

A study of Revelation

Lesson 10

Review 1: harpazō (ἄρπάζω)

- “Rapture” - harpazō is used 14 times in the NT
 - Only 2 times refer to “rapture” - catching away, snatched up [at end time events!]
 - **1 Thessalonians 4:17**, “After that, we who are still alive and are left **will be caught** up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.” NIV
 - **Revelation 12:5**, “She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.”[a] And her child **was snatched up** to God and to his throne. ” NIV

Review 2: parousía (παρουσίας)

▀ **parousía (παρουσίας)**

▀ The Second Coming of the Lord

- ▀ Strong's #3952: coming (22x), presence (2x)
- ▀ A presence, a coming (used in reference to the Lord)
- ▀ parousía (from parōn, "be present, arrive to enter into a situation") - properly, coming, especially the arrival of the owner who alone can deal with a situation (cf. LS).
- ▀ parousía is a "technical term with reference to the visit of a king or some other official, 'a royal visit' " (Souter)
- ▀ 'harpazō' (ἄρπάζω) is about true believers going up.
- ▀ 'parousía' (παρουσίας) is about Christ coming down.

Review: parousía (παρουσίας)

▀ **parousía (παρουσίας) synonyms:**

- ▀ The Coming of the Lord
- ▀ The Day of the Lord
- ▀ A Thief in the Night
- ▀ The Day of the Lord is going to be a day of darkness
- ▀ The Day of the Lord is at the Sixth Seal
- ▀ The Great and Terrible Day of the Lord
- ▀ The Millennium begins
- ▀ After the Abomination of the Desolation
- ▀ Before the visible return of Christ at Armageddon,
 - ▀ the wrath of Christ

Review 3: The Day Of **God**

- ▶ When the Day of the **Lord** is over,
 - ▶ after Millennium
 - ▶ We're going to have the Day of **God**, which is eternal.

- ▶ **2 Peter 3: 12-13**, "12 looking for and hastening the coming of **the day of God**, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." NKJV

- ▶ The New Heaven and the New Earth
- ▶ God tabernacle with man

Tribulation

► Popular views (MYTHS):

- The tribulation is a future **seven-year** period when God will finish His discipline of Israel and finalize His judgment of the unbelieving world.
 - We will look at **Daniel 9:24-27** at another lesson
- Some even refer to this period as the **time of God's wrath**. It's not that at all.
 - The wrath of God is the **7 bowls** (Rev 16:1),
 - after the 7th seal (half hour silence in Heaven)

Tribulation (θλίψις)

- <https://biblehub.com/greek/2347.htm>

Strong's #2347: thlipsis - tribulation

Original Word: θλίψις, εως, ἡ

Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: thlipsis

Phonetic Spelling: (thlip'-sis)

Definition: tribulation

Usage: persecution, affliction, distress, tribulation.

Tribulation - *thlipsis* (θλίψις)

- ▶ <https://biblehub.com/greek/2347.htm>
- ▶ [#2347](#) *thlipsis* – properly, *pressure* (what constricts or rubs together), used of a narrow place that "hems someone in"; *tribulation*, especially *internal pressure* that causes someone to feel confined (restricted, "without options").
- ▶ [#2347](#) *thlipsis* ("compression, tribulation") carries the challenge of coping with the *internal* pressure of a *tribulation*, especially when feeling there is "no way of escape" ("hemmed in").

Tribulation - *thlipsis* (θλίψις)

- ▶ Jesus told us in **John 16:33**, "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." ESV
- ▶ It doesn't have anything to do with seals, trumpets, bowls or the wrath of God.
- ▶ **Revelation 7:14**, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation;" NIV
- ▶ **Great tribulation** is 10 day purge of killing Christians
 - ▶ Rev 2:10 (ESV)
 - ▶ before the beast begins to reign.

Tribulation - *thlipsis* (θλίψις)

▶ **The reign of the beast**

- ▶ is going to be 42 months long,
 - ▶ **from** the time that the woman flees into the wilderness
 - ▶ **up** until the second coming of Christ
- ▶ is going to be the time of tribulation for the Jews.

- ▶ It is not 7 years long. 42 months is 3.5 years.
- ▶ The bible says the tribulation of those days is going to be cut short before the wrath of God even begins.
 - ▶ Matt 24:22, 36
- ▶ Thus actual tribulation (for true believers) of those days is going to be less than 42 months.
 - ▶ Before the 7 bowls of wrath

Who Are Left

► **1 Thessalonians 4: 15**, “According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, **who are left** until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.”

