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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to our Lord and Savior YAHSHUA Messiah for His Infallible Holy Word and to all students of Bible prophecy (past and present), who have taken the “Rapture Fever” vaccine (diligent study of the Bible) and have not been infected by that deadly spiritual disease believing the lie of Satan that a man can predict the date of the Rapture and Second Advent years in advance through secret codes in the Bible, numerology, revelations, visions, dreams or angels.

INVITATION

Please study this book carefully along with your Bible if you suffer from “Rapture Fever” or know someone who has been infected by that deadly spiritual disease.

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FOREWORD

Many believers in YAHSHUA Messiah have been infected with the deadly “Rapture Fever” bug. This insidious virus affects the brain and causes some victims to make predictions concerning the date of the Rapture and Second Advent. Every prediction concerning the Rapture has been wrong.

As you will see no one can predict the date of the Rapture and Second Advent years ahead of time due to secret codes in the Bible, numerology, revelations, visions, dreams, clever calculations or angels. The only way to learn what day the Rapture will take place is to patiently wait for all of the prophecies that must be fulfilled before the Rapture to be fulfilled. When the last few prophecies are fulfilled one might be able to predict the month or week of the Rapture, but it will still be very hard to predict the exact day of the Rapture.

Studying various ideas designed to pin down the year of the Rapture years ahead of time is a waste of time. All believers should concentrate on learning what the warning signs of the Rapture are. Once you learn what they are watch as they are fulfilled. We will not be able to pin down the exact day and hour of the Rapture, but we will know the year and month when that year rolls around.

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INTRODUCTION

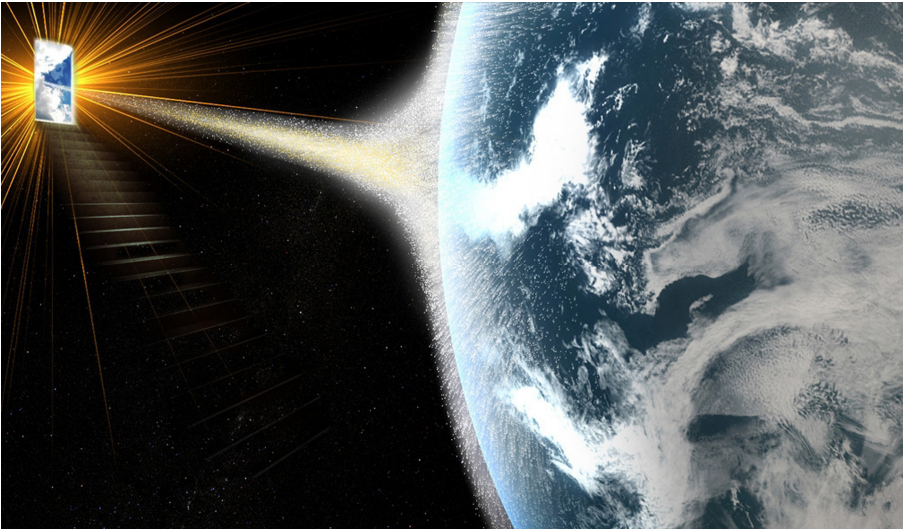
If you have been bitten by the “Rapture Fever” bug study this book until you are cured of it. It is a deadly spiritual disease that can limit your spiritual growth and your usefulness to the Lord.

If you are not cured of that dreaded disease after studying this book thoroughly, in conjunction with the Bible, stop studying Bible prophecy. Turn your attention to discipleship instead. Find someone who can disciple you and then disciple others. At least in this way you can be of some use to the Lord.

If you insist on studying Bible prophecy after studying this book and you have not been cured of the deadly “Rapture Fever” study the book ***Rapture Now?*** It explains in greater detail why the doctrine of imminence is not biblical and why the Rapture cannot take place at any moment.

Keep in mind as you read Chapter Two that the founders of the three major cults in America built their cults on the foundation of making false prophecies. Those cult founders will have led 80 million plus people into Hell by the time of the Second Coming. Making false prophecies is spiritually deadly.

Also remember that many Protestant preachers cited in Part Three have also made numerous false predictions concerning the Rapture and Second Coming. Their false predictions have caused millions of Christians to abandon their faith. There is no way of knowing the full damage that has been done to the Church because of their false predictions.



It is time to live for YAHWEH!

PART ONE

WARNING SIGNS

If you have been bitten by the “Rapture Fever” bug the cure to that deadly disease is to learn that specific prophecies **MUST** be fulfilled before the Rapture can take place. Once you understand this biblical TRUTH you will realize that it is futile to try to predict the date of the Rapture years in advance. The best you can do is predict a general time once all of them except the last few are fulfilled.

Study the five warning signs that are currently being fulfilled (Chapter One) and then study the 16 prophecies that will be fulfilled before the Rapture can take place (Chapter Two).

ONE

WARNING SIGNS THAT ARE BEING FULFILLED

We are currently “watching” five **warning signs** as they are being fulfilled:

1. Breakdown of morality and society (2 Timothy 3.1-5)
2. Drug addiction (Revelation 9.21; 18.23)
3. The “*apostasy*” (2 Thessalonians 2.3; 2 Timothy 4.3-4)
4. Conflict between the corporations and workers (James 5.4-6).
5. Ressurgence of the homosexual movement (Luke 17.28-29)
6. Mark of the Beast technology (Revelation 13.15-18).

The first three **warning signs** began in the 19th century. The fourth and fifth began after the start of the Second World War. These **warning signs** will not be fully completed until the Rapture.

Breakdown of morality and society (2 Timothy 3.1-5)

Know this that in the last days grievous days will be at hand; for men will be lovers of self and of money, boasters, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, hedonists, untamed, haters of good, betrayers, reckless, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of YAHWEH, having a form of piety, but having denied the power of it. Turn away from these

Societies throughout history have fallen apart due to various factors. Yet one of the prophecies of the Last Days is that morality and society would break down.

The 19th century saw the rise of the feminist movement in the modern world. It is called the “first wave of feminism.” The “second wave of feminism” began in 1963 and died in the 1980s. The “third wave of feminism” began in 1991 and is still going strong. These three waves of the feminist movement have been the major factor of the breakdown of morality and society in the Western World.

The Western World has seen a massive increase during the 20th century of several other factors which have led to the destruction of morality and society. Some of these other factors are:

- Pornography
- Prostitution
- Rise of criminal gangs (Mafia)
- Addictive drug abuse
- Consumerism.

Some destructive factors which came about after World War II are:

- Removing prayer and the Bible from public schools (1963)
- Abortion on demand (1973 in America)
- Hollywood movies
- Television
- Violent video games
- Internet pornography.

These factors will become more destructive as we draw closer to the Rapture. New technologies will be invented that will make things much worse. We have not seen anything yet.

Drug addiction **(Revelation 9.21; 18.23)**

During the Tribulation drug addiction will be ubiquitous with virtually everyone on Earth addicted to legal and or illegal drugs.

And they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts (9.21)

And the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery. (18.23)

Cocaine



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The Greek word *pharmakia* which is translated sorcery literally means “drugs.” Most translators use *sorcery* because the ancient sorcerers used drugs in their profession. It is possible that during the Tribulation the ancient practice of sorcery could become common, but these passages are more likely referring to addicted to drugs (legal and illegal). If ancient sorcery makes a come-back drugs will play an important part in it.

Whether there will be nearly universal addiction to drugs during the Tribulation or not we have seen an explosion of drug addiction around the world since World War II. This explosion is a plot by Satan to destroy the family and give his minions in government the excuse they need to impose tyrannical laws on the people and strip them of their rights, freedoms and privacy.

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Cocaine has been used by the natives of South America for millennium, but once the cocaine alkaloid was synthesized in 1855 it became a drug of choice in the Western World. It was so common that it was sold openly in drug stores in America and many other countries. It became so popular that it was used for hair care and tooth aches, and it was a key ingredient in Coca Cola, Mariani Wine and some cigarettes.

Vin Mariani was a tonic and patent medicine created in 1863 by Angelo Mariani, a French chemist. Mariani started marketing his wine called Vin Tonique Mariani which was made from Bordeaux wine treated with coca leaves. Pope Leo XIII awarded a Vatican gold medal to Angelo Mariani for his cocaine laden wine.

John Stythe Pemberton developed a beverage based on Vin Mariani, called Pemberton's French Wine Coca. It proved popular among American consumers. Pemberton claimed astounding medicinal properties for his French Wine Coca, which was marketed as a patent medicine. The beverage was advertised as a cure for nerve trouble, dyspepsia, mental and physical exhaustion, gastric irritability, wasting diseases, constipation, headache, neurasthenia and impotence. It was also suggested as a cure for morphine addiction, which was increasingly common after the Civil War. Pemberton himself was addicted to morphine which he used for the pain of an injury inflicted during the war.

In 1886, when Georgia introduced Prohibition, Pemberton had to replace the wine in his recipe with non-alcoholic syrup. The new recipe was similar to, but not the same as Coca-Cola. The original Coca-Cola had cocaine in it from 1886 to 1906. He removed it after the Pure Food and Drug Act was passed in 1906.

Heroin

The opium poppy was cultivated in lower Mesopotamia as long ago as 3400 BCE. Diacetylmorphine was first synthesized in 1874 by C. R. Alder Wright, an English chemist working at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London. He had been experimenting with combining morphine with various acids. He boiled anhydrous morphine alkaloid with acetic anhydride for several hours and produced a more potent, acetylated form of morphine, now called *diacetylmorphine* or *morphine diacetate*.

The head of Bayer's research department reputedly coined the drug's new name, "heroin," based on the German "heroisch," which means "heroic, strong."

From 1898 through to 1910, diacetylmorphine was marketed under the trademark name Heroin as a non-addictive morphine substitute and **cough suppressant**. Bayer marketed the drug as a cure for morphine addiction before it was discovered that it rapidly metabolizes into morphine. As such, diacetylmorphine is in essence a quicker-acting form of morphine. The company was embarrassed by the new finding, which became a historic blunder for Bayer.

The Harrison Narcotics Tax Act was passed in 1914 in America to control the sale and distribution of diacetylmorphine and other opioids, which allowed the drug to be prescribed and sold for medical purposes. Then in 1924 Congress banned its sale, importation and manufacture. It is currently classified as a Schedule I substance, which makes it illegal for non-medical use in signatory nations of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs treaty.

Marijuana

Marijuana (cannabis) was known to be used as far back as 2,800 B.C. in the Uygur Autonomous Region of China. It was also used by Hindus and called *ganjika* in Sanskrit. Its use spread throughout the world and was used in Europe by the Scythians, Muslims and English. Traces of cannabis were discovered in smoking pipes found in the home of William Shakespeare.

Cannabis was eventually banned in numerous countries starting in the 20th century. The Marihuana Tax Act was passed in 1937 banning the production of cannabis and hemp in America. In 2012 the state of Washington decriminalized it and Colorado followed in 2013. California also permits the sale of it for medical purposes. Sales in America alone totaled \$113 billion FRNs in 2006. The law enforcement cost to fight its distribution was \$41.8 billion. Considering America could have made \$31 billion FRNs in tax revenues if it was legalized they could have saved a whopping \$72.8 billion FRNs.

UNODC estimates there are 15-19 million people worldwide addicted to cocaine, 30-40 million people addicted to amphetamine-type stimulants, 13-22 million people addicted to heroin and 130-190

million addicted to marijuana. The countries with the highest percentage of illegal drug addicts are America, Canada, United Kingdom, Spain, Italia and Australia.

As of 2009 the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) estimate profits derived from illicit drug trafficking worldwide at about \$600 billion, or 7.6% of global trade. They estimate that up to \$1.5 trillion in drug money is laundered through legal enterprises, accounting for 5% of global GDP. Criminal organizations get 70% of their revenue from illicit drug trafficking.

It should be remembered that no drug cartel could stay in business for very long if the bankers did not cooperate with them. The bankers know who the drug lords are and they launder their illicit money. They also take a hefty cut of the profits and when a drug lord dies the bankers confiscate his account keeping all of his illegal profits for themselves.

Needless to say, the War on Drugs has been a colossal failure as planned by the New World Order Gang. They make billions every year from the drug trade. They also use the fear of drugs and the violence associated with them to increase the power of local police departments. America and most countries in the world have been turned into “police states” to keep the “people” safe from the dangers of drugs. Criminalizing drugs was a conspiracy to turn the world into a Police State Dictatorship for the Antichrist to rule. The addictive drugs, including alcohol and tobacco, have been pushed onto the people to make them more obedient. Drug addicts will do most anything to get their next fix and the Antichrist will use addiction to make people take his mark and worship him (Revelation 13.15-17).

The Apostasy

(2 Thessalonians 2.1-3; 2 Timothy 4.3-4)

The “*apostasy*” of the Church from the faith began in the 19th century. It was prophesied by Paul almost 2,000 years ago:

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the appearing of our Lord YAHSHUA Messiah and our gathering together to Him for you to not shaken in mind nor to be troubled, neither by spirit nor by word nor by epistle, as if by us, that the day of the Lord is present.

*Let no one deceive you in any way, because [it will not come] **unless the apostasy come first and the man of sin shall have been revealed.** (2 Thessalonians 2.1-3).*

The “*apostasy*” of the Church from the faith in the “last days” began with the acceptance of higher criticism, which was spearheaded by the Graf-Wellhausen hypothesis in the late 19th century. Karl Graf and Julius Wellhausen argued that the Old Testament was not inspired by God. According to them, it is a compilation of books that were written by priests and scribes, rather than the men that tradition says wrote the books. They taught that the Pentateuch (Genesis through Deuteronomy) was not written by Moses, but by four groups of scribes. One group in Judah preferred to use the proper name of God (Yahweh). They wrote their account around 950 BC. A second group in the northern kingdom used Elohim for God. They wrote their account around 850 BC. The third group focused on the law and wrote their account around 650 BC. The fourth group focused on the priestly duties and wrote their account around 550 BC. One scribe, maybe Ezra, used these four accounts to create the Pentateuch. According to the high-priests of higher criticism, four teams of scribes wrote the book of Isaiah, and Daniel was written around 170 BC.

Soon after the Graf-Wellhausen hypothesis was adopted by several Protestant denominations, they began to question fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith. Some eventually rejected the historicity of the first eleven chapters of the book of Genesis. They did not believe that Adam and Eve were the progenitors of the Human race. They also rejected the universal flood of Noah’s time, along with many other miracles recorded in the Old Testament. They rejected the divine judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah, the ten plagues of Egypt, the parting of the Red Sea by Moses, the collapse of the walls of Jericho by trumpet blasts, the sun standing still for about 24 hours and Jonah being swallowed by a large fish. They even rejected the virgin birth of Jesus and most of His miracles, along with the miracles of the apostles. Some denominations have gone so far as to claim that YAHSHUA Messiah is not God the Son, but was just a good and wise teacher.

The men of the Jesus Seminar (a group of 150 people, founded in 1985, who vote to decide what Jesus did or did not do and say) do not believe YAHSHUA is the Messiah, the Son of YAHWEH. Instead, they have determined, by their votes, that YAHSHUA did not say all

the things that the Bible says He said, nor did He ever claim to be God, or the Son of YAHWEH.

The rejection of the Bible's divine inspiration by some denominations has led to the preaching of sermons that have little substance and do not edify believers to live holy lives. Teaching in some churches is shallow, and most members know little about the Bible. Few churches have solid discipleship programs, and only a few dedicated believers study the Bible on their own.

The theory of evolution, which was published in the middle of the 19th century, also struck a blow against Christianity. In the 20th century, some denominations and churches declared that YAHWEH used the mechanism of evolution to bring about the Human race. The Roman Catholic Church is one of those churches.

There have been many other aspects of the "apostasy." Far too many congregations no longer desire to be taught the Scriptures; instead, they seek out pastors who preach feel-good sermons and give them all kinds of social programs to make them happy. This sad situation is ubiquitous in the Western world. It was also prophesied by Paul:

For there will come a time when they will not bear with the healthy teaching, but according to their own lusts they will heap up teachers to themselves having an itching ear. And they shall turn away [their] ear from the truth, and will turn aside to fables. (2 Timothy 4.3-4)

The pastors hired by the apostate congregations do not feed their souls. Many Christians in the Western world are fed lukewarm, sour milk and remain spiritual babies until death, as Paul warned about:

*Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have **become dull of hearing**. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of YAHWEH, and you have **come to need milk** and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is **an infant**. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil. (Hebrews 5.11-14)*

The abandonment of the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith has led many Christians to accept some of the unscriptural

practices of the world such as pre-marital sex, intoxication, use of illegal drugs, watching illicit television shows and movies, and listening to inappropriate music. The lifestyle of these so-called Christians is similar to that of non-Christians. Paul prophesied that in the last days people would basically be evil (2 Timothy 3.1-5).

While it is understandable that the unsaved live unholy lives, it is tragic that these negative attributes are found among far too many Christians. Today most Christians do not know that we are living in the “apostasy” of the “last days.” Some think they are living in a time of revival.

All Christians should take to heart a quote by General George Smith Patton, Jr: “It is better to fight for something than to live for nothing.” Christians should fight the “*good fight*” for YAHSHUA Messiah as Paul did (2 Timothy 4.7) rather than live for their desires of the flesh (1 John 2.15-17).

Conflict between corporations and workers (James 5.4-6)

*Behold, the wages of the workers who reaped your lands that you kept back cries, and the cries of those who reaped have entered into the ears of Lord of hosts. You lived luxuriously and riotously on the Earth and nourished your hearts in a day of slaughter. You condemned, **you murdered the righteous man who did not resist you.***

James describes in his letter that there would be a time in the “Last Days” that the rich would oppress the poor to a greater degree than ever before. This oppression of the working class will be so severe in the “Last Days” that the wealthy (individuals & corporations) will kill workers who do not work hard enough or who refuse to work. We have seen the beginning of this already. During some of the strikes by workers the corporate bosses have seen their murder squads out to kill some of the strikers to cause the rest to end the strike.

The most infamous slaughter of workers are the Ludlow and the Coumbine Massacres. In the **Ludlow Massacre** thugs from the Colorado National Guard and the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, under direction of the goons from Rockefeller’s Standard Oil Corporation, attacked a tent colony of 1,200 striking coal miners and their families at Ludlow, Colorado on April 20, 1914. The massacre

resulted in the violent deaths of between 19 and 25 people. The accounts differ on the number of people murdered, but all sources agree that two women and eleven children were asphyxiated and burned to death under a single tent.

The **Columbine Massacre**, which took place on November 21, 1927, in the town of Serene, Colorado resulted in the murder of six workers. A fight broke out between Colorado state police and a group of striking coal miners, during which the unarmed miners were attacked with machine guns. It is unclear whether the machine guns were used by the police or by guards working for the mine. Along with the murder of six strikers dozens of other workers were injured.

These two tragic incidents are a foreshadowing of what will come as we draw close to the start of the Tribulation. Thousands of workers will be slaughtered in the years to come and then millions will be murdered after the Tribulation starts. Many of these workers will be believers in YAHSHUA Messiah.

Resurgence of the homosexual movement (Luke 17.28-29)

*“And in **like manner**, as it came to pass in the days of Lot, they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building, but on the day Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and sulphur from space and destroyed [them] all.*

YAHSHUA prophesied that prior to His return to rapture His Bride, the Church, life would be very similar to what it was in the days of Lot. In Lot’s day homosexuals were dominate in society – that is why Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed along with the cities surrounding them (Genesis 19.5, 24-25).

We have seen a gradual rise of homosexuals in the Western World during the last century. The “gays” have come out of the closet and for the first time ever the word “gay” was used in an inaugural address in 2013.¹

The homosexual movement was given the name Lesbian Gay Bisexual (LGB) movement in 1990 with the creation of three major homosexual organizations – BiNet USA (USA), OutRage! (UK) and Queer Nation (USA). This group later added the term transgender and the initials LGBT.

Below is a short list of major firsts by the LGBT movement:

- 1969 – Gay Pride Parade (NYC).
- 1990 – Three LGB organizations are founded.
- 1990 – Reform Judaism allowed lesbians and gays to be rabbis.
- 1990 – Open lesbian (Dale McCormick) elected to state Senate.
- 1991 – Lesbian kiss on TV (LA Law).
- 1992 – The World Health Organization says it is not an illness.
- 1993 – Gays permitted in US military if they do not admit it.
- 1994 – AMA declares it is not an illness.
- 1996 – Lesbian wedding of fictional characters on TV (Friends).
- 1997 – Open lesbian (Ellen DeGeneres) plays a lesbian (Ellen).
- 1998 – Open lesbian (Tammy Baldwin) in US Congress.
- 1999 – Open Othodox rabbi (Steven Greenberg).
- 2000 – UK ends ban on homosexual in military.
- 2001 – Same sex marriage laws passed in the Netherlands.
- 2001 – Arizona repeals sodomy laws.
- 2001 – Red China declares homosexuality is not an illness.
- 2002 – Decriminalization of homosexuality (Red China/Mongolia)
- 2003 – Ban on homosexuality in Soviet military lifted.
- 2003 – Federal repeal of all sodomy laws in USA.
- 2003 – Open gay Bishop, Episcopal Church USA (Gene Robinson)
- 2004 – Same sex marriage allowed in Massachussetts.
- 2004 - Open gay governor in USA (James McGreevey).
- 2005 - Gay pride parade in a Muslim country (Turkey).
- 2008 – California and Connecticut allow same sex marriage.
- 2010 – Legal gay pride parade in Russia (St. Petersburg).
- 2011 – Presbyterian Church (USA) allows gay/lesbian ministers.
- 2012 – Open lesbian (Tammy Baldwin) in US Senate.
- 2012 – Maine, Maryland, Washington allow same sex marriage.²

The longer YAHSHUA waits to return to take His bride to Heaven the worse things will become. The LGBT movement will become more powerful and widespread each year. Some theologians believe the passage in Daniel 11.37 infers that the Antichrist will be a homosexual. If that is true it means the homosexual movement will be a powerful aspect the Antichrist's rule.

We have seen in the last 20 years a mad rush in Hollyweirdoland to push the homosexual agenda. Starting in 1991 with the first kiss by two women homosexual lewdness has exploded on TV and the silver screen. It will be in almost every TV show and movie within 20 years.



Mark of the Beast technology (Revelation 13.15-18)

It is at the mid-point of the seven-year Tribulation that the Antichrist forces everyone on Earth to worship him and his image, and take his mark to be able to buy or sell:

*And it was given to it to give spirit to the image of the beast in order that the image of the beast might even speak and it caused all who do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. And it makes all men, the small and the great, both the rich and the poor, both the free men and the slaves, to **take a mark on their right hand or on their forehead**. In order for anyone to buy or sell they had to have the mark, the name of the beast or the number of its name. Here is wisdom. He who has insight let him count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man. And the number of it is 666.*

The technology to make this possible must be developed before the start of the Tribulation. It is logistically impossible to develop and implement a technology to track what everyone on Earth buys and sells in 3½ years. The mark of the Beast technology cannot be invented and developed after the Antichrist comes to power and then implemented at the mid-point of the Tribulation when he forces everyone to take his mark to be able to buy or sell. Satan and the Antichrist do not have magical powers.

We have already seen the invention, development and implementation of a technology which can track what every person and company on Earth buys and sells. It is called RFID technology.



RFID chip

Radio frequency identification

A patent for a radio-frequency identification (RFID) system was issued in 1973, and put into use in the 1990s. RFID tags which emit radio frequencies are used for bookstore tracking, jewelry tracking, pallet tracking, airline baggage tracking, apparel and pharmaceuticals tracking, and building access control. High-frequency tags are widely used in identification badges, replacing earlier magnetic stripe cards. These badges need only be held within a certain distance of the reader to authenticate the holder.

RFID is currently used for animal identification. Some cities require pets to be chipped, and the tags have found wide-spread use in livestock management. This technology has also found its way into people. In Japan, England and the United States they are being put in students' clothing, backpacks and ID cards so they can be tracked at school. In Ohio they are being used to keep track of inmates. Some hospitals in America are implanting patients with the chips.³

It is currently being implanted in some people to replace the old medical alert bracelets. The Jacobs family of Boca Raton, Florida, was the first family to get chipped. The chip is a personal ID that also contains vital medical information. Jeff and Leslie Jacobs, along with their 14-year-old son, Derek, had the VeriChips implanted in their arms in 2002. Each chip is about the size of a grain of rice, and insertion takes about a minute under local anesthesia.⁴

The Middletown School District, in partnership with MAP Information Technology Corp., has launched a pilot program to implant RFID chips into the schoolbags of 80 children at the Aquidneck School in Rhode Island.⁵

Attorney General Rafael Macedo said more than 160 of his staff had also been fitted with chips which will give them exclusive and secure access to a computerized database for crime investigators.⁶

All 31,000 Metropolitan police officers in London have been "microchipped" so their movements can be monitored. The new technology, the Automated Personal Location System (APLS), replaced the unreliable Airwave radio system.⁷

The British government is developing a plan to track current and former prisoners by means of implanted microchips, drawing intense criticism from probation officers and civil rights groups.⁸

The VIP Baja Beach Club in Barcelona, Spain, is chipping its customers. Customers who have a chip do not have to show ID to

enter, and all their purchases are made by scanning the chips.⁹ Eventually RFID tags will replace the UPC barcode technology. The future is a RFID chip imbedded or implanted in just about everything.

All dogs in Britain will be fitted with chips which contain their owner's details, under plans designed to track family pets.¹⁰

DARPA has developed technology to electronically tag US combat soldiers in a similar fashion to criminals under judicial restraint. The plan has been dubbed "Individual Force Protection System" (IFPS) and Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) will be given the contract.

