Journey Through the Bible: Revelation
Session 15: The Rapture in the Bible (Chapter 4)
Remember Acts 17:11

Promised Blessing (1:3)

Christ's Outline for the Book
- "Have Seen" the Risen Christ (Ch. 1)
- "That Which Is" the Seven Churches (Ch. 2-3)
- **"Hereafter" The Conquest** (Ch. 4-22)

The Baptist Distinctives:
Biblical Authority
Autonomy of the Local Church
Priesthood of All Believers
Two Offices of Ordination
Individual Soul Liberty
Saved Church Membership
Two Ordinances
Separation of Church and State

The Word:
ἁρπάζω: Harpazo (Greek)
Raptus: (Latin)
Outline of Biblical Usage:
- To seize, carry off by force
- To claim for oneself eagerly
- To snatch out or away

Study (John 14:1-4):

Of Rooms and Mansions:
οἰκία: Oikia (Greek)
- a inhabited edifice
- the family
- property

μονή: Mon' E (Greek)
- dwelling, abode
- to make one's abode

The Prophetic Echo: Ancient Wedding
Reflected in Isaac & Rebecca/Jacob &Rachael with Leah
- The Match was Arranged by the Families in Childhood
- Both Eligible for Marriage Upon Being
  Reckoned as Adults

Ketubah: Commitment or Betrothal
- Woman Presented with a Cup of Wine
- *Mohair*: Payment of the Price of Redemption (Silver)
- Wife Set Apart (Sanctified) in Commitment to the Marriage

Groom Prepares an Addition to His Father's House
- Where they will Begin Their Married Life Together
- Bride Prepares for His Imminent Return
  - Gathers with Her Friends, Lamps Ready
  - No Set Date for the Return
- Groom's Father Must Examine and Certify the Addition is
  Complete

Surprise Gathering
- Groom Gathers His Closest Friends
- "Snatches" The Bride from Her Father's House by Night
- *Hoopah*: Wedding Ceremony Held at City Gate
  (Later Synagogue)
- Wedding Party Escorts the Couple to their New Home
- Wedding Feast (7 Days)

Study (1 Corinthians 15:40-58)
The Resurrection of the Saints

The Purpose 1 Cor. 15 (51-53):
The Corruptible
Cannot Inherit the Incorruptible
The Mortal
Cannot Inherit Immortality

- A Transformative Change Must Occur

Scriptural Clues to a Glorified Being:

Dimensionality 1 John 3:2

- Jesus was Able to be Touched and Handled
- Ate Frequently with the Disciples
- Could Enter a Room without Using an Entrance

- We Will be Like and be Able to Comprehend Christ in His Glory

Oiketerion (Habitation) 2 Cor. 5:1-3

- The Dead in Christ are With God
- The Consummation of All Things Results in a New Reality
- The Soul Must Be Given a New Body Capable of Interacting with It

Imminent: The Next Expectation

(The Resurrection)

- Not "Immanent"
  (God is always with us and active on our behalf.)
- Not "Eminent"
  (Title of honor for distinguished performance.)

- Expectation without Qualification
  - Any Moment (Undefinable)
- Believers are to Expect and Long for the Return of Christ
  Phil. 3:20; Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:28; 1 Thes. 1:10; 4:18; 5:6; Rev.22:20
  - Take Hope in the Expectation
    - Crown of Righteousness (2 Tim. 4:8)

7 Biblical Raptures:

Enoch	Gen. 5:42; Heb. 11:5
Elijah	2 Kings 2:10-12
Jesus	Mrk. 16:19; Acts 1:9-11; Rev. 12:5*
Philip	Acts 8:39*
Paul	2 Cor. 12:2-4*
The Church	1 Thes. 4:17*
John	Rev. 4:1
	ἁρπάζω*

For Next Week:
- Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18,
  Matthew 24:36-44, Rev. 4:1-5
  - Notice Where the Lampstand is Now.
- When Will the Resurrection Take
  Place in Revelation?
- Discuss with Your Groups.
- Journal Your Differences.

Next Sessions:
- Christ: The Kinsman Redeemer (Ruth)
- The Rapture as Described in the Bible Part 1
- The Rapture as Described in the Bible Part 2
- The 70 Weeks of Daniel (Daniel 9)
- The 70th Week of Daniel (Daniel 9)