

# Truth in Focus

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## The Future - What Lies Ahead

### I. THE END TIMES

#### THREE QUESTIONS

1. What will be the signs of the end? (*Mat.24:4-14*)
2. What will be the sign of Christ's coming? (*Mat.24:15-31*)
3. When will these things be? (*Mat.24: 32-35; 21:18-21*)

#### SEVEN CERTAINTIES

The end time events are the Rapture of all believers (*1Thess.4:17; 1 Cor.15:52*), the 7 year Tribulation (*Dan.9:27; Rev.6-18*), the return of Christ and battle of Armageddon (*Rev.19*), the 1000 year Millennium on earth (*Rev.20*), the judgments (*Rev.20:11-15*), and the eternal state (*Rev.21-22*).

### II. THE PRESENT TIMES

#### POSITIVE PERSPECTIVE

We are privileged to live at a unique time in history.

#### PERVASIVE PROBLEM

Secularism, pluralism, and privatization have led to the death of morality, reason, and meaning respectively, resulting in the death blow to western culture.

#### PRESENT PROSPECT

1. The current financial meltdown will affect your job, savings, pension, and the value of everything you own with inflation likely exceeding 20% annually in 5 years.
2. The Biblical values of honesty, hard work and truth are rapidly being exchanged for environmental activism and totalitarian government control.
3. In the extreme, if Islamic terrorists succeed in their goals, the entire infrastructure could be destroyed putting us back to what it was like in the mid 1800's.
4. Persecution of Christians is well under way and will likely increase rapidly as conditions deteriorate.

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## PRESENT PREPARATIONS

What preparations have you made for the future?

The most important preparation is for your eternal future in Heaven with God through faith in Christ's full and sufficient payment for your sin debt. Have you personally placed your faith in Christ? If so your hope is in Heaven. You are not a citizen of this world. Be assured that God in Christ will be your all sufficiency.

The major sign that we are in the end times is the events related to Israel. The Bible seems to indicate that some of those alive when Israel was reformed in 1949 will see the second coming of Christ.

However it is prudent to recognize the times in which we live and to take appropriate actions now so that you are prepared for some of the coming events you may have to endure – much like your fire extinguisher which you hope to not have to use.

### Some suggestions:

1. Place your financial house in order:
  - Reduce or eliminate your debts,
  - Consider what you will do if your savings or pension is wiped out or you are laid off,
  - Consider your options should house values drop to 25% of current values,
  - Consider how you will deal with >20% inflation.
2. Prepare for the unlikely catastrophic event
  - Consider having a month's supply of food on hand,
  - Consider the need to have alternate means of keeping warm in winter.

*"Remember the Ice storm and magnify the effects 10 fold covering the whole of North America"*
3. Prepare your mind and spirit for tough times ahead
  - Are you willing to be fined or imprisoned for your faith?
  - What about the threat of the state removing your children?