

# The Blessed Hope!

Titus 2:13

***“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;”***

*Diamond & Nugget #1*

## DEFINING THE RAPTURE

First of all, it would be appropriate to define what the Rapture of the Church is and explain what makes it so unique. The Rapture of the Church of Jesus Christ is the sudden translation of both the resurrected dead and the living Church saints out of this world. This is to take place at the coming of the Lord for the Church at the close of this particular Age or Dispensation. There are two main passages given by the Apostle Paul which explains this all to us. The first is from Paul's first inspired letter to the new Christians of Thessalonica -(1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:13-18). In this passage it is revealed that both the resurrected dead saints and those saints alive on earth at the time of Christ's coming for the Church will suddenly be ***“caught up together...to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”***

In the very next chapter Paul indicates that this glorious event will happen in close proximity to “the Day of the Lord” -(1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5). The second passage is from Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church, -(1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:51-57). Herein we are told that this catching up of the Church was a “Mystery,” which means it was not known in past Ages -(Colossians 1:26,27), and that it involved a change in our bodies from “mortality to immortality”, and that it will be done very suddenly as in “the blinking of an eye.”

The word “Rapture” is taken from the older, much used, Latin translation of the Bible, from the Latin verb ***“rapto”*** of 1<sup>st</sup> Thess. 4:17—***“to be caught up or raptured.”*** This ***“catching away”*** of the Church is commonly called “The Rapture of the Church.” The Greek word ***“harpazo”*** simply means “to snatch or catch away.” It is used elsewhere in Scripture when the evangelist Philip was suddenly, miraculously transported from one spot in Palestine to another place many miles away -(Acts 8:39). It is also used of Paul being suddenly transported into the “third heaven” -(2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 12:2,4). In the book of Revelation it is used of Christ (“The Man Child”) being caught away “into heaven” -(Revelation 12:5). In the case of the Rapture of the Church, it means the total members of the “Body of Christ,” both dead and living, will be suddenly transported into the air to meet Christ at His coming and then, as we shall see, to be taken by Him into heaven.

There are many other references in Paul's letters which talk about this stupendous event as the abiding and ever present Hope of the Church of Jesus Christ. This has earnestly been anticipated by every generation of true Christians. Since this is a clear prophecy of the future blessing for the Church it has naturally been asked, "When will it happen? Will it happen after the great prophesied worldwide calamities of the Last Days — The Great Tribulation — or will it happen before in its own distinct time??"

The purpose of these Bible "Diamonds and Nuggets" is to show that the Rapture of the Church will happen before the prophesied Great Tribulation and Day of the Lord's wrath. In other words, the simple order in which it is first revealed in 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians — first, the Rapture, and then "the Day of the Lord" — is the actual order in which these two events will occur.

## DISPENSATIONAL DISTINCTIONS

To understand this event one must first understand that in the Bible there are revealed different time periods called "Ages" or "Dispensations" during which there are different economies in God's dealing with mankind. The Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church is the normal position or outgrowth of Dispensational Bible teaching.

All Bible students must believe in the different "Ages" or "Dispensations" that the Bible speaks about; this is fundamental. True enough, many teachers try to twist these Ages around to suit their theories but, nevertheless, you need to be familiar with them in order to understand this present Age in which we live. It is also fundamental, when one reads the Bible on this subject, to recognize the distinctive ministry of the Apostle Paul for this present Church Age. The distinctive revelations about the Church Age (Ephesians. 3:1-7) are given through the Apostle Paul — who is also noted as "the apostle to the Gentiles," in contrast to the other twelve apostles who were distinctly called "to the circumcision" or Israel (see Galatians 2).

With these preliminary thoughts we will begin our venture through the various proofs that the Church of Jesus Christ will be "raptured" out of this earth prior to the prophesied time of Great Tribulation coming upon mankind. Please check up and read all the Scriptures that will be given in order to prove for yourself, as a "noble Berean" (Acts 17:11), whether these things are so.

Over the past few years I have shown how God has confirmed the Greek and Hebrew texts used to translate the King James Bible prove mathematically the Bible is the Word of God. I compiled two volumes (eBooks) which contain well over a thousand pages — ***"The Inspired Word of God: Mathematically Proven True!"*** God's "Covenant" number is "7", "Seven", and He has revealed nine levels of application throughout the KJV Bible! In Appendix E of Volume 1, I included the Greek word "***Harpazo***" as an example of this beautiful Divine Design. I named it "***God's Heptadic Design Feature***". It is a tool of self-authentication of God's Word, akin to that of a "finger print" or "DNA" signature. I am extracting this proof of the Rapture (Harpazo) from the appendix and for your encouragement in what hints of Tribulation events not too far down the road!

**Category 5:** An example of this pattern can be found on pages 208 and 209 of chapter 7. The Greek word "**Harpazo**" occurs **14X (7 x 2)** times in the Greek New Testament, but as the chart below shows, each occurrence is translated differently in English relative to context and linguistic applications. Many will argue that the word "Rapture" does not occur in the Bible, but they are only partially or marginally correct. Originally, it did appear in the old Latin Vulgate Bible of the 16th Century. The "Heptadic" Design Feature may not always be present in the English use of words, and yet it still exists in the original Hebrew or Greek text.

