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<p>1) The saints will be taken to heaven (1 Thes. 4:14-18; John 14:1-3, 2Th 2:1, 1Th 4:13-18)</p>	<p>The saints will return to the earth with Christ (Zech. 14:3-4; Jude 1:14, Matt 25:31-32, Re 19:11-16)</p>
<p>1Th 4 KJB "14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. ¹⁵For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive <i>and</i> remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷Then we which are alive <i>and</i> remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. ¹⁸Wherefore comfort one another with these words."</p> <p>Joh 14:1 KJB "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many mansions: if <i>it were</i> not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, <i>there</i> ye may be also."</p> <p>2Th 2:1 GENEVA "¶Nowe we beseech you, brethren, by the comming of our Lord Iesus Christ, and by our assembling vnto him, 2Th 2:2 That ye be not suddenly mooued from <i>your</i> minde, nor troubled neither by spirit, nor by worde, nor by letter, as <i>it were</i> from vs, as though the day of Christ were at hand. 2Th 2:3 ¶ Let no man deceiue you by any meanes: for <i>that day shall not come</i>, except there come a departing first, [THE BLESSED HOPE] and that that man of sinne be disclosed, <i>euen</i> the sonne of perdition,"</p>	<p>Zec 14:3 KJB "Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. Zec 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which <i>is</i> before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, <i>and there shall be</i> a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south." Jude 14 KJB "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints," Mt 25:31 KJB "¶When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: ³²And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth <i>his</i> sheep from the goats:" Rev 19:14 KJB "And the armies <i>which were</i> in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶And he hath on <i>his</i> vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."</p>

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<p>1Th 4:13-18 KJB "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. ¹⁵For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive <i>and</i> remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷Then we which are alive <i>and</i> remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. ¹⁸Wherefore comfort one another with these words."</p>	<p>Re 19:11 KJB "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him <i>was</i> called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ¹²His eyes <i>were</i> as a flame of fire, and on his head <i>were</i> many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. ¹³And he <i>was</i> clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴And the armies <i>which were</i> in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶And he hath on <i>his</i> vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."</p>
<p style="background-color: yellow;">2) Seen only by believers (1 Cor. 15:51-57)</p> <p>1Cor 15:51 KJB "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal <i>must</i> put on immortality. ⁵⁴So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵O death, where <i>is</i> thy sting? O grave, where <i>is</i> thy victory? ⁵⁶The sting of death <i>is</i> sin; and the strength of sin <i>is</i> the law. ⁵⁷But thanks <i>be</i> to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."</p>	<p style="background-color: yellow;">Every eye will see Christ (Rev. 1:7; 19:11-16; Matt. 24:30)</p> <p>Re 1:7 KJB "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they <i>also</i> which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."</p> <p>Mt 24:30 KJB "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."</p>

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<p>3) Christ himself will gather the saints (1 Thes. 4:16)</p> <p>1Th 4:16 KJB "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:"</p>	<p>The angels will gather the elect (redeemed Jews who went through the tribulation) (Matt. 24:31)</p> <p>Mt 24:31 KJB "And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."</p>
<p>4) Believers will be caught up out from among unbelievers (1 Thes. 4:16-17, Rev 3:7-10)</p> <p>1Th 4:16 KJB "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive <i>and</i> remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."</p> <p>Re 3 KJB "7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; ⁸ I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. ⁹ Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. ¹⁰ Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."</p>	<p>Unbelievers (tares) will be gathered at the end of the tribulation (Matt. 13:37-43)</p> <p>Matthew 13:37 KJB "He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; ³⁸ The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked <i>one</i>; ³⁹ The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. ⁴⁰ As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. ⁴¹ The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; ⁴² And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."</p> <p style="background-color: #f8d7da; padding: 2px;">IMPORTANT NOTE: Those who <i>become</i> saints during the tribulation also go into the millenium.</p> <p style="background-color: #f8d7da; padding: 2px;">Rev 20:4 KJB "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and <i>I saw</i> the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received <i>his</i> mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."</p>

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<p style="background-color: #e0ffe0;">5) Satan will not be bound during the tribulation (Rev. 13:2)</p> <p>Rev 13:1 KJB "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. ²And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as <i>the feet</i> of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."</p>	<p style="background-color: #e0ffe0;">Satan will be bound (Rev. 20:1-3)</p> <p>Rev 20:1 KJB "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ²And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, ³And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."</p>
<p style="background-color: #e0ffe0;">6) The righteous will be removed (1 Thes. 4:17)</p> <p>1Th 4:17 KJB "Then we which are alive <i>and</i> remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."</p>	<p style="background-color: #e0ffe0;">The wicked will be removed (Matt. 25:41)</p> <p>Matthew 25:31 KJB "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: ³²And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth <i>his</i> sheep from the goats: ³³And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: ³⁶Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. ³⁷Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed <i>thee?</i> or thirsty, and gave <i>thee</i> drink? ³⁸ When saw we thee a stranger, and took <i>thee</i> in? or naked, and clothed <i>thee?</i> ³⁹ Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? ⁴⁰And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done <i>it</i> unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done <i>it</i> unto me. ⁴¹Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:"</p>

