

END TIMES OVERVIEW

1. Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ	2. The Church Age	3. The Rapture	4. The 7-year Tribulation	5. Armageddon
<p style="text-align: center;">6. The Judgment Seat of Christ</p> <p>This “judgment” is only for believers, in order to give them their rewards. More rewards mean more responsibilities and blessings in the 1,000 year reign with Jesus (see Luke 19). This probably takes place after the Rapture, during the Tribulation (in heaven), but for space on the chart I put it here. It does happen before the Millennium since our rewards determines our place in Christ’s Kingdom on earth (Rev. 2:26-27; Matt. 25:21).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7. The 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ</p> <p>And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. (Rev. 19:11)</p> <p>²⁶ “Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN CLOUDS with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven.” (Mark 13:26-27)</p> <p>“For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.” (Luke 9:26)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8. The Millennium</p> <p>The 1,000 year reign of Christ on this earth before the New Heaven and Earth are created. Since Adam lost dominion to rule over the earth in the fall (Gen. 1:26 & chapt. 3), the “New Adam” (Christ) and His people will restore what humanity lost at the fall. This will also be the fulfillment of God’s promises to give Israel the entire Promised Land.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9. The White Throne Judgment</p> <p>Only unbelievers will be at this judgment after they are resurrected. God will judge them based on their deeds and cast them into the Lake of Fire for eternity.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10. New Heaven and Earth are Created and Eternity Begins</p> <p>¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea... ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, ⁴ and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.” ⁵ And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.” (Revelation 21:1, 2-5)</p>

Believers who are alive at the time of the rapture receive their glorified bodies once they are raptured. Believers who have died before the rapture are in heaven (2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23; Rev. 6:9 - their souls are in heaven with God), but they won’t receive their glorified bodies until they come with Christ in the rapture (1 Thess. 4). In the intermediate state (before the rapture and Second Coming), we are “disembodied spirits.” The final war of Armageddon happens before the Millennium. Satan is bound in “prison” (the abyss) for the Millennium, (the 1,000 year reign of Christ on this earth which happens before eternity begins), and then Satan is released after the Millennium. Satan will then be thrown into the Lake of Fire for eternity with all unbelievers and those who rejected Christ in the Millennium (Rev. 19-21). Then God creates the new heaven and earth for the redeemed, those whose names have been written in the Lamb’s book of life from the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8, 17:8, 20:15, 21:27).

Recommended reading: *Understanding End Times Prophecy* by Paul Benware

ORDER AND REFERENCES

The Rapture: 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:51-57; Titus 2:11-15; John 14:1-3; (cf. Rev. 3:10)

The resurrection of Christians happens before the Millennium. Unbelievers will be resurrected and judged after the Millennium (Daniel 12; 1 Cor. 15; Rev. 20; John 5:25-32; Philippians 3:17-21; 1 John 3). **See Benware, *Understanding End Times Prophecy*, pp. 179-81, 205-207 for the differences between the Rapture and the Second Coming.** It is difficult to reconcile these passages and differences without a “2-stage” coming.

The Tribulation: Daniel 9:24-27, 11:36-45, 12:9-13; 1 Thess. 5:1-3; Matthew 24-25; 2 Thess. 2:1-12; Ezekiel 38-39; Revelation, chapters 6-19; Zech. 12:1-10

The Judgment Seat of Christ: Rom. 14:7-12; 1 Cor. 3; 2 Cor. 5:10

Armageddon: Revelation 14:17-20, 16:13-16, 19:17-21; Ezekiel 38-39; Zech. 12:11

Armageddon is the major overthrow of evil by Christ before the Millennium. Armageddon refers not only to the time that the world powers setup for war, but also to the end of that war when Christ returns to destroy evil. There will be one more judgment on Satan and unbelievers after the Millennium (Rev. 20:7-10).

The 2nd Coming of Christ: Matthew 24-25; Mark 13; Luke 21; Zechariah 12, 14:1-15; Rev. 19; 2 Pet. 3; Ezek. 38-39; 1 Timothy 6:14; 2 Thess. 2:2-17; Daniel 7; 1 Thess. 1:10, and chapter 5

The Millennium: Rev. 20:1-6, Isaiah 9:3-4, 11:6-9, 29:17-19, 35:9, chapter 60-66; Micah 4:3; Jeremiah 30:20; Zech. 14:6-7; Psalm 89:14; 72:1-8; Daniel 7:14; Ezek. 37:24-28; Rev. 19:15; Gen. 12

The White Throne Judgment: Revelation 20:7-15

The New Heaven and Earth are Created and Eternity Begins: Revelation 21-22

