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I. Future of the Lost

John 3:15-20

1. Will perish
2. Already condemned

John 3:36

- God's wrath is already on them

Rom. 3:23

1. Already short of God's glory
2. Failures in their purpose on earth

Rom. 5:8-10

- Enemies of God

Rom. 6:23

- Death is certain – not physical but spiritual

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Luke 16:22, 23

1. Hell
2. Torments

Luke 16:24

1. Body in the grave (**22**)
2. Soul in Hell suffers pain from flames before resurrection

Luke 16:25

1. Memory continues
2. Contrast of earth and Hell understood

Luke 16:26

1. No escape possible
2. No help able to come

Luke 16:27-31

1. Spiritual concerns without ability or opportunity to obtain mercy

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2. Inability to help family etc. still back on earth
3. Understand need for repentance but unable to repent

Isa. 33:14

1. Devouring fire
2. Everlasting burnings

II Thess. 1:9

1. Place of punishment
2. Everlasting destruction
3. No grace or mercy – the Lord's presence and glory of His power are destroyed from them

Rev. 14:10, 11

1. Drink of the wine of the wrath of God
2. Tormented with fire and brimstone
3. Smoke of torment ascends forever and ever

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4. No end of suffering or annihilation
5. No rest

Rev. 20:1

1. Pit without bottom
2. Falling but never landing

Rev. 20:6

1. First resurrection is only for the saved
2. Second death is for the lost

Rev. 20:11-15

1. Second resurrection brings all the lost to the Great White Throne.
2. Second death is defined as the lake of fire with death and Hell cast in it.
3. Lost judged for works
 - destiny is Hell
 - destiny is certain
 - issue is degree of suffering

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Rev. 22:10, 11

1. Unjust will stay unjust
2. Filthy will stay filthy
3. Death does not improve the character or actions of the lost.

Rev. 22:15

1. Lost are excluded from God's city.
2. They followed error rather than Jesus, the Truth.
3. They will be mixed with dogs (sodomites), sorcerers, immoral, murderers, and idolaters for the rest of eternity.

II. Future of the Saved

John 14:1-6

1. Mansions
2. Place prepared
3. Jesus is coming again

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4. We shall be with Jesus

I Thess. 4:13-18

1. Ever with the Lord
2. Caught up to Jesus

I Thess. 5:9

1. Not appointed to wrath (of God)
2. Will suffer persecution of man

Rev. 4:1-11

1. Picture of the rapture (**1, 2**)
2. Throne
3. See who is on the Throne (**2, 3**)
4. Twenty-four elders (**4**)
5. Holy Spirit (**5**)
6. Four Beasts (**6-8**)
7. Worship (**9-11**)
8. Purpose of Creation

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Rev. 5:8-13

1. Vials of prayer (8)
2. Stored in Heaven
3. New Song (9-10)
4. Reigning
5. Angels beyond counting (11)
6. Lamb is Worthy (12)
7. Creation praises Jesus (13)

Heb. 9:27

1. Death for all (saved and lost)
2. Judgment after death

Rom. 14:10-12

1. Believers face the Judgment Seat of Christ.
2. We shall give an account
 - of ourselves
 - to God

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II Cor. 5:10-12

1. All believers appear at Judgment Seat of Christ.
2. Every one receives according to what has been done.
 - a) good
 - b) bad
3. Terror of the Lord exists and motivates us to persuade men.
4. We are manifest to God.
5. We desire to be manifest to saints' consciences.
6. Glory not in appearances but in changes of heart.

I Cor. 3:9-15

1. Three pictures (9)
 - Laborers together
 - God's husbandry
 - God's building

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2. How we build is as important as with what we build (**10**)
3. Jesus is the foundation (**11**)
4. Quality, not quantity, determines what lasts (**12-15**).
5. Judgment is not for destiny but for rewards.

