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## Eschatology in a Nutshell

Luke 21:20-28; cf. Matt. 24:15-31; Rev. 6:1-9

- 1) Before Christ's return, earthly tribulations will run their course (21:6-24)
  - a) Jerusalem & temple will be destroyed
  - b) False messiahs, war, famine, earthquakes
  - c) Persecution & martyrdom
  - d) The gospel will be preached everywhere  
**(our current Church Age)**
- 2) The Church will be raptured (1 Thess. 4:15-17; 1 Cor. 15:51-52)
- 3) Seventieth week of Daniel inaugurated (Dan. 9:24-27)
- 4) Earthly tribulations ensue w/ great ferocity (Rev. 6:1-17)
  - a) A world leader will rise (coming prince, lawless one, Antichrist)
  - b) Jews rebuild temple under a seven-year peace deal
  - c) Peace deal broken 3.5 years in; image of man set up
  - d) Global tribulation unfolds
  - e) Sun, moon, stars failing to give light
  - f) Glorious return of Christ
- 5) Lessons for us today
  - a) No one knows the day of Christ' return
  - b) Don't be misled by ignorant or false teachers
  - c) Life is not perpetual; everything comes to an end
  - d) Be alert to our "blessed hope" (Titus 2:13)
  - e) Shun worldly worries

