2:1). Timothy was admonished to “keep this commandment without spot,

unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Tim 6:14). Jewish converts were reminded that "yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." (Heb 10:37); "Occupy til I come" (Luke 19:13). The expectation of some were so strong that they had stopped work and had to be exhorted to return to their jobs (2 Thess 3:10-12); and have patience (James 5:8).

Old Testament Allusions? Isaiah 26:19-21, Zephaniah 2:3, Psalm 27:5,

I also see patterns of this event, The best one is Noah (Jewish Virgins & 1/3rd in Petra) and Enoch (the church), Daniel missing (Church) 3 friends in the furnace (Jewish Virgins & 1/3rd in Petra)

So I hope that helps to see how we in the Pretribulation Rapture is the only position that fits all of the verses about the coming of the Lord. I truly believe that as Jesus warns us in Matthew 24:4 first statement to the disciples as to what happens in the end times.

We need to remember Satan is trying to get people to not be watching for the coming of the Lord and figure they have plenty of time. I personally know of those who say "Ill have fun now and later ill get serious". Well like the 10 virgins in Matthew 25:1-13 Don't be a foolish Virgin who does not have any Oil (symbol of the Holy Spirit: Exo\_27:20, Exo\_30:31, Act\_2:4) so basically those who did not watch and become saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Are out side the Door or in this case Suffering thru the Tribulation.