Rev. 19:1-6

1. Heaven is a place of praise.
2. We will rejoice over judgment of "*the great whore*" who killed the saints.

Rev. 19:7-9

1. Marriage Supper of the Lamb is for the bride (wife)
2. Special garments for the saints

Rev. 19:11-21

1. Jesus will come in glory.

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2. Jesus comes to rule the nations with the rod of iron.
3. Christ's armies come with Him in fine linen, clean and white.
4. Supper of the great God
5. Christ's enemies fully defeated
6. Beast and false prophet are cast alive into the lake of fire.

Rev. 20:1-9

1. Satan put in bottomless pit for 1000 years.
2. Thousand year period (6 times in 7 verses).
3. Reigning, Thrones, Priests
4. Fickle citizens will still follow Satan to attack the saints.

Rev. 20-10-15

1. Satan cast into Lake of Fire
2. Saints are forever with Jesus

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3. We will witness the judgment of the lost at the Great White Throne.

Rev. 21:1, 2

1. New Heaven, New earth
2. Holy City comes out of Heaven
3. Former things pass away

Rev. 21:22-27

1. Father and Son become our Temple
2. Glory of God and Lamb are our light
3. Nations of saved
4. Nations of the earth

III. Brief Outline of Things to Come

I Thess. 4:13-18

1. Jesus comes in the air for His saints.

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2. Dead saints come with Jesus and are reunited with their bodies.
3. Live saints are caught up to be with Jesus
4. Comforting truth

I Thess. 5:9

1. Saints are appointed to salvation not wrath.
2. Lost are appointed to wrath not salvation.

II Thess. 2:7-12

1. Mystery of Iniquity that now works is hindered but will one day be released from restrictions
2. The controller of the Mystery of Iniquity will be taken out of the way.
3. This removal leads to the revelation of a particular "**wicked**" one
 - a) To be dealt with later by the Lord at His coming
 - b) Operates by Satan's working

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- power, signs, lying wonders
- deceiving the lost
- 4. No second chance for those who received not the love of the truth

Rev. 6:7-17

1. God's judgments on mankind on the planet earth
2. Saints with God in Heaven
3. Believers martyred on earth
4. God's great wrath poured out

Rev. 7:14

1. Time of great tribulation
2. Salvation is still thru the blood of Jesus.

Rev. 19:11-20

1. Jesus coming to earth
2. Comes in glory victory, and destruction of His enemies.

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3. Beast and false prophet are two separate individuals but share the same destiny.

Rev. 20:1-3

1. Satan – the third of the unholy, counterfeit trinity is judged
2. Sentence is for one thousand years

Rev. 20:4-6

1. Jesus rules for one thousand years.
2. Saints rule with Jesus

Rev. 20:7-10

1. Satan is loosed
2. Those ruled over rebel with Satan
3. God smashes the rebellion

Rev. 20:11-15

1. The Great White Throne Judgment

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2. At this point all saints are alive (first resurrection) and all lost are dead.

Rev. 21:1

1. Rest of eternity is entered
2. Great changes occur

IV. Brief Outline of Revelation

Rev. 1:19

1. Has seen (past)
2. Which are (present)
3. Which shall be hereafter (future)
4. Chapter 1 – past
5. Chapters 2-3 – present
6. Chapters 4-22 – future
 - a) scenes in Heaven
 - b) scenes on earth

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7. Occasional flashbacks and look-aheads are found for sake of clarity and perspective

V. General Principles

The closer the event, the clearer the vision

Rev. 1:1

1. Revelation is of Jesus
2. Future has to do with Jesus at work

Rev. 19:10

1. Testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy
2. Right prophetic teaching is Christ centered
– not event, man, or nation centered.

Always use that which is open and clear to understand what is closed or difficult.

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Heb. 1:1, 2

1. The last days started when Jesus was on earth (2000 years ago!)
2. God now speaks thru Jesus

Matt. 24:1-3

1. Olivet Discourse (**chapters 24, 25**) had a background setting of the Temple and its coming destruction
2. Three questions are asked by the disciples and answered by the Lord:
 - a) When shall these things be?
 - b) What shall be the sign of thy coming?
 - c) What shall be the sign of the end of the world?

