

## Signs of the End

Luke 21:5-28 (cf. Matt. 24:1-28; Mark 13:1-23)

- 1) We should expect normal worldly events *not* indicative of the end (21:7-16)
  - a) False teachers & charlatans (8)
  - b) Wars & disturbances (9-10)
  - c) Famines & earthquakes (11)
  - d) Persecution of Jews & Christians (12-15)
  - e) General apostasy (16)
- 2) Christ's return is preceded by similar events but far more harsh (Rev. 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 Jewish believers (6:9-11)
  - f) Colossal, earthquakes; death (6:12; 8:5; 11:13; 11:19; 16:18)
  - g) Armageddon (19:19)
- 3) Near fulfillment of prophecy vs. ultimate fulfillment (20; cf. Matt. 24:15)
  - a) Jerusalem surrounded by armies (20)
  - b) Abomination of desolation (Matt. 24:15)
  - 4) *When* Christ returns changes nothing for us in the here and now
    - a) We continue to preach the gospel in word & deed
    - b) We are always ready, looking for the end
    - c) We are always growing in faith, preparing for the end

