1. Pre-Rapture—Increased lawlessness.
   B. Apostasy. 1 Tim. 4:1–2
   C. Anarchy. 2 Tim. 3:1–5

2. The Rapture—Jesus’ return for His church.
   A. The certainty of the Rapture.
      • Jesus’ return is imminent. 
        Matt. 24:42, 44
        Rom. 8:19, 23; 13:11–12a
        1 Cor. 1:7–8; 7:29, 31
        Gal. 5:5
        Phil. 3:20
        Titus 2:13
        Heb. 9:28; 10:24–25
        James 5:8–9
        1 Peter 1:7, 13; 4:7; 5:4
        1 John 2:17–18; 3:2–3
      • The Great Tribulation is literal. Dan. 12:1; Matt. 24:21
   B. The characteristics of the Rapture.
      • A Scriptural event. 1 Cor. 15:51–52; 1 Thess. 4:15–17
      • A spectacular event. 1 Thess. 4:16–17
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- A sudden event. 1 Thess. 5:2–3; 1 Cor. 15:51–52
- A sanctifying event. 1 John 3:2–3


A. The essence of the Great Tribulation.
   - Unprecedented suffering. Dan. 12:1; Mark 13:19–20
   - Divine wrath. Rev. 6:15–17

B. Events of the Great Tribulation. Rev. 6–19
   - Seven Seals of Judgment. Rev. 6
   - Seven Trumpets of Judgment. Rev. 8–11
   - Satan thrown to earth. Rev. 12
   - Anti-Christ, false prophet, mark of the beast. Rev. 13
   - The 144,000 evangelists. Rev. 14
   - Seven Bowls of Judgment. Rev. 16
   - Judgment of “Babylon.” Rev. 17–18
   - Heavenly “Hallelujahs.” Rev. 19

C. Escaping from the Great Tribulation. 1 Thess. 1:9–10