

The Rapture = The "Catching Up"	
Definition	Sequence of Events
<p>#726 – <i>harpazō</i> = "caught up" = to seize, carry off by force = to seize, to claim for oneself eagerly = to snatch out, snatch away</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>"Harpazō" is used of <u>divine power</u> transferring a person marvelously and swiftly from one place to another - Thayer's Lexicon</p> </div> <p>The Rapture is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the coming of the Lord - a resurrection - a reunion 	<p>① 1 Thess. 4:16 The Lord Jesus Himself will descend - :14 God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus = souls / spirits - :16 from heaven with: - a shout = cry of command, verbal signal - the voice of the archangel Michael - the trumpet of God - (1 Cor. 15:52) at the last trumpet (John 14:1-3) Jesus will receive us to Himself</p> <p>② :16 The dead in Christ will rise first = bodies ↑ - will be raised imperishable (1 Cor. 15:52)</p> <p>③ :17 Together with them, those who are alive: - will be caught up in the clouds - will meet the Lord Jesus in the air</p> <p>④ (1 Corinthians 15:50-58) We will all be changed - we will put on an immortal and imperishable body - like Jesus' glorious body (Phil. 3:21) - in a moment = an instant so brief it is indivisible - in the twinkling of an eye - at the last trumpet → flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God</p> <p>⑤ (John 14:1-3) So that we may be where He is He will bring us to His Father's house, to the place He has prepared for us = the New Jerusalem :17 So we shall always be with the Lord</p>
Timing: "pre-tribulation"	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Imminence – the rapture is an event that could happen at any moment. 2. The 70 weeks are for Israel and Jerusalem. The Church began after the 69th week and will be raptured before the 70th week begins. Israel and the Church are distinct. 3. The Church is not destined for wrath 4. We are to comfort one another with the truth of the rapture. There is no comfort in waiting for wrath. 5. The "restrainer", the Holy Spirit, as He indwells the Church must be taken away before the Antichrist can be revealed. 	