

Key verse memorization
Organized knowledge

Revelation

A book of hope and encouragement

The Rapture

From the previous study

8 commonalities between the 2 passages

1. Both passages focus on providing comfort.

2. Both emphasize belief in Christ as the key issue.

3. Both passages focus on God and Jesus: John 14:1, 1 Thess. 4:14.

4. Both passages instruct their audience: "I told you" (John 14:2), "I say to you" (1 Thess. 4:18).

5. The return of Jesus is mentioned next in both.

6. In John, Jesus says He will receive them; Paul says believers will be caught up to Him.

7. The destiny of believers is "to Myself" (John 14:2) and "to Him" (1 Thess. 4:17).

8. In both passages, believers will continue to be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NASB95)

13 But we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

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 not precede those who have fallen 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 will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

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1 "Do not let your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

2 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if I 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.

9:24-18
9:20-18

A run-up to the book of Revelation

When the Rapture occurs

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Suggested memory verse

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The above-mentioned verses are consistent with others such as the following:

Acts 1:9-11 (NKJV)

9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,

11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

Where Jesus presently resides

Psalms 110:1-7 (NKJV)

1 The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

2 The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies.

3 Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.

4 The Lord has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

5 The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.

6 He shall judge among the nations; He shall fill the places with dead bodies; He shall execute the heads of many countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the head.

Acts 3:23-26 (NKJV)

23 Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

24 "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand,

25 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."'

Philippians 3:20 (NKJV)
20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 3:21 (NKJV)

21 To him who overcomes, I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Out Resurrection: Philippians 3:11

Chapter emphasizing the need for Christ righteousness

Another Pre-Tribulation rapture passage:

Philippians 3:8-11 (NKJV)

8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish that I may gain Christ

Not my own moral good deeds

ἐξ ἑαυτοῦ δικαιοσύνην ἢ ἡμεῖς, ἀλλὰ χάριτος

At the Judgment Seat of Christ

9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.

10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

484 occurrences [anastasis] (see [94], 4 [94] references) = 3x 160, 7x 407 [37] = 1, LN 23.93 resurrection (see 20:31, 36, 12:18, 14:14, 4, 6, 9:26, 11:26, 20:4, 1:22, 1:14, 1:16, 8:2, 1:20, 1:13, 1:14, 1:15, 1:16, 1:17, 1:18, 1:19, 1:20, 1:21, 1:22, 1:23, 1:24, 1:25, 1:26, 1:27, 1:28, 1:29, 1:30, 1:31, 1:32, 1:33, 1:34, 1:35, 1:36, 1:37, 1:38, 1:39, 1:40, 1:41, 1:42, 1:43, 1:44, 1:45, 1:46, 1:47, 1:48, 1:49, 1:50, 1:51, 1:52, 1:53, 1:54, 1:55, 1:56, 1:57, 1:58, 1:59, 1:60, 1:61, 1:62, 1:63, 1:64, 1:65, 1:66, 1:67, 1:68, 1:69, 1:70, 1:71, 1:72, 1:73, 1:74, 1:75, 1:76, 1:77, 1:78, 1:79, 1:80, 1:81, 1:82, 1:83, 1:84, 1:85, 1:86, 1:87, 1:88, 1:89, 1:90, 1:91, 1:92, 1:93, 1:94, 1:95, 1:96, 1:97, 1:98, 1:99, 1:100, 1:101, 1:102, 1:103, 1:104, 1:105, 1:106, 1:107, 1:108, 1:109, 1:110, 1:111, 1:112, 1:113, 1:114, 1:115, 1:116, 1:117, 1:118, 1:119, 1:120, 1:121, 1:122, 1:123, 1:124, 1:125, 1:126, 1:127, 1:128, 1:129, 1:130, 1:131, 1:132, 1:133, 1:134, 1:135, 1:136, 1:137, 1:138, 1:139, 1:140, 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1:999, 2:000)

