



RAPTURE

Is the word "rapture" in the Bible?

Part 2

*People often ask the
question "Is the word
rapture actually in the
Bible?"*

*The answer to the question
is NO The word
rapture does not occur in
most English translations of
the Bible*

*The English word "rapture"
actually comes from the
Latin Vulgate translation of
the Greek word "harpazo."*

(HARPADZO)



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Latin Vulgate translation of the Greek word "harpazo" (pronounced "harpadzo")



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"harpazo" = Latin word "RAPTURO"

*The word "harpazo" is found in 1
Thessalonians 4:17 which clearly
describes the catching away or
snatching away of God's people
from planet earth:*



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"harpazo"

**"caught up" / to seize, pluck, catch or
snatch away / to take away by force**

*1 Thessalonians 4:17 isn't
the only verse in the Bible
that uses the word
"harpazo" . . .*

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In Acts chapter 8 we read that a crowd of angry Jews were attacking Paul in the Temple . . . And Romans soldiers were sent to rescue him and arrest him . . .



A dramatic illustration depicting a scene from the Bible. In the center, a man with a long grey beard and a simple white tunic (Paul) is being pulled back by a Roman soldier. The soldier is wearing a full Roman military helmet with a crest and a breastplate. To the right, another Roman soldier in similar armor, including a red plumed helmet, is also pulling Paul. In the background, a large, ornate classical building with columns is visible, and a crowd of people, some in Roman attire and others in simpler clothing, are gathered. The scene is set outdoors, with a bright, sunny atmosphere. The word "harpazo" is written in large, stylized green letters with a blue outline at the top center of the image.

"harpazo"

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*In three of the gospels we
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"harpazo"

Matthew 13:19 -



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"harpazo"

Acts 8:39





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Acts 8:39 - "Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing."

An artistic illustration of Philip and the eunuch from the Bible, standing in a body of water. Philip, a man with long brown hair and a beard, is wearing a grey robe and has his arm around the eunuch's shoulder. The eunuch, a Black man with a shaved head and a goatee, is wearing a gold and black patterned collar. They are both smiling at the camera. The background features a tropical landscape with palm trees and mountains under a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

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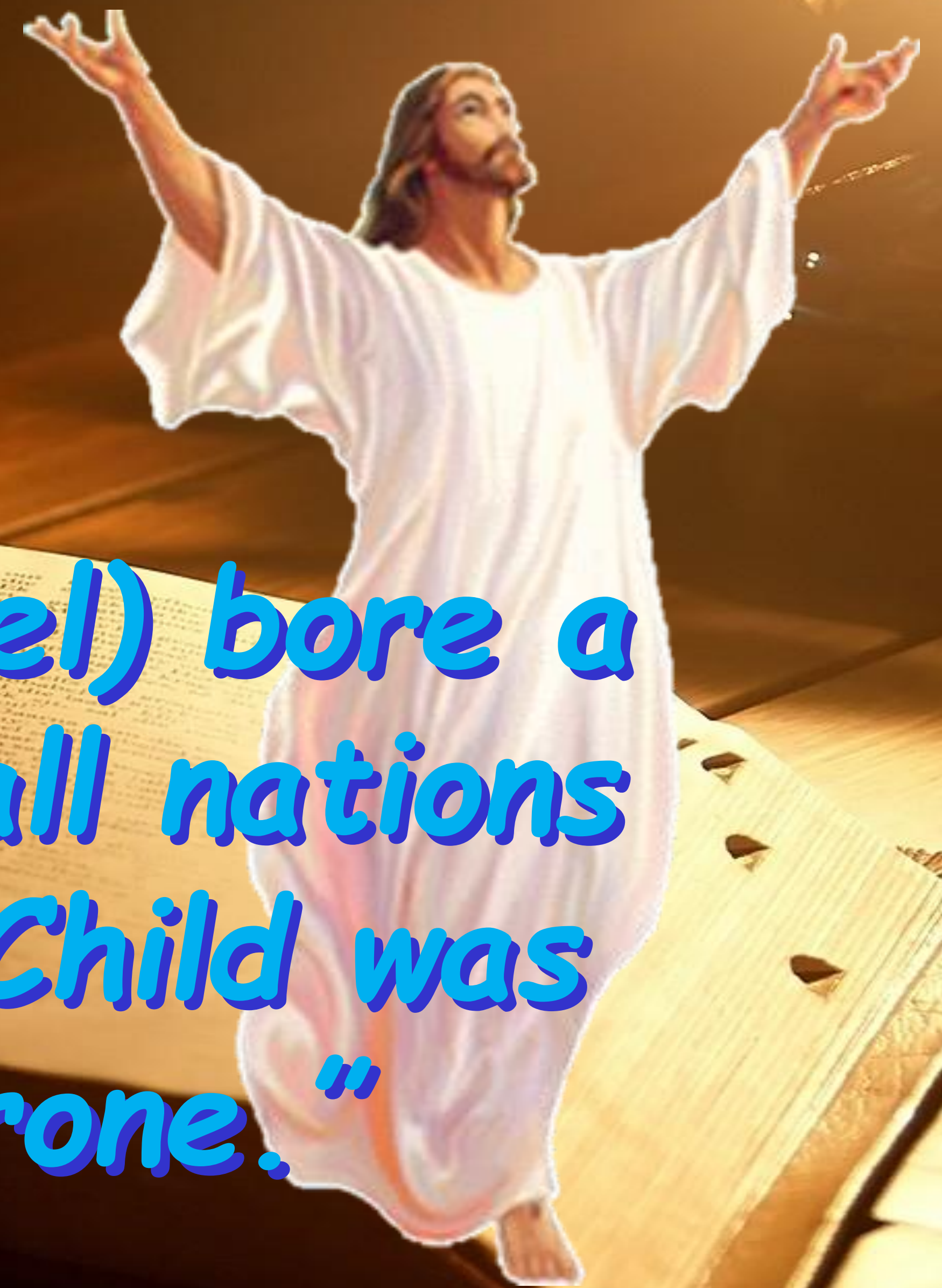
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*This is our BLESSED HOPE
as we read in Titus 2*

A religious illustration featuring Jesus Christ standing on a white, billowing cloud. He is wearing a white robe and has his arms outstretched in a gesture of blessing or proclamation. His head is surrounded by a bright, golden halo with radiating light rays. The background is a dramatic sky with warm, orange and yellow hues, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. In the foreground, an open Bible lies flat, with a beam of light shining down from the cloud onto its pages. The overall composition is centered and evokes a sense of divine presence and hope.

Titus 2:13 - "Looking for that BLESSED HOPE, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ."

*What other passages
describe the RAPTURE of
God's people?*



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"receive" = Gk. = "to take away for myself"



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"Be ready; for in such an hour as you think not the Son of man will come." Mt. 24:44

