



### **I. The Birth Pangs Begin (vs. 4 - 8)**

- A. False [Messiahs](#) (5) “I am the [Christ](#)” (Christos = messiah)
- B. [Wars](#) (6) “...such things [must](#) happen”
- C. [Famines](#) and [earthquakes](#) (7) - human and natural disasters
- D. All these are the [beginning](#) of birth pangs (8) - intensity is growing over time

### **II. The Beginning of Persecution (vs. 9 - 14) “Then”**

- A. [Death](#) and [hatred](#) (9) “handed over”
- B. [Division](#) of the [church](#) (10) “turn away”
- C. [Deception](#) of many people (11) “false prophets”
- D. [Denial](#) (12) “the love of [most](#) will grow cold” - apostasy
- E. [Declaration](#) (13,14) “[preached](#) to the whole world”

### **III. The Bold Evil Sign (15 - 20) “So when”**

- A. [Desecration](#) of the [Holy](#) of Holies (15)
- B. [Daniel](#) 9:27; 11:31,36; 12:11; Rev. 13:14,15

### **IV. The Beginning of Distress (21 - 25) “For then”**

- A. [Distress](#) (21) - like never before (“The Day of the Lord”)
- B. [Days](#) are shortened (22) - grace
- C. [Deception](#) of the [Elect](#) (24) “...great signs and miracles” (I Tim. 4:1)

### **V. The Birth of the Maranatha Moment! (26 - 31) “after”**

- A. [Decisive](#) moment (26,27) - [visible](#) and obvious to all (Acts 1:11)
- B. [Dark](#) moment (29) - [heavenly](#) bodies change (Rev. 6:12- 14)
- C. [Dangerous](#) moment (30 - 31)
  - 1. [Sign](#) in the sky
  - 2. [See](#) and [mourn](#)
  - 3. [Power](#) and glory
  - 3. [Angels](#) with the trumpet call
  - 4. [Rev.](#) 19:11 - 21; 20:10