

2 Rapture Passages

1 Thess 4:13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. 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, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall 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. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

[What follows is the Greek, a Parsing of the Greek, the King James, Strong's Numbering, and a transliteration.]

16	ὅτι CSC For <u>3754</u> hóti	αὐτὸς OPIMSN himself <u>846</u> autós	ὁ AMSN the <u>3588</u> ho	κύριος NMSN Lord <u>2962</u> Kúrios	ἐν PD with <u>1722</u> en	κελεύσῃ NNSD a shout, <u>2752</u> keleúsmati	ἐν PD with <u>1722</u> en	φωνῇ NFSD voice <u>5456</u> fooneé	
	ἀρχαγγέλου NMSG of the archangel, <u>743</u> archangéλου	καὶ CCK and <u>2532</u> kaí	ἐν PD with <u>1722</u> en	τῷ NFSD the <u>9999</u> sálpingi	σαλπίγγι NFSD trump <u>4536</u> sálpingi	θεοῦ, NMSG of God: <u>2316</u> Theoú	καταβήσεται V3SFMI shall descend <u>2597</u> katabeésetai	ἀπ' PG from <u>575</u> ap	οὐρανοῦ, NMSG heaven <u>3772</u> ouranou
	καὶ CCK and <u>2532</u> kaí	οἱ AMPN the <u>3588</u> hoi	νεκροὶ JMPNX dead <u>3498</u> nekroí	ἐν PD in <u>1722</u> en	Χριστῷ NMSD Christ <u>5547</u> Christoó	ἀναστήσονται V3PFMI shall rise <u>450</u> anasteésontai	πρῶτον, BX first: <u>4412</u> proóton		
17	ἔπειτα BX Then <u>1899</u> épeita	ἡμεῖς OP1_PN we <u>2249</u> heemeís	οἱ AMPN which <u>3588</u> hoi	ζῶντες V_PAPMPN are alive <u>2198</u> zoóntes	καὶ CCK and <u>2532</u> kaí	οἱ AMPN and <u>3588</u> hoi	περιλειπόμενοι V_PPPMPN remain <u>4035</u> perileipómenoi	ἅμα BX together <u>260</u> háma	σὺν PD with <u>4862</u> sún
	αὐτοῖς OP3MPD them <u>846</u> autoís	ἁρπαγησόμεθα V1PFPI shall be caught up <u>726</u> harpageesómetha	ἐν PD in <u>1722</u> en	τοῖς NFPD the <u>9999</u> nefélais	νεφέλαις NFPD clouds, <u>3507</u> nefélais	εἰς PA to <u>1519</u> eis	ἀπάντησιν NFSA meet <u>529</u> apánteessin	τοῦ AMSG the <u>3588</u> toú	κυρίου NMSG Lord <u>2962</u> Kuriou

Shout NT:2752 keleusma, keleusmatos, to (keleuoo), from Aeschylus (525-456 B.C.) and Herodotus (484-408 B.C.) down, an order, command, specifically, a stimulating cry, either that by which animals are roused and urged on by man, as horses by charioteers, hounds by hunters, etc., or that by which a signal is given to men, e. g. to rowers by the master of a ship (Lucian (160 A.D.?), tyr. or catapl. c. 19), to soldiers by a commander (Thucydides (423 B.C.) 2, 92; Prov. 24:62 (30:27));
en keleusmati, with a loud summons, a trumpet-call, 1 Thess 4:16. *
(from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by Biblesoft)

Voice NT:5456 foonee, foonees, hee
1. a sound, tone: of inanimate things, as of musical instruments, Matt 24:31
2. a voice, i. e. the sound of uttered words: Rev 10:3
3. speech, i. e. a language, tongue: 1 Cor 14:10 f
(from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by Biblesoft)

Dead NT:3498 nekros, nekra, nekron
dead,

1. properly,
a. one that has breathed his last, lifeless: Matt 28:4
b. deceased, departed, one whose soul is in Hades: Rev 1:18; 2:8
c. destitute of life, without life, inanimate James 2:26
2. tropically:
a. (spiritually dead, i. e.) destitute of a life that recognizes and is devoted to God, because given up to trespasses and sins; inactive as respects doing right: John 5:25
b. universally, destitute of force or power, inactive, inoperative: Rom 6:11
(from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by Biblesoft)

