



Rapture

The word *rapture* actually means to *be carried away* or *raped*. Is this, what is going to happen to the deceived church?

Rapture does not appear anywhere in the Bible, specifically the Pre-tribulation *rapture*

rapture (n.)

c. 1600, "act of carrying off" as prey or plunder, from [rapt](#) + [-ure](#), or else from French *rapture*, from Medieval Latin *raptura* "seizure, rape, kidnapping," from Latin *raptus* "**a carrying off, abduction, snatching away; rape**" (see [rapt](#)). The earliest attested use in English is with women as objects and in 17c. it sometimes meant [rape](#) (v.), which word is a cognate of this one.

The sense of "spiritual ecstasy, state of mental transport or exaltation" is recorded by c. 1600 (*raptures*). The connecting notion is a sudden or violent taking and carrying away. The meaning "expression of exalted or passionate feeling" in words or music is from 1610s.

rapture (v.)

"to enrapture, put in a state of rapture," 1630s (implied in *raptured*), from [rapture](#) (n.). Related: *Rapturing*.

Online Etymological Dictionary

<https://www.etymonline.com/word/rapture>

G726 ἄρπάζω **harpazo** (har-pa'-zō) *v.*

to seize.

{in various applications}

[from a derivative of [G138](#)]

KJV: catch (away, up), pluck, pull, take (by force)

Root(s): [G138](#)

G138 αἰρέομαι **haireomai** (hai-re'-o-mai) *v.*

ἔλλομαι **hellomai** (hel'-lo-mai) [a cognate form, which is otherwise obsolete]

to take for oneself, i.e. to prefer.

KJV: choose

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ἀρπάζω; future ἀρπάσω (Veitch, under the word; cf. Rutherford, New Phryn., p. 407); 1 aorist ἤρπασα; passive, 1 aorist ἤρπασθην; 2 aorist ἤρπαγεν (2 Corinthians 12:2, 4; Wis. 4:11; cf. Winers Grammar, 83 (80); (Buttmann, 54 (47); WH's Appendix, p. 170)); 2 future ἀρπαγήσομαι; ((Latin rapio; Curtius, § 331); from Homer down); to seize, carry off by force: τί (Matthew 12:29 not R G (see διαρπάζω)); John 10:12; to seize on, claim for oneself eagerly: τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ, Matthew 11:12 (Xenophon, an. 6, 5, 18, etc.); to snatch out or away: τί, Matthew 13:19; τί ἐκ χειρὸς τίνος, John 10:28f; τινα ἐκ πυρὸς, proverbial, to rescue from the danger of destruction, Jude 1:23 (Amos 4:11; Zechariah 3:2); τινα, to seize and carry off speedily, John 6:15; Acts 23:10; used of divine power transferring a person marvellously and swiftly from one place to another, to snatch or catch away: Acts 8:39; passive, πρὸς τὸν Θεόν, Revelation 12:5; followed by ἕως with the genitive of place, 2 Corinthians 12:2; εἰς τὸν παράδεισον, 2 Corinthians 12:4; εἰς ἄερα, 1 Thessalonians 4:17. (Compare: διαρπάζω, συναρπάζω.)

Matt 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven prophesies violence, and the violent **take it by force**.

Matt 13:19 When any one hears the word of the kingdom, and understands [it] not, then comes the wicked [one], and **catches away** that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

John 6:15 When Yahusha therefore perceived that they would come and **take him by force**, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

John 10:12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees: and the wolf **catches** them, and scatters the sheep.

John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither **shall any [man] pluck** them out of my hand.

John 10:29 My Father, which gave [them] me, is greater than all; and no [man] is able to **pluck [them] out** of my Father's hand.

Acts 8:39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of YHWH **caught away** Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

Acts 23:10 And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing unless Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, **and to take him by force** from among them, and to bring [him] into the castle.

2Cor 12:2 I knew a man in the anointed above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: YHWH knows;) such an one **caught up** to the third heaven.



2Cor 12:4 How that **he was caught up** into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

1Thess 4:17 Then we which are alive *[and]* remain **shall be caught up** together with them in the clouds, to meet Yahusha in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Master.

Jude 1:23 And others save with fear, **pulling** *[them]* out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

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 YHWH, and *[to]* his throne.

No Pretribulation Rapture

Yahusha was very clear the *first resurrection* was AFTER the great tribulation. It is the *last trumpet* and Paul confirms his belief in Yahusha's words as he writes to the Corinthians and the Thessalonians. The *resurrection* is at the *last trump*, and this is AFTER the great tribulation at the APPEARING of Yahusha. Nothing here speaks of a secret or unannounced resurrection.

Matt 24:14 And **this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world** for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. **(THIS HAS BEEN COMPLETED)**

Matt 24:15 When you therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso reads, let him understand:)

Matt 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Matt 24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house:

Matt 24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

Matt 24:19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

Matt 24:20 But pray you that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

Matt 24:21 **For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.**

Matt 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Matt 24:23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *[is]* the anointed, or there; believe *[it]* not.

Matt 24:24 For there shall arise false anointed ones, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *[it were]* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Matt 24:25 Behold, I have told you before.

Matt 24:26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, [*he is*] in the secret chambers; believe [*it*] not.

Matt 24:27 For as the lightning comes out of the east, and shines even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matt 24:28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

Matt 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Matt 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Mark 13:23 But take you heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.

Mark 13:24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

Mark 13:25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

Mark 13:26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

The First Resurrection

Matt 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Mark 13:27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

1Cor 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of YHWH; neither does corruption inherit incorruption.

1Cor 15:51 Behold, I show you a mystery; **We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,**

1Cor 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound,** and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.



1Cor 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [*must*] put on immortality.

1Cor 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory.**

1Thess 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of YHWH, that we which are alive [*and*] remain unto the coming of Yahusha shall not prevent them which are asleep.

1Thess 4:16 For Yahusha himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and **with the trump of YHWH: and the dead in the anointed shall rise first:**

1Thess 4:17 Then we which are alive [*and*] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet Yahusha in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Master.

1Thess 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

No Scriptural Proof

There is no scriptural proof that these following verses in 2 Thessalonians are referring to the church, that belief is only a fable or philosophized into the text. If one compares line upon line and precept upon precept you will find that it is very possible the one *who lets* is the angel with the key to the bottomless pit. When he opens the pit Abaddon/Apollyon is released. This *beast/wicked one* will be revealed.

2Thess 2:6 And **now you know what withholds** that he might be revealed in his time.

2Thess 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity does already work: **only he who now lets** [*will let*], **until he be taken out of the way. This is not the church.**

2Thess 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom Master shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

Rev 9:1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and **to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.**

Rev 9:2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

Rev 9:11 And **they had a king over them**, [*which is*] the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue [*is*] Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue has [*his*] name Apollyon.

Rev 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, **the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit** shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

Rev 17:8 The beast that you saw was, and is not; and **shall ascend out of the bottomless pit**, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

The scriptural proof is not there in the message to the assembly in Philadelphia, to put a *pre-tribulation rapture* into this one verse is just wishful thinking, it is conjecture. It does not align with any other scripture or letter from Paul, Peter, James or Jude.

Rev 3:10 Because you have kept the word of my patience, **I also will keep you from the hour of temptation**, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Conclusion

There is no *rapture* spoken of in the scripture. The scriptures do however speak of a *resurrection*. The *first resurrection* at the great appearing of Yahusha when he returns and every eye sees him coming in the clouds and he sounds the *last trump*. The *second resurrection* at the end of this world and all those whose names are not written in the Book of Life will be brought forth to judgement.