

**Reason For The Harpazo
Outline – March 10, 2024**

John 14:1-3, Acts 1:9-11, 1 Corinthians 15:51-55, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A Phrase We Heard On Star Trek

- I. Who in the Bible was “raptured” (caught-up) into heaven (people in the Bible)**
 - A. Enoch (Genesis 5:22-24)
 - 1. Noah’s flood, 3 types of people
 - a) Perished
 - b) Preserved
 - c) Prior removed...(Enoch)
 - B. Elijah (2 Kings 2:1, 11)
 - C. Jesus (Acts 1:9-11)
- II. What patterns are found in the Bible that parallel the Harpazo (Rapture)**
 - A. The Jewish wedding
 - 1. Offer acceptance
 - 2. Over wine
 - 3. Price is paid
 - 4. Groom goes to prepare a place
 - 5. Bride stays ready
 - 6. Groom comes and snatches her
 - 7. Brings her to bridal chamber
 - 8. Reveals their marriage
 - 9. Marriage celebration
 - 10. Begin a new life
 - B. A pattern of escaping divine wrath (Luke 17:26-30)
 - 1. Noah’s flood
 - 2. Destruction of Sodom
 - 3. The rapture is often called the Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13)
 - 4. As God’s redeemed are removed from the wrath to come (1Thessalonians 1:9-10)
- III. The purpose**
 - A. Transformation (1 Corinthians 15:50)
 - 1. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God
 - B. The Great Resurrection
 - 1. Isaiah 26:19-21
 - 2. Daniel 12:2-3
 - C. Coming for His Bride (Matthew 25:10)
- IV. The Promise of Jesus (John 14:1-3)**
 - A. I am going to prepare a place for you
 - B. I will come again
 - C. And receive you

- D. Unto Myself
- E. That where I am you will be there also

V. The process (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

- A. The Lord Himself will descend from heaven
- B. With a shout, voice of the Archangel, and with the Trumpet of God
- C. Dead in Christ will rise FIRST
 - 1. Resurrection as predicted in Isaiah and Daniel
- D. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught-up (raptured, Harpazo) together with Him
- E. To meet the Lord
- F. In the air
- G. Thus we shall always be with the Lord
- H. Comfort one another with these words

VI. This is Imminent

- A. It could happen at any time
- B. No sign or event needed
- C. It starts a new chapter in world history

VII. Here is the reason for it

- A. Death can't hold us
- B. Our Lord will come back for us (as His Bride)
- C. Because He prepared a place for us
- D. And we will see Him just as He is (1 John 3:2)
- E. Keep watching, keep looking up our redemption draws near

There Is Reason To Believe In The Harpazo