II Pet. 1:20, 21

1. No prophetic passage is to be isolated from others in its interpretation.

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2. God has given a full revelation to be taken in its fullness.

I Tim. 4:1-6

1. In the latter times, some shall depart or leave the faith.
2. Seducing spirits will counterfeit the Holy Spirit in leading people away.
3. Doctrines of devils will lure people away, i.e.:
 - a) lies
 - b) hypocrisy
 - c) seared consciences
 - d) forbidding proper marriage
 - e) vegetarianism

II Tim. 3:1-14

1. The last days will be full of spiritual, moral, and attitude peril.

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2. Religion will flourish but without the purity and power of God.

I John 2:18

1. There is a distinction between ...
antichrist – to come
antichrists – already here
2. Last time is marked by a singular antichrist prophesied of

II Peter 3:3-14

1. Last days produce scoffers
2. Last days produce those who walk according to their lusts (desires and feelings).
3. Questioning promise of Jesus coming and changing things
4. Willing ignorance of past changes
5. Next judgment of the earth will be by fire

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6. Our relationship to Jesus is far more important than acquisition of things (they will all perish).

Rev. 22:7

1. Jesus' return will be quick and sudden.
2. There will be blessings for those who are obedient.

Rev. 22:12

1. Suddenness of return is repeated
2. Jesus brings rewards for faithful laborers.

Rev. 22:20

1. Suddenness is certainty
2. We should pray for His return.

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VI. Terms often used

Millennium	1000 years of rule by Jesus
Pre-Millennium	Jesus comes before the millennium and sets up His rule
Post-Millennium	Jesus comes after we set up the Kingdom for Him
A millennial	No millennium, the Kingdom is not physical but spiritual and on-going
Rapture	The catching up of Christians to meet Jesus in the air
Partial Rapture	Only the faithful saints are caught up
Second Coming	The return of Jesus to earth

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Tribulation Time of God's judgment on the earth with Israel a nation in their land

These terms help us understand differing views on future things

VII. Reasons for a Pre-Millennial, Pre-Tribulational Rapture

A. There is a distinction between the Rapture and the Second Coming in glory

I Thess. 4:13-18

1. The Lord comes in the air and we go up to meet Him (**16, 17**)
2. The saved dead are resurrected
3. Comforting truth

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Zech. 14:3-9

1. The Lord comes to earth.
2. The Lord battles the nations of the earth.
3. Geographical changes in Israel
4. The Lord to be "***King over all the earth***"

Rev. 19:11-16

1. The Lord comes to battle His enemies.
2. Saints come with the Lord from Heaven as armies (**14, 7, 8**)
3. Result is "**the supper of the great God**" (**17-21**)

Matt. 14:27-31

1. Returns "***after the tribulation***" (**29**)
2. Saints gathered by angels
3. Public return with tribes of the earth mourning and nature affected
4. Similar to passages in **Zech. 14** and **Rev. 19**, but different from **I Thess. 4**

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B. Daniel's vision of 70-weeks

Dan. 9:24-27

1. 70-weeks mentioned
2. Divided 7, 62, and 1

Principle of temporary suspension of relationship

I Kings 6:1

1. Solomon started building temple in his fourth year as King.
2. Temple started 480-years after Israelites left Egypt

Acts 13:18-21

1. Time of Israelites after leaving Egypt is stated by segments.
2. 40-years in the wilderness (**18**)
3. 40-years with King Saul
4. 40-years under King David

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- 3-years of Solomon before the Temple (21)
5. Total of 573-years from leaving Egypt till start of the Temple
 6. This makes a 93-year difference in the two passages
 7. God never contradicts Himself
 8. What truth is hidden behind these two figures?