According to this presentation (pdf), given last year by DARPA officials, IFPS would consist of a small, three-inch lightweight tag attached to a soldier's uniform and a variety of vehicle-borne or portable receivers which could locate the tag even amid the busy electromagnetic spectrum of the modern battlefield. This tag does not have GPS satnav in it which allows its battery to last much longer. The tracking range is 90 miles in line of sight.¹¹

Computer chips with Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) tracking technology are being marketed today:

The Xega Company has created an injectable chip, which is the size and shape of a rice kernel. It can be injected into the client's body using a syringe. The chip sends out signals from the person's body and one could locate and pinpoint the location of someone in distress. The chip costs about \$4000 and comes with an annual fee of \$2200. This may mean we won't see any more kidnappings and persons going missing.¹²

These human tracking chips will soon become commonplace. Most people will purchase them for the safety reasons and these GPS chips will become as indispensable as cell phones.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin purchased a dog collar with a computer chip that can be tracked by the Russian GLONASS and the American GPS satellite navigation systems.¹³

Connect Software recently launched Toddler Tag, and Globalpoint Technologies is offering parents products that will enable them to track their children wherever they are.¹⁴

On the 60 Minutes broadcast of February 10, 2002, Andy Rooney said, "We need some system for permanently identifying safe people. Most of us are never going to blow anything up and there's got to be

something better than one of these photo IDs. I wouldn't mind having something planted permanently in my arm that would identify me.”¹⁵

The move to have RFID chips implanted in animals and people for identification purposes will become ubiquitous very soon. This identification technology will make it possible for the Antichrist to require everyone on Earth to take his “mark” (whatever technology he decides to us) to be able to buy or sell.

When he requires everyone to take his “mark” most people will accept it without a second thought because a similar technology will have been used for decades. The penalty for taking his “mark” and or worshipping him is eternal punishment in the Lake of Fire:

*And another, a third angel, followed them saying in a great loud voice: “If anyone **worships the beast and the image of it, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, even he shall drink of the wine of the anger of YAHWEH, having been mixed undiluted in the cup of His wrath. He will be tormented by fire and sulphur before the holy angels and before the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up unto the ages of ages, and they have no rest day and night who worshipped the beast and the image of it, and anyone who received the mark of the name of it.”*** (Revelation 14.9-11)

When Antichrist requires everyone to take his “mark,” those who refuse to take it will be executed (Revelation 13.15). The primary form of execution during the Tribulation will be by beheading. Could Big Brother be preparing for this already? The Georgia House of Representatives floated a bill in the 1995-1996 session. It was called HB 1274 – Death penalty; guillotine provisions.¹⁶

Conclusion

Five major Bible prophecies are being fulfilled before our eyes. These **warning signs** should make every Christian take notice that the Rapture and the Tribulation are racing toward us. We can determine how close it is by “watching” the remaining 16 **warning signs** as they are fulfilled.

TWO

WARNING SIGNS THAT WILL BE FULFILLED

Believers should “watch” for the **warning signs** of the Rapture to be fulfilled. They may not necessarily be fulfilled in the order given, but they must all be fulfilled before the Rapture:

1. Gog/Magog and allies destroyed (Ezekiel 38.1-9; 39.6-8; 30.1-5)
2. Rebuilding the ancient city of Babylon (Zechariah 5.5-11)
3. Moving the Holy See from Rome to Babylon (Zechariah 5.1-5)
4. World church and the False Prophet (Rev. 17.1-5, 18; 13.11-17)
5. World economy (Revelation 13.15-17)
6. World government (Daniel 7.23)
7. World government breaks into 10 divisions (Daniel 7.24)
8. Rebuilding the Temple (Revelation 11.1-2; 2 Thessalonians 2.4).
9. A time of “*peace and safety*” (1 Thessalonians 5.3; Rev. 6.1-2)
10. Rise of Antichrist (Daniel 7.8, 20, 24; Revelation 6.1-2; 13.1-2)
11. The “*overflowing scourge*” (Joel 2.1-11)
12. Antichrist’s covenant with Israel (Is. 28.15, 18-19; Dan. 9.27)
13. World War (Daniel 7.8, 20, 24; Revelation 6.3-4)
14. Worldwide depression and famine (Revelation 6.5-6)
15. Worldwide pestilence and wild animals (Revelation 6.7-8)
16. Martyrdom of Church Age believers (Daniel 7.21, 25; Mark 13.12-13; Revelation 6.9-10; 7.9-17)

Destruction of Gog/Magog and Allies (Ezekiel 38.1-9, 21-23; 39.6-8; 30.1-5)

Gog/Magog and its allies will be destroyed when it attacks Israel. The destruction of this coalition will be the catalyst used to establish a

world church, world economic system and a world government. The foundation of these three world pillars of tyranny has already been laid. If these institutions of the “New World Order” are not established before this war they will be immediately after it. The “New World Order,” which has been built brick-by-brick for thousands of years and recently since 1776 with the formation of the Illuminati, will be openly established with little resistance after this great battle:

And the word of YAHWEH came to me saying, “Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him and say, ‘Thus says the Lord YAHWEH, “Behold, I [am] against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal. And I will turn you back and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clother most perfectly, a great assembly with buckler and shield, all of them wielding swords; Persia, Ethiopia and Libya with them, all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer and all her bands; Beth-Togarmah from the recesses of the north and all his bands, many peoples with you. Be prepared, and prepare yourself, you and all your assembly that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them. After many days you will be visited; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, gathered out of many peoples on the mountains of Israel which have been a continual waste; but he has been brought out of the peoples, and they live securely, all of them. And you will go up, like a storm you will come; you will be like a cloud to cover the land, you and all your bands, and many peoples with you.”’ (Ezekiel 38.1-9)

*“I will call for a sword against him on all My mountains,” declares the Lord YAHWEH. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother. **With pestilence and with blood I will enter into judgment with him; and I will rain on him and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, a torrential rain, with hailstones, fire and brimstone.** I will magnify Myself, sanctify Myself, and make Myself known in the sight of many nations; and they will know that I am YAHWEH.” (Ezekiel 38.21-23)*

“And I will send fire upon Magog and those who inhabit the coastlands in safety; and they will know that I am YAHWEH. And I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let My holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations will know that I am YAHWEH, the Holy One in Israel. Behold, it has coming and it is done,” declares the Lord YAHWEH. (Ezekiel 39.6-8)

The Muslims who survive will know YAHWEH is God and they will submit to a world government. Egypt will fight against Israel and be judged by YAHWEH:

The word of YAHWEH came again to me saying, “Son of man, prophesy and say, ‘Thus says the Lord YAHWEH, “Wail, Alas for the day! For the day [is] near, Even the day of YAHWEH is near; a day of clouds, it will be a time of the nations. And the sword will come upon Egypt, and anguish will be in Ethiopia; when the slain will fall in Egypt, they take her host and her foundations will be razed. Ethiopia and Lydia and Lud, and all the mixed people, Chub and the sons of the land of the covenant with them will fall by the sword.”’” (Ezekiel 30.1-5)

The Gog/Magog invasion of Israel will take place before Daniel’s Seventieth Week begins. This war must be fought to bring about the firm establishment of the New World Order. Muslims will not submit to a New World Order and a World Church until Allah is defeated in the Battle of Gog/Magog.

Rebuilding the ancient city of Babylon (Zechariah 5.9-11)

The ancient city of Babylon will be rebuilt before the start of Daniel’s Seventieth Week. The first world religion was created in Babylon by Nimrod and his wife Semiramis. The final world religion (church) will be headquartered there. Saddam Hussein began to rebuild Babylon, but his efforts were cut short. A future ruler of Iraq will resume the project, and it will be nearly completed prior to the Seventieth Week:

*Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, and two women came out with the wind in their wings; and they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heavens. Then I said to the angel who was speaking with me, “Where are they going the ephah?” Then he said to me, “To build a house for it in the **land of Shinar**; and it will be fixed and set on its own place!”*



U.S. soldiers in front of the rebuilt ruins of Babylon (2003)

The destruction of the Muslim and Arab nations in the Middle East will open the door for the Western nations to rebuild the ancient city of Babylon. The Bible says this city will be rebuilt and become the center of the world economy. The rebuilding project will begin before the Seventieth Week because it is virtually impossible to build a thriving city that is the economic capital of the world (Revelation 18.9-19) in just 3½ years. Babylon becomes the economic capital of the world at the mid-point of Daniel’s Seventieth Week. If the rebuilding starts after the beginning of the Seventieth Week it must be completed in 36 months. That is impossible. Therefore the rebuilding will start before Daniel’s Seventieth Week. We should “watch” for this *warning sign* to be fulfilled.

The call to rebuild the ancient city of Babylon has already begun:

Iraq's Ancient Babylon to Be Restored
February 12, 2009

BAGHDAD – The Iraqi government will invite UNESCO to visit ancient Babylon this month to evaluate damage at the site, parliamentarian Mufid al-Jazaeri told RFE/RL's Radio Free Iraq.

Al-Jazaeri, former Iraqi culture minister and chairman of parliament's committee on culture and antiquities, said that repairs and reconstruction at the ruins will begin once a report on the extent of the damage is complete.

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon, which is about 100 kilometers south of Baghdad, were built in 600 B.C. and were considered one of the seven wonders of the world.

Al-Jazaeri told RFI that Babylon's ruins sustained heavy damage under Saddam Hussein's regime and during the U.S.-led invasion in 2003 when a portion of the site was used as a military base by coalition forces.

Al-Jazaeri urged that Babylon remain closed to the public until restoration is complete. (Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty, 2.12.2009)¹

Moving the Holy See of the Roman Catholic Corporation to Babylon (Zechariah 5.5-11)

*Then the angel who was speaking with me went out and said to me, "Lift up now your eyes and see what this [is] that goes forth." And I said, "What [is] it?" And he said, "This [is] the ephah that goes out." And he said, "This is their appearance in all the Earth – and behold, a lead cover was lifted up – and this is a woman sitting inside the ephah." And he said, "This [is] **Wickedness!**" And he **cast her** into the middle of the ephah and cast the lead stone on its opening. Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, and two women came out with the wind in their wings; and they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heavens.*

*Then I said to the angel who was speaking with me, “Where are they going the ephah?” Then he said to me, “To **build a house** for it in the **land of Shinar**; and it will be fixed and set on its own placel.”*

While Babylon is being rebuilt the archeological find of the last two millennia will be made. Excavators will find the alleged “bones” of Peter. This sensational discovery will compel the Roman Catholic Corporation to move its headquarters to that city as described in Zechariah 5.5-11.



St. Peter's Square with Egyptian obelisk and idols

The land of Shinar is where the ancient city of Babylon was located. The woman is the World Church, which will be headed by the Roman Catholic Corporation and Orthodox Judaism. After the alleged “bones” of Peter are “found” in Babylon the World Church will move its headquarters from Roma to Babylon. The Roman Catholic Corporation reveres its “alleged” first Pope (Peter) so much that when his alleged “bones” are “found” it will be obligated to move its headquarters there. Finding Peter’s “bones” will be a fantastic hoax. Once the RCC plays this trump card it will show itself to be totally corrupt for claiming that Peter was crucified in Roma where he never was. Peter never stepped foot on the European continent.

Peter died a martyr in Babylon at the hands of Jews who stoned him to death. He was not crucified upside down by Roman soldiers in Roma as the Roman Catholic Corporation alleges. That is an absurd LIE. No one should trust any of the historical traditions of the Roman

Catholic Corporation which is the most evil corporation on Earth. It has started dozens of wars and revolutions, slaughtered millions of people, robbed the poor of the world, raped countless millions of children and destroyed the lives of millions of families. Trusting the Roman Catholic Corporation is the same as trusting Satan. It is total insanity.

World church and rise of the False Prophet (Revelation 17.1-5, 18; 13.11-17)

A world church must be in place before the Tribulation as John prophesied:



Most Holy Lateran Church, of all the churches in the city and the world, the mother and head.

*And one of the seven angels having the seven bowls came and spoke with me saying: "Come I will show you the judgment of the **great prostitute** who sits on many waters with whom the rulers of the Earth have practised fornication with, and the people dwelling on the Earth became drunk from the wine of her fornication." And he carried me away in the spirit into the desert. And I saw a **woman sitting on a scarlet beast**, filled with names of blasphemy, which had seven heads and ten horns. And the **woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls. In her hand was a golden cup filled with abominations and the unclean works of her fornication. And on***

*her forehead was written a mystery: **BABYLON THE GREAT THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.** And I saw the woman was drunk from the blood of the saints and from the blood of the witnesses of YAHSHUA.* (Revelation 17.1-5)

*“And the woman you saw is **the great city who rules over the kings of the Earth.**”* (Revelation 17.18)

This false church has been around for over 4,000 years. It was created by Nimrod and Semiramis and it has controlled virtually every religion on Earth. The only Faith it has not controlled is Messianic Faith. Yet, due to the apostasy of these Last Days, it has exerted extreme influence on it. This ancient world religion that has masqueraded as myriad separate religions will unite all of its manifestations back into a monolithic world religion before the start of the Tribulation. We have seen efforts to unite all of the daughter religions of the world. This effort will intensify and eventually be obvious to everyone. Even though a world religion may be a good idea to the natural man, it will be used by the Antichrist to deceive mankind into worshipping him instead of YAHWEH.

This coming world church will have a leader – the False Prophet:

*And I saw **another beast** coming up out of the Earth, and it had two horns like a lamb, and it **spoke as a dragon.** And it exercises all the authority of the first beast before it. And it makes the Earth and those dwelling in it worship the first beast who had the stroke of death healed. And it **performs great signs even making fire come down out of heaven onto the Earth before men.** And it deceives those dwelling on the Earth because of the signs which it was given to it to perform before the beast. It told those dwelling on the Earth to make an image of the beast who had the stroke of the sword and lived. And it was given to it to give spirit to the image of the beast in order that the image of the beast might even speak and it caused all who do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. And it makes all men, the small and the great, both the rich and the poor, both the free men and the slaves, to take a mark on their right hand or on their forehead. In order for anyone to buy or sell they had to have the mark, the name of the beast or the number of its name.* (Revelation 13.11-17)

The False Prophet will be the head of this world church. When the ancient religion of Nimrod goes public the False Prophet will head it. He will be the figurehead of the Roman Catholic Corporation which will be the driving force behind it along with Babylonian Talmudic Judaism. He will also be the top henchman of the Antichrist enforcing his dictates, especially the one requiring everyone on Earth to worship the Antichrist and his image and to take his “mark” to be able to buy or sell. Those who refuse the “mark” will be beheaded. Since 1996 there has been a provision for execution by guillotine in America.²

A world church must be established prior to the Seventieth Week. It is unthinkable that the False Prophet could unite all of the religions of the world in 3½ years. There have been great efforts to do this for the last 100 years without success. [See Chapter 21 of this book.]



World economy (Revelation 13.15-18)

There must also be a world economic system in place before the start of the Tribulation because midway through Daniel’s Seventieth Week the Antichrist and the False Prophet will take total control of a world economic system. As noted previously, at that point, the False Prophet will force everyone on Earth to worship the Antichrist and take his “mark” to be able to buy and sell. Everyone will be forced to worship the Antichrist and his image to get the “mark of the Beast”:

And it was given to it to give spirit to the image of the beast in order that the image of the beast might even speak and it caused all who do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. And it makes all men, the small and the great, both the rich and the poor, both the free men and the slaves, to take a mark on their right hand or on their forehead. In order for anyone to buy or

sell they had to have the mark, the name of the beast or the number of its name. Here is wisdom. He who has insight let him count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man. And the number of it is 666. (Revelation 13.15-18)

Before the Seventieth Week starts there will be technology of some kind that will allow a world dictator to control what everyone on Earth buys and sells. It is virtually impossible to develop and implement that technology in 3½ years if it is not in place before the Seventieth Week. If that technology is not in use prior to the Seventieth Week the Antichrist will have just 3½ years to develop and implement it. That is impossible! Satan and the Antichrist are not divine beings who can perform miracles. They both use technology to get things done.

People will not be able to receive government benefits, be able to work or hire employees, drive a vehicle, get any kind of license, receive government benefits or do just about anything without the “mark of the Beast.” The Antichrist will require everyone on Earth to take his mark at the mid-point of the Seventieth Week.

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World government (Daniel 7.23)

Once Gog/Magog and its allies are destroyed (Ezekiel 38.1-39.16), the nations of the world will establish a world government:

“So he said: ‘The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the Earth, which will be different from all the kingdoms and will devour all the earth and trample it and crush it.’” (Daniel 7.23)

Daniel prophesied there would be a “world government” in the “end times.” Note the phrase, “*the whole earth*.” This final kingdom will be like the first world kingdom under Nebuchadnezzar. YAHWEH gave him rule over the entire world (Daniel 2.36-38). Though he did not rule over everyone on Earth, he was given it to rule over. The final world government will not only be given power over all the nations, it will rule over them.

The world government must be established before the Seventieth Week because it will break into 10 divisions (Daniel 7.24) before it starts. It is after it breaks into 10 divisions that the Antichrist rises to power (Daniel 7.24). If the Antichrist comes to power before the Seventieth Week, as Paul explained (2 Thessalonians 2.3), then the world government must also be established before then. The Antichrist rises to power “*after*” the world government is established and then it breaks into 10 divisions.

This is an important *warning sign* that believers should look for. A world government cannot be formed overnight. It takes many years and it will be something that everyone will see coming years in advance. This is another proof that the doctrine of imminence is not biblical.

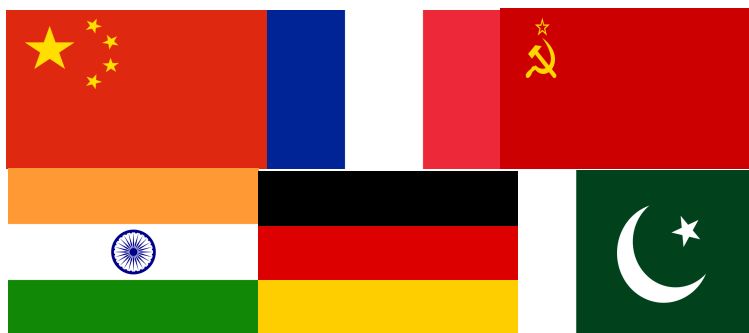
World government breaks into 10 divisions (Daniel 7.24)

The world government will break into 10 divisions:

And for the ten horns out of this kingdom [are] ten kings. They will rise [up]; and another will rise [up] after them. And he will be different from the previous ones and he will humble three kings.

No one knows how long it will be before the “world government” breaks into 10 divisions. It will be divided before the start of the Seventieth Week because the Antichrist rises to power after the break up of the world government into 10 divisions. Notice that the Antichrist “*shall arise after them*” (after the 10 kings rise to power out of the world government). Since the Antichrist rises to power before the Seventieth Week, the world government will be formed and break into 10 divisions before then. This means the Rapture cannot take place until after a world government is created.

Antichrist will seek to be a member of the group of rulers that governs the world. This is why it is unwise to try to identify the Antichrist before a world government is created. Once he joins the group of 10 it will be obvious to every student of Bible prophecy who the Antichrist is.



We are not told which nations will make up the ten-nation coalition, but as of now the best guess is:

Nation	Economic rank+GNP	Military rank/nukes
1. Russia	9 – 1.8	2 – 8500
2. Red China	2 – 7.2	3 – 240
3. India	10 – 1.8	4 – 100
4. France	5 – 2.7	6 – 300
5. Germany	4 – 3.6	7 – 0
6. Pakistan	46 – .209	12 – 100
7. Japan	3 – 5.8	8 – 0
8. Italia	8 – 2.2	9 – 0
9. Spain	12 – 1.5	10 – 0
10. Greece	34 – .299	49 – 0

Two nations which are not included in this list are:

United States of America	1 – 16	1 – 7700
United Kingdom	7 – 2.4	5 – 225 ³

They are not included because they will not be members of this ten-nation ruling coalition. The reasons why will be explained in another book.

The military ranking is based on a nation's nuclear stockpile along with its air, naval and ground power. The overall ranking is a combination of a nation's economic and military power. The GNP is in trillions of Federal Reserve Notes.



Model of Herod's Temple at the Israel Museum

Rebuilding of the Temple (Revelation 11.1-2; 2 Thessalonians 2.4)

We know the Temple will be rebuilt and used to offer sacrifices by the mid-point of the Tribulation:

*And I was given a reed like a staff and was told, “Rise and measure the **shrine** of **YAHWEH** and the altar and those worshipping in it. And the outside court of the shrine cast outside*

and do not measure it because it was given to the nations and they will trample the holy city forty-two months.” (Revelation 11.1-2)

At the mid-point, the Antichrist will enter the Temple and declare himself to be YAHWEH:

Who sets himself against and exalts himself over everything called God or object of worship so as to sit in the shrine of YAHWEH showing himself to be YAHWEH. (2 Thessalonians 2.4)

The Temple must be rebuilt and in use before the Antichrist can enter it, claiming to be YAHWEH. Once Russia and its Muslim/Arab allies are destroyed, Israel will begin to rebuild her Temple. That project will be completed before the Tribulation begins. If Israel waits until start of the Seventieth Week to begin the rebuilding project, it is unlikely that it could be completed in just 3½ years. It must be completed by that time because it is at the mid-point of the Seventieth Week that the Antichrist enters it and claims to be YAHWEH.

Time of “*peace and safety*” (1 Thessalonians 5.1-6)

Paul clearly taught the church in Thessalonica that before the Seventieth Week starts there will be a time of “*peace and safety*”:

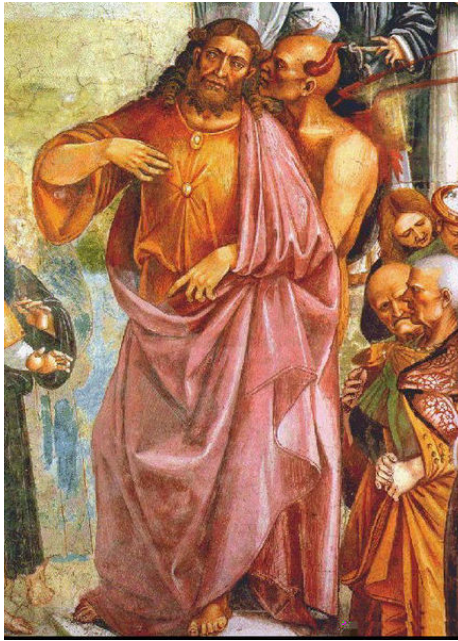
“But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to be written to for you yourselves know accurately that the day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, ‘Peace and safety,’ then sudden destruction comes on them as travail to her that is with child, and in no wise shall they escape. (1 Thessalonians 5.1-3)

The “*day of the Lord*” is the Seventieth Week. Right before the start of the “*day of the Lord*,” the unsaved believe they have achieved worldwide peace. At that time, they say that they have entered a period of “*peace and safety*.” (We know it is a period of false “*peace and safety*.”)

Paul goes on to say that believers should not be caught by surprise when the period of false peace ends:

*But you, brethren, are not in darkness in order that the day should overtake you as a thief. For you are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness; therefore we should **not sleep** as the rest [do], but we should **watch** and we should be sober.* (1 Thessalonians 5.4-6)

They will know that shortly after the false peace has been achieved that it will be broken by war (Revelation 6.4). This means that believers of the Church Age will go into the Seventieth Week of Daniel, but not the Tribulation which starts about 18 months later.



Antichrist and the devil

Rise of Antichrist (Revelation 6.1-2; 13.1-2)

Once the world government breaks into 10 divisions, the Antichrist will rise to power. After the world government breaks up ten rulers will take control of it and form a ruling coalition. These ten rulers will put together a world peace treaty to replace the old one which failed. This new peace treaty, which will be made before the start of the Seventieth Week, will send the peoples of the world into estatic

euphoria thinking that at last true peace has come (1 Thessalonians 5.3).

When the Antichrist becomes the ruler of Iraq he will quickly become a prominent international figure. He will demand to re-sign the world peace treaty for his country. He rises to power in the midst of a time of world peace. This is why he is depicted as the rider on the white horse:

*And I saw the Lamb open one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with the sound of thunder: "Come." And I saw, and behold, there was a **white horse** and the one sitting on it had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he went forth overcoming in order that he might overcome. (Revelation 6.1-2)*

The Antichrist is given his power, throne and authority directly by Satan:

*And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea having ten horns and seven heads, and it had ten diadems on its horns and on its heads are seven names of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and its feet were like that of a bear, and its mouth was like the mouth of a lion. And the **dragon gave to it power and its throne and great authority.** (Revelation 13.1-2)*

The Antichrist will be the biological son of Satan and a daughter of Eve. Satan will engage in carnal knowledge with a woman who will bear an angelman just as the women in the Antideluvian Age did when numerous fallen angels mated with them. Those women gave birth to offspring who became known as the "*men of renown*" (Genesis 6.4). The Antichrist will also be a man of renown due to his superior intellect and abilities. He will be the most charismatic, intelligent and devious angelman to ever live, far superior to mere men and superior to the angelmen of the ancient world.

The dragon is Satan (Revelation 12.9) who is the god of this world (John 12.31; 14.30; 16.11; 2 Corinthians 4.4; Ephesians 2.2; 6.12; 1 John 4.4; 5.19). The Antichrist comes out of the sea which is symbolic of mankind. The ten horns represent the ten kings of the ruling coalition that he will rule over (Revelation 17.12-13). The seven heads are symbolic of the seven kingdoms of the world –

Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, revived Roman Empire (Revelation 17.10). The Antichrist is the eighth and final world Empire (Revelation 17.11). He also was of one of the previous empires. The fallen angel that ruled over one of the previous empires will possess the Antichrist. That fallen angel most likely was the one who possessed Alexander of Macedon because the Antichrist will be the ruler of a country (Iraq) in the territory of the ancient Greek Empire (Daniel 8.8-9). That little horn was not Antiochus Euphianes, but he will be the Antichrist because he will cause some of the “*host of Heaven*” (angels) to fall to Earth and he will trample them (Daniel 8.10). No mere man can do that – only the Antichrist with help from Satan.