11 If, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Distinct from all resurrections

The only occurrence of this form of the word in the New Testament

ἐκ νεκρῶν (ek nekron) (see [94], 4 [94] references) = 3x 160, 7x 407 [37] = 1, LN 23.93 resurrection (see 20:31, 36, 12:18, 14:14, 4, 6, 9:26, 11:26, 20:4, 1:22, 1:14, 1:16, 8:2, 1:20, 1:13, 1:14, 1:15, 1:16, 1:17, 1:18, 1:19, 1:20, 1:21, 1:22, 1:23, 1:24, 1:25, 1:26, 1:27, 1:28, 1:29, 1:30, 1:31, 1:32, 1:33, 1:34, 1:35, 1:36, 1:37, 1:38, 1:39, 1:40, 1:41, 1:42, 1:43, 1:44, 1:45, 1:46, 1:47, 1:48, 1:49, 1:50, 1:51, 1:52, 1:53, 1:54, 1:55, 1:56, 1:57, 1:58, 1:59, 1:60, 1:61, 1:62, 1:63, 1:64, 1:65, 1:66, 1:67, 1:68, 1:69, 1:70, 1:71, 1:72, 1:73, 1:74, 1:75, 1:76, 1:77, 1:78, 1:79, 1:80, 1:81, 1:82, 1:83, 1:84, 1:85, 1:86, 1:87, 1:88, 1:89, 1:90, 1:91, 1:92, 1:93, 1:94, 1:95, 1:96, 1:97, 1:98, 1:99, 1:100, 1:101, 1:102, 1:103, 1:104, 1:105, 1:106, 1:107, 1:108, 1:109, 1:110, 1:111, 1:112, 1:113, 1:114, 1:115, 1:116, 1:117, 1:118, 1:119, 1:120, 1:121, 1:122, 1:123, 1:124, 1:125, 1:126, 1:127, 1:128, 1:129, 1:130, 1:131, 1:132, 1:133, 1:134, 1:135, 1:136, 1:137, 1:138, 1:139, 1:140, 1:141, 1:142, 1:143, 1:144, 1:145, 1:146, 1:147, 1:148, 1:149, 1:150, 1:151, 1:152, 1:153, 1:154, 1:155, 1:156, 1:157, 1:158, 1:159, 1:160, 1:161, 1:162, 1:163, 1:164, 1:165, 1:166, 1:167, 1:168, 1:169, 1:170, 1:171, 1:172, 1:173, 1:174, 1:175, 1:176, 1:177, 1:178, 1:179, 1:180, 1:181, 1:182, 1:183, 1:184, 1:185, 1:186, 1:187, 1:188, 1:189, 1:190, 1:191, 1:192, 1:193, 1:194, 1:195, 1:196, 1:197, 1:198, 1:199, 1:200, 1:201, 1:202, 1:203, 1:204, 1:205, 1:206, 1:207, 1:208, 1:209, 1:210, 1:211, 1:212, 1:213, 1:214, 1:215, 1:216, 1:217, 1:218, 1:219, 1:220, 1:221, 1:222, 1:223, 1:224, 1:225, 1:226, 1:227, 1:228, 1:229, 1:230, 1:231, 1:232, 1:233, 1:234, 1:235, 1:236, 1:237, 1:238, 1:239, 1:240, 1:241, 1:242, 1:243, 1:244, 1:245, 1:246, 1:247, 1:248, 1:249, 1:250, 1:251, 1:252, 1:253, 1:254, 1:255, 1:256, 1:257, 1:258, 1:259, 1:260, 1:261, 1:262, 1:263, 1:264, 1:265, 1:266, 1:267, 1:268, 1:269, 1:270, 1:271, 1:272, 1:273, 1:274, 1:275, 1:276, 1:277, 1:278, 1:279, 1:280, 1:281, 1:282, 1:283, 1:284, 1:285, 1:286, 1:287, 1:288, 1:289, 1:290, 1:291, 1:292, 1:293, 1:294, 1:295, 1:296, 1:297, 1:298, 1:299, 1:300, 1:301, 1:302, 1:303, 1:304, 1:305, 1:306, 1:307, 1:308, 1:309, 1:310, 1:311, 1:312, 1:313, 1:314, 1:315, 1:316, 1:317, 1:318, 1:319, 1:320, 1:321, 1:322, 1:323, 1:324, 1:325, 1:326, 1:327, 1:328, 1:329, 1:330, 1:331, 1:332, 1:333, 1:334, 1:335, 1:336, 1:337, 1:338, 1:339, 1:340, 1:341, 1:342, 1:343, 1:344, 1:345, 1:346, 1:347, 1:348, 1:349, 1:350, 1:351, 1:352, 1:353, 1:354, 1:355, 1:356, 1:357, 1:358, 1:359, 1:360, 1:361, 1:362, 1:363, 1:364, 1:365, 1:366, 1:367, 1:368, 1:369, 1:370, 1:371, 1:372, 1:373, 1:374, 1:375, 1:376, 1:377, 1:378, 1:379, 1:380, 1:381, 1:382, 1:383, 1:384, 1:385, 1:386, 1:387, 1:388, 1:389, 1:390, 1:391, 1:392, 1:393, 1:394, 1:395, 1:396,