Alive NT:2198 zaoo, zoo, zees, zee,
alive

I. properly,
1. to live, be among the living, be alive (not lifeless, not dead): Acts 20:12
2. to enjoy real life, i. e. to have true life and worthy of the name -- active, blessed, endless in the kingdom of God
3. to live i. e. pass life, of the manner of living and acting; of morals or character:
II. Metaphorically, of inanimate things
a. living water, i. e. bubbling up, gushing forth, flowing, with the suggested idea of refreshment is figuratively used of the spirit and truth of God as satisfying the needs and desires of the soul: John 4:10 f
b. having vital power in itself and exerting the same upon the soul: 1 Peter 1:3
(from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by Biblesoft)

Remain NT:4035 perileipoo:
to leave over; passive, to remain over, to survive: 1 Thess 4:15,17
(from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by Biblesoft)

Caught Up NT:726 harpazoo;
to seize, carry off by force: ti (Matt 12:29)
to seize on, claim for oneself eagerly: Matt 11:12
to snatch out or away: Matt 13:19 ; ti ek cheiros tinos, John 10:28 f; tina ek puros, proverbial, to rescue from the danger of destruction, Jude 23 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, Rev 12:5
(from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by Biblesoft)

The passage (1 Thess 4:13-18) is in plain language. It lays out a hope, for those "in Christ" that the world does not have. Has there ever been a time when BELIEVERS who died in Christ have been brought with Him to meet up with every living believer in the air, all of whom have been snatched up suddenly for the meeting? This event does not match up with later resurrections. It is unique. You cannot deny the Rapture without grammatical, contextual, and interpretive mangling of this plain text. Oh, and for those who say "Rapture" does not appear in the Bible: "caught up" is "harpazoo", in Greek; harpazoo was translated as "rapturo" ny Jerome and other Latin translators; rapturo transliterated is where we get "rapture". It is in the Bible. If this was not intended to be understood as a literal event, it would be cold comfort indeed.

1 Cor 15:50-58

⁵⁰ Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 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, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; ⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

51	ἰδοὺ I Behold, <u>2400</u> Idoú	μυστήριον NNSA a mystery; <u>3466</u> musteérion	ὑμῖν OP2_PD you <u>5213</u> humín	λέγω V1SPA1 I shew <u>3004</u> légoō	πάντες JMPNX all <u>3956</u> Pántes	οὐ TN not <u>3756</u> ou	κοιμηθησόμεθα, V1PFPI We shall sleep, <u>2837</u> koimeetheesómetha
-----------	--	---	--	---	--	---	--

πάντες JMPNX all <u>3956</u> pántes	δὲ CCV but <u>1161</u> dé	ἀλλαγησόμεθα, V1PFPI we shall be changed, <u>236</u> allageesómetha
--	--	--

52	ἐν PD In <u>1722</u> en	ἀτόμῳ, JNSDX a moment, <u>823</u> atómoo	ἐν PD in <u>1722</u> en	τῇ NFSD the <u>9999</u> ripeeé	ὀφθαλμοῦ, NMSG of an eye, <u>3788</u> ofthalmoú	ἐν PD at <u>1722</u> en	τῇ AFSD the <u>3588</u> teé	ἐσχάτῃ JFSDX last <u>2078</u> eschátee
-----------	--	---	--	---	--	--	--	---

σάλπιγγι NFSD trump: <u>4536</u> sálpingi	τῇ JNSDX the <u>9999</u>	σαλπίζει V3SFA1 trumpet shall sound, <u>4537</u> salpísei	γάρ, CCX for <u>1063</u> gár	καὶ CCK and <u>2532</u> kaí	οἱ AMPN the <u>3588</u> hoi	νεκροὶ JMPNX dead <u>3498</u> nekroí
--	--	--	---	--	--	---

