

The Final Countdown!

I've attempted to arrange scriptures about the last things into a likely logical order. I found it helpful to put them in reverse chronological order, starting at the end and working back through history. I was impressed how some things logically have to happen before other events can take place.

0		New Heaven and new earth	Isaiah 66 2 Peter 3 Revelation 21		The resurrection and the final judgement
1		Judgement of the nations	Matthew 25 v 31 Revelation 20 v 11ff	Judgement has to take place because God is just.	
2		Resurrection of non believers	Matthew 25 v 31 Revelation 20 v 13ff	Non believers need to be raised to be judged.	
3		Final defeat of Satan	Revelation 20	Men can only be fairly judged when the possibility of temptation is removed.	
4		Final attack on Jerusalem	Revelation 20	Is Jerusalem geographical or spiritual in this reference? It could represent the church.	The "Millennium"
5		Jerusalem the centre of a restored Israel and centre of a world kingdom	Isaiah 2 Isaiah 25 Isaiah 65 Jeremiah 30 Zechariah 8 v 13 Micah 4 Joel 3 v 1-2, 17, 20	Fulfilment of OT prophecies about Jerusalem and Jerusalem's destiny (Jerusalem could = the church).	
6		Saints ruling with Jesus	Genesis 2 Luke 19 v 10 1 Corinthians 6 v 2 2 Timothy 2 v 14 Hebrews 2 v 5 Revelation 20 v 4	Promised throughout the New Testament. This is our destiny being fulfilled so God cannot be seen as a failure.	
7		Jews converted	Zechariah 12 v 10 Romans 11 v 25	Necessary in order for Jesus to rule from David's throne.	
8		Jesus reigning over the present earth/creation	2 Samuel 7 v 16 1 Chronicles 17 v 16 Daniel 7 v 14 Ephesians 1 v 10 Colossians 1 v 20 Hebrews 2 v 5 Revelation 5 v 12 Revelation 20 v 4	He has to reign over the current creation otherwise God has failed.	The second coming
9		Reward of the saints	Matthew 24 v 46 Matthew 25 v 31 Luke 19 v 11ff 1 Peter 1 v 7 1 Peter 5 v 4 Revelation – letters to the churches	Part of the reward is the authority we are given to judge the nations	
10		The second coming of Jesus "in the clouds"	Daniel 7 v 14 Zechariah 12 v 10 Matthew 24 & 25 Mark 13 Luke 17 v 24 Acts 1 v 10 1 Corinthians 15 1 Thessalonians 1 v 10 1 Thessalonians 3 v 11 1 Thessalonians 4 v 15 2 Thessalonians 2 Titus 2 v 13 Hebrews 10 v 37 1 Peter 1 v 7 and 1 Peter 5 v 4 Revelation 1 v 7 Revelation 14 Revelation 19 v 11 Revelation 22 v 12, v 20	Massive scriptural agreement on this. "As you saw him go" = in the clouds and real.	
11		Meeting in the air	1 Thessalonians 4 v 17	In order to come with him.	

12		The gathering up of the church	1 Thessalonians 4 v 17		
13		The transformation of the saints	Romans 8 v 23 1 Corinthians 15		
14		The resurrection of believers	1 Corinthians 15 1 Thessalonians 4 v 15ff Revelation 20 v 4b - 6		
15		Cosmic disturbances	Isaiah 13 v 10 Isaiah 24 Joel 2/ Acts 2 Mark 13 Luke 21 Revelation 6 v 12ff Revelation 8 v 12 Revelation 16 v 8	= results of plundering the earth and global warming?	The prelude to the second coming
16		The fall of "Babylon"	Revelation 18	Could refer to the fall of Rome or a worldwide economic collapse or the failure of a human world power?	
17		The great trouble	Matthew 24 v 21ff Mark 13 v 18-26 Luke 21 v 20ff	Was this AD 70 or is it still to come?	
18		The false prophet	Revelation 13	These may be distinct personalities or aspects of the same thing. Antichrist is a spirit 1 John 4 v 3 and so may take many forms.	
19		The fourth beast	Daniel 7 Revelation 13 Revelation 17		
20		Antichrist	2 Thessalonians 2 1 John 2 v 18 1 John 4 v 3 2 John v 7		
21		Gospel preached to all nations	Mark 13 v 10 Luke 21 v 24 Romans 11 v 23 – 25 Revelation 7	In progress (nearing completion?)	The "Last Days"
22		Jews return to their land	Deuteronomy 30 Jeremiah 31 v 21 Ezekiel 37	AD 1948	
23		Desecration of the temple	Mark 13 v 2	AD 70	
24		Continuing troublesome events throughout the "last days"	Matthew 24 Mark 13 2 Timothy 3 v 1ff	Continuing	
25		Outpouring of the Holy Spirit on "all flesh"	Joel 2/ Acts 2	Day of Pentecost and continuing	