

NOW THAT'S A TOUGH ONE

**WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?**

Matthew 24:1-31

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*Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and said, "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?"*

*Matthew 24:3 NLT*

**1. There will be birth pains.**

*But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come.*

*2 Timothy 3:1*

- A. There will be spiritual deception.
- B. There will be wars.
- C. There will be natural disasters.
- D. There will be persecution.
- E. There will be an increase in evil.
- F. There will be worldwide evangelism.

**2. There will be seven years of tribulation.**

- A. The antichrist will come to power.

*I have come in My Father's name, and you did not receive Me; if another shall come in his own name, you will receive him.*

*John 5:23*

- B. The wrath of God will fall.
- C. The Christians will be raptured.

**3. There will be the return of Jesus.**

A. He will come in great power and glory.

*...and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. Matthew 24:30*

B. He will rule and reign for 1000 years.

**4. There will be one final battle and one last judgment.**

A. The devil will be released after the 1000 years.

B. The unsaved will be judged forever.

C. The saved will live with Christ forever.

**Q. Are you ready for the future?**