► **Strong’s #4035**: perileipomai - to be left remaining

Original Word: περιλείπω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: perileipomai

Phonetic Spelling: (per-ee-li'-po)

Definition: to be left remaining

Usage: I leave behind; pass: I am left behind, remain, survive.

Who Are Left – perileipomai (περιλείπω)

► **1 Thessalonians 4: 15**, “According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, **who are left** [overcomers] until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep (1st resurrected).”

► Paul is saying there will have already been people **resurrected** from the dead at the time of the **first rapture**, including the martyrs of the harlot.

► After the man of sin (anti-Christ) takes his seat in the temple of God,

► Believers [the overcomers] during this time will be raptured

► Paul is referring to the **third rapture** here.

[Review] Groups of Faithful Followers

- 1. **24 Elders** – God’s heirs: glorified bodies of
 - the past/dead who will be **1st resurrected** (Rev 4) and
 - The living raptured [**Rapture 1** - Rev 5]
 - 2. **Martyrs** of the harlot (10 day purge, Fifth Seal, Rev 7)
 - They are **2nd resurrected** Rev 7:9
 - 3. **144,000 of Israel** (Messianic Jews) [**Rapture 2** - Rev 14]
 - 4. **Martyrs** beheaded by the beast
 - They will be **3rd resurrected** at the 2nd coming of Jesus
 - 5. **Overcomers** of Revelation 15 [**Rapture 3** - Rev 15:3-4]
 - Before the 7 bowls are poured out!
- **2 Resurrection Group**
- 1. Christians from the **1st, 2nd, and 3rd resurrected** groups
 - 2. The rest of the dead people from the past (Rev 20:6)

Who Are Left – perileipomai (περιλείπω)

➤ **1 Thessalonians 4: 15-18,**

“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 will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will 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.”

Who Are Left – perileipomai (περιλείπω)

- ▶ **Revelation 16: 15**, “Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed.”
- ▶ **Revelation 14:14-16 Reaping the Earth’s Harvest**
 - ▶ “14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the **Son of Man**, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. 15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” 16 **So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.**”
- ▶ **Revelation 15:2** “And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, **standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.**”

Who Are Left – perileipomai (περιλείπω)?

- ▶ These are left behind, Christians!
- ▶ They are people who for whatever reason,
 - ▶ maybe they weren’t true followers at the earlier time.
- ▶ They were not taken and they are going to have to wait until the “thief in the night” rapture.
 - ▶ Jesus said, I will come to you like a thief in the night,
 - ▶ so these are the people who maybe
 - ▶ Survived that purge of the harlot and
 - ▶ They didn’t take the mark of the beast.
- ▶ They are the survivors, become the ‘overcomers’. They are those who are left behind but are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord.

Who Are Left – *perileipomai* (περιλείπω)?

- ▶ In the end, God is going to take all Christians, all living followers out before He begins to pour out His wrath.
- ▶ **Matthew 24; 1 and 2 Thessalonians; 2 Peter**
- ▶ are saying basically the same event, but every one of these passage has just a piece of the puzzle,
 - ▶ just something that the other passages don't have and you can't look at the passage in isolation in just within the book that they're written.
 - ▶ You need to see them as part of a bigger whole.
- ▶ All these terms are defined for us in The Scriptures.

2, 3, 4, 6,
7, 8,
10, 12

Study on Symbolic Number(s)

- ▶ Symbolic numbers in the Bible are fascinating
- ▶ There are certain numbers that seem to appear repeatedly throughout the Bible
- ▶ Symbols and prophetic numbers are especially significant in the Book of Revelation
- ▶ However, they are real numbers that point to real events

- ▶ These key numbers are:
 - ▶ **2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12**
 - ▶ **7, 8,**

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The number 7

- 7 is the number of completion or divine perfection.
- 7 days in a week and God's Sabbath is on the seventh day.
- 7 churches; 7 seals; 7 stars; 7 plagues;
- 7 trumpets and 7 trumpet angels (Rev. 8);
- 7 is the number of fullness; 7 golden lampstands;
- 7 bowls of wrath carried by 7 angels;
- 7 torches in front of the throne of God;
- 7 horns on the lamb; 7 eyes on the lamb;
- 7 thunders (Rev 10:3-4);
- 7 kings (Rev. 17:10)
- 7 worldly kingdoms
 - Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, [7 is to come]