The Greek word for "**Rapture**" is ἀρπάζω ("**harpazō**"). It means to, "**Carry off**", "**take**" by force (or "**snatch away**", "**catch up**", "**catch away**", "**seize**". The word is found in the King James Bible **14X (7 X 2)** times. The **14** occurrences read as follows from the King James Bible and are translated in bold face type:

...the kingdom ... and the violent **take** it by force. -(Matthew 11:12)  
...and **carry off** his property, -(Matthew 12:29)  
...**catcheth away** that which was sown in his heart. -(Matthew 13:19)  
...that they would come and **take** him **by force**, -(John 6:15)  
...the wolf **catcheth** them, and scattereth the sheep. -(John 10:12)  
...neither shall any man **pluck** them out of my hand. -(John 10:28)  
...is able to **pluck** them out of my Father's hand. -(John 10:29)  
...the Spirit of the Lord **caught away** Philip, -(Acts 8:39)  
...and **to take** him **by force** from among them, -(Acts 23:10)  
...such a one **caught up** to the third heaven. -(2nd Corinthians 12:2)  
...How that he was **caught up** into paradise, -(2nd Corinthians 12:4)  
...shall be **caught up** together with them -(1st Thessalonians 4:17)  
...others save with fear, **pulling** them out of the fire; -(Jude 1:23)  
...child was **caught up** unto God, and to His throne. -(Revelation 12:5)

Why am I doing this someone is bound to ask? The idea occurred to me at 3:15 a.m. on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The Lord gets my undivided attention between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. This is intended to share the "Diamonds" and "Nuggets" tucked away in the pages of the 1,189 chapters of God's Word that brings with it people's opinions, good and bad. I listen to an internet program "**Health Masters**" with Dr. Ted Broer. He mocks the Rapture doctrine almost daily. He is dishonest and disingenuous on this very topic. He is not a "teachable" spirit even when the evidence of the early church fathers are shown.

His rantings always attack the Scofield Bible being the work of Christian Zionists. He is typical of Christians who are unwilling to do their homework. He counts on peoples' ignorance and offers believers no hope. God has given us folks like Ted Broer to test our metal, "**Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.**" -(Proverbs 27:17). I encouraged Ted Broer to read the evidence of the Early Church Fathers, more than 95% of them were Millennialists, the equivalent term to describe Dispensationalism. These posts are words of comfort and encouragement, but with Biblical substance based upon the Greek Textus-Receptus and the Hebrew Septuagint and Masoretic texts. Despite being corrected Ted Broer continues to ridicule Christians for believing in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

Charles Nelson Darby codified “Dispensationalism” and the Pre-Tribulation Rapture in the mid-1800’s but he did not invent it. He was simply a brilliant student. The early church fathers (leaders) were Millennialists from the days of the Apostles John and Paul; Polycarp, who was a disciple of John; Ignatius, Barnabas, Papias, and many others who taught the Literal/Historical/Grammatical understanding of the Bible. For the first 450 years of the early Christian church, they were 95% Dispensational. Jesus was a Dispensationalist! I’ll explain that statement in the “Diamonds” and “Nuggets” in the near future!

Things changed drastically when the Emperor Constantine “legalized” Christianity. Augustine, the bishop of Hippo, North Africa began to teach the Bible allegorically, and to “spiritualize” the text. From 450 A.D. on “Millennialism” or “Dispensationalism” was suppressed by the church. Dissent was persecuted and to dissent could and often would result in one’s disappearance. Over the next thousand years, there was only one way, Rome’s way!

This series will always be about the evidence of Scripture supporting the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. I hope that you will share it with your friends, family, co-workers, simply because we are going to be soon taken from this evil world. Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates received on March 26, 2020, a patent for an implantable device, patent # **WO2020060606 - CRYPTOCURRENCY SYSTEM USING BODY ACTIVITY DATA**. In Biblical Numbers zeros do not exist, they are merely place holders. So we have the “666” even in the patent # above, our U.S. Patent office is controlled by SERCO (a Rothschild-owned company), in the UK and has had contract management of the U.S. Patent office, since the days of President George W. Bush.

Let me put to rest the notion Bill Gates is the Antichrist. He is evil but serves Mr. Big. The Antichrist is Prince Charles of Wales. The proof is abundant in my article “**The Satanic Talmud and the Synagogue of Satan – Part 6.**” You can read all the evidence at my web page [www.pastorbobreid.com](http://www.pastorbobreid.com).

We are at a transition point in God’s calendar and we are seeing the birth pangs for which the Bible speaks about. Birth pangs, in terms of Bible Prophecy, refers to certain convulsive geopolitical, geophysical, astrophysical and world-wide socio-economic events and issues scheduled to occur in the time leading up to Jesus Christ's Second Advent (second coming) and **Harpazo**. These are likened to the contractions experienced by a woman about to give birth,... increasing in frequency and intensity.

Very few Christians are talking about the Rapture surprisingly, but the wise will understand. An example of what I am inferring is the fact that today the price of oil on the energy futures markets dropped to “ZERO”. The implications of what happened on Monday are exactly what have been feared for over a decade. The derivatives market will blow up in 30 days or less, as banks are unable to settle their counter-party debts (bets) accounts. The 1971 Petro-dollar plan of Dr. Henry Kissinger and Alan Greenspan has been intentionally set-up to fail by the House of Rothschild. What we called normalcy is gone and is not coming back.

The world is entering a global depression unlike anything our parents or grandparents experienced in the 1920's and 1930's. That said, my focus will not be to address the negative news but rather focus on all the Biblical evidence that will sustain us in coming days or weeks about our "Departure" for the Millennium under Jesus Christ!

You will receive a weekly posting, possibly twice a week. In the event you miss a "Diamond" and "Nugget", you can go to my web page where they will be posted and archived.

I hope this series to be as the Apostle Paul said, "**Wherefore comfort one another with these words.**" -(1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:18).

Proverbs 25:2, says, "**It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.**" God reveals His incredible sense of humor in a very poignant way at times. As any great teacher would tell you, true Biblical teaching doesn't take place unless the students have learned. The passion for the subject needs to be acquired by the student with like passion. That should not be too hard for the reader, since we are to be watching and waiting.



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