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<p>7) Delivered from the wrath to come (Zeph 2:3, 1Th 1:10, 1Th 5:9-11, 2Th 2:1-11, Luke 21:34, Ro 5:9)</p> <p>Zephaniah 2:3 KJB "Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger."</p> <p>1Th 1:10 KJB "And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come."</p> <p>1Th 5:9 KJB "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do."</p> <p>2Th 2:1 GENEVA "Nowe we beseech you, brethren, by the comming of our Lord Iesus Christ, and by our assembling vnto him, 2 That ye be not suddenly mooued from your minde, nor troubled neither by spirit, nor by worde, nor by letter, as it were from vs, as though the day of Christ were at hand. 3 Let no man deceiue you by any meanes: for that day shall not come, except there come a departing first, [DEPARTING OF THE SAINTS TO ASSEMBLE WITH THE LORD] and that that man of sinne be disclosed, euen the sonne of perdition, 4 Which is an aduersarie, and exalteth him selfe against all that is called God, or that is worshipped: so that he doeth sit as God in the Temple of God, shewing him selfe that he is God. 5 Remember ye not, that when I was yet with you, I tolde you these things? 6 And nowe ye knowe what withholdeth that he might be reueiled in his time. 7 For the mysterie of iniquitie doeth already worke: onely he which</p>	<p>The LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries (Nahum 1:2 plus several more below)</p> <p>Nahum 1:2 KJB "¶God is jealous, and the LORD reuengeth; the LORD reuengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies."</p> <p>Ge 18:23 KJB "23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? 24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? 25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"</p> <p>Ge 38:7 KJB "And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD slew him."</p> <p>Mt 13:49 KJB "So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,"</p> <p>Lu 3:7 KJB "Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"</p> <p>Lu 21:23 KJB "But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people [THE JEWS]."</p> <p>Joh 3:36 KJB "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."</p>
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<p>nowe withholdeth, shall let till he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that wicked man be reueiled, whome the Lorde shall consume with the Spirit of his mouth, and shall abolish with the brightnes of his comming, 9 Euen him whose comming is by the effectuall working of Satan, with all power, and signes, and lying wonders, 10 And in al deceiuablenes of vnrighteousnes, among them yt perish, because they receiued not the loue of the trueth, that they might be saued. 11 And therefore God shal send them strong delusion, that they should beleue lies,"</p> <p>Luke 21:34 KJB "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. Lu 21:35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Lu 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."</p> <p>Ro 5:9 KJB "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."</p>	<p>Ro 1:18 KJB "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;"</p> <p>Ro 2:5 KJB "But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;"</p> <p>Ro 2:8 KJB "But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, ⁹ Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;"</p>
<p>8) The Lord Jesus Christ accepts saints of all ages into heaven (before the tribulation)</p> <p>1Th 4:16 KJB "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive <i>and</i> remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."</p>	<p>The Lord Jesus Christ accepts tribulation saints into the millennium</p> <p>Re 20:4 KJB "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and <i>I saw</i> the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received <i>his</i> mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."</p>

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<p style="background-color: #e0ffe0;">9) Saints taken first, unbelievers left behind on earth (1Th 4:13-18).</p> <p>1Th 4:13-18 KJB "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. ¹⁵For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive <i>and</i> remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷Then we which are alive <i>and</i> remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. ¹⁸Wherefore comfort one another with these words."</p>	<p style="background-color: #e0ffe0;">Wicked taken first, saints left behind on earth (Mat 13:27-30).</p> <p>Mt 13:27 KJB "So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? Mt 13:28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? Mt 13:29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Mt 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn."</p>

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<p style="background-color: #e0ffe0; padding: 2px;">10) Purpose: To present the saints to Himself and to the Father (2 Co 11:2, Rev. 19:6-9).</p> <p>2Co 11:2 KJB "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present <i>you as</i> a chaste virgin to Christ."</p> <p>Rev 19 KJB "6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. ⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. ⁸ And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. ⁹ And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed <i>are</i> they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."</p>	<p style="background-color: #e0ffe0; padding: 2px;">Purpose: To execute judgment on earth and set up His Kingdom (Jude 14-15, Rev 19:11-21, Zec 14:3-4)</p> <p>Jude 14 KJB "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 15 ¶ To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard <i>speeches</i> which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."</p> <p>Rev 19 KJB 11 "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him <i>was</i> called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ¹² His eyes <i>were</i> as a flame of fire, and on his head <i>were</i> many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. ¹³ And he <i>was</i> clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies <i>which were</i> in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And he hath on <i>his</i> vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. ¹⁷ And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; ¹⁸ That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all <i>men, both</i> free and bond, both small and great. ¹⁹ And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war</p>
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	<p>against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. ²⁰ And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. ²¹ And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which <i>sword</i> proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh."</p> <p>Zec 14:3 KJB "Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. Zec 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which <i>is</i> before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, <i>and there shall be</i> a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south."</p>
<p>11) Rapture happens in milliseconds (too fast to see) 1Cor 14:51-52.</p> <p>1Co 15:51 KJB "¶ Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."</p>	<p>Every eye will see Jesus; a slow event (Rev 1:7, Zec 12:10).</p> <p>Re 1:7 KJB "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they <i>also</i> which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." Zec 12:10 KJB "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for <i>his</i> only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for <i>his</i> firstborn."</p>

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12) Jesus descends with a shout for the resurrection (1Th 4:16).

1Th 4:16 KJB "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:"

No shout mentioned (Rev 19:11-21) SEE STEP 10 ABOVE FOR TEXT.

