

word study:

v 1 **After this** - compare with **Acts 15:16** (read verses 14 - 18)

hereafter - a time word; Websters 1828 def: 'In a future state'

In context it mean's "after the church age".

Revelation 1:19, John 1:51

door - Jesus is the door.

John 10:9 & 14:1-6

the first voice . . . as . . . a trumpet

Revelation 1:10, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

English Lesson: *like* and *as* are similitudes

def: similitude, *noun* - likeness; resemblance; comparison

Hosea 12:10

talking with me - salvation is individual and personal; so is the Rapture call.

Genesis 17:22, Deuteronomy 5:24

Summary : In the future, Jesus will call us (i.e. His bride, the church) up using His voice.

v 2 **immediately** - 55x in NT

English Lesson: 1. mediate, *adj.* def: interposed; intervening; between to objects or events.

2. immediate, *adj.* def: direct; proximate; instant; without the intervention of time or another.

Immediately is used in the gospels twenty-four times describing the work of Jesus.

Jesus touched him . . . and immediately his leprosy was cleansed. **Matt 8:3**

And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him. **Matt 14:31**

Jesus touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight. **Matt 20:34**

In Sum : The **Rapture** is an event that is an **instant** and **direct** work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

. . . I will come again, and will receive you unto myself. **John 14:3**

For the Lord himself shall . . . descend . . . shout, with the voice **1 Thes 4:16**

Hist: *I was in the spirit* - John experienced a prophetic *type* of the Rapture.

Dost: Raptured saints will be raised in a spiritual body. **1 Corinthians 15:44**