The military of the Antichrist will be extremely mobile and swift just as Alexander’s army was (leopard). It will also be very powerful (bear) and he will be very boastful (lion). For more about the exploits and nature of the Antichrist read *Daniel Decoded* and *Antichrist: Deceiver of the World*.

The “*overflowing scourge*” (Joel 2.1-11)

Prior to the start of the Tribulation, an army of demonic creatures is set loose by YAHWEH to terrorize the Middle East, including Israel. Joel sees the following events take place before the Tribulation starts. Notice that he says the “*day of YAHWEH is near at hand.*” That is it has not yet come – thus he sees the event before the Seventieth Week.

*Blow a ram’s horn in Tsion, and shout an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the land’s inhabitants tremble, for the **day of YAHWEH** comes, for [it is] near; a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and gloom. As the dawn [is] spread on the mountains, a great and strong people; there has never been anything like it, nor after and not be again to many generations. Fire devours before it and a flame burns behind it. The land is like the garden of Eden before it and a desolate wilderness behind it, and nothing escapes them. **Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; and like war***

*horses, so they run. As the noise of chariots they leap on the tops of the mountains, like the crackling of the flame of fire that devours the chaff, as a strong people arranged for battle. Before them the people are in anguish; all [their] faces turn red. As a mighty one they will run, as men of battle they go up the wall; and they each march in line, and they do not change their paths. And each does not press his brother, [each] man goes in his path; and when they fall behind the weapon they are not cut off. They rush on the city, they run on the wall; they go up into the houses by the windows [and] they enter like a thief. Before them the earth quakes, the heavens shake, the sun and the moon grow dark and the stars gather in their light. YAHWEH utters His voice before His army; for His camp is very great, for he [is] strong who does His word. The **day of YAHWEH** is very great and fearful, and who can endure it? (Joel 2.1-11)*

The army of demonic creatures described in Joel continues into the Seventieth Week for an undisclosed period of time. (This demonic army is different from the two separate demonic armies described in Revelation Chapter 9. The 200 million demon army is not an army of Asian nations as many Bible prophecy teachers claim.)

When the Antichrist rises to power he exerts control over the “*overflowing scourge*.” He promises mankind to stop the demonic army. The Antichrist will keep the “*overflowing scourge*” idle for a brief period.

Antichrist makes a covenant with Israel (Isaiah 28.15, 18-19; Daniel 9.27)

The Antichrist will make a covenant with the nation of Israel (Daniel 9.27) and believers of the Church Age will see it. When we see the “*overflowing scourge*” terrorizing mankind we will know the signing of the covenant with Israel is imminent:

*Because you have said, “We have **cut a covenant with death**, and have made a vision with Sheol when the overwhelming scourge passes through it will not come to us, for we have made the lie our refuge and falsehood we have hidden.” (Isaiah 28.15)*

*And he will **confirm a covenant with the many** for one week, and in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and offering; and upon a wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until [the] end. And that which was decreed will be poured out on the one who makes desolate. (Daniel 9.27)*

Israel reluctantly signs a covenant, trusting the Antichrist to control the demonic army. Included in this covenant is a provision that allows the nation of Israel to resume her daily sacrifices. It is the signing of this covenant that begins the Seventieth Week of Daniel.

The covenant is kept by the Antichrist for a time, but the demonic army then resumes its campaign of terrorizing Israel and other nations:

*“Your **covenant with death** will be covered, and your vision with Sheol will not rise up. When the overwhelming scourge passes through, then you become its trampling place. As often as it passes it will seize you; for morning after morning it will pass [through], and in the day and in the night, and it will be sheer terror to understand what it means.” (Isaiah 28.18-19)*

We are not told how long this demonic army terrorizes Earth, but it most likely is just a few months. YAHWEH will stop the army of genetically engineered demonic creatures and send them back to the abyss. They will be released a second time in the last half of Daniel’s Seventieth Week (Revelation 9.1-11).



World War

(Daniel 7.8, 20, 24; Revelation 6.3-4)

Once the Antichrist confirms the world peace treaty and signs a covenant with Israel he will encounter a few problems. We do not know how long there will be a false peace, but it will be broken by war. He will seek admission to the ten-nation coalition that rules the world and three of those nations will go to war with him. He will defeat them, but the war will be disastrous for the entire Middle East:

*“While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and **three of the first horns were uprooted** before [it]; and behold, eyes like the eyes of a man [were] on this horn, and a mouth speaking great things.”*
(Daniel 7.8)

*And concerning the ten horns that were on its head and the other which came up, and **before him three of them fell**, even that horn which [had] eyes and a mouth speaking great things and its appearance [was] greater than its associates. (Daniel 7.20)*

*“And the ten horns out of this kingdom [are] ten kings. They will rise up and another will rise up after them; and he will be different from the previous ones and **will humble three kings**.”*
(Daniel 7.24)

*And when He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say: “Come.” And **another red horse went forth and to the one sitting on it was given power to take peace from the Earth in order that they kill one another. And a great sword was given to him.** (Revelation 6.3-4)*

We are not told which nations attack the Antichrist nor are we told which nations make up the coalition that rules the world. Our best guess as to what nations will go to war against the Antichrist (Iraq) at this time is Greece, Turkey and Italia.

Worldwide depression and famine (Revelation 6.5-6)

After the world war devastates most of the Middle East the ruling coalition and the New World Order gangsters will punish the world with a worldwide economic depression:

*And when he opened the third seal I heard the third living creature say: "Come." And I saw, and behold, a **black horse and the one sitting on it had a balance in his hand.** And I heard what sounded like a voice in the midst of the four living creatures say: "**A measure of wheat for a denarius, and three measures of barely for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.**"*

The Greatest Depression will be far worse than the depressions of the 1930s and 2008-2016. People in every nation will suffer severely. There will be riots in almost every nation, including America. Millions of people will starve to death and millions more will die in the riots that will plague every nation on Earth.



Dance of Death

Worldwide pestilence and wild animals (Revelation 6.7-8)

Whenever a war is fought pestilence is the natural successor:

*And when He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say: "Come." And I saw, and behold, a pale green horse, and the one sitting on it and his name is **Death and hell followed him**. And it was given to them authority over the fourth of the Earth, to kill with the sword and with famine and with death and by the **wild beasts** of the Earth.*

The greatest pestilence in the history of the world followed immediately after World War I. The Spanish Flu pandemic began in January of 1918 during the last year of World War I and ending in December of 1920. It ravished the world for three full years infecting 500 million people and killing 50 to 100 million men, women and children. That death toll was from one to three percent of the world's population. The pandemic that ravages the world during the Seventieth Week will be far greater. It could kill several hundred million.

There will be so many corpses all over the world that the living will not be able to bury them in mass graves quickly enough. Wild beasts will take advantage of the carnage and gorge themselves. They will carry the various diseases that befall man spreading them to even more people.

We are not told how many people will die from the pestilence and wild animals, but the death toll from the world war, depression, population. More than two billion people will die from those plagues with a few hundred million dying from the pestilence alone.

Martyrdom of Church Age believers (Daniel 7.21, 25; Mark 13.12-13; Revelation 6.9-10; 7.9-17; 13.7)

Just as Nero blamed the burning of Roma on the Christians, the Antichrist will blame the death of more than two billion people on

Christians. He will unleash his fury on true believers blaming them for all the troubles of the world and hunt them down:

*“I kept looking and that **horn was waging war with [the] holy ones and prevailed over them.**” (Daniel 7.21)*

*“He will speak words against the Most High and **will wear out the holy ones of the Most High**, and he will intend to change times and law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.” (Daniel 7.25)*

*And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the **souls of those who were killed on account of the Word of YAHWEH and on account of the witness which they had.** And they cried with a loud voice saying: “Until when, Master, holy and true, will you not judge and **avenge our blood** of those living on Earth?” And a white robe was given to each one of them and they were told to rest a little time until it should be fulfilled that their fellow slaves and **their brothers are also killed as they were.** (Revelation 6.9-11)*

YAHSHUA warned believers of this in the Olivet Discourse:
*“And a **brother will deliver a brother to death, and a father a child; and children will rise up against parents and will have them put to death. And you will be hated by all on account of My name, but the one who endures to the end will be saved.**” (Mark 13.12-13)*

True believers will be turned in by family members, friends, fellow employees, strangers and members of their church. We do not know how many believers of the Church Age will be martyred, but it will be in the hundreds of millions. The slaughter will be so horrific that only several thousand believers will survive the massacre to be caught up alive in the Rapture. Unfortunately, the Rapture takes place at the end of the Fifth Seal and just before the Sixth Seal is opened. Those who are saved after the Rapture will also be hunted down and executed in the millions with only thousands surviving to the Second Advent.

This group of martyrs is also mentioned after the commissioning of the 144,000 is described:

*After these things I looked, and behold, a **great crowd which no one was able to number out of every nation and tribe and people and language standing before the throne and before the Lamb.** They were clothed with white robes and held palms in their hands. They cried with a great voice saying, “Salvation to our Mighty One sitting on the throne and to the Lamb.” All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped YAHWEH saying, “Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength to our Mighty One unto the ages of the ages. Amen.”*

One of the elders asked me, “Who are the ones clothed with the white robes and where did they come from?” I said to him, “My lord, you know.”

*He said to me, “These are **the ones who come out of great tribulation** and have washed their robes, and whitened them in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of YAHWEH, and serve Him day and night in His temple. The one sitting on the throne will spread His tent over them. They will not hunger nor will they thirst any longer; neither will the heat of the sun fall on them nor any heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them upon the fountains of the water of life, and YAHWEH will wipe away every tear out of their eyes.” (Revelation 7.9-17)*

This passage describes the martyrs in more detail from Chapter Six. The creation of Adam and Eve is told briefly in Chapter One of Genesis and then expanded in Chapter Two. The same is done here.

The angel tells John this group came out of “*great tribulation*” (v. 14). Hal Lindsey and others claim the first half of the Seventieth Week is described in Revelation 6.1-2, and the last half from 6.3 to 18.24. That is absurd to say the least. It is impossible to cram the next six seals, the seven trumpets and the seven vials into 42 months. The book of Revelation is written in chronological order. The events of Chapter Seven follow those of Chapter Six and so on. There is only one parenthetical passage inserted into the chronology (Revelation 12.1-5). We know the mid-point of the Seventieth Week starts with Chapter Eleven because verse two says there will be 42 more months. Therefore, ALL of the events from Chapter Six through Chapter Ten

take place during the first 42 months of the Seventieth Week. It is at that point that the two witnesses are commissioned (11.3-12).

Not everyone who calls themselves Christians will be executed by the storm-troopers of the Antichrist. Roman Catholics, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses and the members of all of the cults will be safe because the Antichrist knows those people are his. Members of the Protestant churches which have joined the world church will also be safe from persecution. The Antichrist will only go after true believers who are members of churches that did not join the world church and those who are members of home churches. The few members of the apostate churches that are saved may be executed if they voice their opinions about the Antichrist.

Conclusion

There are numerous **warning signs** of the approaching Seventieth Week of Daniel and later the Rapture for which all disciples of YAHSHUA Messiah should be diligently "watching" as YAHSHUA commanded us (Matthew 24.42, 44).

Five major **warning signs** prophecies are currently being fulfilled:

1. Breakdown of morality and society (2 Timothy 3.1-5)
2. The "*apostasy*" (2 Thessalonians 2.3; 2 Timothy 2.1-5; 4.3-4)
3. Conflict between the corporations and workers (James 5.4-6).
4. Ressurgence of the homosexual movement (Luke 17.28-29)
5. Mark of the Beast technology (Revelation 13.15-18).

The 8 **warning signs** that take place, from a few years to several months, before the Seventieth Week are:

1. Gog/Magog and allies destroyed (Ezekiel 38.1-9; 39.6-8; 30.1-5)
2. Rebuilding the ancient city of Babylon (Zechariah 5.5-11)
3. Moving the Holy See from Rome to Babylon (Zechariah 5.1-5)
4. World church and the False Prophet (Rev. 17.1-5, 18; 13.11-17)
5. World economy (Revelation 13.15-17)
6. World government (Daniel 7.23)
7. World government breaks into 10 divisions (Daniel 7.24)
8. Rebuilding the Temple (Revelation 11.1-2; 2 Thessalonians 2.4).

The 8 **warning signs** that take place a short time before the Rapture are:

9. Rise of Antichrist (Daniel 7.20, 24; Revelation 6.1-2; 13.1-10)
10. The “*overflowing scourge*” (Joel 2.1-11)
11. A time of “*peace and safety*” (1 Thessalonians 5.3; Rev. 6.1-2)
12. Antichrist’s covenant with Israel (Is. 28.15, 18-19; Daniel 9.27)
13. World War (Daniel 7.8, 20, 24; Revelation 6.3-4)
14. Worldwide depression and famine (Revelation 6.5-6)
15. Worldwide pestilence and wild animals (Revelation 6.7-8)
16. Martyrdom of Church Age believers (Daniel 7.21, 25; Mark 13.12-13; Revelation 6.9-10; 7.9-17)

We must remember YAHSHUA rebuked the religious leaders of His time for not knowing the time they were living in:

“Hypocrites! You know how to discern the appearance of the earth and the sky, but this time how do you not discern?” (Luke 12.56)

YAHSHUA rebuked the Pharisees for not knowing the time of His First Coming. They failed to discern the time they were living in. They missed the **signs** of the First Coming of the Messiah. If we do not “watch” for the **warning signs** of the Rapture we will also not be ready when YAHSHUA returns.

All of these **warning signs** must be fulfilled before the Rapture. Christians should keep close “watch” of their fulfillment. As they are fulfilled we will understand that the Rapture is that much closer.



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We see no reason for changing the figures – nor could we change them if we would, they are, we believe, God’s dates, not ours. But bear in mind that the end of 1914 is not the date for the *beginning*, but for the *end* of the time of the trouble. (Charles Taze Russell)^{19a}

1899 – ...the “battle of the great day of God Almighty” (Revelation 16:14), which will end in A.D. **1914** with the complete overthrow of earth’s present rulership, is already commenced. (C.T. Russell, *The Time Is at Hand*, page 101, 1908 edition)^{19b}

1938 – ...mark the words of Jesus, which definitely seem to discourage the bearing of children immediately before or during Armageddon... It would therefore appear that there is no reasonable or scriptural injunction to bring children into the world **immediately before Armageddon**, where we now are. (Judge Rutherford, *Watchtower*, Nov. 1, 1938, p. 324)⁷

1980 – A 1980 Watchtower article described the notion that “the wicked system of this world” would last “until the turn of the century” as “highly improbable in view of world trends and the fulfillment of Bible prophecy.”³⁴

1917 – Also, in the year 1918, when God destroys the churches wholesale and the church members by million, it shall be that any that escape shall come to the works of Pastor Russell to learn the meaning of the downfall of Christianity. (Watch Tower Society, *The Finished Mystery*, 1917 edition, p. 485)⁷

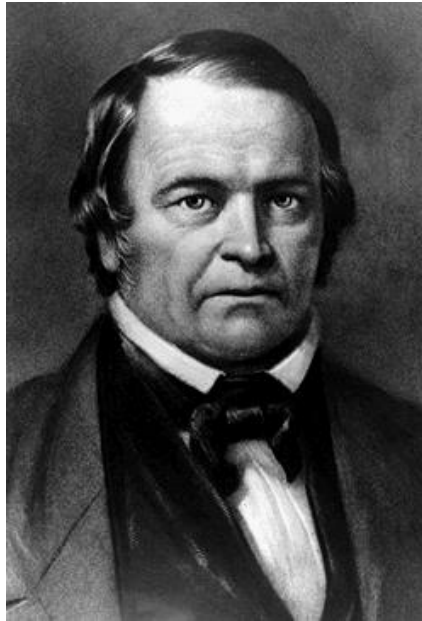
THREE

FALSE PROPHETS OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

Many founders of cults built their false religion on false prophecies. Of the three most prominent cults of the nineteenth century two of them gained most of their followers by making false prophecies. William Miller and Ellen White based their cult on false prophecies as well as Charles Russell. Joseph Smith, Jr. did not build his cult on false prophecies but he made some to keep his followers in his fold.

False prophets of the nineteenth century

The 19th century saw the rise of a few Protestant cults which have led millions of people astray into Hell. The three most prominent false prophets of that century who founded religious corporations which blossomed into deadly spiritual trees were William Miller, Joseph Smith, Jr. and Charles Taze Russell. Miller did not found the Seventh-day Adventist Corporation, but it was his false prophecies that spawned that satanic cult. His top devotee, Ellen G. White, created the SDA Corp. with help from her husband and Joseph Bates. Miller was honest enough to admit he made false prophecies after they failed. He quit the religious business and slid out of public view. Unfortunately the Whites and Bates picked up his false prophecy torch and ran with it leading over 40 million into Hell.



William Miller (1782-1849)

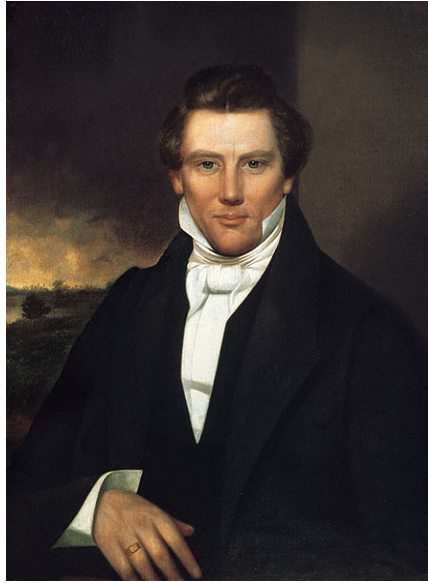
William Miller was a New York farmer and a Mason, who became a Baptist in 1816. He laid for the foundation of the Seventh-Day Adventist Movement with his false prophecies concerning the return of Jesus Christ.

He studied the Bible from 1816 to 1818 before he came to the conclusion that Jesus would return to Earth “about the year 1843.” He kept his discovery secret until 1831.

His prediction of the Second Coming was based on the passage in Daniel that says there are 2300 days from the time the sanctuary is defiled to when it is cleansed (Daniel 8.13-14). He chose 457 BC (decree to rebuild Jerusalem by Artaxerxes I) as the date of the defiling, and then 1843 as the date of the cleansing. One day was symbolic of one year in his thinking.

In 1840 Miller gained a following and when his 1843 prediction of the Second Coming failed he reset the date to 1844. When that date failed, most of his followers gave up their faith. He continued to believe Christ would return at *any moment* until his death in 1849.

Miller died a false prophet, but some of his disciples held to his beliefs and formed the Seventh-Day Adventist denomination.



Joseph Smith, Jr. (1805-1844)

Joseph Smith, Jr. founded the Church of Latter Days Saints (Mormon Corporation) in 1830 with the publication of the Book of Mormon. He then became a Mason along with a large number of his followers. He made a prediction in 1835 that Jesus would return in 1890. He used the work of William Miller to choose his date. This is what is recorded in the history of the Mormon Church:

President Smith then **stated** that the meeting had been called, because **God had commanded it; and it was made known to him by vision and by the Holy Spirit.** He then gave a relation of some of the circumstances attending us while journeying to Zion – our trials, sufferings; and said God had not designed all this for nothing, but He had it in remembrance yet; and it was the **will of God** that those who went to Zion, with a determination to lay down their lives, if necessary, should be ordained to the ministry, and go forth to prune the vineyard for the last time, or the **coming of the Lord, which was nigh** – even **fifty-six years should wind up the scene.** 1830. (*History of the Church*, Vol. 2:182, emphasis added)¹

This prophecy is recorded in the *Doctrines and Covenants*:

I **prophecy, in the name of the Lord God**, that the commencement of the difficulties which will cause much bloodshed previous to the coming of the Son of Man will be in South Carolina. It may probably arise through the slave question. This a voice declared to me, while I was praying earnestly on the subject, December 25th, 1832. I was once praying very earnestly to know the time of the coming of the Son of Man, when I heard a voice repeat the following: “Joseph, my son, if thou livest until **thou art eighty-five years old, thou shalt see the face of the Son of Man**; therefore let this suffice, and trouble me no more on this matter.” I was left thus, without being able to decide whether this coming referred to the beginning of the millennium or to some previous appearing, or whether I should die and thus see his face. I believe the coming of the Son of Man will not be any sooner than that time. (Section 130.12-17, emphasis added) [Ed. Note: **Joseph Smith was born in 1805. That means the Second Coming should have taken place in 1890. It did not. He was correct about a war breaking out in South Carolina.**]

In a prophecy made on December 27, 1832, Smith declared that great calamities would befall the world:

I **prophecy** that the earth will tremble and the sun be hidden in “not many days”: “For **not many days hence** and the earth shall tremble and reel to and fro as a drunken man; and the **sun shall hide his face, and shall refuse to give light; and the moon shall be bathed in blood**; and the stars shall become exceedingly angry, and shall cast themselves down as a fig that falleth from off a fig-tree.” (*Doctrine and Covenants* 88:87, emphasis added) [Ed. Note: **This prophecy has yet to be fulfilled.**]

He also made a prophecy that Isaiah 11 was about to be fulfilled:

In addition to these, he quoted the eleventh chapter of Isaiah, saying that it was about to be fulfilled. He quoted also the third chapter of Acts, twenty-second and twenty-third verses, precisely as they stand in our New Testament. He said that that prophet was Christ; but the day had not yet come when “they who would not hear his voice should be cut off from among the

people,” but soon would come. (*Pearl of Great Price*, Joseph Smith, History, verse 40)

Isaiah 11:6-9 says:

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea. [Ed. Note: This prophecy has yet to be fulfilled.]

In 1832 Smith predicted the New Jerusalem would be built in his generation:

A city shall be built, New Jerusalem [State of Missouri], in which a temple shall be reared in this generation. (*Doctrine and Covenants* 84:3-5 – September 22 & 23, 1832) [Ed. Note: This prophecy has yet to be fulfilled.]

In 1843, Smith predicted the Holy Spirit would be withdrawn from the planet, among other things:

“I prophesy in the name of the Lord God of Israel, anguish and wrath and tribulation and the withdrawing of the Spirit of God from the earth await this generation, until they are visited with utter desolation... I prophesy they never will have power to kill me till my work is accomplished, and I am ready to die.” (*History of the Church*, vol. 6, p. 58 – October 15, 1843)⁵ [Ed. Note: The Holy Spirit has not been withdrawn from the world. “Utter desolation” was not visited upon the world. Joseph Smith’s work was not finished, and he was not ready to die when he was shot attempting to escape from jail in 1844. No one can possibly think Smith was ready to die, and that he thought his work was done in 1844.]

Of all Smith’s predictions, only part of one of them was correct. He died a false prophet.



Ellen G. White (1827-1915)

Ellen Gould White was an avid disciple of William Miller. She took over the Adventist movement when Miller retired due to his false prophecies. She founded the Seventh-day Adventist Corporation with help from her husband James White, and another Sabbatarian Adventist leader, Joseph Bates. She made many false predictions herself, and taught some unusual doctrines. She even claimed to write what her God told her to:

“God was speaking through clay. In these letters which I write, in the testimonies I bear, I am presenting to you that which the Lord has presented to me. I do not write one article in the paper expressing merely my own ideas. They are what God has opened before me in vision – the precious rays of light shining from the throne.” (*Visions of Mrs. E. G. White*, Testimony 31, p. 63)⁶

This is what she had to say concerning Miller’s prediction that YAHSHUA would return in 1843:

I have seen that the 1843 chart (Wm. Miller's) was directed by the hand of the Lord and that it should not be altered that the figures were as he wanted them. (*Early Writings*, p. 64, edition 1882)⁶

White prophesied the world would end in 1843, 1844, 1845 & 1851:

Now time is almost finished, (1851) and what we have been 6 years in learning they will have to learn in months. (*Early Writings*, p. 57)⁶

For a time after the disappointment in 1844, I did hold, in common with the advent body, that the door of mercy was then forever closed to the world... I was shown in vision, and I still believe, that there was a shut door in 1844. (*Selected Messages*, 1 p. 63)⁶

White was wrong in all of her predictions concerning the Second Coming, the Civil War and other things. She did not know the specific *warning signs* that have to be fulfilled before the Rapture. Much of her writings were based on works of others that she plagiarized, and she died a false prophet.

She also violated Holy Scripture by teaching men and exercising authority over them:

Let a woman learn in quietness, in all subjection. But I do not allow a woman to teach nor to exercise authority over man, but to be in quietness. (1 Timothy 2.11-12)

White not only violated this clear command from YAHWEH Elohim given to ALL believing women through the Apostle Paul, she created her own cult with help from her husband and Joseph Bates. She also claimed she was given myriad divine revelations and formulated her own dogma. Much of her dogma was plagiarized from other writings. It is estimated that 85% White's writings were plagiarized! Everything she did was in violation of the Holy Scriptures.

White was clearly a false prophetess, a spiritual rebel, a deceiver, a liar, a con-artist and a greedy moneymonger who sought power and glory. Religion was just a business to her.



Charles Taze Russell (1852-1916)

Charles Taze Russell was a Protestant evangelist who established Zion's Watch Tower Tract Society in 1881. W. H. Conley was president, and Russell served as secretary and treasurer. The members of the society are called Jehovah's Witnesses.

