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A. **RAPTURE** (The Blessed Hope)

Rapture means the seizing of or the taking away

- **1 Thessalonians 5:9** (*God did not appoint us to wrath*)
- **2 Thess. 2:7** (*Holy Spirit will be taken out of the way*)
- **Revelation 3:10** (*God will keep His followers from hour of trial*)
- **John 14:1-3** (*Jesus said He'll come again and get us*)
- **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** (*Believers caught up in the clouds*)
- **1 Corinthians 15:50-58** (*Not all will die, but be changed*)

Heavenly Bodies:

- **2 Corinthians 5:1-10** (*Temporary bodies in heaven now*)
- **1 Corinthians 15:35-49** (*Earthly vs. Heavenly bodies*)

B. **JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST** (*Bema Seat*)

Judgment for all those who fear God (OT & NT Believers)

- **Romans 14:10-12** (*Each of us have to give an account*)
- **2 Corinthians 5:10** (*Judged for the things done*)
- **1 Corinthians 3:10-15** (*What are you building on the foundation of Christ?*)
- **Matthew 25:14-30** (*Parable of the Talents – “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much”*)
- **Luke 14:12-24** (*Parable of the Great Banquet – “You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just”*)

Believers Receiving Crowns:

- The Imperishable Crown (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)
- The Crown of Rejoicing (1 Thessalonians 2:19)
- The Crown of Righteousness (2 Timothy 4:7-8)
- The Crown of Glory (1 Peter 5:4)
- The Crown of Life (James 1:12 | Revelation 2:10)

C. MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

- **Revelation 19:6-9** (*The Bride/Church is ready...raptured and dressed in white*)
- **Matthew 25:1-13** (*Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids – Keep watch, as you don't know the day the groom (Jesus) will come to get you*)
- **Luke 14:12-24** (*Parable of the Great Banquet – Excuses will keep some people from attending this banquet*)

D. GREAT TRIBULATION (7 years)

- **Daniel 9:20-27** (Daniel on Tribulation for Israel)
- **Isaiah 13:9-13** (Isaiah on Tribulation for Israel)
- **Matthew 24:15-22** (Jesus on Tribulation for Israel)

- **(First 3.5 years)**
Peace as described in Daniel 9:27

- **Abomination of Desolation:**
The Antichrist's image to be worshipped in God's temple
 - **Daniel 9:27** (Described by Daniel)
 - **Matthew 24:15-16** (Described by Jesus)
 - **2 Thessalonians 2:3-4** (Described by Paul)
 - **Revelation 13:4, 8, 14-15** (Described by John)

- **(Second 3.5 years)**
 - (1) Wrath of God poured out upon the earth
 - (2) All hell breaks loose
 - **(7) Seals** (Revelation 6, 8:1-5, 11:1-14)
 - **(7) Trumpets** (Revelation 8:6-9:21, 11:15-19)
 - **(7) Bowls** (Revelation 15:1, 16:1-21)

- **144,000 of Israel**
 - **Revelation 7:1-8 & 14:1-5** (Sealed by God...foreheads)
 - Called servants and possibly witnessing
 - Given protection during Tribulation (Rev. 9:4)

• **Antichrist**

- **2 Thessalonians 2:1-12** (Man of Lawlessness)
 - (vs. 3) He leads a great rebellion against God
 - (vs. 4) Exalts himself and claims to be God
 - (vs. 7) Won't be revealed until after the Rapture
 - (vs. 9) Can do counterfeit signs and miracles
 - (vs. 10) Deceives people who can still turn to God
- **Revelation 13:1-10** (Beast from the Sea)
 - (vs. 2) Given power and authority by Satan
 - (vs. 3) Has a fatal wound that gets healed
 - (vs. 4) People worship Satan & the Antichrist
 - (vs. 5-6) Speaks horribly against God
 - (vs. 7) Given authority to rule

• **False Prophet**

- **Revelation 13:11-18** (Beast from the Earth)
 - (vs. 12) Exercises all authority of the Antichrist
 - (vs. 12) Requires people to worship the Antichrist
 - (vs. 13-14) Astounds/deceives people with miracles
 - (vs. 14) Orders to make a statue of the Antichrist
 - (vs. 15) Gives life to the statue and demands worship
 - (vs. 16) Required a mark on right hand or forehead
 - (vs. 17) Mark is a name of the beast or "666"

