

## ***The Beginning of Birth Pangs*** **Mark 13:1-13**

### ***Prediction: A destructive end is ahead. 1,2***

- ❖ Impressive appearances can be deceptive, as seen earlier.
- ❖ Jesus predicted his death; here it's the temple's destruction.

### ***Question: When will the end occur and with what sign? 3,4***

Matt. 24:3 has more questions by the 12 based on the temple's fate tied to Messiah coming / the end, Dan. 9:26, Zech. 14:1-5.

### ***Warnings: What events to watch for and how to respond. 5-13***

- ❖ Debated issue: Just when do these birth pangs of 5-13 begin?  
Views: 5-13 = in the present and slowly worsening in intensity.  
5-13 = in the future during first half of the tribulation.
- ❖ Birth pang imagery: I Thess. 5:2,3, Jer. 30:6,7, Isa 13:6-8 / Rev.6.
- ❖ Warnings: Don't be fooled by false Messiahs.  
Don't be frightened by wars / natural catastrophes.  
Don't worry about persecution.  
Don't be surprised by family betrayal or hatred.  
(*Take heed / be on guard* in 13:5,9,23,33)
- ❖ Encouragement: You'll be given words to say. You'll be a testimony. You'll be saved by enduring to the end (see 13:20).



Since Jesus is talking about the temple, false messiahs and synagogue persecution . . . and later false prophets and seeing the A.O.D., who is He really addressing?

How should we respond to avoid perhaps having to experience this very painful time?