

# The Future According to Jesus (Part 4)

## Matthew 13:3-37



### THE FUTURE ACCORDING TO JESUS

Mark 13:3-37

### Mayan Long Count Calendar



### The Basic Organization

- **1) 13:5-13** — The Beginning of Birth Pangs
  - From Christ's ascension to the midpoint of the 7-year Tribulation
- **2) 13:14-23** — The Great Tribulation
  - From the midpoint of the Tribulation to the end
- **3) 13:24-27** — The Second Coming
- **4) 13:28-37** — An exhortation to be alert and to be ready

### I. The Beginning of Birth Pangs (5-13)

- **A. False Christs, Prophets, and Predictions (5-6)**
- **B. War (7-8a)**
- **C. Natural Disasters (8b-c)**
- **D. Intense Persecution (9-13)**
  - 1) False Religion (9a)
  - 2) Secular Authorities (9b)
  - 3) Personal Relationships (12-13)
- **E. The Global Gospel (10)**

### The 1<sup>st</sup> Five Seals (Rev. 6:1-11)

- **1<sup>st</sup> Seal**
  - Rev. 6:1-2; Mark 13:5-6; cf. Matt. 24:4-5
  - The False Peace of Antichrist
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Seal**
  - Rev. 6:3-4; Mark 13:7-8a; cf. Matt. 24:6-7
  - World-wide War

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- **3<sup>rd</sup> Seal**
  - Rev. 6:5-6; Mark 13:8b; cf. Matt. 24:7
  - Scarcity of Food
- **4<sup>th</sup> Seal**
  - Rev. 6:7-8; Mark 13:8b; cf. Matt. 24:7
  - Earthquakes, Pestilence, & Death

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### The 1<sup>st</sup> Five Seals (Rev. 6:1-11)

- 5<sup>th</sup> Seal
  - Rev. 6:9-11; Mark 13:9-13; cf. Matt. 24:9
  - Martyrs & Divine Judgment

### Application...

- 1) Expect persecution!
  - Matt. 5:8-10; 2 Tim. 3:12
- 2) Pray and care for those Christian brothers who are experiencing persecution.
  - Matt. 25:34-40; Heb. 13:3

### Application...

- 3) Don't mistake God's patience for indifference.
  - Rom. 2:4-5; 2 Pet. 3:7-10
- 4) Thank God that for every believer God's wrath has been completely satisfied!
  - 1 Th. 1:9-10