in flaming fire..." (2Th 1:5-10).

John tells us, "Behold he is coming with the clouds and every eye shall see him..." (Rev 1:7).

2. THE RESURRECTION OF ALL THE DEAD

According to Paul, this will be "a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked" (Act 24:15).

Paul has wonderfully explained and described this resurrection (1Co 15:35-58).

Long ago, Daniel was promised he would rise from the dead (Dan 12:13).

Jesus tells us how the dead will be raised at his second coming: "An hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; those who did the good, to a resurrection of life, those who did the evil to a resurrection of judgment." (Jhn 5:28-29).

3. THE JUDGMENT OF ALL MANKIND

Jesus describes how, when he comes in his glory, all nations will be gathered before his throne, and all mankind will be separated either to eternal life or eternal punishment. (Mtt 25:31-46).

Paul says that Jesus will "judge the living and the dead at his appearing" (2Tm 4:1), and "we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Rom 14:10).

Are you ready for the Judgment Day?

4. THE RAPTURE OF THE SAINTS

Imagine the event that Paul describes when "the Lord himself shall descend with a shout" and "we shall be caught up together... in the clouds to meet him in the air" (1Th 4:13-18).

Imagine first that you are in that company, rapturously rising into the sky, forever to be with the Lord and his angels in heaven. Then, on the other hand, imagine that you are left behind watching them go. What do you choose?

5. THE BURNING UP OF PLANET EARTH

This planet will be "burned up" (2Pe 3:10-13).

You won't be able to stay here any longer.

So take the Hebrew writer's advice: "Let us gratefully offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire" (Heb 12:27-29).

6. THE DESTRUCTION OF SATAN

God has prepared eternal hell for the Devil and the demons (Mtt 25:41,46).

In the final visions of the Revelation, the casting of Satan into hell is vividly portrayed (Rev 20:7-10).

The most important thing for us, is that we do not unwittingly get caught up in this, but that we grasp the salvation that Jesus offers (Rev 20:11-15).

7. ENTERING THE NEW JERUSALEM

Jesus promised, "In my Father's house are many mansions... I go to prepare a place for you... I will come again and receive you to myself, that where I am there you may be also" (Jhn 14:2-3).

In John's visions, this is represented as the new Jerusalem, the heavenly city of God in a new heavens and new earth (Rev 21:1-7).