In 1870, Russell began his study of the Bible in earnest with George Storrs and George Stetson, who followed the teaching of William Miller. In 1876, he gave Nelson H. Barbour a great deal of money to publish his writings. Russell and Barbour picked 1877 as their date for the return of the Lord, but He did not return that year. Then in 1878 Russell personally told every Christian leader in Pittsburgh that the "Christ" would return in April 1878. This false prophecy led Russell and Barbour to separate in 1879. Russell went on to make more false prophecies. Here are his more infamous false prophecies:

1876 – In 1876 he adopted the belief held by others that Jesus' presence (*parousia*) had begun in 1874 and that the gathering of the little flock preliminary to the grand climax was in progress.⁸ He calculated the harvest would be completed in **1878**, at which

time the gathered saints would be translated into spirit form.⁹⁻¹⁰ The year would also bring the beginning of the “exercise of power” of God’s kingdom, with evidence that God’s favor was returning to the Jews.¹¹ This false prophecy did not slow him down. In early 1881 he claimed 1878 had been a milestone year, marking the point at which “the nominal Christian churches were cast off from God’s favor.”¹²

1877 – The End Of This World; that is the end of the gospel and the beginning of the millennial age is nearer than most men suppose; indeed we have already entered the transition period, which is to be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation (Dan. 12:3). (*Three Worlds, and the Harvest of This World*, N.H. Barbour and C.T. Russell, p. 17)⁷

1881 – He extended the harvest to a new date – later that year.¹³ “Coming to the spring of 1878 ... we naturally and not unreasonably expected some change of our condition, and all were more or less disappointed when nothing supernatural occurred. But our disappointment was brief, for we noticed that the Jewish church (and not the Gospel church) was the pattern of ours, and therefore we should not expect parallels to Pentecost or to anything which happened in the beginning of this church.”¹² He added that “the light upon our pathway still shines and is more and more glorious” and that since 1878 the light had glowed stronger. He believed the timing of their translation to heaven seemed nearer, and wrote: “We know not the day or hour, but expect it during **1881**, possibly near the autumn where the parallels show the favor to Zion complete and due to end, the door to the marriage to shut, and the high calling to be the bride of Christ, to cease.”¹²

The second failure in **1881** precipitated a serious crisis among his followers and for several years they waited for the belated translation to occur.¹³ Yet many members found it inconceivable that their earthly departure might be delayed that long. Russell consoled members with the news that **1881** had still marked the time when “death became a blessing” in the sense that any saint who died would henceforth be instantaneously changed into a spirit being.¹⁴ The revised view

provided comfort for early believers who had held the view that the living faithful would never experience a physical death, and yet had seen other members in fact dying while they awaited their upward call. After **1881** physical death was defined as one of the ways in which some of the saints might undergo their translation.¹³

1894 – In an 1894 *Watch Tower*, Russell responded to readers who questioned whether – because of recent political upheavals – the world could last until 1914, he wrote:

We see no reason for changing the figures – nor could we change them if we would, they are, we believe, God’s dates, not ours. But bear in mind that the end of 1914 is not the date for the *beginning*, but for the *end* of the time of the trouble. (“Can it be Delayed Until 1914?”, *Zion’s Watch Tower*, July 15, 1894)^{19a}

1899 – ...the “battle of the great day of God Almighty” (Revelation 16:14), which will end in A.D. **1914** with the complete overthrow of earth’s present rulership, is already commenced. (*The Time Is at Hand*, page 101, 1908 edition)^{19b}

1904 – According to our expectations the stress of the great time of trouble will be on us soon, somewhere between **1910 and 1912**, culminating with the end of the “Times of the Gentiles,” October, 1914. (*The New Creation, Studies in the Scriptures*, vol. 6, p. 579)⁷

1908 – In view of this strong Bible evidence concerning the Times of the Gentiles, we consider it an established truth that the final end of the kingdoms of this world, and the full establishment of the Kingdom of God, will be accomplished at the end of A.D. 1914. (*The Time Is At Hand*; 1889; 1908 ed.; p. 99)

1914 – Russell’s *Studies in the Scriptures* series had explicitly identified **October 1914** as the “full end of the times of the Gentiles” and consequently the “farthest limit” of human rulership.^{15a} It would bring the beginning of Christ’s millennial reign^{15b} and all his followers expected the immediate “translation of the saints” to rule with the revealed Christ that

year. Following the earth's tribulation and unrest, the Jews would return to God's favor, the "nominal Church" would have fallen, the final battle between Christ and Satan would have ended, the kingdoms of the world would be overthrown, and Christ would have gathered his saints into heaven, where they would reign with him, and when the millennium would begin.^{15b} The belief was unequivocal, based on his study of the Bible and the Great Pyramid. Russell remarked that by altering the prophecy even one year would destroy the perfect symmetry of its biblical chronology.¹⁶ In the second book of his *Studies in the Scriptures* series he described it as "an established truth that the final end of the kingdoms of this world, and the full establishment of the Kingdom of God, will be accomplished at the end of A.D. 1914."¹⁷ He proclaimed that "all present governments will be overthrown and dissolved,"¹⁷ along with the destruction of "what God calls Babylon, and what men call Christendom."¹⁸

As 1914 approached, excitement mounted over the expected "change" of anointed Christians.¹³ Early that year some Bible Students, convinced the end of the world had arrived, began distributing their material belongings, abandoning their jobs and eagerly anticipating the future.²⁰ In May 1914 – five months from the expected end – Russell warned followers against succumbing to doubt:

"There is absolutely no ground for Bible students to question that the consummation of this Gospel age is now even at the door, and that it will end as the Scriptures foretell in a great time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. We see the participants in this great crisis banding themselves together ... The great crisis, the great clash ... that will consume the ecclesiastical heavens and the social earth, is very near."²¹

But by September, Russell was preparing *Watch Tower* readers for the possibility that "Armageddon may begin next spring, yet it is purely speculation to attempt to say just when." Yet the evidence, he wrote, still pointed "to the year just before us – particularly the early months."²²

When again nothing took place, predictions regressed to their earlier short-term orientation. *The Watch Tower* wrote: "It may be that many of the Lord's people were expecting more than they should have looked for to occur with the opening of the Jewish year 1915, which began with September 21. The human mind seems to have a natural tendency, and one with which we should have sympathy, to expect matters to culminate more rapidly, fulfillments to come more suddenly, than they ever do come ... Studying God's Word, we have measured the 2520 years, the Seven symbolic Times, from that year 606 B.C. and have found that it reached down to October, **1914**, as nearly as we were able to reckon. We did not say positively that this would be the year. We merely left every one to look at the facts of history and reckon for himself."²³

In a lengthy article of consolation, Russell wrote that it was a testing time for Christ's disciples and that some Bible Students had unreal expectations. He said it was also possible that God's Kingdom on earth would be established gradually.^{16a-b}

Yet on **October 2, 1914**, he entered the staff dining room at the Watch Tower Society headquarters and declared that the Gentile times had ended and that "their kings have had their day."^{15b} It signaled that God had withdrawn his benevolent disposition towards the Christian nations.²³

Russell viewed the outbreak of World War I as the beginning of Armageddon, which would soon descend into worldwide revolution²⁴ and in 1916, shortly before his death, he reaffirmed his conviction that the end was close and the harvest of saints was ongoing:

Some of us were quite strongly convinced that the Harvest would be ended by now, but our expectations must not be allowed to weigh anything as against the facts ... We see no reason for doubting, therefore, that the Times of the Gentiles ended in **October 1914**; and that a few more years will witness their utter collapse and the full establishment of God's Kingdom in the hands of Messiah.²⁵

In **posthumous editions** of his *Studies in the Scriptures*, entire sections were rewritten to accommodate the failure of the

anticipated events, with 1914 now identified as “*the beginning* of the end of Gentile times.” The outbreak of World War I was taken to be its confirmation. Under doctrinal changes introduced by his successor, Joseph Franklin Rutherford, it was later decided that the Millennium would come within the generation of those who saw the events of 1914. The years of 1799 and 1874, until then significant dates in Russell’s millennial chronology, were also abandoned.^{16a}

1916 – The Bible chronology herein presented shows that the six great 1000 year days beginning with Adam are ended, and that the great 7th Day, the 1000 years of Christ’s Reign, began in 1873. (*The Time Is At Hand*, page 2, forward)

None of the prophecies of Russell concerning the Second Coming of YAHSHUA came true. He died a false prophet from the deadly “Rapture Fever” bug.



Joseph Franklin Rutherford
(1869-1942)

Joseph Franklin Rutherford was elected president of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society in 1917, succeeding its founder, Charles Taze Russell. It was under Rutherford’s leadership that members of the Watch Tower Society adopted the name Jehovah’s Witnesses. Here are a few of his predictions:

1920 – Rutherford predicted the Old Testament patriarchs and prophets would be resurrected in 1925. In his 1920 booklet,


Millions Now Living Will Never Die,¹³ he wrote that he expected the ancient patriarchs and prophets, “the faithful ones of old” to be resurrected to earthly life in 1925 as a prelude to a general physical resurrection of faithful followers of God destined for everlasting life on earth. He explained:

This is the Golden Age of which the prophets prophesied and of which the Psalmist sang; and it is the privilege of the student of the divine Word today, by the eye of faith, to see that we are standing at the very portals of that blessed time! Let us look up and lift up our heads. Deliverance is at the door!²⁶

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Rutherford believed the patriarchs would return in 1925 based on his calculations of the Jewish jubilee, counting forward 3,500 years from 1575 BCE.²⁷⁻²⁸ As the year advanced, he wrote of the urgency of witnessing in the “few remaining months”²⁹ though he also provided a caution that not all the

expected events might occur.³⁰ When that prediction failed, the Watch Tower Society suspended the issuing of prophecies centered on a specific date.

Rutherford did not abandon the prediction after it came and went. In 1929 the Watch Tower Society bought a piece of land in San Diego, California, where a Spanish mansion was built and named Beth Sarim (“house of the Princes”). As late as 1932 Rutherford was still delivering talks about the nearness of the kingdom: he declared that the preaching work of the Witnesses was “coming to a conclusion,” that Armageddon was “only a short time away” and that the end was “much less than the length of a generation.”³¹ In the late 1930s Rutherford affirmed his intention that Beth Sarim should accommodate at least some of the returning “princes” and that it should stand as a monument to the organization’s firm expectation, although no new date was ever assigned to the expected event.²⁷ The building was sold in 1948 and the doctrine of the return of the prophets was dropped in 1950.³²

1938 – ...mark the words of Jesus, which definitely seem to discourage the bearing of children immediately before or during Armageddon... It would therefore appear that there is no reasonable or scriptural injunction to bring children into the world **immediately before Armageddon**, where we now are. (*Watchtower*, Nov. 1, 1938, p. 324)⁷

1939 – The abundance of Scriptural evidence, together with the physical facts that have come to pass showing the fulfillment of prophecy, conclusively proves that **the time for the battle of the great day of God Almighty is very near** and that in that battle all of God’s enemies shall be destroyed and the earth cleared of wickedness. Likewise today, all the nations and peoples of earth are face to face with the greatest emergency. They are being warned as God commands, that the disaster of Armageddon is just ahead. (*Salvation*, J. F. Rutherford, 1939, pp. 310, 361)⁷

1940 – The year **1940** is certain to be the most important year yet because **Armageddon is very near**. It behooves all who love righteousness to put forth every effort to advertise The

Theocracy while the privileges are still open. (*Informant*, April, 1940, p. 1)⁷

1940 – The Kingdom is here, the King is enthroned. **Armageddon is just ahead.** The glorious reign of Christ that shall bring blessings to the world will immediately follow. Therefore the **great climax has been reached.** Tribulation has fallen upon those who stand by the Lord. (*The Messenger*, Sept. 1940, p. 6)⁷

1940 – The prophecies of Almighty God, the fulfillment of which now clearly appears from the physical facts, show that the **end of religion has come** and with its end the complete downfall of Satan's entire organization. (*Religion*, J. F. Rutherford, p. 336, 1940)⁷

None of Rutherford's predictions have come to pass. He died a false prophet.

Watch Tower Society

Zion's Watch Tower Tract Society changed its name in 1931 to Jehovah's Witnesses. It has made many false predictions about the Second Coming. Its co-founder, Charles Taze Russell, chose 1877 as the date of the Second Coming, and his successor, Joseph Franklin Rutherford, picked a few dates. During the brief transition period between Russell and Rutherford (1916-1917) nameless members of the Watch Tower Society made some predictions claiming they were made by Russell. After the death of Rutherford the Jehovah's Witnesses continued to make predictions about Christ's return:

1917 – The Spring of 1918 will bring upon Christendom a spasm of anguish greater even than that experienced in the Fall of 1914... The travail that is coming is to be upon nominal Zion – "Christendom" "Babylon"; and it will be a great and sore affliction – "A Time of Trouble such as was not since there was a nation." (*The Finished Mystery* p. 62 [stated to be the *Posthumous Work of Pastor Russell* on p. 2])⁷

1917 – No doubt Satan believed the Millennial Kingdom was due to be set-up in 1915... Be that as it may, there is evidence

that the establishment of the Kingdom in Palestine will probably be in 1925, ten years later than we once calculated. (*Studies In The Scriptures*, vol. 7, *The Finished Mystery*, p. 128)⁷

1917 – Also, in the year 1918, when God destroys the churches wholesale and the church members by million, it shall be that any that escape shall come to the works of Pastor Russell to learn the meaning of the downfall of Christianity. (*The Finished Mystery*, 1917 edition, p. 485)⁷

1942 – Now, **with Armageddon immediately before us**, it is a matter of life or destruction. Those who would be of the Lord's other sheep that shall compose the great multitude of Armageddon survivors and live joyfully on earth forever must find the answer to a very personal question, and very important. (*Watchtower*, April 1, 1942, p. 139)⁷

1966 – According to this **trustworthy Bible chronology six thousand years from man's creation will end in 1975**, and the **seventh period of a thousand years of human history will begin in the fall of 1975 C.E.** Six thousand years of man's existence on earth will soon be up, yea within this generation. (*Life Everlasting in Freedom of the Sons of God*, 1966, p. 29-30)⁷

1968 – Eight years from the Autumn of 1967 would bring us to the **Autumn of 1975**, fully 6,000 years into God's seventh day, his rest day. (*Watchtower*, May 1, 1968 p. 271)⁷

1971 – The book, *The Nations Shall Know That I Am Jehovah – How?*, stated: "Shortly, within our twentieth century, the 'battle in the day of Jehovah' will begin against the modern antitype of Jerusalem, Christendom."³³

1980 – A 1980 Watchtower article described the notion that "the wicked system of this world" would last "until the turn of the century" as "highly improbable in view of world trends and the fulfillment of Bible prophecy."³⁴

1984 – A similar statement in a 1984 *Watchtower* article suggested that some members of the 1914 generation "could

survive until the end of the century. But there are many indications that ‘the end’ is much closer than that!”³⁵

The hope of the end of the world would come in 1975 was based on the Society’s belief that Adam had been created in the autumn of 4026 BCE. The society suggested that the close of the first 6000 years of human history could correspond with the end of God’s “rest day” – with the transition marked by the Battle of Armageddon.

Benefits from false predictions

The hype over the end of the world coming in 1975 increased membership and revenues for Jehovah’s Witnesses. Richard Singelenberg, a Dutch social anthropologist, found its sense of urgency on a probable apocalyptic event, and later the possibility of a cataclysm, expectations of a significant event in 1975 had a “startling impact” on the proselytizing activities of Jehovah’s Witnesses and membership growth. His analysis of Watch Tower Society data showed annual growth of “publishers,” which had averaged 2.8 percent annually between 1961 and 1966, increased to between 10.4 and 12.4 percent from 1967 to 1975, with the number of active Witnesses through the 1970s peaking at almost 28,000 in November 1975. The number of average annual baptisms more than doubled, from 750 to 1851, with the ratio of defections to recruitments plummeting. The percentage of “pioneers” (Witnesses devoting at least 60 hours a month in preaching work) more than tripled from 2.3 percent of members to almost 8 percent in 1974 and 1975. He also found major increases in the number of “back calls” (return visits to interested members of the public who purchased publications) and average hours spent in service by individuals in the same two years.³⁶

Repercussions from false predictions

Singelenberg’s analysis of Jehovah’s Witness preaching activity in the Netherlands in the wake of the 1975 prophetic failure

showed a **drop** in the religion's **membership** from mid-1976, a trend that was not reversed until 1980. It is thought that in the Netherlands about 5000 Witnesses either left the movement, were expelled, or became marginal and inactive members.³⁶ Singelenberg suggested many of those expelled and shunned in the late 1970s had rebelled against the religion's authority structure out of "**post-prophecy frustration**"; post-1975 defectors were described to him and American researcher A. J. Brose as "opportunists" who had joined the religion out of fear when the end seemed imminent, yet who lacked genuine commitment. One elder told Singelenberg: "It was good that Armageddon did not take place. It separated the wheat from the chaff."³⁶

Researcher Mathew N. Schmalz suggested the leadership drew attention from the disconfirmation by requiring an even greater loyalty from members, a demand enforced with the **expulsion of almost 30,000 Witnesses in 1978 alone**. The insistence on doctrinal orthodoxy reached the highest levels of the organization in 1980, with many in the writing committee disfellowshipped.^{16a}

In his ethnographic study of Jehovah's Witnesses, English sociologist Andrew Holden quoted the testimony of a Witness who had been in the movement from the early 1970s, but found it impossible to remain as an active member after the failure of the 1975 prediction failure. He said he, like many others, had been convinced the end would come in 1975: "I said it from the platform! We told everyone the end was near. When I became a Witness **I gave up my insurance policies, I cancelled all my insurance endowments, I never bought a house because I knew I wouldn't need one, we didn't even want to put the kids' names down for school.**"³⁷ (Emphasis added)

In a 1968 issue of the monthly bulletin *Kingdom Ministry*, adherents were encouraged to increase their preaching activities because time was running out rapidly: "Less than a hundred months separate us from the end of 6000 years of man's history. What can YOU do in that time?"³⁸ Some Witnesses sold their possessions, postponed surgery or cashed in their insurance policies to prepare for Armageddon^{16a} and in May 1974 the Watch Tower Society told members: "Reports are heard of brothers selling their homes and property and planning to finish out the rest of their days in this old system in the pioneer service. Certainly

this is a fine way to spend the short time remaining before the wicked world's end.”³⁹

The prophecy was also disseminated at talks at congregation meetings and assemblies. Speakers at some conventions highlighted the phrase, “Stay alive till ’75” and urged the audience to maintain their meeting attendance or risk losing their lives at Armageddon.⁴⁰

The Dutch branch overseer urged the audience at a “Divine Purpose” district convention in 1974 to “pioneer” (take part in full-time preaching) as the end approached: “Many of us have suffered misery, sickness and death. You don't have to experience that any more. The new order is near ... Sell your house, sell everything you own and say, oh boy, how long can I carry on with my private means. That long? Get rid of things! Pioneer! Plan to shower people with magazines during these last few months of this dying system of things!”⁴¹

The passing of 1975 without incident left the Watch Tower Society open to new claims of prophetic failure. Instead of maintaining the prophetic significance of that year, however, the religion's leaders embarked on a lengthy period of denial and purge, blaming rank and file membership for misreading the organization's interpretations.^{16a} *The Watchtower* initially explained that the reason for the failure of Armageddon's arrival was due to the time lapse between the creation of Adam and Eve. Although the Society had earlier argued that the gap was “weeks or months, not years,” it now decided the time lapse could, after all, be years.⁴²

The following year the magazine repeated its explanation, but declared the Witnesses themselves were to blame for their eager expectations about 1975 because they had misread the Bible.³⁶ “It was not the word of God that failed or deceived [the individual Jehovah's Witness] and brought disappointment, but ... his own understanding was based on wrong premises.”⁴³ In talks at conventions four years later, leading members of the Society finally acknowledged their error in the initial formulation of the prophecy, and in the March 15, 1980 *Watchtower* the Society said its claims about 1975 were regretted.³⁶ It assigned no different interpretation to the date and demanded that its members recognize that there never was an explicit prophecy.^{16a}

Response to prophetic failure

According to Joseph Zygmunt, the response to each of the prophetic failures by Watch Tower Society adherents followed a general pattern:

The initial reaction by the rank and file and the movement's leaders was usually a combination of **disappointment and puzzlement**.

Proselytism declined, but members maintained an attitude of watchful waiting for the predictions to materialize. The doctrinal bases for the **prophecies** were **re-examined** and conjectures offered as to why the expected events might have been "delayed."

A fuller realization of the quandary was achieved. The group asserted that the prophecies had, in fact, been **partially fulfilled**, or that some event of prophetic significance – usually supernatural and hence not open to disconfirmation – had actually transpired on the nominated dates. Belief was sustained that God's plan was continuing to unfold.

Unfulfilled portions of the failed prophecies were projected into the future by **issuing re-dated predictions**, in association with **retrospective reinterpretation of earlier failures**.

A selective interpretation of emerging historical events as confirmation of the signs of the approaching end. A **pessimistic worldview** sensitized the group to perceive **almost every social disturbance and natural disaster** as an **indicator of the impending collapse of the earthly system**. (Emphasis added)

Zygmunt concluded that the group's faith in its own belief system provided a basis for the claim of fulfillment, and the selective perception of global events furnished supportive empirical evidence. "In this sense and to this extent the prophecies could not 'fail.'" Unfulfilled prophecies were converted into partial successes and welcomed as divinely provided lessons revealing God's purposes more fully, yet it was accepted that each of those prophecies would eventually come to pass.¹³

Singelenberg, too, believed a subsequent reinterpretation of failed prophecies was a survival strategy of religions such as Jehovah's Witnesses. Citing Neil Wiser,⁴⁴ he commented: "Whatever the outcome, prophecies cannot and do not fail for the committed."³⁶

The **Watch Tower Society has acknowledged** that some of its time calculations and expectations resulted in "**serious disappointments,**" with **consequent defections, expulsions and opposition,** which it claimed was a process of "sifting" true believers. Yet of those who remained faithful it said: "They certainly did not err in believing that God would without fail do what he had promised ... They recognized that a mistake had been made but that in no respect had God's Word failed."¹⁰ The errors and speculation were attributed to an **eagerness** to see "**the end of this evil system.**"⁴⁵ (Emphasis added)

Holden concluded: "Simple as it seems, what sceptics regard as **failure,** the Governing Body regards as a **test of faith.**" Since the Watch Tower Society never admitted to failures in its literature it was highly unlikely that those who had joined the religion within the past two decades were even aware of the Society's record. He estimated that more than 60 percent of current Witnesses had joined the movement since 1975, "hence the Governing Body has no reason to discuss with them the failure of its earlier prophecies." Yet he added: "The suppression of the 1975 prophecy failure by those who were active at the time but who have nevertheless remained in membership suggests an unusual degree of complicity." He also concurred with researcher Bryan Wilson's judgment that, "For people whose lives have become dominated by one powerful expectation, and whose activities are dictated by what that belief requires, abandonment of faith because of disappointment about a date would usually be too traumatic an experience to contemplate."⁴⁶

After numerous false predictions the Watch Tower Society should have gone out of business. The vast majority of Jehovah's Witnesses must be blinded by Satan:

In whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God (2 Corinthians 4.4)

FOUR

FALSE PROPHETS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Even though the prophets of the nineteenth century were shown to be false prophets the men who followed them continued to make false prophecies. The leading false prophets of the cults are noted.



Herbert W. Armstrong
(1892-1986)

Herbert W. Armstrong, founder of the Worldwide Church of God, was born into a Quaker family and attended Sunday school at the First Friends Church in Des Moines, Iowa. He married Loma Dillon in 1917. She became friends with a couple who were lay pastors of a Seventh Day Adventist church that did not submit to the authority of

the Seventh Day Adventist Church established by Ellen G. White. In 1931, he became an ordained minister of the Oregon Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day). He eventually broke with the denomination. He was convinced that “God” was calling him to lead a revival and restore the true Church. In 1933, he began his radio ministry, which continued after his death in 1986. He also founded Ambassador College in Pasadena, California, in 1947.

Armstrong told members of his Worldwide Church of God that the Rapture would take place in 1936, saying that only members of his church would be saved. After the prophecy failed, he changed the date three more times. His next dates were 1943 and 1972, and his fourth prediction for the end of the world was 1975 (Shaw, Eva, *Eve of Destruction*, p. 99).

He believed that Mussolini was the Antichrist and made a prophecy concerning him in 1939, in his monthly magazine:

“Undoubtedly, then, the “Beast” who will capture half the city of Jerusalem, fighting at Armageddon against Christ at his Second Coming, is **MUSSOLINI**, with ten European Dictators, and their armies! It is coming in This Generation!” (*The Plain Truth*, January 1939, p. 4, bold emphasis added)

Four years later he decided that Hitler was the Antichrist:

“And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against - against whom? Not Britain and America! Not Israel - against Him that sat on the horse and His army (Rev. 19:19.) It is Christ and the Angels that **Hitler** will fight.” (*The Plain Truth*, March/April 1943, p. 6, emphasis added)

In 1956 Armstrong prophesied what would happen to the United States in 1975:

But all these things, as Jesus explained, are to be only the BEGINNING of our time of national trouble.

Once we are weakened by starvation, disease and the resulting calamitous economic depression, the Ten-Nation European Colossus will suddenly STRIKE with hydrogen bombs that shall DESTROY OUR CITIES and our centers of industrial and military production! (1975 in *Prophecy*, p. 13)

If the European Union does not attack the United States with nuclear weapons before Christ returns it will mean that all of Armstrong's predictions were wrong.

