

RAPTURE

The word rapture is from the Latin Raptus meaning the state or experience of being carried away. The Greek word, αἵρπασμα, Harpazo, means catch (away, up), pluck, pull, take (**by force**), we who are still living will be taken up together with them into the clouds to see **Yahushua** in the air: and so will we be for ever with **YHWH**. **I Thessalonians 4:17**

Daniel's 70th week relates specifically to the nation of Israel ("seventy weeks are determined upon thy people" **Daniel 9:24**). **YHWH** will deal in a special way with His chosen people, so that they will be ready for the coming of the Messiah (**Jeremiah 30:4-17**).

The coming of **Yahushua** for His Bride/Chosen is presented in the New Testament as an imminent hope and expectancy. That the coming of **Yahushua** is "**Imminent**" simply means that our **Messiah** may come at any time. Nothing needs to happen before He comes. No prophecy needs to be fulfilled before He comes. It may be today! Such an expectation is well supported by an abundance of Scriptural testimony.

Without controversy the Scriptures present the Rapture (**Caught up /Snatching away**) of the Church/Chosen as a comforting and encouraging hope. 13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.14 For if we believe that **Yahushua** died and rose again, even so **YHWH** will bring with Him those who sleep in **Yahushua**. 15 For this we say to you by the word of **YHWH** (the **Lord**), that we who are alive and remain until the coming of **Yahushua** (the **Lord**) will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For **Yahushua** (the **Lord**) Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of **Yahushua**. And the dead in **Yahushua** will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet **Yahushua** in the air. And thus we shall always be with **YHWH**. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words. **I Thessalonians 4:13-18**.

The glorious reality awaiting those believers who are alive and remain unto the coming of **Yahushua** is that "we shall not sleep". Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of **YHWH**; nor does corruption inherit in corruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last

trumpet. For the trumpet will sound **Yahushua**, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **1 Corinthians 15:50-52**.

Paul's comments about the (2) Second coming and the resurrection:

The resurrected, at the rapture will receive an incorruptible body.

The event will be take place in a twinkling of an eye.

At **YAH's** last trumpet (**The Feast of Trumpets**), both the dead and living saints (Chosen believers) will be changed. If the Chosen/Church were destined to pass through the Tribulation, then these words would be of little comfort.

Tribulation saints (Believers) do not have the joyful expectancy of being alive unto the coming of **Yahushua** and being exempt from physical death. To stand for **Yahushua** in that day will often mean martyrdom (**Revelation 7:14; 13:15; 20:4**).

This does not mean that Tribulation saints (Believers) are without comfort. The comforting promise that the **YHWH** gives to Tribulation believers is this: "Blessed are the dead who die in **Yahushua**" (**Revelation 14:13**).

Thus the Tribulation saints (Believers) are not without hope, and yet the comfort given to them by **Yahushua** is of a different nature than at present. In the Tribulation, **YAH** will comfort those facing an imminent death.

Now He comforts those facing an imminent Savior: "We shall not all sleep."
"Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

We know according to **1 Corinthians 15:51-54** that when the Rapture (Caught UP) takes place, all the saved will be resurrected and will thus have resurrected, immortal bodies. We also know that when **Yahushua** comes to set up His Kingdom, He will judge all the **ungodly**, and all the unsaved will be taken away in judgment (**Matthew 13:40-43,49-51; 25:41-46**)