

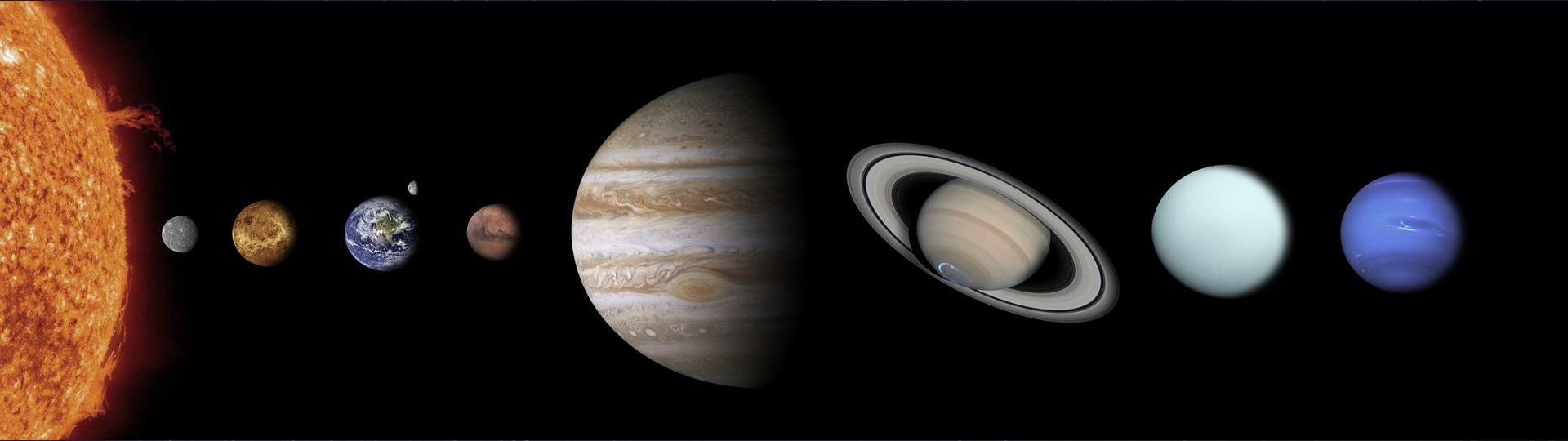
A view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and the atmosphere. The Moon is visible in the upper right corner. The background is a dark blue space filled with stars.

BIRTH PANGS

Fear & Trust God!

WORLD VIEWS?

Fear or Trust?



Science? Politics? News?

BEGINNING OF BIRTH PANGS...

“Tell us, when will these things happen, and what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them, “**See to it that no one misleads you.** ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will mislead many.

⁶ You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for *those things* must take place, but *that* is not yet the end. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.

⁸ But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

World Events



MANY WILL COME IN MY NAME

- 1 John 4:1-3; 2 John 1:7-8

Jesus came in the flesh (was human)

- Son of God
- Anointed One



Who *is* Jesus?

Christians believe that Jesus is fully God and fully man, the Son of God, and the second Person of the Trinity.

Other religions distort these teachings. Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses portray Jesus as a created being instead of the infinite Creator, and Muslims claim that Jesus was merely a prophet.

Secularists often present Jesus as being overly gentle and never judgmental. They may accept that He was a good moral teacher but certainly not God in the flesh.

But what does the Bible teach?
What did Jesus say about Himself?

HEAR OF WARS

- Iraq
- North Korea
- Afghanistan
- Civil Wars



FAMINES

- Central African Republic
- Timor-Leste
- Niger
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Chad
- Madagascar



EARTHQUAKES

- Turkey
 - Iran
 - Nicaragua
 - Indonesia
 - Hawaii
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- Natural Disasters



How Will You Respond?

“Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.¹⁰ At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.¹¹ Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many.¹² Because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold.¹³ But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.¹⁴ **This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.** [Matthew 24:9-14](#)