In the February 1968 issue of the Plain Truth magazine he predicted on page 47, "The 'Day of the Eternal'" will "strike between five and ten years from now!" He went on to say, I am not writing foolishly, but very soberly, on the authority of the living Christ." (Abanes, Richard, *End-Time Visions*, p. 340)

In the June 1968 issue of his Plain truth magazine, he declared that universal peace would be "coming in our Time – and not later than the decade of the 1970s." He went on to say, "To save human life from annihilation Jesus Christ will come again, this time to set up the very kingdom of God on earth, and to establish the wonderful world of Utopia tomorrow" (p. 23).

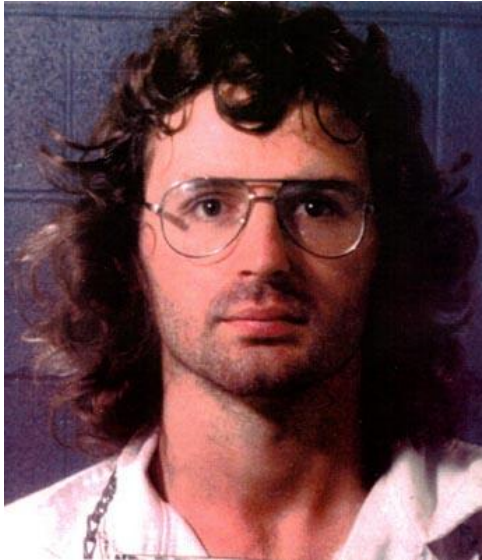
Armstrong made nine documented false prophecies. He died a false prophet just as everyone has who based their predictions on the work of William Miller has.



Jim Jones
(1931-1978)

James Warren Jones, founder of the People's Temple, enticed over 900 members of his cult to commit suicide on November 18, 1978, in

Jonestown, Guyana. He convinced them they had to die after his security guards murdered nine people at a nearby airstrip, including reporters, cameramen and Congressman Leo Ryan. Jones was later killed by his security guards. He had visions at a young age that a nuclear holocaust would take place in 1967 (Weber, Eugene, *Apocalypses*, p. 214).



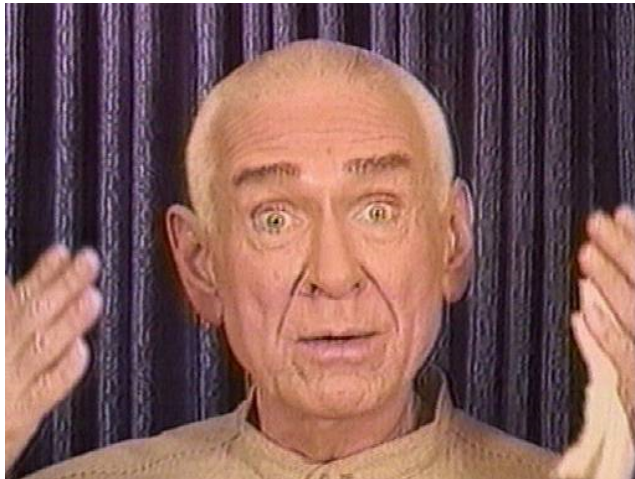
David Koresh (1959-1993)

Vernon Wayne Howell (a.k.a. David Koresh) was disfellowshipped (excommunicated) from the Seventh Day Adventist church in Tyler, Texas, for moral reasons. Shortly afterward he claimed he had a new message for the church, but it was rejected by the church. He remained in Tyler trying to get followers. He gained the trust of Lois Roden, of the Branch Davidian Seventh-Day Adventist Association, by fixing cars and other mechanical problems members of the church had. She allowed him to teach in the Mt. Carmel Center, and in 1984 he gained a small following. George Roden, son of Lois, forced Koresh and his followers out and they moved to Palestine, Texas. In 1987, after Lois Roden had passed away, Koresh and 7 of his heavily armed followers made an assault on the Mt. Carmel Center. They were arrested for he attempted murder of George Roden, but were acquitted.

In 1989 Roden murdered Wayman Dale Adair with an axe blow to the skull after Adair stated his belief that he (Adair) was the true Messiah. Roden was convicted of murder, and imprisoned in a mental hospital at Vernon, Texas. Roden owed thousands of dollars in unpaid taxes for the Mount Carmel property. Koresh and his followers raised the money and purchased the property, which he subsequently renamed “Ranch Apocalypse.”

Koresh believed the place of his martyrdom might be in Israel, but by 1991 he was convinced that his martyrdom would be in the United States. He said the prophecies of Daniel would be fulfilled in Waco and that the Mount Carmel center was the Davidic kingdom.

Koresh predicted the world would end in 1995. In 1993 the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms raided the Mt. Carmel Center in an attempt to arrest Koresh for child endangerment. It resulted in a 51 day standoff. Instead the standoff ended when the FBI rammed the center with tanks. It caught fire killing Koresh and about 80 of his followers. (Stuart O’Brien, “Armageddon... Again,” News Online, BBC News, 7.29.1999)



Marshall Applewhite (1931-1997)

Marshall Applewhite (1931–1997) founded the Human Individual Metamorphosis cult (Heaven’s Gate) with Bonnie Nettles (1928-1985). According to Jacques Vallée, the group began in the early

1970s when Marshall Applewhite was recovering from a heart attack during which he claimed to have had a near-death experience. He came to believe that he and his nurse, Bonnie Nettles, were “the Two,” (the two witnesses spoken of in Book of Revelation 11:3). Vallee cited an announcement by H.I.M. in 1977 that said:

In a period of months these two people, through some circumstance that they do not even know, *will come to be killed*. Three and a half days later, after having been officially declared dead by those who want to verify the fact, their bodies will then come back to life again to show you and I that when you have gone through this process you have actually overcome death. (Vallee, Jacques, *Messengers of Deception*, pp. 74-75, emphasis Vallee)

Two years later in 1979, when Vallee published his book, “the Two” had not died, been resurrected and taken away by a UFO. Nettles died of liver cancer in 1985 in Dallas, Texas. Applewhite continued to preach his gospel of salvation through death. He renamed his cult Heaven’s Gate, and moved to Rancho Santa Fe, California.

On March 19, 1997, Applewhite taped himself speaking of mass suicide and asserted “it was the only way to evacuate this Earth.” He claimed that Earth was about to be recycled (wiped clean, renewed, refurbished and rejuvenated), and that the only chance to survive was to leave it immediately. The Heaven’s Gate group was against suicide, but they believed they had to leave Earth as quickly as possible. He convinced 38 followers to commit suicide so that their souls could board a UFO that was following the Hale-Bopp comet. Applewhite believed that after their deaths, a UFO would take their souls to another “level of existence above human,” which he described as being both physical and spiritual.

Thirty-eight members of Heaven’s Gate, including Applewhite, were found dead in their rented mansion on March 26, 1997. Autopsies of the bodies revealed that they had poisoned themselves with cyanide and arsenic.

Applewhite was a total nut-job. He was dying and decided to take as many devotees to Hell with him. He made up the story about the Earth being recycled to convince his zombified groupies to die along with him.



Sun Myung Moon
(1920-2012)

Sun Myung Moon is the Korean founder and leader of the Unification Church, which operates or subsidizes many organizations and projects involved in political, cultural, mass-media, educational, and other activities. His largest newspaper is the Washington Times. He is also well-known for holding large blessing ceremonies (mass weddings). He predicted that 1967 would be the year that the Kingdom of Heaven would be established on Earth. He later chose 1981 (Kyle, Richard, *The Last Days are Here Again*, p. 148).



Elizabeth Claire Prophet
(1939-2009)

Elizabeth Clare Prophet came out of the Christian Science cult that was founded by Mary Baker Eddy. She was the head of the Summit Lighthouse organization, which controls the Church Universal and Triumphant, Summit University, Summit University Press and Montessori International. She became head of Summit after her husband, Mark L. Prophet, died in 1973. She stepped down from her leadership position due to Alzheimer's disease in 1999.

Prophet taught that ascended masters, such as St. Germain, could speak through select people. (This idea could have been adopted from the teachings of H.P. Blavatsky, co-founder of the Theosophical society. Prophet publicly identified with the society.) Prophet "foresaw" nuclear devastation, and claimed that the end of most of the human race would take place on April 23, 1990. She convinced her followers to sell their property and move with her to a ranch in

Montana. She also predicted the end would come in 2002, following a 12-year period of devastation and nuclear war. (*The Last Days are Here Again*, p. 156, and Grosso, Michael, *Millennium Myth: Love and Death at the End of Time*, p. 7).



David Icke

Self-professed Son of God, former television sports announcer and conspiracy theorist David Icke predicted the world would end in 1997.¹ (“Armageddon... Again” News Online, Stuart O’Brien, BBC News, 7.29.1999)

What YAHWEH says about false prophets

*“But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name which I have not commanded him to speak or speaks in the name of other gods, even that prophet will **die**. And if you will say in your heart, ‘How will we know the word which YAHWEH has not spoken?’ When a prophet speaks in the name of YAHWEH, if the thing does not happen and does not come [about] YAHWEH has not spoken that thing. The prophet has spoken it **proudly**. You shall not be afraid of him.”* (Deuteronomy 18.20-22)

Conclusion

The false prophets who used their predictions about the Second Coming to build their cults have led untold millions into Hell! No one knows how many people these false prophets have led into Hell and how many will join them in Hell in the coming years before the Second Coming.

Here is the current membership figures of the cults these false prophets founded:

Seventh-day Adventist Church	17 million
Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints	15 million
Jehovah's Witnesses	8 million
Total	40 million

If we double the total it means for those who have died and will die in these cults before the Second Coming about **80 million** plus people will have been misled into Hell.

False predictions lead to spiritual death!

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PART TWO

FALSE PREDICTIONS OF BELIEVERS

Already there have been hunger and plagues, violent movements of nations and **signs**, which have been **predicted** by the Lord, they have already been fulfilled, **and there is not another which remains, except the advent of the wicked one in the completion of the Roman kingdom.** (Ephrem of Syria)

I believe that **all the signs** which are to precede the last days **have already appeared.** Let us **not think that the Coming of Christ is far off**; let us look up with heads lifted up; let us expect our Redeemer's coming with longing and cheerful minds. (Martin Luther, *Systematic Theology*, vol. 4, p. 279, emphasis added)

Reader, let me press my point again. The world-wide Gospel proclamation and world-wide apostasy at the same time are **clear proofs** that **the end is close upon us.** (Henry Ironside, *The Midnight Cry*, p. 28, citing Lindsell, *The Gathering Storm*, p. 123, emphasis added)

It shall **come to pass this year!** It shall come to pass at last. That which has hindered shall be taken out of the way. The last vestige shall be removed! And it shall come. What is that I see? Shining so bright coming from heaven. Awesome; you want to weep, yet shout, cry yet laugh. I see it coming, nearer and

nearer. Blinding light. **The fall of this year - October.** As the people walk in the light of what they have, the rest shall come to pass. (Kenneth Hagin, 1997)

The year when this occurred, the fall of A.D. 28, was, in fact, not only a Jubilee Year, but was also the thirtieth Jubilee since the Sabbatical-Jubilee system of years began when Israel crossed the Jordan River in 1451 B.C. Thus, Jesus Christ precisely fulfilled “the acceptable year of the Lord” on the exact year of Jubilee – the year of liberty and release.

Please note that He stopped reading at “the acceptable year of the Lord” because He knew that the next phrase of the prophet’s sentence, “and the day of vengeance of our God,” which refers to Armageddon, would be postponed exactly 2,000 biblical years (2000 biblical years times 360 days equals 720,000 days divided by 365.25 equals 1971.25 calendar years). If we add 2000 biblical years (1971.25 calendar years) to the beginning of Christ’s ministry on a Jubilee Year when He read the prophecy about “the acceptable year of the Lord” in the fall of A.D. 28; we arrive at the year A.D. 2000, forty Jubilee Cycles later.

The next Jubilee Year will occur in A.D. 2000, completing the Sabbatical-Jubilee system of years – the seventieth Great Jubilee.

In the thirtieth Jubilee Year, Christ commenced His ministry in A.D. 28. In the seventieth Jubilee Year, Christ may commence His kingdom in A.D. 2000. It is also interesting that both the First and Second Temples were dedicated to the Lord on the Feast of Tabernacles in a Year of Jubilee. (Grant Jeffrey, *Armageddon: Appointment with Destiny*. pp. 192-193)

No one knows how long we have before we see the fulfillment of these things, but as we shall see in future studies, it seems that it cannot be much longer before our Lord comes for his Church. As the Lord Jesus said, although we cannot predict the “day or the hour” (Matthew 24:36) when He shall return, **we can know the season.** This book is dedicated to showing that **we are not only in the season,** but the **twilight of the season.** (Tim LaHaye, *The Beginning of the End*, p. 84, emphasis added)

From my understanding of biblical prophecies, **I'm convinced that the Lord is coming for His Church before the end of 1981. I could be wrong**, but it's a **deep conviction in my heart**, and **all my plans are predicated upon that belief**. (Chuck Smith, *Future Survival*, p. 20, emphasis added)

In Matthew 1.17, there are 42 generations from Abraham until Christ. What? 2,160 years divided by 42 is 51.2. In Luke chapter three, verses 23 to 38, there are 77 generations into 4,000 years from Adam to Christ and that comes out to 51.2 and if you add the extra six months because the Six Day War took place in June you're almost at 52 years. You add 52 to 1967 and you come out pretty close to 2018, 2019, subtract seven years from now, we're talking about 2012. Remember what I said two weeks ago? The Mayan calendar ends December 21st 2012. It's all there, ladies and gentlemen. **I don't believe in setting dates**, Matthew 24.36, but Jesus said, "*When you shall see all these signs (and they are here) then you'll know it's near even at the door*", Matthew 24.33. (Jack Van Impe, 2012 DVD, emphasis added)

What generation? Obviously, in context, the generation that would see the signs – chief among them the rebirth of Israel. A **generation** in the Bible is something like **forty years**. If this is a correct deduction, then within forty years or so of 1948, **all these things could take place**. Many scholars who have studied Bible prophecy all their lives **believe that this is so**. (Hal Lindsey, *The Late Great Planet Earth*, p. 54, emphasis added)

The Russian invasion of Afghanistan has telegraphed the **Soviet intention to take over the entire Middle East**. Russian troops are already present in South Yemen and Ethiopia, and the fall of the Shah in nearby Iran has opened the door for a **Soviet conquest of the strategic Persian Gulf area**. The rest of the Middle East – including **Saudi Arabia**, which sits on one-quarter of the world's known oil reserves – appears to be an **easy target for a Soviet takeover**.

This area has now **fit precisely** into the **pattern predicted** for it. All that remains is for the Russians to make their predicted move. (Hal Lindsey, *The 1980'S: Countdown to Armageddon*, p. 63, emphasis added)

“A **world dictator** is coming on the scene. My! He’s a **short man**. He’s a short man. I see a short man who’s a perfect incarnation of Satan. [Hinn speaks in tongues.] Never in my life have I had anything happen like what’s happening to me now! ‘This man will rule the world. In the **next few years you will see him**. But not long after that you will see Me.’” (Benny Hinn, Orlando Christian Center, 12.31.1989, emphasis mine)

“We may have **two years before the rapture**. Can I be blunt with you? I don’t know if we have **two years left**. I’m going to prove to you from the Word tonight, that **we have less than two years**.” (Benny Hinn, Trinity Broadcasting Network, 11.9.1990, emphasis mine)

“**Jesus is coming again** within the **next two years**.” (Benny Hinn, July 1997, fund-raising telethon on TBN, emphasis mine)

I have no option, I can’t say as I did a few years ago there is a high likelihood it’ll be this or that. Now **I have to say it is absolutely certain** this is going to happen. (Harold Camping, “Open Forum,” 10.09.2009, emphasis mine)

FIVE

PREDICTIONS OF THE EARLY CHURCH FATHERS

The early Church fathers were not experts on prophecy or the major doctrines of Scripture. Most of them did not have access to all the books of the Bible. It took them a few hundred years to come to a consensus on the major doctrines. The doctrine of the Trinity was not confirmed until the First Council of Nicaea (325 AD). Athanasius (293-373 AD) properly formulated it, and in 381, at the First Council of Constantinople, the doctrine was finalized. It is folly to base any doctrine, or to derive support for a doctrine on the teachings of the early Church fathers. All doctrines must be based solely on Scripture. Yet we can learn by studying what they wrote for us.

The early Church fathers did not believe in the doctrine of *imminence*, which teaches that Jesus Christ can return at *any moment* to rapture the Church. Some of them expected Him to return in their lifetime because they thought the signs of His return were being fulfilled. The last sign they awaited for was the rise of the Antichrist. The consensus among the early Church fathers was that the Antichrist would rise to power before the Rapture.

Clement of Rome (??-99 AD)

Clement was the bishop of Rome from 88 until his death in 99 AD. Tradition says he is the Clement that Paul mentions in Philippians 4.3 as a fellow laborer in YAHSHUA Messiah. In a letter to the church at Corinth in 95 AD, Chapter 23, *Be humble and believe that Christ will come again*, he briefly discusses the return of YAHSHUA:



Ye perceive how in a little time the fruit of a tree comes to maturity. Of a truth, **soon and suddenly shall His will be accomplished**, as the Scripture also bears witness, saying, “Speedily will He come, and He will not tarry;” and, “The Lord shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Holy One, for whom ye look.” (Roberts, Alexander, *Ante-Nicene Fathers*, vol. 1, p. 11)



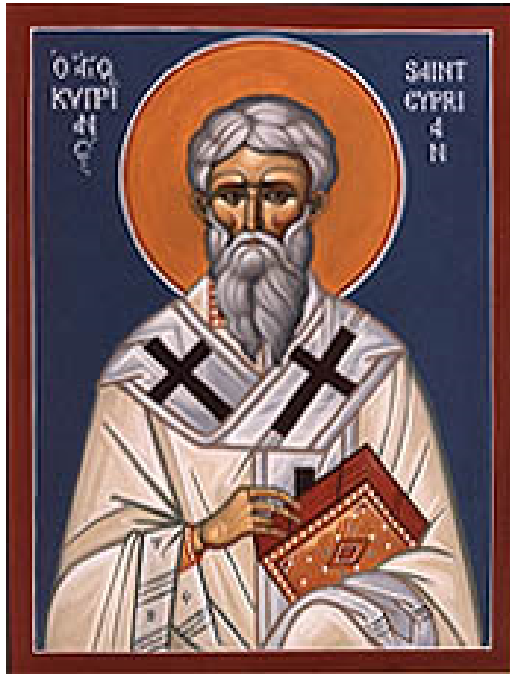
Beheading of Justin Martyr

Justin Martyr (100-165)

Justin Martyr was born at the end of the 1st century. He knew people who lived through the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. He was the first Christian apologist whose works survive. He believed that the Second Coming of YAHSHUA Messiah was still to come. This is important because it refutes the belief that YAHSHUA returned in 70 AD, as Full-Preterism teaches. He also agreed with the other early Church fathers that the Antichrist would rise to power prior to the Rapture. He mistakenly believed the Second Advent of YAHSHUA was just over the event horizon:

...and he whom Daniel foretells would have dominion for a time, and times, and an half, is even already at the door, about to speak blasphemous and daring things against the Most High. (Dialogue with Trypho, Chapter 22, Trypho objecting that Christ is described as glorious by Daniel, Justin distinguishes two advents)

YAHSHUA did not give Justin or any of the early Church fathers knowledge as to when He would return because it was nearly 1,900 years away.



Cyprian (200-258 AD)

Cyprian was bishop of Carthage and an important early Christian writer. He was born around the beginning of the third century in North Africa, received a classical education for that time, became a bishop after converting to Christianity around 249 AD, and died a martyr at Carthage. Cyprian wrote many volumes on Christian doctrine, and he stated emphatically that the Antichrist would persecute Christians and then they would be rescued by Messiah. He also mistakenly thought the final tribulation was about to fall upon the world. This is what he wrote in *Treatise XI. Exhortation to Martyrdom, Addressed to Fortunatus*:

You have desired, beloved Fortunatus that, since the burden of persecutions and afflictions is lying heavy upon us, and in the ending and completion of the world **the hateful time of Antichrist is already beginning to draw near**, I would collect from the sacred Scriptures some exhortations for **preparing and strengthening the minds of the brethren**, whereby I might animate the soldiers of Christ for the heavenly and

spiritual contest. I have been constrained to obey your so needful wish, so that as much as my limited powers, instructed by the aid of divine inspiration, are sufficient, some arms, as it were, and defenses might be brought forth from the Lord's precepts for **the brethren who are about to fight.** For it is little to arouse God's people by the trumpet call of our voice, unless we confirm the faith of believers, and their valor dedicated and devoted to God, by the divine readings. (Ibid., Vol. V, p. 496, emphasis added)

Cyprian believed the Antichrist would rise to power in his time and wrote to prepare Christians for the coming conflict. He did not have all the Scriptures correlated to know the end was not near.



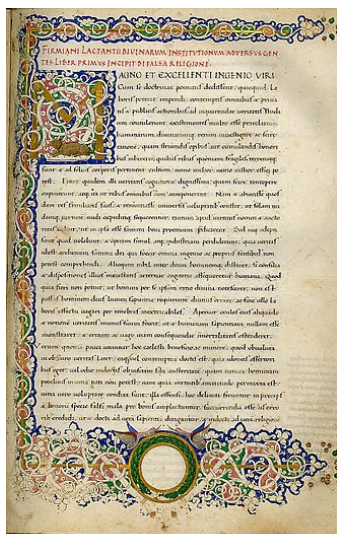
Ephrem of Syria (306-373 AD)

Ephrem was a hymnographer, theologian, and prolific writer (said to have written one million lines), of the 4th century. The following section includes key passages from a text written near the end of his life entitled, *On the Last Times, the Antichrist and the End of the World*:

Already there have been hunger and plagues, violent movements of nations and **signs**, which have been **predicted** by

the Lord, they have already been fulfilled, **and there is not another which remains, except the advent of the wicked one in the completion of the Roman kingdom.**

Ephrem and the early Church fathers awaited the rise of the Antichrist before the Rapture. The key is the word “except.” Ephrem had seen what he thought were the fulfillment of prophecies (*signs*) of the “last days.” He was looking for the rise of the Antichrist. Clearly he did not believe in an *imminent* Rapture that has no *signs* preceding it. According to Ephrem, the Church will be here to watch the rise of the Antichrist, followed by the Rapture.



Lucius Caecilius Firmianus Lactantius: *Divinarum Institutionum Adversus Gentes*, Firenze, ca. 1420-30

Divine Institutions

Lactantius (240-320)

Lucius Caecilius Firmianus Lactantius was an early Christian author who became an advisor to the first Christian Roman emperor, Constantine I, guiding his religious policy as it developed and also a tutor to his son. He also believed the end was very near:

These are the things which are spoken of by the prophets as about to happen hereafter: ... The subject itself declares that the **fall and ruin of the world will shortly take place**; except that while the city of Rome remains it appears that nothing of this

kind is to be feared. But when that capital of the world shall have fallen, and shall have begun to be a street, which the Sibyls say shall come to pass, who can doubt that the end has now arrived to the affairs of men and the whole world? It is that city, that only, which still sustains all things; and the God of heaven is to be entreated by us and implored – if, indeed, His arrangements and decrees can be delayed – lest, sooner than we think for, that detestable tyrant should come who will trade-take so great a deed, and dig out that eye, by the destruction of which the world itself is about to fall. (Divine Institutions, Book VII, Chapter 25, *Of the Last Times, and of the city of Rome*)¹



Cyril of Jerusalem (315-386)

Cyril of Jerusalem was a distinguished theologian of the early Church. He became the bishop of Jerusalem in 350 AD, and believed that YAHSHUA Messiah and YAHWEH (God the Father) are of the “same substance” and are equally God (*homoousios* ὁμοούσιος). In 358 he was removed and forced to retire to the city of Tarsus because he taught that YAHSHUA is fully God. His superior, Acacius, believed the Arian heresy that claimed YAHSHUA was a created being who was inferior to God the Father. The church officially charged him with selling church property to help the poor. The Council of Seleucia in the following year, at which St. Cyril was present, deposed Acacius. In 360 Emperor Julian allowed him to return. The Arian Emperor Valens, who succeeded Julian, banished Cyril once more in 367. Yet he was able to return again, at the

accession of Emperor Gratian, after which he remained undisturbed until his death in 386. Cyril's jurisdiction over Jerusalem was expressly confirmed by the First Council of Constantinople (381), at which he was present. At that council, he voted for acceptance of the term *homooussios*, convinced that there was no better alternative.

Cyril believed the end of the world was near teaching the Antichrist would soon rise to power and persecute Christians:

12. But this aforesaid Antichrist is to come when the times of the Roman empire shall have been fulfilled, and **the end of the world is now drawing near**. There shall rise up together ten kings of the Romans, reigning in different parts perhaps, but all about the same time; and after these an eleventh, the Antichrist, who by his magical craft shall seize upon the Roman power; and of the kings who reigned before him, three he shall humble, and the remaining seven he shall keep in subjection to himself. At first indeed he will put on a show of mildness (as though he were a learned and discreet person), and of soberness and benevolence: and by the lying signs and wonders of his magical deceit a having beguiled the Jews, as though he were the expected Christ, he shall afterwards be characterized by all kinds of crimes of inhumanity and lawlessness, so as to outdo all unrighteous and ungodly men who have gone before him displaying against all men, but especially against us Christians, a spirit murderous and most cruel, merciless and crafty. And after perpetrating such things for three years and six months only, he shall be destroyed by the glorious second advent from heaven of the only-begotten Son of God, our Lord and Saviour Jesus, the true Christ, who shall slay Antichrist with the breath of His mouth, and shall deliver him over to the fire of hell. (*Catechetical Lectures, Lecture XV, On the cause, and shall come in glory to judge the quick and the dead, of whose kingdom there shall be no end, Daniel vii. 9-14.*²

As was true of all early Church fathers, Cyril did not put the jigsaw puzzle together to know the Second Advent was hundreds of years away. The HOLY SPIRIT did not give them knowledge that it was centuries in the future because there was no need for them to know. Why did the HOLY SPIRIT not give them the knowledge that the Second Advent was almost two millennium away? We do not know and will only know when we get to Heaven.