7 Armies

1. locust army,
2. 200-million-man army (Rev. 9:16),
3. the dragon in heaven has an army of his angels,
4. Michael has his army,
5. Christ's army when He returns at the second coming,
6. Satan has an army (before Millennium)
7. Satan forms another army at the battle of Gog and Magog (after the Millennium)

7x Christ appears in the midst of His people

1. Jesus identifies Himself with child Rev 12:5:
 - a. the male-child #730 (huios arren/arsen – singular, Jesus)
 - b. her child #5043 (teknon – plural children, heirs) was snatched up to God and to His Throne
2. Christ appears in the midst of the golden candlesticks which are the seven churches
3. In the midst of the 24 elders
4. In the midst of the tribulation saints
5. In the midst of the 144,000
6. In the midst of the armies of heaven – these are angels and believers who return with Him to the earth.
7. In the midst of the New Jerusalem

7 groups of people who wear white

1. Christ (Rev. 1)
2. 24 elders
3. Martyrs receive white robe (Rev. 6)
4. Tribulation Saints wear white robes (Rev. 7)
5. Angels with the 7 bowls of God's wrath
6. The bride
7. The armies of heaven

7 titles referring to **Christ**

- ▶ In the book of Hebrews, 7 titles to refer to Christ.
 1. 'Heir of all things' (Hebrews 1:2),
 2. 'Captain of our salvation' (2:10),
 3. 'Apostle/Ambassador' (3:1),
 4. 'Author of salvation' (5:9),
 5. 'Forerunner' (6:20),
 6. 'High Priest' (10:21) and the
 7. 'Author and finisher of our faith' (12:2)

7 Parables in ...

- ▶ In **Matthew 13** Jesus is quoted as giving 7 parables
 1. Sower 3 – 9
 2. Weeds 24 - 30,
 3. Mustard 31 - 32,
 4. Yeast 33,
 5. Hidden Treasure 44,
 6. Pearls 45 - 46,
 7. Net 47

7 Miracles on God's Holy Sabbath Day

Sabbath Day (Friday sunset to Saturday sunset)

- ▀ **Why?**: Jesus affirms its continued sacredness to God and necessity in the life of the believer.
 1. Jesus healed the withered hand of a man attending synagogue services (Matthew 12:9).
 2. At a Capernaum synagogue he casts out an unclean spirit that possessed a man (Mark 1:21).
 3. Right after the above miracle Jesus heals Peter's wife's mother of fever (Mark 1:29).
 4. A woman attending synagogue, who was made sick by a demon for eighteen years, is released from her bondage (Luke 13:11).
 5. At a Pharisee's house eating a meal with the host and several lawyers, Jesus heals a man with dropsy (Luke 14:2).
 6. A man who is disabled and unable to walk is healed at the pool of Bethesda (John 5:8 - 9).
 7. Jesus heals a man born blind at the pool of Siloam (John 9:14).

7 Annual Holy Days

- ▀ There are **7 appointed Lord's Feast**
 - ▀ The cycle of the holy days is completed in
 - ▀ 3 festival seasons
 - ▀ by the seventh month of the sacred calendar:
 - I. **1st month:** (Spring)
 - 1) Passover 2) Unleavened Bread, 3) First Fruits
 - II. **3rd month:** (Summer)
 - 4) Pentecost
 - III. **7th month:** (Fall)
 - 5) Trumpets, 6) Atonement, 7) Tabernacles

The Prophetic Pattern of 7

- **70 AD** – The Romans destroyed the temple and Jerusalem
- **1897** – The First Zionist Congress in Balse Switzerland
 - Zoinist seeks for the Jewish people a publicly recognize legally secured homeland in Palestine
- **1917** – The Balfour decoration
 - British's statement of support for the establishment of Jewish people in Palestine
- **1947** – UN mandate began
 - declaration of the Official Independence of Israel in 1948
- **1947** – Dead Sea scroll was found in Qumran
- **1967** – Jerusalem was regained during the six day war

- **2017** – Rev. 12 sign, astronomical alignment
 - – **70th Anniversary (1947)**
 - – Jerusalem became officially the capital of Israel
- **2027** – 10 years after 2017; could be the year Jesus returns

You also, be patient.

**ESTABLISH
YOUR HEARTS,**

for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

JAMES 5:8



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