

## **Rumblings Preceding Christ's Return**

Matthew 24:1-28

- 1) **The mere beginning of "birth pangs" (24:8) will see:**
  - a) False teachers and charlatans (5)
  - b) Wars, rumors of wars (6-7a)
  - c) Famines and earthquakes (7b)
  - d) Persecution of Jews/Christians (9)
  - e) General apostasy
  
- 2) **Christ's glorious return will be preceded by,**
  - a) Global hatred for Jews and Christians (9)
  - b) Defection of false believers (Matt. 24:10)
  - c) Increase of false prophets and lawlessness (11-12)
  - d) Gospel preached to entire world (13)
  - e) Abomination of desolation (15)
  
- 3) **Other events preceding Christ's return (Revelation 6-19)**
  - a) Advent of Antichrist (6:1-2)
  - b) Peace removed from earth (6:3-4)
  - c) Worldwide economic depression (6:5-6)
  - d) Global human death (6:7-8)
  - e) Mass execution of Christians (6:9-11)
  - f) Colossal earthquakes; death (6:12; 8:5; 11:13; 11:19; 16:18)
  - g) Armageddon (19:19)
  
- 4) **When Christ's advent is changes nothing for Christians**
  - a) Our task remains the same: preach the gospel
  - b) Are you ready? Looking for the end?
  - c) Will you endure to the end?