SIX

PREDICTIONS IN THE MIDDLE AGES

Millennial Madness

On December 31, 999 A.D. millions of people thought the Lord was about to return. Thousands crowded into the old basilica of St. Peter's Church in Rome awaiting the return of YAHSHUA Messiah. Many gave their land, homes and personal possessions to the poor as an act of contrition. Some traveled to Palestine believing the Lord would return there. Everyone was disappointed. Many Europeans made the same mistake in December of 1099 and 1199. They also thought Christ would return 1000 years after His resurrection in 32 AD.

Joachim of Fiore (1135-1202)

Joachim of Fiore, founder of the monastic order of San Giovanni in Fiore, Italy, predicted that the Antichrist would rise to power in 1260 AD. (Abanes, Richard, *End-Time Visions*, p. 338)

We should not be surprised that most people were deceived by the men who peddled the idea that YAHSHUA would return around the end of the first millennium A.D. The Roman Catholic Corporation ruled the Western World and only a small fraction of true believers were not under its control and influence.



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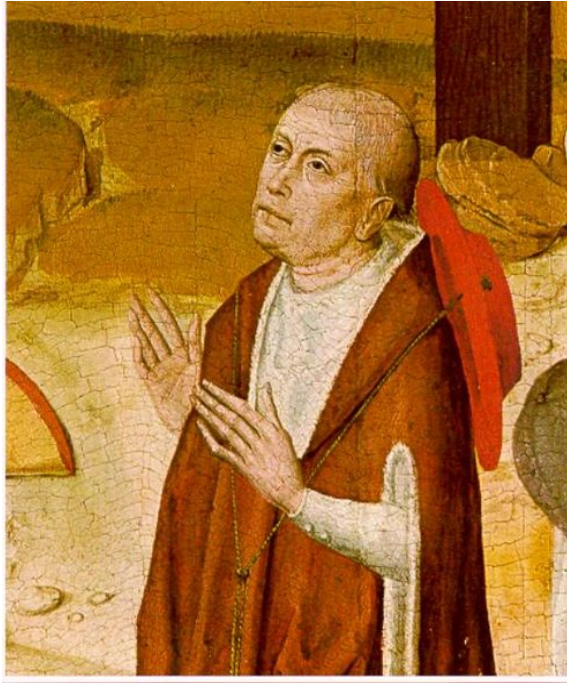
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SEVEN

PREDICTIONS IN THE RENAISSANCE



Nicolas of Cusa
(1401-1464)

Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa predicted that doomsday would take place between 1700 and 1734. (McIver, Tom. *The End of the World: An Annotated Bibliography*, #73)



Christopher Columbus (1451-1506)

The great explorer Christopher Columbus is said to have predicted the world would end in 1656. (*End-Time Visions*, p. 338)



Melchoir Hofmann (1495-1544)

Melchoir Hofmann announced in 1531 that the Second Coming would take place in the year 1533. (DeMar, Gary, *Last Days Madness*, p. 13).

We could not expect anyone in the Renaissance to know when the Rapture and Second Advent would be. It was far too early.

EIGHT

PREDICTIONS IN THE REFORMATION



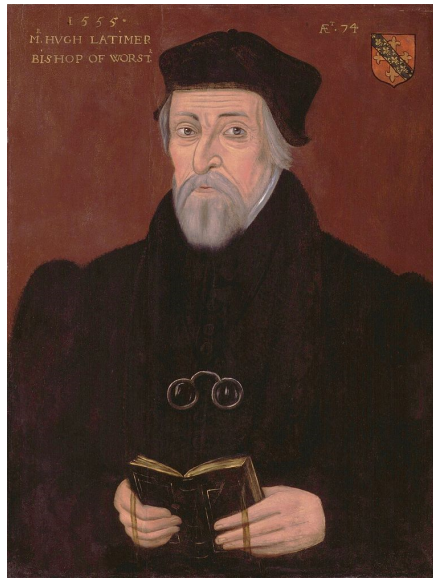
Luther before the Diet of Worms by Anton von Werner

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Martin Luther considered the year 2000 AD as a possible end-time date before finally settling on 1600 AD (Kyle, Richard, *The Last Days are Here Again*, p. 192). His belief that the Second Coming would take place around 1600 is seen in this comment:

I believe that **all the signs** which are to precede the last days **have already appeared**. Let us **not think that the Coming of Christ is far off**; let us look up with heads lifted up; let us expect our Redeemer's coming with longing and cheerful minds. (Chafer, Lewis Sperry, *Systematic Theology*, vol. 4, p. 279, emphasis added)

Luther knew to “look” for signs, and he thought all of the warning signs of the Rapture had been fulfilled. He was mistaken as were other Reformers, and some of the early Church fathers. They did not know all of the warning signs.



Hugh Latimer (1485-1555)

Hugh Latimer who was burned at the stake believed the Second Coming would take place in his or that of his children's lifetime:

All those excellent and learned men whom, without doubt, God has sent into the world in these **latter days** to give the world **warning**, do gather out of the Scriptures that the **last days can not be far off**. Peradventure it may come in my day, old as I am, or in my children's days. (*Systematic Theology*, vol. 4, p. 279, emphasis added)



Johann Heinrich Alsted (1588-1638)

Johann Heinrich Alsted, a German Calvinist, predicted that YAHSHUA Messiah would return in 1694. He was convinced that the Thirty Years War (1618-1648) would lead to the end of the world. He came up with 1694 by taking 69 AD as the start of the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished. He then added 1,290 day-years (Daniel 12.11) to come up with 1359 AD and then he added 1,335 day-years (Daniel 12.11) to arrive at 2694 AD. He subtracted 1000 years for the Millennial Kingdom to arrive at the year 1694 AD as the year of the Second Coming. (Armerding, Carl Edwin and Gasque, W. Ward. *Handbook of Biblical Prophecy*, pp. 30-32).

Using numbers found in the Bible to calculate the date of the Rapture and the Second Coming is a futile effort as those who have done so understand. The key to knowing the Rapture is not numerology or the calculation of numbers. The only way to know when the Rapture will take place, and subsequently the Second Coming is to diligently “watch” the **warning signs** be fulfilled that YAHSHUA, the prophets and the apostles gave us.



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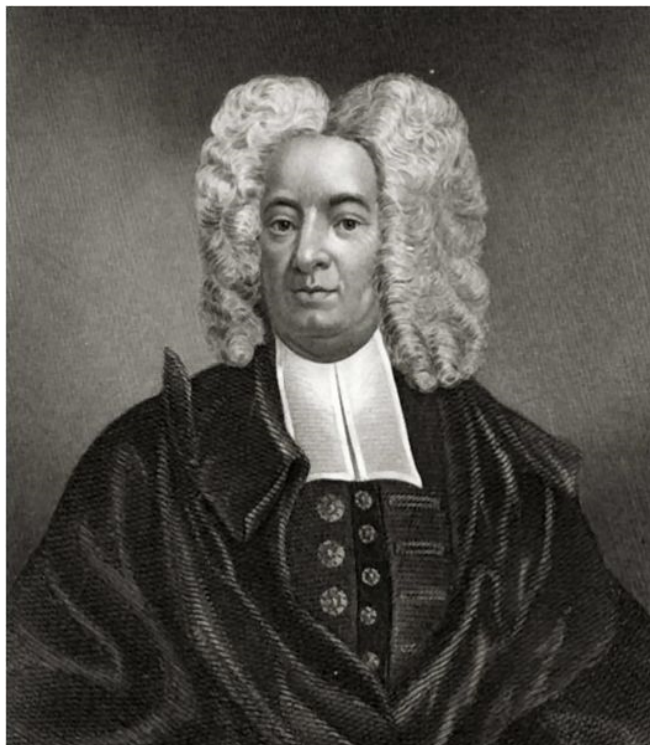
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NINE

PREDICTIONS IN THE FIRST AND SECOND GREAT AWAKENINGS



Cotton Mather
(1663-1728)

The Puritan preacher Cotton Mather predicted the Lord would return in 1697 and then in 1716 and finally in 1736. (*End-Time Visions*, p. 338)



John Wesley (1703-1791)

Methodist Church founder John Wesley foresaw the Millennium beginning in 1836, the same year that the Beast of Revelation was supposed to rise from the sea. (*The End of the World: An Annotated Bibliography*, #269)

The Shakers (1747-Present)

The Shakers, United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing, sprang from the Protestant denomination the Quakers. They believed in celibacy and could not attract many followers. They predicted the world would end in 1792.

James Hatley Frere (1779-1866)

James Hatley Frere, who brought Edward Irving into the premillennial fold, thought Louis Napoleon was the Antichrist. He also predicted that the Jews would return to Palestine and rebuild their temple in 1865 and that the Roman Catholic Church would become defunct by 1864 (*Handbook of Biblical Prophecy*, pp. 54-55).

TEN

PREDICTIONS IN THE MODERN ERA

Michael Baxter
(1834-1910)

The Anglican minister Michael Paget Baxter was an ardent date setter, a veritable Charles Taylor of the 19th century. In one of his earliest publications he predicted the end of the world for 1861-1867. (*The End of the World: An Annotated Bibliography*, #348)

He also predicted the end to come in 1868 and 1869. He continued to make predictions picking the years 1871 and 1872. He took some time off from predicting and then chose 1896. He did not stop. He foresaw the end of the world in 1901 in his book, *The End of This Age About the End of This Century*. He refused to quit, and in another book, *Future Wonders of Prophecy*, he predicted that the Rapture would take place on March 12, 1903, between 2-3pm. (*The End of the World: An Annotated Bibliography*, #353)

Henry “Harry” Ironside
(1876-1951)

Henry Ironside thought, in 1915 when he wrote the book *The Midnight Cry*, that he was living in the “last days” and the Lord would return in his lifetime:

Reader, let me press my point again. The world-wide Gospel proclamation and world-wide apostasy at the same time are

clear proofs that the end is close upon us. (*The Midnight Cry*, p. 28, citing Lindsell, *The Gathering Storm*, p. 123, emphasis added)

Laodicea is the closing period of the Church's history, and who can doubt that we have now reached the very time predicted? It behooves us to act as men who wait for their Lord, knowing that **His coming cannot be much longer delayed** (Ibid. p. 35, citing Lindsell, p. 124, emphasis added)



It has been 98 years since he wrote that the return of Christ “cannot be much longer delayed.” He saw some warning signs, but not all of them. Had he been aware of all or most of the warning signs of the Rapture he would not have made statements like that. Every preacher who has made a prediction that the Rapture would take place in a specific year or at “any moment” or “soon” or anything like that has not studied Bible prophecy thoroughly. Instead they have studied commentaries of theologians who have not studied Bible prophecy thoroughly and adopted the concepts they came up with. Virtually all eschatologians of the last 182 years have failed to study the Bible to come to an understanding of Bible prophecy. Instead they study each other's writings. It is the blind leading the blind. No one can know the time of the Rapture without knowing all of the major **warning signs**.

Leonard Sale-Harrison (1875-1956)

Leonard Sale-Harrison was a solid Pre-Tribulationist. He thought Mussolini was the Antichrist and predicted the Rapture would take place in either 1940 or 1941. He made the fatal mistake that most of the modern Pre-Tribulationists make who believe that there are no signs for the Rapture. Robert Clouse commented on this prognosticator saying, "Like many pretribulation premillennialists, Sale-Harrison was rather inconsistent. If there are no signs required before the coming of the Lord to rapture His church, then why is so much time spent in reading current events into the Bible?" (*Handbook of Biblical Prophecy*, pp. 30-32).



William Branham (1909-1965)

William Branham, founder of the post World War II faith healing movement, proclaimed himself to be the angel of Revelation 3.14 and 10.7.

On February 28, 1963, he climbed Sunset Mountain in Arizona, and returned claiming he met with seven angels who revealed to him the meaning of the seven seals from the Book of Revelation. He preached seven sermons in seven nights at his church (Branham Tabernacle in Jeffersonville, Indiana) explaining the meaning of the seals and the seven visions he had received. He then predicted that YAHSHUA would return to Earth in 1977. He did not live to see his prophecy fail. On December 18, 1965, as he was driving with his family in Texas, a drunk driver hit his car head on. Branham died six days later, on Christmas Eve.

He also prophesied that by 1977 all denominations would be consumed by the World Council of Churches under the control of the Roman Catholics.³



Lester Sumrall (1913-1996)

Lester Sumrall predicted the end of the world in his book, *I Predict 1985*. When that prediction failed he wrote another book. In his book, *I Predict 2000 A.D.*, he argued that the Lord would return by the year 2000 at the latest to set up His Millennial Kingdom. "I predict the absolute fullness of man's operation on planet Earth by the year 2000 A.D. Then Jesus Christ shall reign from Jerusalem for 1000 years." (*End-Time Visions*, p. 99, 341)



Kenneth Hagin (1917-2003)

Kenneth Hagin predicted the Rapture would take place in October of 1997. This is what he said at revival meeting in July 1997:

It shall **come to pass this year!** It shall come to pass at last. That which has hindered shall be taken out of the way. The last vestige shall be removed! And it shall come. What is that I see? Shining so bright coming from heaven. Awesome; you want to weep, yet shout, cry yet laugh. I see it coming, nearer and nearer. Blinding light. **The fall of this year - October.** As the people walk in the light of what they have, the rest shall come to pass.

We are going with God. We'll go off and leave some, but we are going with God. Going with God! In the spirit he speaketh mysteries, secrets. Things which are and shall be. When it comes to pass you will know.

In **October** in St. Louis, the center and heart of the nation, it shall come. It shall spread all over the nation. **Manifestations everywhere.** That which has frustrated will be removed. Then you will know the full meaning of the Divine glow. And others will be invited to walk in the light of it, and so they shall. The glory of the Lord shall shine upon His people. (Hagin Holy Ghost Meeting, Oct. 12-24 or longer, St. Louis Family Church, Jeff C. Perry, Pastor, with satellite broadcast, emphasis mine)

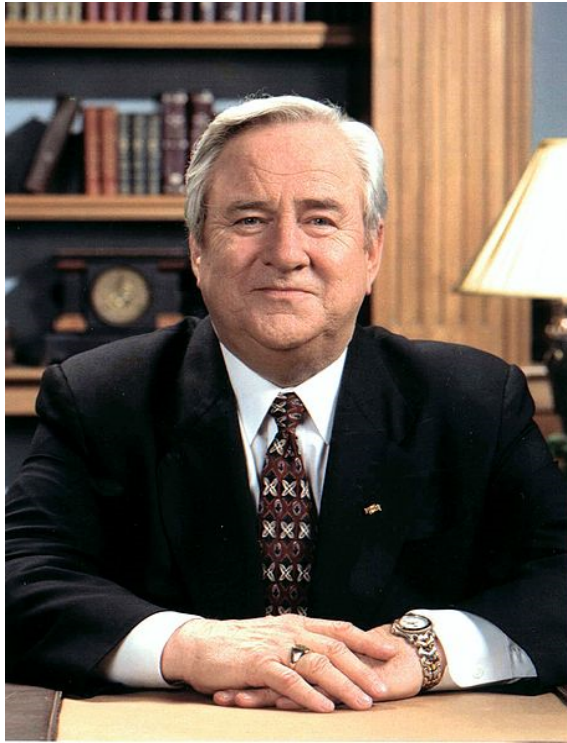
It is sad but virtually every major Pentecostal evangelist has made false predictions concerning the Rapture. This is a serious problem Pentecostals have had from their beginning and nothing is being done about it. Instead of refraining from making false predictions they continue to.

Charles Taylor **(????-????)**

End-time preacher Charles Taylor made several predictions for the date of the Rapture. The first year he picked was 1975. When 1975 failed he picked 1976. He didn't stop and went on to pick 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1992 and 1994. He quit predicting the Rapture due to an untimely ailment called death (*End-Time Visions*, p. 99).

Edgar Whisenant **(1932-2001)**

Edgar Whisenant and Greg Brewer wrote a book, *88 Reasons Why the Rapture Is in 1988*, in which they predicted the Second Advent would take place in 1988. When the Lord did not return in 1988, Whisenant wrote another book, *The Final Shout: Rapture Report 1989*. When the Lord failed to return in 1989 he stopped making predictions.



Jerry Falwell (1933-2007)

Jerry Falwell, founder of the “Moral Majority,” Liberty University and senior pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church, made a prediction that did not come true. He predicted on his TV show (December 27, 1992) that the Rapture would take place before the end of 1999. Even though he expected the Rapture in seven years or less he said he expected to live as long as W.A. Criswell, who was 83 at the time. He was 59 years of age in 1992. (North, Gary, *Rapture Fever*, p. 200).

In 1999 Falwell said the Antichrist was probably alive, and that the Second Coming will probably be within 10 years. He also told about 1,500 people at a conference on evangelism at Kingsport, Tennessee, that the Antichrist is a male Jew. “Who will the antichrist be? I don’t know. Nobody else knows,” he said.²

It is unfortunate that Falwell made a couple false predictions. He should have stuck to teaching and preaching the Word and leaving Bible prophecy to the self-proclaimed experts.



Salem Kirban (1925-2011)

In his 1968 book, *Guide to Survival*, Salem Kirban used Bishop Ussher's calculations to speculate that 1989 would be the year of the Rapture (p. 136). Kirban wrote some good books on Bible prophecy. He should have remained silent concerning the end.

Grant Jeffrey (1948-2012)

In 1990 Grant Jeffrey wrote *Armageddon: Appointment with Destiny*. He predicted that the year 2000 A.D. "is a probable termination date for the 'last days'" (p. 193). He used an elaborate argument based on the jubilee years. He cited the start of the Lord's ministry where He read Isaiah 61.1 and the first line of verse two. The Lord's ministry began in a jubilee year:

The year when this occurred, the fall of A.D. 28, was, in fact, not only a Jubilee Year, but was also the thirtieth Jubilee since the Sabbatical-Jubilee system of years began when Israel crossed the Jordan River in 1451 B.C. Thus, Jesus Christ precisely fulfilled "the acceptable year of the Lord" on the exact year of Jubilee – the year of liberty and release.

Please note that He stopped reading at “the acceptable year of the Lord” because He knew that the next phrase of the prophet’s sentence, “and the day of vengeance of our God,” which refers to Armageddon, would be postponed exactly 2,000 biblical years (2000 biblical years times 360 days equals 720,000 days divided by 365.25 equals 1971.25 calendar years).

If we add 2000 biblical years (1971.25 calendar years) to the beginning of Christ’s ministry on a Jubilee Year when He read the prophecy about “the acceptable year of the Lord” in the fall of A.D. 28; we arrive at the year A.D. 2000, forty Jubilee Cycles later.

The next Jubilee Year will occur in A.D. 2000, completing the Sabbatical-Jubilee system of years – the seventieth Great Jubilee.

In the thirtieth Jubilee Year, Christ commenced His ministry in A.D. 28. In the seventieth Jubilee Year, Christ may commence His kingdom in A.D. 2000. It is also interesting that both the First and Second Temples were dedicated to the Lord on the Feast of Tabernacles in a Year of Jubilee. (pp. 192-193)

Jeffrey went on to argue that his calculations were being confirmed by “thousands of pastors and believers around the world that are **receiving a quiet assurance in their own spirit** that the Second Coming of the Lord is quickly approaching.” (Ibid., p. 193, emphasis added)

It is obvious that his calculations were wrong. If Christ was scheduled to return in 2000 AD, the Rapture should have taken place in 1993. It’s been 20 years since Jeffrey predicted the Lord should have returned, and it will be at least two more decades before He does. Jeffrey missed by a long shot.

Those thousands of pastors and believers who had “a quiet assurance in their own spirit that the Second Coming of the Lord is quickly approaching” were also wrong. That assurance did not come from the Lord or from the Bible; it came from wishful thinking. The key to understanding when the Rapture will take place is not elaborate calculations or quiet assurances. The key is to know what **warning signs** will take place before the Rapture. Once you know them you can diligently look for them to be fulfilled, and watch as the Rapture approaches.

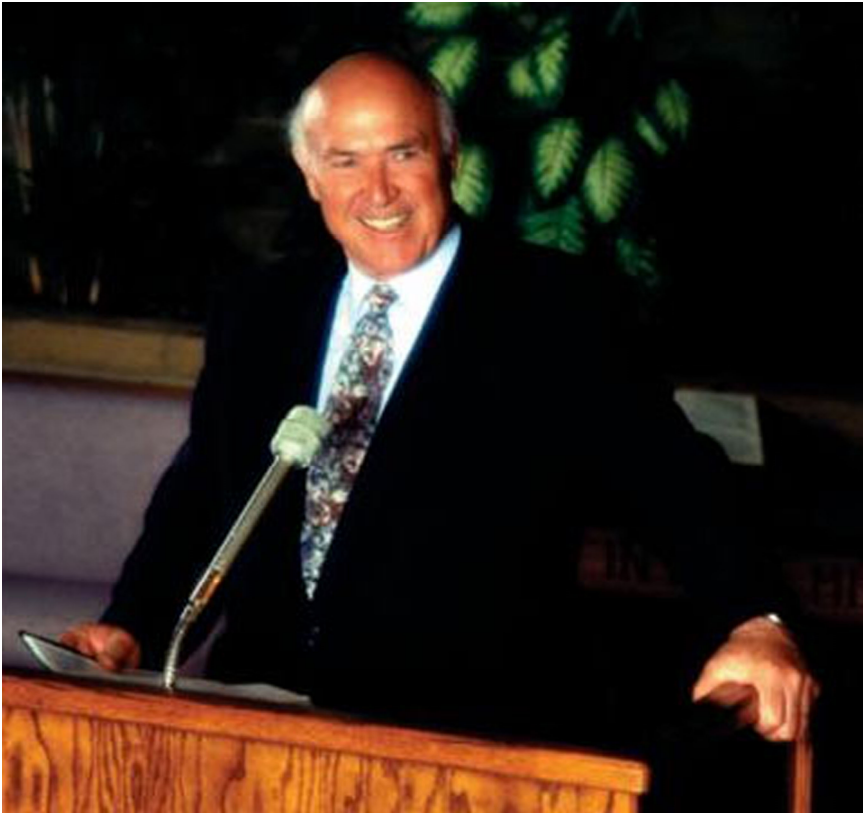


Everyone who has made a prediction based on Biblical calculations has been wrong. We do not believe anyone can use mathematical calculations to determine the exact or approximate date of the Rapture and Second Coming. The possible exception might be Sir Isaac Newton who has predicted that the Second Coming will take place in 2060 AD. We will have to wait to see if his calculation was divinely inspired. The way to determine the approximate time of these events is to know what **signs** have yet to be fulfilled, and then keep diligent watch for them to be fulfilled.

Jeffrey decided to give up date-setting a few years later. In his 1994 book, *Prince of Darkness*, he had this warning for all date-setters:

We should emulate Paul's attitude of watching expectantly for the Lord's return but refuse to set a date for it... **Attempts to calculate the exact timing are doomed to failure and are in direct disobedience to the words of Christ.** (p. 212, emphasis added)

It is a shame he did not come to this conclusion before he predicted in 1990 that the Rapture would take place in 2000. Jeffrey passed away in May of 2012 and now knows he was wrong in making predictions.



Chuck Smith (1927-2013)

Chuck Smith made a clear statement in his book, *Future Survival*, that the Lord would Rapture the Church before the end of 1981:

From my understanding of biblical prophecies, I'm convinced that the Lord is coming for His Church before the end of 1981. I could be wrong, but it's a deep conviction in my heart, and all my plans are predicated upon that belief. (p. 20, emphasis added)

Deep convictions should not be the basis for doctrine. Scripture is the only basis for doctrine, never feelings or convictions. If he truly believes the Rapture can take place at *any moment* all of his plans should have been predicated upon that belief.

We do not know why he chose 1981 for the date of the Rapture, but it's possible that he believed the teaching of Hal Lindsey. In his book, *The Late Great Planet Earth*, Lindsey speculated that a generation was 40 years. He believed the Lord would return 40 years after the establishment of the nation of Israel in 1948 because the Lord said that everything mentioned in the Olivet Discourse would take place before the “*generation*” that sees Israel become a nation again passes away (Matthew 24.32-34). Since the Rapture takes place seven years earlier it should have taken place in 1981.

Besides thinking 40 years was the Biblical length of a generation, he thought the return of Haley's comet might be a fulfillment of prophecy. He speculated that the return of Haley's comet might be one of the “signs in heavens” that YAHSHUA spoke of:

And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, man fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. (Luke 21.25-27)

Smith went on to speculate that the tail of Haley's comet could “affect the balance of the earth's ozone blanket” and “the sun's ultraviolet rays would begin to scorch people upon the earth” (Ibid., p. 20). Then he wrote:

The Lord said that towards the end of the Tribulation period the sun would scorch men who dwell upon the face of the earth (Rev. 16). The **year 1986 would fit just about right!** We're getting **close to the Tribulation** and the return of Jesus Christ in glory! (Ibid., p. 21, emphasis added)

We are 33 years further down the road from when Smith wrote his book, *Future Survival* (1980), and there are still many things that must happen before the Rapture takes place. He continued to exhort the Church to be ready for the Rapture:

All the pieces of the puzzle are coming together. God is warning you. (Ibid., p. 21)

Smith did not stop there. He noted how YAHSHUA had rebuked the Pharisees for not knowing “*the signs of My coming.*” He also quoted Paul’s exhortation that believers are not “*children of darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief*” (1 Thessalonians 5.4). He concluded that chapter by saying:

Christ’s return shouldn’t come as a surprise to the child of God. God has given us **plenty of evidence to look for** – and **that evidence is here now! We can see it!** And so, with Paul the apostle I say to you that all of our futures are foreshortened. We don’t have time to be involved in nonessential things. The time has come to let out all the stops and go for it – because our **Lord is coming very soon!** (Ibid., pp. 21-22, emphasis added)

The Rapture should not come as a surprise to believers who know what **warning signs** to look for. The problem is that too many believers do not know the specific **warning signs** that we should be looking for to know when the Rapture is near. We encourage every believer to memorize those **warning signs**, and to diligently look for them to know the time of the Rapture..