E. SECOND COMING (RETURN OF CHRIST)

- **Matthew 24:26-31** (*ALL will see Jesus' return*)
- **Matthew 25:31-46** (*Gathering of the Nations*)
- **Zechariah 14:1-15** (*Jesus Returns to Mount of Olives*)
- **Revelation 19:11-16** (*Rider on the White Horse*)

F. ARMAGEDDON

- **Revelation 16:13-14 & 16** (*Valley of Megiddo*)
- **Revelation 19:17-21** (*Antichrist & False Prophet defeated*)

G. MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST (1,000 years)

- **Revelation 20:1-3** (Satan bound for 1,000 years)
- **Revelation 20:4-6** (Martyrs in Tribulation resurrected)
- **Matthew 25:31-32** (Jesus sit on throne of Kingdom)
- **Daniel 7:13-14** (Daniel on Jesus' Reign)
- **Zechariah 14:16-17** (Zechariah's Prophecy)
 - Some are still mortal during this time
- **Isaiah 65:20** (Possible Prophecy for Millennial Reign)
 - Lifespan for mortals shifts, but the curse is still present
- **Isaiah 11:6-9** (Isaiah's Prophecy)
 - Tame animals/creatures

H. DEFEAT OF SATAN (Gog & Magog)

- **Revelation 20:7-10**
 - (vs. 7) Satan loosed at the close of Millennium
 - (vs. 8) Deceives mortals not in the Kingdom of God
 - (vs. 9) Satan's army surrounds God's people
 - (vs. 9) God defeats Satan & his army
 - (vs. 10) Satan is thrown into lake of fire

I. GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

- **Revelation 20:11-15** (Final Judgment Day)
 - Judgment for all the ungodly for all time
 - Possible judgment for mortal believers from Millennium

J. ALL THINGS NEW

- **2 Peter 3:7, 10-13** (Current heavens & earth pass away)
- **Isaiah 65:17** (New heavens/earth, former not remembered)
- **Revelation 21:1-3** (New Heaven, Earth, & Jerusalem)
- **Revelation 21:4** (No more crying, no more pain)
- **Isaiah 25:8-9** (No more death, tears, and no more sin)
- **Revelation 21:9-27** (New city, Jerusalem!)
 - Dimensions: 1,000 miles x 1,000 miles x 1,000 miles
 - City is 3 times higher than the Hubble Telescope
 - Brilliant in color and lit up by the presence of God
- **Revelation 22:1-5** (River of Life & No More Night)

SPECIAL QUESTIONS:

Can people turn to God during the Tribulation?

Yes it's possible, but it will be very difficult. See below:

- (1) The Bible speaks of 144,000 from Israel becoming saved as well as a great multitude (Revelation 7)
- (2) The influence of the Holy Spirit through the church is gone at the Rapture (2 Thessalonians 2:7)
- (3) There will be people martyred for not worshipping the Antichrist (Revelation 13:15 & 20:4)
- (4) There will be a lot of deception happening (2 Thessalonians 2:10-11 & Revelation 13:13-14)
- (5) The Bible speaks of a hardness of heart and refusal to repent during the Tribulation (Revelation 9:20-21)
- (6) The Bible speaks of many hating and cursing God during the Tribulation (Revelation 16:8-11)

When will all this take place?

Are we getting closer to these events?

A couple points should answer these questions:

- (1) No one knows the day or the hour (Matthew 24:36 & 42)
 - a. Jesus will come back like a thief in the night
 - b. The Rapture is imminent...can happen at any moment
- (2) We're quickly approaching the day (Matthew 24:8 & 32-33)
 - a. Signs today seem to point to these "birth pains"
 - b. We're witnessing the crescendo of these "birth pains"

A FEW DIFFERENT END TIMES VIEWS:

*Pre-Tribulation – Rapture before Tribulation

Mid-Tribulation – Rapture at middle of Tribulation

Post-Tribulation – Rapture at end of Tribulation

*Premillennialism – Literal 1,000 year Kingdom after Return

Amillennialism – No literal 1,000 year Kingdom (figurative now)

Postmillennialism – Christians will establish the Kingdom

OUR RESPONSE:

- (1) You Need to Be Ready! (Revelation 22:7 & Mark 13:32-33)
- (2) Teaching/Learning This Topic (2 Peter 3:2)
- (3) Urgency for the Lost (Ephesians 5:16)

END TIMES (TIMELINE)

