



A PLACE OF REFUGE

The 'Rapture' in Scripture

NKJ Genesis 24:67 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent; and he took Rebekah and she became his wife, and he loved her . . .

The Hebrew Wedding:

- courtship
- betrothal
- period of waiting
 - groom leaves to build chuppah
- snatching the bride
- return to the Chuppah
- wedding supper
- build a family

Chevlei Mashiach

חבל משיח

Birthpains of the Messiah

Time of Jacob's Trouble

the Tribulation

NKJ Jeremiah 30:4-7 Now these *are* the words that the LORD spoke concerning Israel and Judah. ⁵ "For thus says the LORD: 'We have heard a voice of trembling, Of fear, and not of peace. ⁶ Ask now, and see, Whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man *with* his hands on his loins Like a woman in labor, And all faces turned pale? ⁷ Alas! For that day *is* great, So that none *is* like it; And it *is* the time of Jacob's trouble, But he shall be saved out of it.

Rapture

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The believers in Thessalonica:

- were strong in the faith even after much affliction (1:3-6; 2:13)
- had become good examples of the walk to believers from both the region of Macedonia (100 miles north) and Achaia (300 miles south) (1:7; 4:9-10)
- had proclaimed the good news of the kingdom throughout that area (1:8-10)
- had become imitators of the Jewish believers in Judea (2:14)

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‘agnoeo’ (Strong’s 50)

from:

‘noeo’ (Strong’s 3539)

‘to perceive, understand’

ESV **1 Thessalonians 4:14-15** For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a (the) word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

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NKJ Isaiah 26:17 - 21 As a woman with child is in pain and cries out in her pangs, When she draws near the time of her delivery, So have we been in Your sight, O LORD. We have been with child, we have been in pain; We have, as it were, brought forth wind; We have not accomplished any deliverance in the earth, Nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

continues:

¹⁹ Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew is like the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead. ²⁰ Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past. ²¹ For behold, the LORD comes out of His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity . . .

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'sok' (Strong's 5520)

ESV Psalm 31:19-20 Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind! ²⁰ In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men; you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

ESV Matthew 24:15-18 "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, ¹⁸ and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak.

NKJ John 14:2-3 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

“Finally, the chamber would be ready and the bridegroom would assemble his young friends to accompany him on the exiting trip to claim his bride. The big moment had arrived and the bridegroom was more than ready, we can be sure. He and his young men would set out in the night, making every attempt to completely surprise the bride. And that’s the romantic part – all the Jewish brides were “stolen”. The Jews had a special understanding of a woman’s heart. What a thrill for her, to be “abducted” and carried off into the night, not by a stranger, but by one who loved her so much that he had paid a high price for her.”

“A Christian Love Story” – Zola Levitte

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'harpazo' (Strong's 726)
"to seize, to carry off by force".

NKJ **Psalm 62:10** Do not trust in oppression, Nor vainly hope in robbery; If riches increase, Do not set *your* heart *on them*.

NKJ Joel 2:15-16 Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; ¹⁶ Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes . Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room (chuppah)

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In the fear of the LORD *there is* strong confidence,
And His children will have a place of refuge.

NKJ Proverbs 14:26

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Shalom Aleichem
Peace be Unto You