Smith made another prediction of sorts in 2010 on his “Pastor’s Perspective” radio program:

I do think that the Antichrist is in the world. I think that he is alive, and I think that he is **chomping at the bit to take over the reins of the world.** (1.14.2010, emphasis added)

When the Antichrist is revealed and it is shown that he was not an adult in 2010, it will mean Smith was wrong in his belief that the Antichrist was ready to take rulership of the world. It is our belief that if the Antichrist was alive in 2010 he would be a very young boy under the age of five. Smith and all of the elderly Pre-Daniel’s Seventieth Weekers want YAHSHUA to return any day because they have lived a full life. They want the Rapture to take place while they are at the top of their game. Fortunately, the Rapture is more than two decades away. The younger Pre-Seventieth Weekers may see the Rapture if they escape martyrdom during the Fifth Seal (Revelation 6.9-11).



Harold Camping (1921-2013)

Harold Camping wrote a book, *1994?* in which he decided no one could be saved after September 6, 1994 (pp. 526-7, 531). During that year he said emphatically that the Lord would return sometime between September 15-27. He went on to predict September 29, and then October 2 for the end. Camping made another prediction a few years later picking March 31, 1995. When the Lord failed to return on those dates he said he did not predict the Lord's Second Coming. He said it was highly probable the Lord would return on those dates. Since then he has made another prediction for the Lord's return. That lucky year is 2011. Here is the warning posted on his website:

In 2 Peter 3:8, which is quoted above, Holy God reminds us that one day is as 1,000 years. Therefore, with the correct understanding that the seven days referred to in Genesis 7:4 can be understood as 7,000 years, we learn that when God told Noah there were seven days to escape worldwide destruction, He was also telling the world there would be exactly 7,000 years (one day is as 1,000 years) to escape the wrath of God that would come when He destroys the world on Judgment Day. Because Holy Infinite God is all-knowing, He knows the end from the beginning. He knew how sinful the world would become.

Seven thousand years after 4990 B.C. (the year of the Flood) is the year 2011 A.D. (our calendar). $4990 + 2011 - 1 = 7,000$ [*One year must be subtracted in going from an Old Testament B.C. calendar date to a New Testament A.D. calendar date because the calendar does not have a year zero.*]

Thus Holy God is showing us by the words of 2 Peter 3:8 that He wants us to know that exactly 7,000 years after He destroyed the world with water in Noah's day, He plans to destroy the entire world forever. *Because the year 2011 A.D. is exactly 7,000 years after 4990 B.C. when the flood began, the Bible has given us absolute proof that the year 2011 is the end of the world during the Day of Judgment, which will come on the last day of the Day of Judgment.*

Amazingly, May 21, 2011 is the 17th day of the 2nd month of the Biblical calendar of our day. Remember, the flood waters also began on the 17th day of the 2nd month, in the year 4990 B.C.

The Holy Bible gives several additional astounding proofs that May 21, 2011 is very accurate as the time for the Day of Judgment. For more information on this subject, you may request a copy of *We Are Almost There*, available free of charge from Family Radio.

God is proving to us that we have very accurately learned from the Holy Bible God's time-plan for the end of the world.

Sadly, the Holy Bible tells us that only a small percentage of today's world will turn from their evil ways, and with great humility and fear will cry to God for mercy. Nevertheless, the Bible assures us that many of the people who do beg God for His mercy will not be destroyed. We learn from the Bible that Holy God plans to rescue about 200 million people (that is about 3% of today's population). On the first day of the Day of Judgment (May 21, 2011) they will be caught up (raptured) into Heaven because God had great mercy for them. This is why we can be so thankful that God has given us advance notice of Judgment Day.⁴ (Emphasis added, H.C.)

His date for the flood of Noah's time (4990 BC) is off by over 2500 years. The major dates for the flood are – Martin Antsey 2386, the Chinese 2348, Bishop Ussher 2348, the Great Pyramid 2343, Judaism 2105.

Camping teaches that May 21, 2011, will be the day that Christians are raptured and the Tribulation begins. He believes the Tribulation will last 5 months (Genesis 7.24), and Jesus Christ will return in person on October 21, 2011. On that day the unsaved will be judged.

He is also wrong in the number of people who will be saved. He gets that number from Revelation 9.16. The 200,000,000 is the number of the demonic creatures that will terrorize the world during the Tribulation with the blowing of the sixth trumpet. The number of people who will be raptured before the start of the Tribulation will be more than 200 million, and there may be that many or more saved during the Tribulation (Revelation 7.9). Most of those saved during the Tribulation will be martyred.

He confirmed his belief that YAHSHUA will return on May 21, 2011 on his “Open Forum” program. He said he is positive that his date is correct:

I have no option, I can’t say as I did a few years ago there is a high likelihood it’ll be this or that. Now **I have to say it is absolutely certain** this is going to happen. (“Open Forum,” 10.09.2009, emphasis mine)



It is hard to believe that Camping is right about his date for creation and everyone else is off by 6000 years. If his date for creation (11,013 B.C.), and the flood (4,990 B.C.) are wrong, then his date for the Second Coming is also wrong. Most historians date Creation around 4,000 B.C. and the Flood at 2341 B.C.

May 21, 2011 came and went and everything is as it was. Camping made another false prediction. He quickly recalculated his date and said the end would come on October 21, 2011. He held a press conference and explained that the Rapture was a spiritual Rapture, but the Second Coming would be real. He suffered a stroke soon after his false prophecy and stopped doing call-in programs. When October 22 came he realized he had once more made a false prophecy and promised not to do it again:

An Important Letter from Mr. Camping - March 2012

THE BOARD OF FAMILY RADIO WISHES TO POST THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM MR. CAMPING. IT WAS OUR WISH, OUT OF RESPECT FOR OUR LISTENERS, TO MAIL OUT THIS LETTER BEFORE POSTING IT TO THE WEB SITE. HOWEVER, BECAUSE IT WAS LEAKED TO THE INTERNET WITHOUT OUR AUTHORIZATION, WE HAVE MADE THE DECISION TO POST IT IMMEDIATELY TO AVOID CONFUSION. THIS LETTER WILL ALSO BE MAILED OUT TO OUR LISTENERS.

“God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.” Romans 3:4

Dear Family Radio Family,

In this time of confusion and turmoil, God’s Word remains the only truth in which we can trust. God has shown us again the truth that He alone is true. In Romans 3:4 God declares: *“Let God be true but every man a liar.”* Events within the last year have proven that no man can be fully trusted. Even the most sincere and zealous of us can be mistaken.

The May 21 campaign was an astounding event if you think about its impact upon this world. There is no question that millions, if not billions of people heard for the first time the Bible’s warning that Jesus Christ will return. Huge portions of this world that had never read or seen a Bible heard the message the Christ Jesus is coming to rapture His people and destroy this natural world.

Yes, we humbly acknowledge **we were wrong about the timing;** yet though we were wrong God is still using the May 21 warning in a

very mighty way. In the months following May 21 the Bible has, in some ways, come out from under the shadows and is now being discussed by all kinds of people who never before paid any attention to the Bible. We learn about this, for example, by the recent National Geographic articles concerning the King James Bible and the Apostles. Reading about and even discussing about the Bible can never be a bad thing, even if the Bible's authenticity is questioned or ridiculed. The world's attention has been called to the Bible.

We must also openly acknowledge that we have no new evidence pointing to another date for the end of the world. Though many dates are circulating, Family Radio has no interest in even considering another date. God has humbled us through the events of May 21, to continue to even more fervently search the Scriptures (the Bible), not to find dates, but to be more faithful in our understanding.

We have learned the very painful lesson that all of creation is in God's hands and He will end time in His time, not ours! We humbly recognize that God may not tell His people the date when Christ will return, any more than He tells anyone the date they will die physically.

We realize that many people are hoping they will know the date of Christ's return. In fact for a time Family Radio fell into that kind of thinking. But we now realize that those people who were calling our attention to the Bible's statement that "*of that day and hour knoweth no man*" (Matthew 24:36 & Mark 13:32), were right in their understanding of those verses and **Family Radio was wrong**. Whether God will ever give us any indication of the date of His return is hidden in God's divine plan.

We were even so bold as to insist that the Bible guaranteed that Christ would return on May 21 and that the true believers would be raptured. Yet this **incorrect and sinful statement** allowed God to get the attention of a great many people who otherwise would not have paid attention. Even as God used sinful Balaam to accomplish His purposes, so He used **our sin** to accomplish His purpose of making the whole world acquainted with the Bible. However, even so, **that does not excuse us**. We tremble before God as we humbly ask Him for forgiveness for making that **sinful statement**. We are so thankful that God is so loving that He will forgive even this sin.

So we must be satisfied to humbly wait upon God, and trust He will guide His people to safety. At Family Radio, we continue to look to God for guidance. If it is His good pleasure for us to continue on

with our original mission, the proclamation of the Gospel, God's Word, then we must continue to look to Him.

We consider you to be a real part of this ministry and the tremendous opportunities which God, by His unfathomable mercy and grace, continues to give to us. And, your steadfast involvement and support is so appreciated!

May God bless you,

Harold Camping and the staff of Family Radio.



Camping blamed Family Radio for the false prophecy and not himself. He was the one who came up with the false date and he alone is to take the blame, not Family Radio. Until Camping states publicly that he and he alone made a false prophecy we must believe he has not learned his lesson and he has not been humbled.

Camping used two verses – *“And it came to pass after the seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth”* (Genesis 7.10), and *“But forget not this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day”* (1 Peter 3.8) – to determine that the statement in Genesis is a prophecy that after 7000 years (7 days) the Earth would be destroyed. He chose 4990 as the year of the flood, and counted 7000 years from that date

to arrive at 2011. He also claimed the flood started on May 21 of 4990 so the destruction of the world would begin on May 21, 2011, and YAHSHUA would return five months later (Genesis 7.24) to judge the wicked on October 21, 2011. His dates and numbers are wrong.

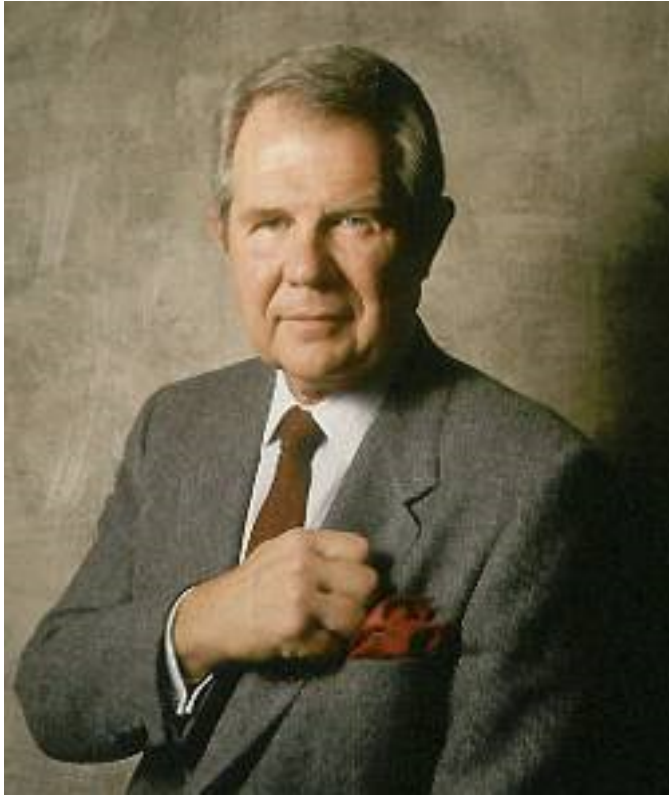
Camping had a stroke soon after making his last false prophecy. He did not return to the air and went to his eternal rewards or punishment. It is unlikely he will make another false prophecy.



Billy Graham

William Franklin Graham, Jr. is considered to be the greatest evangelist of the 20th century and one of the greatest evangelists of the Church Age. Yet in 1950, a very young Billy Graham stated, “We may have another year, maybe two years. Then I believe it is going to be over.” (Hugo McCord, *Date Setting*, article³)

It is understandable for a young evangelist to get caught up in Rapture fever. He made a serious mistake in making that statement, but it was based on zeal not careful study of the Scriptures. Too many evangelists, pastors and prophecy teachers are overcome with zeal and make rash predictions. Fortunately for Graham he learned his lesson and has said nothing about the timing of the Rapture since then.



Pat Robertson

Pat Robertson, founder of the 700 Club television show, predicted the end of the world would occur in 1982. “I guarantee you by the end of 1982 there is going to be a judgment on the world,” he said in a May 1980 broadcast of the 700 Club. (Boyer, Paul S., *When Time Shall Be No More*, p. 138)

Robertson has enough troubles running a billion dollar empire. He should stop making predictions of the end of the world. He should also stop posing using secret Masonic hand signals. Since he is getting up in age he may also want to give away 99% of his empire to the poor and needy and just live off the remaining one percent which would be several million FRNs. If he were to do this he would have untold treasure in Heaven (Matthew 6.19-21). He most likely will die without giving any of his riches to the poor and needy and end up being a pauper in Heaven for all eternity if he is saved. He may not even be saved.



Noah Hutchings

David Webber & Noah Hutchings

David Webber and Noah Hutchings, of the Southwest Radio Church, published a booklet in 1978 in which they speculated that the Second Coming of YAHSHUA Messiah might be in 2001. This is what they wrote:

A vital question that affects every man, woman and child living today is: “Will Christ come by 2001?” This impending possibility looms ominously on the human horizon and confronts each of the nearly 42 billion people on this planet. A time of unparalleled affliction, tyranny, and destruction must occur before the most shattering event in all history of man – the physical return of Christ to the earth, in real, visible, and overwhelming power.

The irrefutable evidence of prophetic Scripture indicates that **Jesus Christ may very well be here by 2001!** The **general signs** in the heavens and on earth, plus the **specific signs** occurring in Israel (God’s dramatic timepiece), all point to **His soon return**. (*Will Christ Come by 2001?*, p. 2, emphasis added)

They opened their booklet with a chart of past and future dates:

- A.D. 1917-1921 - Balfour Declaration
- A.D. 1918-1922 - The Beginning of Sorrows
- A.D. 1948-1952 - Israel's Rebirth After the Flesh
- A.D. 1967-1971 - Jerusalem Restored
- A.D. 1974-1978 - Jewish Temple Rebuilt?
- A.D. 1981-1985 - Beginning of the Tribulation
- A.D. 1985-1989 - Middle of Tribulation
- A.D. 1988-1992 - End of the Tribulation
- A.D. 1995-1999 - Completion of Millennial Temple
- A.D. 1996-2000 - The Jubilee, a rest
- A.D. 1997-2001 - Beginning of the Kingdom Age (p. 3)

Needless to say they missed by a long shot. We must note that Webber and Hutchings are Pre-Seventieth Weekers and not Pre-Tribulationists. According to their calculations the Rapture should have taken place in 1985 by the latest.

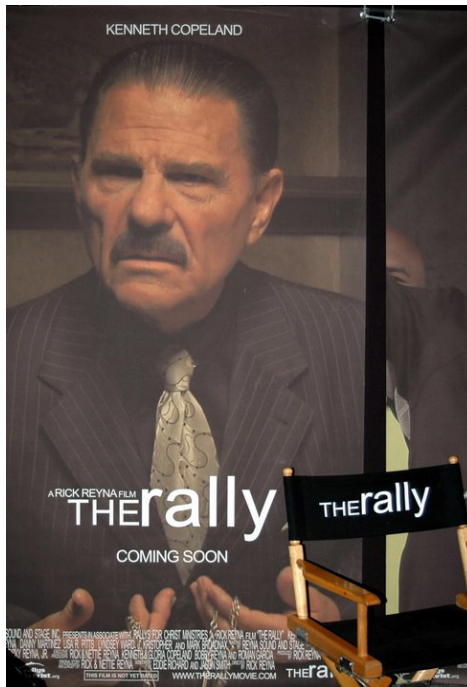
Webber and Hutchings teamed up with Emil Gaverluk and published a transcript of a radio program in 1978 in which they predicted the Rapture would take place in the 1980s. Here are a few of the things they predicted would take place in that decade:

- 1980: New World Monetary System emerges
 - 1981: Great Synagogue completed
 - 1982: Parade of Planets
 - 1983: Russian invasion of the Middle East
 - 1984: George Orwell's world of 1984 (World government)
 - 1985: Treaty with Israel aborted
 - 1986: Halley's Comet reappears
 - 1987: Massive storms, earthquakes, extreme heat from the sun
 - 1988: Comet Kohoutek reappears 1989: A great invasion from outer space. Jesus Christ institutes a new government on earth.
- (*God's Timetable for the 1980's*, p. 2)

They firmly believe the Rapture will take place at least seven years prior to the start of Daniel's Seventieth Week which begins with the signing of the covenant between the Antichrist and Israel. Since they place the breaking of the covenant in 1985, they believed the Rapture would take place by 1982 at the latest. The Antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel 3.5 years after signing it (Daniel 9.27). They missed the date of the Rapture by 31 years and counting.

Mikkel Dahl, Reginald Duncan and Emil Gaverluk

Mikkel Dahl predicted in “The Midnight Cry” that the present era would end by 1980. Reginald Edward Duncan predicted in “The Coming Russian Invasion of America” that the Millennium would begin in 1979. Emil Gaverluk, of the Southwest Radio Church, predicted that the Rapture would occur by 1981. (DeMar, Gary, *Last Days Madness*, p. 14)



Kenneth Copeland

On his broadcast on the morning of February 7, 2000, televangelist Kenneth Copeland claimed that a group of scientists and scholars had studied the Bible in great detail, and had determined that February 11, 2000, would be the last day of the 6000th year since Creation, a date when the Apocalypse would presumably happen. Copeland did not imply he believed this to be accurate yet he went on to say that the Rapture will come soon.



Timothy LaHaye

In Timothy LaHaye's first book on prophecy published in 1972, *The Beginning of the End*, he stated succinctly that one of the primary *signs* of the last days was the fulfillment of Matthew 24.7:

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in various places. (NKJV)

What war was the fulfillment of that prophecy? LaHaye had this to say:

Now we are ready to ask: Has there ever been a war, started by two nations, which grew into a worldwide war by the kingdoms

of the world, followed by unprecedented famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places (perhaps simultaneously)? I am of the opinion that we can discern such. Though reluctant to be dogmatic on the subject, I believe there is one event that fulfills all four parts of this prophecy. That terrible event has been labeled by historians as World War I, which took place between 1914 and 1918. (Ibid., pp. 35-36)

YAHSHUA said, “*Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all these things be accomplished*” (Matthew 24.34). How long is a generation according to LaHaye? Here is what he had to say about the length of a generation:

We may logically inquire next, “How long is a generation?” Psalm 90:10 provides insight into this subject. “The days of our years are three-score years and ten; and if, by reason of strength, they be four-score years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow....” This does not mean that the final generation is limited to seventy or eighty years; the psalmist is acquainting us with the general length of a generation.

How many people make up a generation? No particular number; just one person who comprehended the four parts of the 1914-1918 sign could represent the “generation.” (Ibid., p. 168)

He argues that just one person needs to be alive, who was old enough to understand that World War I was a *sign*, for the prophecy of YAHSHUA to be fulfilled. If we say a four-year-old child could understand that World War I was a *sign* that means the Lord must return before the last person dies who was born in 1910 or before. According to his argument if a person lives to 120 who was born in 1910, the Lord would have to return by 2030. The rapture would have to take place seven years early in 2023.

The longest period of time for a generation in the Bible is 100 years (Genesis 15.13, 16). Using that as the longest period for a generation the Lord must return by 2014 at the very latest. The start of World War I was the first sign according to LaHaye:

The uniqueness of this prophetic book is the basing of these signs in the first great sign, World War I. Admittedly, some appeared prior to 1914, just as the conditions that produced the tragic war rumbled long before the opening Serbian shot was fired. (Ibid., p. 161)

In a later book, *Are We Living in the End Times?*, he pinned down a generation:

As my friend and prophecy scholar Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum has written, “The Bible nowhere limits the period of a generation simply to forty years. The one place where the term generation is given a specific time length, it is reckoned to be 100 years (Genesis 15:13-16). Actually, the term generation can mean 20, 40, 70, 80, or 100 years.” (p. 60)

The longest a generation can possibly be is 100 years! He teaches the Rapture will take place seven years earlier. Therefore, that “*blessed hope*” must take place by 2007 at the very latest. That year has passed without the Rapture taking place.

In *The Beginning of the End*, published in 1972, he had this to say about how close the Rapture was:

No one knows how long we have before we see the fulfillment of these things, but as we shall see in future studies, it seems that it cannot be much longer before our Lord comes for his Church. As the Lord Jesus said, although we cannot predict the “day or the hour” (Matthew 24:36) when He shall return, **we can know the season**. This book is dedicated to showing that **we are not only in the season**, but the **twilight of the season**. (p. 84, emphasis added)

If a season is 100 years long and the twilight is 20 years long, it means he made another prediction that did not come to pass as he said it would. It all depends on how long a “season” is and how long the “twilight” is.

He listed the 12 most important *signs* of the Second Coming, and described them in that same book, *The Beginning of the End*. He signified how close we were to the Rapture in 1972 by giving the time of the night for each *sign*:

World War I (10:30 pm)
Rebirth of Israel (10:35 pm)
Russia and the Middle East (10:40 pm)
Capital and Labor Conflicts (10:45 pm)
Skyrocketing Travel (10:50 pm)
Explosion of Knowledge (11:00 pm)
Apostasy (11:15 pm)
Occult Shadows and Realities (11:20 pm)
Perilous Times (11:30 pm)
A Flood of Wickedness (11:30 pm)
Scoffers Have Come (11:40 pm)
The Ecumenical Church (11:50 pm)
The Disunited Nations/World Government (11:58 pm) (pp. 162-3)

LaHaye implied by this clock that in 1972 the world was at 11:40 pm. All of the *signs* had been fulfilled except the last two – the ecumenical church and world government. If we divide 4200 seconds (70 minutes X 60 seconds) by 58 years (1914 to 1972) we come up with approximately 71 seconds per year. Since the last *sign* was fulfilled by 1972 (the time that the book was published) at 11:40 there were 20 minutes remaining on the countdown clock. There are 1200 seconds remaining (20 minutes X 60 seconds), which means the Second Coming of YAHSHUA should have taken place in 1989 (1200 seconds divided by 71 seconds for each year, equals 17 years. 1972 plus 17 equals 1989). It's obvious that he was working off of a generation as being 70 to 80 years (Psalm 90.10). If we add 80 years to 1914 we come to 1994. If we take away seven years for the Pre-Tribulation Rapture that event should have taken place in 1987, which corresponds to his countdown clock. That is also very close to the year (1981) that Hal Lindsey predicted for the Rapture.

LaHaye has clearly made several false prophecies. He should be shunned by all true believers.



Jack Van Impe

Jack Van Impe has made several predictions for the date of the Rapture. He claimed in his video entitled, “AD 2000 – the End?” that the Rapture could possibly take place in September 1999. He based it on generations listed in the Gospel of Matthew. He took the three divisions of 14 generations and determined that from Abraham to Christ there were 2160 years. He divided those years by the 42 generations to arrive at 51.4 years per generation. He took year 1948 (when Israel was reborn) and added one generation (51.4 years) to determine that Christ would most likely return in the autumn of 1999.

When that prediction failed he took a break from predicting. Now his latest date is 2012. As of 2008 he was selling a DVD entitled, “2012,” in which he lays out myriad reasons why he believes the Rapture will take place in 2012. One of those reasons is that the Mayan calendar ends on December 21, 2012. This is what he said:

In Matthew 1.17, there are 42 generations from Abraham until Christ. What? 2,160 years divided by 42 is 51.2. In Luke chapter three, verses 23 to 38, there are 77 generations into 4,000 years from Adam to Christ and that comes out to 51.2 and if you add the extra six months because the Six Day War took place in June you’re almost at 52 years. You add 52 to 1967 and you come out pretty close to 2018, 2019, subtract seven years from now, we’re talking about 2012. Remember what I said two weeks ago? The Mayan calendar ends December 21st 2012. It’s all there, ladies and gentlemen. **I don’t believe in setting dates,**

Matthew 24.36, but Jesus said, “*When you shall see all these signs (and they are here) then you’ll know it’s near even at the door*, Matthew 24.33. (Emphasis added)

We are living in the “times of the signs,” but the Mayan calendar has nothing to do with the timing of the Rapture. The only **warning signs** that a true believer in YAHSHUA should “*watch*” for are the prophecies found in the Bible. Secular signs are not reliable, and they should be ignored. Nothing of significance took place on December 21, 2012. Once again Van Impe made another false prophecy.