Judges 3:8	8-years bondage
Judges 3:14	18-years bondage
Judges 4:3	20-years bondage
Judges 6:1	7-years bondage
Judges 13:1	40-years bondage

9. Total of 93-years God gave Israelites over their enemies
10. Thus, God suspended His relationship with Israel for the difference in the figures of the two passages.

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Beginning of the 70-weeks

Dan. 9:25, 26

1. Seventy weeks have a specific date of starting.
2. The seven and sixty-two weeks have a specific date of ending.

Neh. 2:1-6

1. Date of starting event is established historically
2. Specific fulfillment of prophecy
3. 445 BC – 1st of Nissan
4. Weeks figure to weeks of years

Dan. 9:24-27

1. Various prophecies to be fulfilled in detail
2. Contrast "**Messiah the Prince**" (25) and "**prince**" (26)

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3. ***“Messiah be cut off”*** and ***“prince that shall come”*** (26) are different times on the earth
4. ***“People of the prince”*** – destroy (26)
5. ***“Desolations are determined”*** (26)
6. 70th week and covenant (27)
7. ***“midst of the week”*** (27)
8. ***“sacrifice and oblation”*** (27)
9. Evidently sanctuary (Temple) destroyed after 69th week but operating during the 70th week

C. Church and Israel - different

-origin

Gen. 12:1-3

1. Start of Israelites
2. Begins with Abraham

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Matt. 16:18

1. Church started, built, and owned by Jesus
2. This is a contrast with the start of Israel

Rom. 7:1-6

1. Death changes relationships
2. Jesus' death made us dead to the law to be married to Jesus.
3. Contrast of law and Jesus, Israel and the Church

Rom. 11:13-25

1. Gentiles are the wild olive branches grafted in to replace natural branches – Israel (**17**)
2. Unbelief brought their breaking off; faith brought our being grafted in (**20**)
3. The Church (mainly Gentiles) is grafted in due to Israel's blindness (**vs. 25**) and for a limited time till "***the fullness of the Gentiles be come in***".

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Contrast Israel (wife of God) and Church (Bride of Christ)

Isa. 54:5-8

1. God declares Himself as Israel's husband
2. God showed mercy to them

Jer. 3:1-18

1. Sinfulness of Israel compared to playing the harlot when married to God.
2. Bill of divorcement given by God to Israel (8)
3. Though divorced, yet still married and should return to God

Ezek. 16:32, 38

1. Israel as the wife
2. Israel sinning morally by spiritual wandering (10-17)

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3. Israel as a spiritual harlot while the wife of God (**26-32**)
4. Israel to come back to God in shame for her sin (**60-63**)

Hosea 2

1. Israel left God for Balaam (**13**)
2. Likened to adulterous Gomer leaving Hosea
3. God will woo Israel back (**14-23**)

Hosea 3:1-5

1. Israel who has left God will return in the latter days
2. This will occur after doing without a King, prince, or sacrifice

Eph. 5:22-32

1. Marriage pictures the relationship of Jesus and the Church (**23**)
2. Church to be subject to Christ (**24**)

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3. Christ's love of the Church is pattern for husbands towards wives **(25)**
4. Marriage teaching is primarily teaching of Christ and the Church **(32)**

Rev. 19:7-9

1. Jesus is the Lamb
2. The wife would be the Church
3. The marriage supper is coming one day

-Types in Genesis

Abraham	God	Gen. 12-25
Sarah	Israel	Gen. 12-23
Isaac	Jesus	Gen. 21, 22
Eliezer	Holy Spirit	Gen. 24
Rebekah	Church	Gen. 24
Keturah	Israel restored	Gen. 25

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-Teaching in Acts

Acts 1:6-8

1. Disciples focus on restoring Israel then
2. Times and Seasons in the Father's power
3. Disciples to refocus on reaching the whole world

Acts 2: 5, 22

1. Message to audience of leaders of Israel
2. Jesus had come to Israel and they rejected Him

Acts 2:46

1. Early Church met in Temple
2. Israel's leaders rejected Church for meeting at the Temple.

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Acts 8:5, 14

1. Gospel taken beyond Israel to Samaria
2. Church recognized this as proper

Acts 10:28

1. Gospel moves on to Gentiles
2. God shows there is now a change (**34, 35**)

Acts 10:45

1. Jewish believers astonished that Gentiles were converted without first becoming Jewish
2. God moved mightily to show that the Church operated separate from Israel.

