I Thes 4:13-18 mws

v. 13 κοιμωμένων PPPtcpMPG fr. κοιμαω sleep, fall asleep, fig. die, be in a state of death. euphemism for being dead cf. I Th 5:10, Jn 11:11 λυπῆσθε PPS2pl fr. λυπεω to grieve, pain, poss. be sad, sorrowful, depressed, grieve v. 14 άξει FAI3sg fr. αγω lead, bring, to direct or guide the movement of something άνέστη AAI3sg fr. ανιστημι rise up – of dead resurrection, cf. Jn 6:39 to raise to life, cause someone to live again after having died κοιμηθέντας APPtcpMPA fr. κοιμαω see above v. 15 φθάσωμεν AAS1pl fr. Φθανω come before, precede – mostly time, partly priority περιλειπομαι περιλειπόμενοι PAPtcpMPN fr. remain, be left behind v. 16 κελεύσματι signal of command, loud cry, call of command, "Christ will come as conqueror" Jn 5:28; 1 Cor 15:52; Mt 24:31; Rev 11:15 καταβήσεται καταβαινω FdepI3sg fr. come down, go down from heaven, move down, descend σάλπιγγι trumpet, trumpet call (of God) "at the call of the trumpet sounded by God's command "I Cor. 15 says "last trumpet" cf. Mt 24:31 φωνη ἀρχαγγέλου

voice of the archangel, cry of archangel

v. 17

άρπαγησόμεθα FPI1pl fr. αρπαζω

cf. Jn 10:12, 28; Mt 13:19; Acts 8:39, 23:10; 2 Cor 12:2,3; Jude 23; Rev 12:5 snatch, seize, take suddenly and vehemently or take away in the sense of catching up so that no resistance is offered, so grab or seize by force with purpose of remaining

άμα

at the same time, together, to denote what belongs together in time and space, marker of association

ἀπάντησιν

cf. Matt 8:28, 25:1,6; Acts 28:15

to meet, to come near,

"official welcome of a newly arrived dignitary." - Vine

"public welcome...to important visitors." Kittel

"The ancient expression for the civic welcome of an important visitor or the triumphal entry of a new ruler into the capitol city and thus to his reign is applied to Christ" Brown I:325

νεφέλαις

clouds, regular feature of theophany, glory, presence of God, cf. Dan. 7:13; Mk 13:26, 14:62; Rev 1:7; Mk 9:7; Acts 1:9,11

v. 18

παρακαλεῖτε PAImp2pl fr. παρακαλεω

to instill someone with courage or cheer, comfort, encourage, cheer up "purpose of this passage is not to argue, but to encourage"