

YT Video- Greek Words for Rapture

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Text [KJV unless otherwise indicated]

NKJV 1Th 4: 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus, we shall always be with the Lord.

I. Harpazo

G726: harpazō

Thayer Definition:

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

This word occurs 18X in the KJV:

caught, 5

Act_8:39, 2Co_12:2, 2Co_12:4, 1Th_4:17, Rev_12:5

force, 3

Mat_11:12, Joh_6:15, Act_23:10

take, 3

Mat_11:12, Joh_6:15, Act_23:10

away, 2

Mat_13:19, Act_8:39

catcheth, 2

Mat_13:19, Joh_10:12

pluck, 2

Joh_10:28-29 (2)

pulling, 1

Jud_1:23

a. Caught away

Act 8:39 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.

b. Caught Up

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 12:3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

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.

Note:

1. Philip was caught away [taken away by the Holy Spirit to another place on earth
2. Paul was caught up to the Third Heaven for a visit
3. The rapture of the saints in Christ, who are called, chosen and faithful: dead and living ones
4. Rev 12:5 refers to Yeshua because the 'man child' is 'arsen uihos' which means male son [mature]. Yeshua is always described as a 'uihos' in Greek.

II. Episunagoge

G1997: episunagōgē [From **G1996:** episunagō]

Thayer Definition:

- 1) a gathering together in one place
- 2) the (religious) assembly (of Christians)

2Th 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

2Th 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Mat 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together [**G1996**] his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. [Also Mk 13:27]

Note: we are to gather together in fellowship regularly as the Day of Rapture approaches.

III. Paralambano

Joh 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Joh 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and **receive you unto myself**; that where I am, there ye may be also.

G3880: paralambanō [occurs 50X in KJV]

Thayer Definition:

1) to take to, **to take with oneself, to join to oneself**

1a) an associate, a companion

1b) metaphorically

1b1) to accept or acknowledge one to be such as he professes to be

1b2) not to reject, not to withhold obedience

2) to receive something transmitted

2a) an office to be discharged

2b) to receive with the mind

2b1) by oral transmission: of the authors from whom the tradition proceeds

2b2) by the narrating to others, by instruction of teachers (used of disciples)

Mat 24:40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be **taken**, and the other left.

Mat 24:41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be **taken**, and the other left.

Luk 17:34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be **taken**, and the other shall be left.

Luk 17:35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be **taken**, and the other left.

Luk 17:36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be **taken**, and the other left.

Note:

1. The same Greek word “paralambano” is used in both Mat and Luk passages
2. The words ‘men’ and ‘women’ in Luke’s account are not in the Greek but appear to be insertions by the translators.

IV. The Pattern of Rescue

Luk 17:26 And **as it was in the days of Noe**, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

Luk 17:27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, **until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.**

Luk 17:28 Likewise also **as it was in the days of Lot**; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

Luk 17:29 **But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.**

Note:

- a. The righteous are taken away [raptured, rescued] first before YAHWEH pours out His judgment as in the days of Noah & Lot.

- b. Based on Mt 13:30, many Bible teachers believe that in the end times, the wicked are removed first, leaving the righteous to inherit the earth. They are mistaken!

*Mat 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest, I will say to the reapers, **gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.***

Note: the separation of the wheat and tares occurs at the 'end of the world'

*Mat 13:39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; **the harvest is the end of the world**; and the reapers are the angels.*

Mat 13:40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

The end of the world [age] refers to the end of Christ's Millennial Rule not to the Rapture/Second Coming.

- c. Rev 14 shows the right sequence:

Rev 14:14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

Rev 14:15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

*Rev 14:16 **And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.***

Rev 14:17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

Rev 14:18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

*Rev 14:19 **And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.***