



1. THE RAPTURE OF THE SAINTS:

-What is commonly called the rapture occurs at the beginning of, or immediately preceding, the tribulation. At this time Christ descends from heaven and commands all those who believe in him at that time to rise and meet him in the air. The believers who have already died rise first (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17).

2. THE TRIBULATION:

-The tribulation is a seven year period immediately following the rapture; a very dark time when Satan, the anti-Christ and the false prophet rule the planet. However, many people throughout the entire globe will believe in Christ at this time, and many, if not most, of them will be martyred for holding to the testimony of Jesus (Mark 13:19, Revelation 6:9, 7:9).

3. THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON:

-Satan gathers all the world armies to fight the Messiah-Warrior-King. Jesus speaks the word and decimates the forces of evil (Revelation 16:16, 19:15).

4. THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST:

-Jesus Christ literally, physically comes to earth for the second time. He first came when he was born as a baby in Bethlehem. This is not the rapture. In the rapture event, Christ does not actually come down to the earth. His second coming is at the end of the tribulation, just after the Battle of Armageddon (Zechariah 14:4).



5. THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM:

-Christ has come to earth and rules the planet for 1,000 years. We rule with him at this time (Revelation 20:1-6).

6. THE LAST BATTLE OF EARTH HISTORY:

-Satan is released from the abyss at the end of the 1,000 years and mounts one more attack on the people of God. Fire from heaven consumes the forces of evil. The devil is thrown into the lake of fire at this time (Revelation 20:7-10).

7. THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT:

-The current earth and heavens now no longer exist. A great white throne fills the void and the unbelieving dead of all ages stand in judgment before God who is seated on this throne. No believers are present at this judgment of condemnation. The books are searched and all are thrown into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15).

8. THE CREATION OF THE NEW HEAVENS AND EARTH:

-God creates new heavens and a new earth for the eternal home of all who have been purchased by the blood of the Lamb (2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21:1-22:5).