Acts 11:1, 18

1. Church in Jerusalem examines Gentiles being saved apart from becoming Israelites
2. Church recognizes that Gentiles are brought into the Church by God

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Acts 13:44-46

1. Paul and Barnabas try to reach Israelites first.
2. They publicly turn to the Gentiles with the expansion of the Church.

Acts 15:1, 7-11

1. Some taught Israel and the Church are the same; no salvation (gospel) without the law (Israel).
2. Church council rejected this and stated the uniqueness of the Church.

Acts 18:6

1. Paul again turns from Jews to Gentiles.
2. The contrast of Israel (revived) and Church (Gentiles mostly) is emphasized.

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Acts 28:25-29

1. Change from Israel to Church was prophesied by Isaiah.
2. The gradual change in Acts is clarified at the end of the book.

-Salvation and Circumcision

John 4:22

1. Jesus was witnessing to a Samaritan (non-Israelite)
2. At this point salvation was of the Jews.

Gal. 3:23-29

1. No longer is salvation of the Jews.
2. The Church is far more inclusive (**28**).
3. Through Christ we receive the benefits of Abraham.

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Col. 2:9-13

1. Through Christ we have spiritual circumcision in contrast to Israel's physical.
2. This removes "**the body of the sins of the flesh**" (11) so that we can live obediently.

D. Three Separate Judgments

- Judgment Seat of Christ

Rom. 14:10-12 – must give an account

II Cor. 5:9-11 – works judged, both good and bad

I Cor. 3:12-17 – only useful works survive

- Judgment of the Nations

Matt. 25:32-46

1. Nations are judged (32)

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2. Reward is to enter the Kingdom (34)
3. Decision based on works – what was done with God's people
4. Doom is everlasting fire based on not helping God's people

-Great White Throne of Judgment

Rev. 20:11-15

1. Lost are judged
2. Works are basis of judgment – out of books
3. Different time, passage, setting, and process than for the saved

E. Two Resurrections

John 5:28, 29

1. Two classifications of people
2. Two different resurrections

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II Tim. 4:1

1. Two groups to be judged – the quick and the dead
2. Two times of resurrection for judgment – appearing and Kingdom

Rev. 20:4-6

1. One group lives after resurrection for 1000 years **(4)**
2. This is the first resurrection **(5)**
3. Second group is dead during the 1000 years
4. Those of the first resurrection will not experience the second death **(14)**

F. The Church in Revelation

Rev. 1:11, 12, 20 – Church is on earth

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Rev. 2:1, 7, 8, 11, 12, 17, 18, 23, 29 – Church is on earth

Rev. 3:1, 6, 7, 13, 14, 22 – Church is one earth

Rev. 22:16 – Next and last mention of Church

- Seen only in Heaven or with Christ after
Rev. 4:1 (I Thess. 4:17b) Rev. 1:3; 19:7-10, 11-16; 20:6, 9.

G. Purpose of the Tribulation

Rev. 6:10, 11

- Judgment and vengeance

Heb. 10:30

Rev. 6:17

- Wrath poured out

I Thess. 5:9

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Rev. 9:20-21

- Offer repentance again

Rev. 14:7; 16:9-11

Rev. 12:17

- Satan's greatest attack on the Jews

Rev.17:1

- Judgment on the "*One World Church*"

Rev. 18:1, 2, 5-8, 20, 24

Rev. 19:21-20:3

- Preparation for the Millennium

Rev. 11:2, 3

- Fulfillment of Israel's last 7-years (one week)

Rev. 12:6, 14; 13:5; Rom. 11:13-28



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