

# The Storm Before the Calm

Mark 13:1-27

## I. First, there will be “birth pains”

A – Cults will rise

B – Wars will be waged

C – Natural disasters will strike

D – Believers will be persecuted

E – The gospel will be preached

F – The Holy Spirit will be at work

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II. Next, there will be *real* “tribulation”

A – The temple will be desecrated

B – The people of God will be put to flight

C – The cults will lead many astray

D – The world will grow dark

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III. Finally, our Lord will come!

- A – He will come suddenly
- B – He will come personally
- C – He will come dramatically
- D – He will come savingly

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IV. Application: How should we live in light of these truths?

A – We should trust in God

B – We should expect hardship

C – We should preach the gospel

D – We should live as optimists