What Will Happen to Our Planet? Chronological Order of Future Events

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> 15 (For this we say to you in the word of the Lord, that *we*, the living, who remain to the coming of the Lord, are in no way to anticipate those who have fallen asleep; 16 for the Lord himself, with an assembling shout, with archangel’s voice and with trump of God, will descend from heaven; and the dead in Christ will rise first; 17 then *we*, the living who remain, will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and thus we will be always with the Lord.

Revelation 13:14–15

> 14 And it deceives those that dwell upon the earth by reason of the signs which it was given to it to work before the beast, saying to those that dwell upon the earth to make an image to the beast, which has the wound

> of the sword, and lived. [15] And it was given to it to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should also speak, and should cause that as many as should not do homage to the image of the beast should be killed.

2 Corinthians 10:5

> [5] overthrowing reasonings and every high thing that lifts itself up against the knowledge of God, and leading captive every thought into the obedience of the Christ;

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What will happen next? What will the future of our planet look like?

The Lord is coming soon! We are convinced of this – and we long for it. But while we await the Lord from heaven (1 Thes 1:10), this evil world can only expect the worst. While we will be in complete joy and rest in heaven, this earth will experience something that will eclipse everything that has happened before.

The following table is an attempt to depict the events that will take place on this earth after our rapture. If we "*love his appearing*" (2 Tim 4:8), we as Christians will have an interest in how the Lord Jesus will accomplish His aims and purposes..

At the same time, we want to warn people about this terrible future (2 Cor 5:11). It is still the time of grace!

Chronological order of future events	
Event	**Scripture Verses**
Rapture; the Holy Spirit leaves the earth	1 Thess 4:15-17
Judgment Seat of Christ	2 Cor. 10:5; 1 Cor. 3:10-15
Marriage of the Lamb	Rev 19:6-9

- **Events in the first 3.5 years of Daniel's 70th week of 7 years ("beginning of sorrows"; Mt 24:8)**

Time of worldwide catastrophes (seal judgments)	Mt 24:4-13; Rev 6
Europe's alliance with the Jews (Antichrist)	Dan 9:27
Proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom	Mt 24:14

- **Events in the middle of Daniel's 70th week**

Satan is thrown out of the heavenly places	Rev 12:7-12
Beginning of the Great Tribulation	Mt 24:21; Dan 12:1
Setting up of the abomination idol in the temple by the Antichrist (the second beast from Rev 13)	Mt 24:15; Mk 13:14; Rev 13:14.15; Dan 9:27; 12:1
Worship of the Antichrist	2 Thess. 2:3.4
European Prince (Roman dictator; the first beast from Rev 13) receives the throne and power from Satan.	Rev 13:4.5
Persecution of the God-fearing Jews (the remnant)	Rev 12:13-17; 13:7
God-fearing Jews flee to the surrounding mountains	Mt 24:16
God's two witnesses will minister in Jerusalem and get murdered	Rev 11:3-13

- **Events in the last 3.5 years (42 months=1260 days = "time: times and half a time"; Rev 12:14)**

Destruction of Babylon, the fallen church of the end-time	Rev 16-18
7 trumpet judgments (mainly over Europe)	Rev 8+9

7 bowl judgments (they enable the approach of armies from the east)	Rev 16
Egypt invades Israel, then the king of the north (Syria; Arab alliance); judgment of the king of the north	Dan 9:27; 11:40-45; Rev 9:1-11; Is 10:12
Gathering of the armies of the Roman Empire at Armageddon	Rev 16:14-16

- **Events at the end of the Great Tribulation**

Christ's appearing (accompanied by His own) on the Mount of Olives	Rev 19:11-16; Zech 14:3-5; 2 Thess 1:7.8
Battle of Armageddon, death of the armies	Rev 19:17-21; Mt 25:31-46; Joel 4:2
Beasts (ruler of Europe and the Antichrist) will be thrown into the lake of fire.	Rev 19:17-21; Is 11:4
Satan is bound for 1,000 years.	Rev 20:1-3
Defeat of the occupying power in Jerusalem and Israel's enemies	Sach. 12+14
Judgment of Edom and other kings	Is 13-27; 34; 63; Jer 46-51; Sach. 12:1-6; Ps 83; Joel 4:2
Destruction of the Russian armies in Israel (king of the furthest north; Gog and Magog)	Ez 38+39
Judgement of the godless Jews	Rev 14:17-20; Mt 25:1-30; Ez 20:34-38
Judgement of the living	Mt 25:31-46
End of the first resurrection	Rev 20:4-6
Establishment of the millennial kingdom of peace	Rev 20:4

- **Events in the millennial kingdom of peace**

Return of the Jewish remnant that fled during the tribulation	Ps 122
Return of the ten tribes of Israel from all the nations	Ez 20:34-38
Reconstruction of Jerusalem	Jes 63:17f.; Zech 8
Construction of the temple and establishment of the sacrificial service	Ez 40-48
Return of the glory of God into the temple	Ez 43:1-9
Loosing of Satan, who then deceives the earth again	Rev 20:7-9
Fire from Heaven, judgment on the devil and his demons	Rev 20:10; Jud. 6; 2 Pet 2:4; Mt 25:41
Judgment of the dead (unbelievers only)	Rev 20:11-15
The new creation of heaven and earth – eternal state	Rev 21:1-8

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