For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17)

in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (1 Corinthians 15:52)

From the perspective of those who are caught up
From the perspective of those who are left behind

For Those Who are Caught Up

Those Who are Caught Up will Experience:
1. A Long-Awaited Return
And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. (John 14:3)

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, (Titus 2:13)
Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. (Luke 19:11)

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” (Acts 1:6)

who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:11)

And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.” (Acts 1:7)

Those Who are Caught Up will Experience:
1. A Long-Awaited Return
2. A Timely Rescue
Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Galatians 1:3–5)

The Rapture rescues us from this ever worsening world.

Depravity is a degenerative disease!
But **evil men** and impostors will grow **worse and worse**, deceiving and being deceived.

(2 Timothy 3:13)

We know that we are of God, and **the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one**.

(1 John 5:19)

And the Lord said to Satan, “From where do you come?” So Satan answered the Lord and said, **“From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.”**

(Job 1:7)

The earth is Satan’s playground!

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against **principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age**, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

(Ephesians 6:12)

It was granted to him **to make war with the saints and to overcome them**. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

(Revelation 13:7)
All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (Revelation 13:8)

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The Rapture rescues us from wrath to come.

The Great Day of the Lord’s Wrath

7-Year Tribulation (Matt. 24:29-31; Rev. 13:4-5)
Daniel’s 70th Week (Dan. 9:24-27)
Time of Jacob’s Trouble (Jer. 30:7)
Day of the Lord’s Wrath (Zeph. 1:14-18)

Tribulation Judgments

SEALS (Rev. 6)
TRUMPETS (Rev. 8-9)
BOWLS (Rev. 15-16)

RAPTURE (1 Thess. 4:13-18)
SECOND COMING (Matt. 24:29-31; Rev. 19:11-16)

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and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. (1 Thessalonians 1:10)

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:9)
The Rapture rescues us from wrath of God and the wrath of Satan.

Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.

(Revelation 12:12)

And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

(Revelation 12:17)

Those Who are Caught Up will Experience:
1. A Long-Awaited Return
2. A Timely Rescue
3. A Physical Renewal

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

(1 Corinthians 15:50–52)
For this **corruptible** must put on **incorruption**, and this **mortal** must put on **immortality**.

(1 Corinthians 15:53)

For in this we **groan**, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our **habitation which is from heaven**.

(2 Corinthians 5:2)

Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the **redemption of our body**.

(Romans 8:23)

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4. **A Corresponding Resurrection**

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the **dead in Christ will rise first**.

(1 Thessalonians 4:16)

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When will our bodies be resurrected?
5. A Joyful Reunion

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. (1 Thessalonians 4:13)

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 4:14)

“Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.” (John 17:24)

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.” (Revelation 22:12)
“but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”
(Matthew 6:20)

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.
(1 John 2:28)

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.
(Colossians 3:23–24)

Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
(2 Corinthians 5:9–10)

Those Who are Caught Up will Experience:
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6. A Personal Reward
7. A Glorious Rejoicing

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
(Titus 2:13)
Therefore comfort one another with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:18)

For Those Who are Left Behind

Those Who are Left Behind will Experience:
1. A Global Confusion

For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. (1 Corinthians 14:33)

In that day, says the Lord, “I will strike every horse with confusion, and its rider with madness; I will open My eyes on the house of Judah, and will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness. (Zechariah 12:4)

Those Who are Left Behind will Experience:
1. A Global Confusion
2. A False Explanation
You are of your father the devil... He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. (John 8:44)
1. A Global Confusion
2. A False Explanation
3. An Unprecedented Deception

Those Who are Left Behind will Experience:

- But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.
  (2 Timothy 3:13)

- Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.
  (1 John 2:18)
And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you.”
(Matthew 24:4)

For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.
(Matthew 24:5)

Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.
(Matthew 24:11)

For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.
(Matthew 24:24)

“The principle...which is quite true in itself...[is] that in the big lie there is always a certain force of credibility...”
(Adolf Hitler, Mein Kampf)
“A lie told often enough becomes the truth.”
(Vladimir Lenin)

“It is easier to fool people, than to convince them they have been fooled!”
(Mark Twain)

The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and
dying wonders and with all unrighteous deception...
(2 Thessalonians 2:9-10)

Those Who are Left Behind will Experience:
1. A Global Confusion
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3. An Unprecedented Deception
4. An Intense Lamentation

“Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out
demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I
never knew you, depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”
(Matthew 7:22–23)

“Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us’ But he answered and said,
‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’”
(Matthew 25:11–12)
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God’s Plan of the Ages

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2. Conscience
   - Genesis 3:7-6:7
   - 2000 BC

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   - Genesis 9-11
   - 1446 BC

4. Promise
   - Genesis 12-Exodus 19
   - AD 33

5. Law
   - Exodus 20-Acts 2
   - Revelation 19-22

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7. Kingdom
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Daniel’s 490-Year Plan

Daniel 9:24-27

"69 Weeks" = 483 Years
- 69 x 7 = 483 Years
- X 360 days per year = 173,980 days

"1 Week" = 7 Years

Church Age
- (10:16, 11:19)

Daniel 9:25-27
- 70th Week: Messiah born. A.D. 1 AD
- 69th Week: Israel was delivered. A.D. 28

For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

(Romans 11:25)

The Jewish Nature of the Tribulation
- "Jacob’s trouble" (Jer. 30:7)
- "your people" and "your holy city" (Dan. 9:24)
- Church did not participate in first 69 weeks of Daniel’s prophecy
- 144,000 Jewish witnesses (Rev. 7)
The Jewish Nature of the Tribulation

- Olivet Discourse (Matt. 24-25)
- OT descriptions of this period (e.g. Zech. 12:8-9)
- No reference to Church in Revelation after chapter three

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   - (Christians)
   - Acts 2-Rev. 3
7. Kingdom
   - (Christ)
   - Revelation 19-22

Those Who are Left Behind will Experience:

6. A Withdrawn Protection

   For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. (2 Thessalonians 2:7)

7. An Evil Revelation

   Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, (2 Thessalonians 2:3)
Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week...
(Daniel 9:27)

Those Who are Left Behind will Experience:
6. A Withdrawn Protection
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8. A Worldwide Conversion

And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:
(Revelation 7:4)

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,
(Revelation 7:9)

...So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”
(Revelation 7:14)

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”
(Matthew 24:14)
Those Who are *Left Behind* will Experience:
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8. A Worldwide Conversion
9. A Geo-Political Reorganization

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(John Lennon)

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Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, \textit{the kingdom shall be divided}; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. (Daniel 2:41)

And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be \textit{partly strong and partly fragile}. (Daniel 2:42)

As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but \textit{they will not adhere to one another}, just as iron does not mix with clay. (Daniel 2:43)
And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed...
(Daniel 2:44a)

...and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.
(Daniel 2:44b)

You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.
(Daniel 2:34)

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. ... Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end...
(Isaiah 9:6-7)

Those Who are Left Behind will Experience:
6. A Withdrawn Protection
7. An Evil Revelation
8. A Worldwide Conversion
9. A Geo-Political Reorganization
10. A Fearful Expectation
It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (Hebrews 10:31)

Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. (Revelation 19:15)

To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the crags of the rugged rocks, from the terror of the Lord and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily. (Isaiah 2:21)

But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, (Romans 2:5)
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