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removal for quite a distance; that is, it might be used in that sense, but at any rate it is the same word, which is very interesting, as is used when the Church, the deceased and the living, are caught away to meet the Lord in the clouds. Now, I am interested in this, to know just how long this has been called "the rapture". Is that a new phrase or an old phrase? How long has this been used as a technical term? It is not used as a technical term in the Scripture, as you know, but I was interested to notice that in his comments on 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew Henry uses the words, "this rapture of the Church", so evidently when Matthew Henry wrote it either was recognized as a term descriptive of the event when the Church is united with the Lord or else it was a word in English at that time which seemed appropriate to describe such an event. It certainly would not be now. If today you went to someone who knew nothing about the Bible and spoke of the rapture of the Church he would think you meant its great joy and happiness. He would never dream of its having this old Latin meaning. (Student) Well, it is my impression that it is earlier than that. My impression is that it is quite a bit earlier. Does anybody know? It would be interesting to know just how far back this term has been used and whether it is an old English term, common term, or whether it has been used more or less as a technical term in discussion in discussion of prophecy. At any rate, whatever you call it you can call it any x you want to but for our purpose I think we can use term rapture in a technical sense to mean the taking away by a great, sudden, powerful act of God of believers from this earth, and we notice that in that sense there have been raptures of various believers in the past and consequently we cannot say that there is one rapture in the sense that that is the time when all believers are caught up, because there have been believers caught up before. Is it likely that Elijah and Enoch would be among those who were raptured? It would hardly seem possible because they have been raptured before. Now, in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 let