

Order of events: 1-7 ...Scriptural description of event in **Rows** across (Note: "time" as we know it may be at an end) Scripture sections in **Columns** down (along with other passages as well)

1. Jesus will return again suddenly and descend from the heavens just as He ascended	Matthew 24:36 that day and hour no one knows...but My Father only. 1 Corinthians 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound...	1 Th 5:2 ...the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 1 Thessalonians 4:16 the Lord Himself will descend from heaven...	2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night...	Mt 24:42 Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. Acts 1:11 This <i>same</i> Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.	Revelation 3:11 I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. Rev 22:20 He who testifies to these... says, "Surely I am coming quickly."
2. <u>ALL</u> the dead will be raised up from their graves at the sound of His voice	1 Corinthians 15:52 ...the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. Daniel 12:2 many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake...	1 Thessalonians 4:16 ...And the dead in Christ will rise first. Job 19:26 after my skin is destroyed, this I know...in my flesh I shall see God.	John 5:25 the dead will hear voice of the Son of God; 28 the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear... 29 and come forth...	Revelation 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him.	Revelation 20:12-13 I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened... The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them.
3. <u>All</u> believers and all unbelievers will be judged before the Lord's throne; some divided to His left and some right	Daniel 12:2 ...Some to everlasting life, Some to shame <i>and</i> everlasting contempt. Isaiah 66:23 All flesh will enter to bow down before My face, says the LORD.	Revelation 6:9 ...a multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues... 10 ...saying, "Salvation <i>belongs</i> to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"	John 5:29 ...those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.	Matthew 25:31 ...then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 "All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them...as a shepherd divides <i>his</i> sheep from the goats. 33 "And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.	Revelation 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it... the dead were judged according to their <i>works</i> ; by the things which were written in the books. <i>[c.f. John 6:28-29]</i>
4. All believers will be lifted: "rapture" up to meet Jesus in the air		1 Th 4:17 Then we who are alive <i>and</i> remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air...		Luke 17:34-36 in that night there will be two... (in bed; grinding grain; in the fields) the one will be taken and the other will be left.	
5. <u>Unbelievers</u> will be cast into outer darkness/ lake of fire set aside for devil, evil angels; and died in flood?	Isaiah 66:24 Then they will go out and look upon the corpses of mankind who rebelled against Me. Surely their worm will not die and their fire will not be put out; And they will be <i>an</i> abomination to all flesh.	2 Peter 2:4 ...God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast <i>them</i> down to hell and delivered <i>them</i> into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;	1 Peter 3:19 ...He went and proclaimed victory to spirits in prison, 20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah...	Matthew 8:11 many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.	Revelation 20:15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. Revelation 21:8 ...in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."
6. Existing heavens and earth will be melted(annihilated) and /or purified by fire: changed into new heavens and new earth	Isaiah 66:22 ...the new heavens and the new earth which I will make will endure before Me, says the LORD. Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. Romans 8:21 creation... will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.	? Numbers 31:23 ?...everything that can endure fire, you shall put through the fire, and it shall be clean; and it shall be purified with the water of purification. But all that cannot endure fire you shall put through water. <i>[Interesting to compare w/2 Peter 3:5-7.]</i>	2 Peter 3:10 ...the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved...	Hebrews 1:10 You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 11 They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; 12 Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. ? 1 Cor 3:13 ?...one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, ...revealed by fire	Revelation 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband... <i>[see Mark 9:49 -connection w/Is. 65, 66]</i>
7. <u>Believers</u> will join the Lamb for the wedding banquet forever, enjoying the new heavens and new earth with God now dwelling together with His people	Isaiah 65:17 Behold, I will make a new heavens and a new earth; the former things will not be remembered nor will thoughts <i>of them</i> come into the heart. 18 Surely rejoice and continuously be glad in <i>that</i> which I will make... 19 And I will rejoice over Jerusalem...no longer in her will be the sound of weeping or the sound of crying.	1 Thessalonians 4:17 ...And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Psalms 23:6 I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.	2 Peter 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.	Matthew 25:34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.	Revelation 21:3 ...the tabernacle of God <i>is</i> with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them <i>and be</i> their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

THE WORLD SAYS:
“Death is the end.”

GOD SAYS:
*“You will live eternally—the
question is where?”*

Jesus said to his disciples, “Don’t be worried! Have faith in God and have faith in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house. I wouldn’t tell you this, unless it was true. I am going there to prepare a place for each of you.”

JOHN 14:1–2 CBV

The world prefers to ignore death because the world simply lacks an adequate answer to death’s question: What lies beyond the grave?

Non-Christians have little to hope for in the face of death. No surprise here—they have never grasped the purpose of life. Their ambitions and values crumble under vague notions of a hereafter expressed in platitudes and quasi-religious sentiments. As they see it, death is the end. Right—the end of human knowledge. God in Jesus Christ can see what lies beyond the grave because He’s been there.

The certainty of heaven and hell—of salvation and damnation—stems from the Bible’s clear and repeated references to both places. In God’s Word, He clearly and unequivocally speaks of hell and damnation awaiting those who refuse His gospel invitation. Does He send people to hell? No. People send themselves there by choosing self over God.

The Bible with equal clarity and firmness speaks of heaven and eternal life in God’s presence for those who come to Him through Jesus Christ. Heaven has nothing to do with how good you are or anything you have done for Him or will do for Him in the future. It has to do with grace—God’s grace to you through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By grace through faith in Jesus, you have the kingdom of heaven.

Knowing with certainty what’s ahead for you, you can confidently and joyfully serve Him right now. He has freed you from the condemnation of sin. He has given your life meaning and purpose. He has opened your eyes to His Spirit at work in you. You have nothing to fear from death because your faith has put your life—your physical life and your spiritual life—in His hands.

If the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1