ἐγερθήσονται V3PFPI shall be raised <u>1453</u> egertheésontai	ἀφθαρτοί, JMPNX incorruptible, <u>862</u> áfthartoi	καὶ CCK and <u>2532</u> kaí	ἡμεῖς OP1_PN we <u>2249</u> heemeís	ἀλλαγησόμεθα. V1PFPI shall be changed. <u>236</u> allageesómetha
---	--	--	--	---

Mystery NT:3466 musteeron, musteeriou, to a hidden thing, secret, mystery:

1. a hidden or secret thing, not obvious to the understanding: 1 Cor 13:2
2. a hidden purpose or counsel; secret will:
3. it denotes the mystic or hidden sense:

(from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by Biblesoft)

Sleep NT:2837 koimao (koy-mah'-o); from NT:2749; to put to sleep, i.e. (passively or reflexively) to slumber; figuratively, to de-cease:

KJV - (be a-, fall a-, fall on) sleep, be dead.

(Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright (c) 1994, Biblesoft and International Bible Translators, Inc.)

Changed NT:236 allassoo:

future allazoo;

1 aorist eellaxa;

2 future passive allageesomai;

(allos); (from Aeschylus (525-456 B.C.) down);

to change: to cause one thing to cease and another to take its place, ta ethee, Acts 6:14;

teen fooneen to vary the voice, i. e., to speak in a different manner according to the different conditions of minds, to adapt the matter and form of discourse to mental moods, to treat them now severely, now gently, Gal 4:20 (but see Meyer at the passage), to exchange one thing for another: ti en tini, Rom 1:23 (heemiy r b^a- Ps. 105:20 (106:20);

the Greeks say allassein ti tinis (compare Winer Grammar (1883), 206 (194), 388 (363) Vaughan on Romans, the passage cited)), to transform: 1 Cor 15:51 f; Heb 1:12.

(Compare: apallassoo, diallassoo, katallassoo, apokatallassoo, metallassoo, sunallassoo.)

(from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by Biblesoft)

Moment NT:823 atomos, atomon

that cannot be cut in two or divided, indivisible 1 Cor 15:52

(from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by Biblesoft)

Twinkling NT:4493 ripee, ripees, hee

(riptoo), used by the Greek poets from Homer (900 B.C.?) down;

a throw, stroke, beat:

ofthalmou (Vulgate: ictus oculi (A.V., the twinkling of an eye)), a moment of time, 1 Cor 15:52

(Lachmann's marginal reading ropee, which see). *

(from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by Biblesoft)

Last NT:2078 eschatos, eschatee, eschaton

extreme, last in time or in place

1. joined to nouns: Luke 14:9 f

2. absolutely or with the genitive,

a. of time: who had come to work last, Matt 20:8,12,(14)

b. of space: the uttermost part, the end, of the earth, Acts 1:8; 13:47

c. of rank, grade of worth, last i. e. lowest: Mark 9:35

(from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by Biblesoft)

Raised NT:1453 egeiroo;

properly, rise, i. e. Up! Come!

1. to arouse from sleep, to awake: Acts 12:7

2. to arouse from the sleep of death, to recall the dead to life: John 5:21

3. in later usage generally to cause to rise, raise, from a seat, bed, etc.

a. of one sitting: John 11:29 Matt 9:19

b. of one reclining: John 13:4

c. of one lying, to raise up: Acts 10:26

d. of one "down" with disease, lying sick: active, Mark 9:27; Acts 3:7

4. To raise up, produce, cause to appear

a. to cause to appear, bring before the public Acts 13:23

b. to raise up, incite, stir up, against one

c. to raise up, i. e. cause to be born: Matt 3:9

d. of buildings, to raise, construct, erect: John 2:19 f

(from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by Biblesoft)

Paul is about to tell the Corinthian believers about a mystery, something that hadn't been previously revealed. The Pharisees knew about the resurrection of the dead, so that isn't what he was speaking of... What could the mystery be? Look at the details given about the event! This is to inspire the Christians to be steadfast and immovable in the face of persecution! If Paul is speaking, in any way allegorically, then he is offering false hope, indeed, but the precise detail precludes that possibility. Just reading the passage should make that obvious.