During a 2010 TBN program hosted by Paul Crouch, Sr. and Jr. Van Impe stuck his foot in his mouth claiming the pope to follow Benedict XVI will be the final pope and his name will be Peter Romana. He was wrong as he has been about everything he predicts when Ratzinger stepped down and Jorge Mario Bergoglio succeeded him taking the name Francis.



Hal Lindsey

Thousands of preachers have said during the last 43 years that YAHSHUA Messiah would “soon” return or that His return was “very near.” This recent prophecy craze was started by Hal Lindsey in 1970. His book, *The Late Great Planet Earth*, was the foundation for most of the predictions since 1970. He speculated, but did not state emphatically, that the “last generation” started in 1948 with the establishment of the nation of Israel. He said that a generation was 40

years so the Second Coming should be in 1988. He believes the Rapture will take place seven years earlier which means he thought the Rapture would probably take place in 1981.

Lindsey quoted the Lord, “*Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass away, till all these things be accomplished*” (Matthew 24:34), and then he made this statement:

What generation? Obviously, in context, the generation that would see the signs – chief among them the rebirth of Israel. A **generation** in the Bible is something like **forty years**. If this is a correct deduction, then within forty years or so of 1948, **all these things could take place**. Many scholars who have studied Bible prophecy all their lives **believe that this is so**. (*The Late Great Planet Earth*, p. 54, emphasis added)

He thought he was right when the Iraq-Iran War broke out in September 1980, but the Lord did not return. He was wrong about that prediction. Many scholars, who believed like him, and had “studied Bible prophecy all of their lives,” were also wrong.

Since then Lindsey has said dozens of times that the Rapture would take place “soon,” “very soon” and that it was “very near.” An example of one of his predictions, that is not a prediction, is found in his 1981 book, *The 1980’S: Countdown to Armageddon*:

During the last 25 years I have been studying prophecy I have seen incredible events forecast 3,000 years ago happen right before my eyes. Especially in the past 10 years, I have watched current events push toward the climax of history the prophets foretold. I believe many people will be shocked by what is happening right now and by what will happen in the very near future. *The decade of the 1980’s could very well be the last decade of history as we know it*. (pp. 7-8, emphasis added, H.L.)

He missed that prediction also. The 1980’s was not the “last decade of history as we know it.” He was not even close.

Lindsey has also said the Lord would return to rapture the Church in his lifetime. If he dies it will mean that he missed it, no matter what excuse his defenders may make. He also said that the Rapture would take place by the time he reached the age of the life span of the average American male. That year has come and gone. He has made four clear prophecies with three of them wrong. When he dies that

will be his fourth inaccurate prophecy. We guarantee that Lindsey will die before the Rapture along with Chuck Smith, Jack Van Impe and Timothy LaHaye. All of the old-timers will die before the Rapture because it is over 20 years away.

He made a prediction dealing with the Soviet Union in his book, *The Late Great Planet Earth*. He said the Russians were “seeking to gain footholds in Iran by various overtures of aid. In order to mount a large-scale invasion predicted by Ezekiel, Russia would need Iran as an ally.” He then wrote:

Watch the actions of Iran in relation to Russia and the United Arab Republic. This writer believes that significant things will soon be happening there. (p. 68)

Russia and her allies use this occasion to launch an invasion of the Middle East, which Russia has longed to do since the Napoleonic wars. (Ibid., p. 154)

In his second book, *The 1980's: Countdown to Armageddon*, Lindsey said that he predicted, in his first book, that Russia would invade the Middle East:

In *The Late Great Planet Earth* I predicted that the Soviets would begin their Middle East campaign with a sweep through the Persian Gulf area into Iran. The recent Russian invasion of Afghanistan was a first step in that direction. Once the **Middle East falls to Russia**, the communists will withhold their newly-gained oil to cripple the west. Just how close the Soviets are to making this bold move will be discussed in a later chapter. (p. 13)

He also made this prediction about Russia's plans for the Middle East:

The Russian invasion of Afghanistan has telegraphed the **Soviet intention to take over the entire Middle East**. Russian troops are already present in South Yemen and Ethiopia, and the fall of the Shah in nearby Iran has opened the door for a **Soviet conquest of the strategic Persian Gulf area**. The rest of the Middle East – including **Saudi Arabia**, which sits on one-quarter of the world's known oil reserves – appears to be an **easy target for a Soviet takeover**.

This area has now **fit precisely** into the **pattern predicted** for it. All that remains is for the Russians to make their predicted move. (Ibid., p. 63, emphasis added)

In 1980, when he wrote his second book, it looked as though the Soviets would take over the Middle East. Their invasion of Afghanistan in December of 1979, made him and most eschatologists think the end was very near. He made a prediction, on Paul Crouch's TBN network, that the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was the beginning of the end. He said the Soviets would soon attack Israel, and that Christians should pack their bags.

Lindsey and most prophecy teachers did not foresee al-Qaeda, led by Usama bin Laden, defeating the Soviets, and running them out of Afghanistan with their tails tucked between their legs. Instead of the Soviets taking over the Middle East, and holding the world to ransom with oil, the United States has done that.

On October 7, 2001, George Walker Bush invaded Afghanistan in response to the September 11 attacks, and then invaded Iraq in 2003. He captured Saddam Hussein, and had him hung. Before the invasion of the Middle East by Bush the price of oil was around \$25.00 per barrel. It climbed to over \$140.00 a barrel in 2008 before falling back. Lindsey should have prophesied that the United States would invade the Middle East, and hold the world to ransom with oil.

On September 25, 1997, he prophesied on his TV show, *International Intelligence Briefing*, that Russia would invade Israel within 18 months (*End-Time Visions*, p. 286).

The false prophecy by Lindsey concerning the Soviet Union is to be expected because he does not speak for YAHWEH Elohim as the Old Testament prophets did. We must all be knowledgeable about the political machinations of the families who run the world – Rothschilds, Rockefellers, Bronfmans, DuPonts, Habsburgs, Sassoons, Schiffs, Thyssens, Vanderbilts and Witten-Saxe-Coburg-Gotha-Windsors, and the organizations they use to run the world – Bilderberg Group, Royal Institute of International Affairs, Council on Foreign Relations, Trilateral Commission, Bohemian Club, Club of Rome, Skull and Bones Society, Fabian Society, New York Century Association, Cosmos Club, Twentieth Century Fund, United Nations, Federal Reserve Corp., Council of Nine, Freemasons, Roman Catholic Corporation, Society of Jesus, Knights of Malta, Knights Templar, Illuminati Order and hundreds of other groups – or we may also make similar mistakes (For more about these Big Brother

organizations get your copy of *Big Brother Is Watching You* from the DOV Book Shoppe. Email – dovbooks@yahoo.com)

In his second book, *The 1980'S: Countdown to Armageddon*, Lindsey said that the False Prophet was alive in 1980 when the book was written:

I believe the false prophet is in the Middle East today, awaiting his fateful hour. (Ibid., p. 48)

When the False Prophet is identified, and it is learned that he was born after 1980, it will mean that Hal Lindsey made another false prophecy.

In his book, *Planet Earth 2000 A.D.*, Lindsey prophesied the Rapture would take place in the year 2000. However, he left himself a face-saving outlet:

“Could I be wrong? Of course. The Rapture may not occur between now and the year 2000.” (p. 306)

Lindsey has been wrong about every prophecy he has made. Why? He was afflicted by the dreaded Rapture Syndrome soon after his alleged conversion. For more about the contagious Rapture Syndrome order your copy of *Rapture Syndrome* from DOV Ministries.

Joe VanKoevering

Dr. Joe VanKoevering, president of “God’s News Behind the News” and pastor of the Gateway Christian Center in St. Petersburg, Florida, with his wife Kaye Brubaker VanKoevering, made a DVD *Unveiling the Man of Sin* in which he identified the Antichrist as being Prince El-Hassan bin Talal. He is the son of King Talal of Jordan and Queen Zein al-Sharaf. He is the brother of the late King Hussein, and was Crown Prince from 1965 to 1999. He is also uncle to the present King Abdullah II of Jordan.

It is impossible for El-Hassan to be the Antichrist because he is far too old. He was born in 1947 and is 66 as of 2013. Even if the Tribulation were to begin this year he is too old. It would seem more reasonable the Antichrist will be a young man in his thirties because he comes as one in place of YAHSHUA. We also know that it will be

very difficult to identify the Antichrist until the world government is formed (Daniel 7.23) and it breaks into ten divisions (Daniel 7.24). Once those two prophecies are fulfilled believers will be able to easily identify the Antichrist.



Benny Hinn

Toufik Benedictus “Benny” Hinn, Palestinian born televangelist, founder of the Orlando Christian Center and host of the television program “This is Your Day,” has made numerous false prophecies with some of them concerning the Antichrist and the Rapture:

“A **world dictator** is coming on the scene. My! He’s a **short man**. He’s a short man. I see a short man who’s a perfect incarnation of Satan. [Hinn speaks in tongues.] Never in my life have I had anything happen like what’s happening to me now! ‘This man will rule the world. In the **next few years you will see him**. But not long after that you will see Me.’” (Orlando Christian Center, 12.31.1989, emphasis mine)

“We may have **two years before the rapture**. Can I be blunt with you? I don’t know if we have **two years left**. I’m going to prove to you from the Word tonight, that **we have less than two years**.” (Trinity Broadcasting Network, 11.9.1990, emphasis mine)

“**Jesus is coming again** within the **next two years**.” (July 1997, fund-raising telethon on TBN, emphasis mine)



John Hagee

John Hagee, founder and senior pastor of Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, Texas, started teaching in 2013 that the blood moons that will appear in 2014 and 2015 will be the fulfillment of the prophecy by Joel:

I will give signs in the heavens and on the earth – blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of YAHWEH. (Joel 2.30-31)



He believes that the blood moons of 2014 and 2015 are a sign of the coming Rapture. This is pure speculation on his part. There have been dozens of blood moons during the Church Age. To claim the next ones will signal the start of the day of YAHWEH is a mistake. The rapture will not take place before or shortly after 2014-15. There are 16 prophecies that **MUST** be fulfilled before the Rapture and there is not enough time for all of them to be fulfilled in the next two years (Study Chapter 8 of this book.)

A blood moon is created by a partial lunar eclipse. When the Earth's shadow covers the moon completely, we get a total eclipse. A partial lunar eclipse happens when the Earth's shadow partially covers the moon. The earth's atmosphere bends light around its edge and disperses short wavelength light (green through violet) leaving longwavelength light (red, orange and yellow) in the Earth's shadow. The moon looks red, orange or yellow. Sunsets and sunrises also appear red, orange or yellow.

According to NASA's tables for solar and lunar eclipses there will be a string of lunar and solar eclipses in 2014 and 2015. There will be no more blood moons for the rest of the 21st century. In 2015 there will be two solar and lunar eclipses two weeks apart (on the new moon and full moon) one in the spring and one in the fall. This could possibly produce four blood moon eclipses in a row (the Tetrad phenomenon) which is unusual. Even though this is unusual there were two occurrences of blood moons in the last century. Both times they took place on the night of the Passover seder – in 1949-1950 and in 1967-68.

Many think that the first blood moons came right after the establishment of the State of Israel which was a sign. The next set of blood moons came right after the liberation of Jerusalem in 1967. The next string of four blood moons is coming Passover seder nights in 2014 and 2015. This is significant because the last time a set of blood moons took place was in 1493 and 1494, one year after the exile of Jews from Spain and the historic journey of Columbus to the New World.¹

This may sound exciting to someone who is eager to Heaven, but it is not evidence that the Rapture must take place in 2014 or 2015. As we have shown in Chapter eight 16 prophecies MUST be fulfilled before the Rapture. Once they are fulfilled and a blood moon appears on the horizon it could signal the Rapture is near. Yet until those 16 prophecies are fulfilled the blood moons mean nothing.

We must also consider the possibility that the prophecy of the moon being turned to blood could be a divine act rather than a natural phenomenon. If that is true the blood moons of 2014-15 have nothing to do with Bible prophecy and the Rapture.

When 2016 rolls around and we are still here we will know that John Hagee is a false prophet.



Arnold Murray

Arnold Murray, pastor of the Shepherd's Chapel teaches numerous false doctrines. He also made a few false predictions. In 1980 he said

we were living in the last 3½ years of the Tribulation. He predicted that “one-worldism shall come to pass, and it shall receive a deadly wound about the end of this year.” He also predicted the Millennial Temple would start to be built in 1981, and the Antichrist would appear in the same year.⁵

Murray teaches some damnable false doctrines such as Eve had sex with Satan and their off-spring live among us today. He calls them the Kenites. He also denies the Trinity and claims that YAHWEH speaks to him in an audible voice. Murray is one of the worst false teachers in America right next to Harold Camping.

What YHWH says about false prophets

*“But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name which I have not commanded him to speak or speaks in the name of other gods, even that prophet will **die**. And if you will say in your heart, ‘How will we know the word which YAHWEH has not spoken?’ When a prophet speaks in the name of YAHWEH, if the thing does not happen and does not come [about] YAHWEH has not spoken that thing. The prophet has spoken it **proudly**. You shall not be afraid of him.”*
(Deuteronomy 18.20-22)

These men should be thankful they did not live in the Old Testament dispensation or they would have met an untimely death. ALL true believers should shun these men and have nothing to do with them until they confess that they are a false prophet.

How soon will the Rapture take place?

No one can pick a date at this time and be 100% certain. There are too many variables for even us to choose a date. Yet we can make a very well-educated guess based on knowing what prophecies must be fulfilled before the Rapture and how long before they can be fulfilled. Below is a list of prophecies that must be fulfilled prior to the Rapture with an estimate as to how soon they can be fulfilled:

Warning signs that are being fulfilled

1. Breakdown of morality and society (2 Timothy 3.1-5).
2. The “*apostasy*” (2 Thessalonians 2.3; 2 Timothy 2.1-5; 4.3-4).
3. Conflict between the corporations and workers (James 5.4-6).
4. Ressurgence of the homosexual movement (Luke 17.28-29).
5. Mark of the Beast technology (Revelation 13.15-18).

1. Society will break down much more.
2. The “*apostasy*” will get much worse.
3. Corporations will become all-powerful (**19 years**).
4. Homosexuals will fully dominate society (**19 years**).
5. Mark of the Beast will be implemented (**19 years**).

Warning signs yet to be fulfilled

The 8 **warning signs** that take place, from a few years to several months, before the start of Daniel’s Seventieth Week are:

1. Destruction of Gog/Magog and allies (Ezek. 38.1-39.16; 30.1-5)
2. Rebuilding the ancient city of Babylon (Zechariah 5.5-11)
3. Moving the Holy See from Rome to Babylon (Zechariah 5.1-5)
4. World Church and the False Prophet (Rev. 17.1-5, 18; 13.11-17)
5. World economy (Revelation 13.15-17)
6. World government (Daniel 7.23)
7. World government breaks into 10 divisions (Daniel 7.24)
8. Rebuilding the Temple (Revelation 11.1-2; 2 Thessalonians 2.4).

1. The Gog/Magog War is still far off (**19 years**).
2. Ancient Babylon must become the economic headquarters of the world (**19 years**).
3. The transfer of the Holy See can only happen once Iraq becomes a stable nation (**9 years**).
4. The World Church cannot be created in a few years (**19 years**).
5. A world economic system will take two decades (**19 years**).
6. A world government will take about two decades (**19 years**).
7. The world government will break up once formed (**19 years**).
8. Rebuilding the Temple can take place at any time. (**0 years**).

The 8 **warning signs** that take place a short time before the Rapture are:

1. A time of “*peace and safety*” (1 Thessalonians 5.3; Rev. 6.1-2)
2. Rise of Antichrist (Daniel 7.8, 20, 24; Revelation 6.1-2; 13.1-2)
3. The “*overflowing scourge*” (Joel 2.1-11)
4. Antichrist’s covenant with Israel (Is. 28.15, 18-19; Dan. 9.27)
5. World War (Daniel 7.8, 20, 24; Revelation 6.3-4)
6. Worldwide economic depression (Revelation 6.5-6)
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8. Martyrdom of Church Age believers (Daniel 7.21, 25; Mark 13.12-13; Revelation 6.9-10)

1. “*Peace and safety*” is at least **24 years** away.
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Conclusion

The Pre-Tribulation Rapture is NOT imminent or even close. It is at least 24 years away, possibly longer. Our best guess at this date (2014) is that it is 24 years away. If the Antichrist has not yet been born it means the Rapture is 34 years away. It is possible for the Antichrist to not be born in the next 12 or more years which means the earliest date for the start of the Tribulation would be 2058. The very earliest year for the start of the Tribulation is 2038. That is what the dates above are based on. Yet we do not expect it to start in 2038. Our best guess at this time is 2048 or 2058.

As you can see the false prediction bug has also bitten far too many preachers. Even the hardcore fundamental Baptists have been bitten and made false prophecies. This spiritual disease has spread throughout Christianity and there is no antibiotic that can stop it except serious study of Bible prophecy. The men who have taken that antibiotic have been cured and refrain from predicting when the Rapture will take place.

Do not be taken in by these false prophets. Remember this biblical truth: The Rapture cannot take place until the 16 Bible prophecies noted previously are fulfilled.

The only people who make incorrect predictions concerning the timing of the Rapture and Second Coming are those who think the Lord can return at any moment. Those who clearly understand that specific prophetic **warning signs** must be fulfilled before the Rapture can take place never make false predictions. They simply “wait” and “watch” for those prophecies to be fulfilled just as YAHSHUA commanded us to do:

*“Take heed, **watch** and pray: for you know not when the time is. [For the Son of Man is] as a man going out of the country, leaving his house, and giving to his bondmen authority, and to each one his work, and commanded the door-keeper that he should **watch**. **Watch** therefore for you know not when the master of the house will return – at evening or at midnight or at the cockcrowing, or morning; lest returning suddenly he should find you sleeping. And what I say to you I say unto all, ‘**Watch!**’” (Mark 13.33-37)*

AFTERWORD

THE CURE

There is only one cure to the deadly “**Rapture Fever**” – the Holy Scriptures. Daily study of the Bible is the only way for anyone who has caught the Fever to be cured.

This book is not the cure. It shows you what prophecies **MUST** be fulfilled before the Rapture can take place. Once you understand that the Rapture cannot happen until specific prophecies are fulfilled you will be cured of the dreaded “**Rapture Fever.**”

Study the sixteen prophecies that will be fulfilled before the Rapture and then patiently watch for them to be fulfilled:

The eight *warning signs* that take place, from a few years to several months, before the Seventieth Week are:

1. Destruction of Gog/Magog and allies (Ezek. 38.1-39.16; 30.1-5)
2. Rebuilding the ancient city of Babylon (Zechariah 5.5-11)
3. Moving the Holy See from Rome to Babylon (Zechariah 5.1-5)
4. World Church and the False Prophet (Rev. 17.1-5, 18; 13.11-17)
5. World economy (Revelation 13.15-17)
6. World government (Daniel 7.23)
7. World government breaks into 10 divisions (Daniel 7.24)
8. Rebuilding the Temple (Revelation 11.1-2; 2 Thessalonians 2.4).

The 3 **warning signs** that take place a short time before the Seventieth Week are:

1. A time of “*peace and safety*” (1 Thessalonians 5.3; Rev. 6.1-2)
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1. “*Peace and safety*” is at least **24 years** away.
2. The Antichrist is at least **24 years** off.
3. The “*overflowing scourge*” is at least **24 years** away.

The 5 **warning signs** that take place after the Seventieth Week begins and before the Post Seventieth Week Pre-Tribulation Rapture are:

1. Antichrist’s covenant with Israel (Is. 28.15, 18-19; Dan. 9.27)
2. World War (Daniel 7.8, 20, 24; Revelation 6.3-4)
3. Worldwide economic depression (Revelation 6.5-6)
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5. Martyrdom of Church Age believers (Daniel 7.21, 25; Mark 13.12-13; Revelation 6.9-10)

If the men in chapters Two and Three had known this simple truth they would never have made their false predictions. It would have saved millions of people a lot of grief and disappointment. It also would have not given rise to the Seventh-day Adventist We hope and pray that those yet living learn this truth and refrain from making more false predictions.

GLOSSARY

Angels – Created beings who serve YAHWEH and believers (Hebrews 1.14). One-third of them joined Satan in his rebellion (Revelation 12.4). They are called “fallen angels.”

Antichrist – He will rise to power prior to the start of Daniel’s Seventieth Week (Daniel 9.24-27) and be identified as the Antichrist by true believers (2 Thessalonians 2.1-3). The lost will think he is a great religious leader. He will confirm a worldwide peace treaty (Daniel 9.27) that had been made months or years earlier. Once he confirms this treaty Daniel’s Seventieth week will begin. He will rule alongside ten other world rulers (Daniel 7.24) and soon after the Seventieth Week begins a war will break out between him and three of the world rulers. He will defeat them and take his place as the chief of the world rulers (Daniel 7.20, 24). When he assumes control of the world he will still be under the control of the World Church (Revelation 17.3).

At the mid-point of Daniel’s Seventieth Week he will take total control of Earth by the power of Satan (Revelation 13.4) and rule with absolute authority for 42 months (Revelation 13.5). He will blaspheme YAHWEH (Daniel 7.25; Revelation 13.5-6) and persecute and kill those who are saved after the Pre-Tribulation Rapture that takes place at the end of the Fifth Seal (Daniel 7.21, 25; Revelation 13.7). He will be killed by YAHSHUA when He returns at His Second Advent (Daniel 7.11), be resurrected by Him and finally he will be cast into the Lake of Fire along with the False Prophet (Revelation 19.20). He will burn in the Lake of Fire for ALL eternity alongside Satan, the False Prophet, the fallen angels, demonic creatures (Revelation 9.3, 16-17) and everyone who dies in their sins. They will have NO hope of escape, parole or pardon.

Apostasy – The turning away by the Church from the faith and biblical doctrines to a false faith and false doctrines (2 Thessalonians 2.3; 2 Timothy 4.3-4). It started in the first half of the 19th Century with the rise of the American cults – Seventh-Day Adventism, Mormon Corporation, Watch Tower Society, and it will continue until the Rapture.

Any Moment – A term that means YAHSHUA Messiah can return to Rapture the Church at any time. This unbiblical concept promotes the idea that there are no warning signs or events that must take place before the Rapture.

Apostles – The eleven Disciples (Judas Iscariot not included) plus Paul, who YAHSHUA chose to preach the Gospel (Matthew 28.19-20; Acts 1.8) to the world and to build His Church (Ephesians 4.11-13). There are no apostles today.

Beast – See **Antichrist**. This future world ruler is also called the man of sin and the son of destruction among other names (2 Thessalonians 2.3)

Bible – The infallible, holy word of YAHWEH. It contains all the information that every believer needs to live his life for the Lord YAHSHUA Messiah (2 Timothy 3.16). It contains hundreds of prophecies that have been fulfilled in a literal manner. It also contains more prophecies which will be fulfilled prior to the Rapture. Those prophecies are the warning signs that we must all look for.

Christians – True believers in YAHSHUA Messiah. Not everyone who calls himself a Christian is truly born again. YAHSHUA said that come judgment day some people who thought they were saved and serving Him will be turned away into Hell (Matthew 7.21-23).

Church – The body of YAHSHUA Messiah which consists of all true believers in YAHSHUA (1 Corinthians 12.27; Ephesians 4.12).

Daniel's Seventieth Week – A seven year period of time that begins with the rise of the Antichrist and ends with the Second Advent of YAHSHUA (9.24-27). It is often confused with the Tribulation which begins about 1.5 years after the Seventieth Week starts.

Demons – They are the spirits of the angelmen who died in the universal flood of Noah’s day. Several hundred years before the universal flood that destroyed all air breathing life on Earth, a select group of fallen angels mated with women who gave birth to angelmen. They were far superior to man and dominated them leading them into every evil imaginable. YAHWEH created the universal flood to specifically destroy them. Once they were killed in the flood their spirits were permitted to roam the planet and take possession of people who were not chosen to be saved. They can also possess animals (Matthew 8.28-32).

Devil – See **Satan**.

Disciples – The 12 men that YAHSHUA chose (Luke 6.14-16) to train so they could build His Church after His ascension. They became the Apostles except for Judas Iscariot, who betrayed YAHSHUA and committed suicide. Paul was chosen by YAHSHUA (Acts 9.1-16) to replace him as the twelfth Apostle.

End Times – An indeterminate period of time that began with the apostasy of the Church and will end with the Second Coming of YAHSHUA Messiah. We are living in the End Times.

Eschatologist – A person who studies eschatology and writes books or essays on it.

Eschatology – The study of the “last things” in the Bible. The “last things” are also known as the End Times and the Last Days.

False Prophet – The religious leader who heads up the World Church. He is a partner of the Antichrist who enforces his dictates (Revelation 13.11-18).

Gap – A period of indeterminate time between the Rapture and the start of Daniel’s Seventieth Week. The alleged gap is not biblical because the Rapture takes place after the Seventieth Week starts.

Gospel – The “good news” that YAHSHUA Messiah, the Son of YAHWEH, died to save mankind.

Great Red Dragon – He is Satan, the once highest-ranking angel who led a rebellion among the angels of Heaven taking one-third of them with him (Revelation 12.4). He is the ruler (John 12.31) and the god of

this world (2 Corinthians 4.4). He is also the leader of all the forces of darkness (Ephesians 6.12). He has been and will be defeated by YAHSHUA Messiah and cast into the Lake of Fire where he will be tortured through ALL eternity along with the angels he led astray, the demons (Genesis 6.4), his genetically engineered demonic creatures (Revelation 9.3, 17), and the billions of people he led astray.

Great White Throne Judgment – It is a final judgment in which those who are waiting in Hell to be judged are brought before YAHWEH and YAHSHUA. They are judged for every sin they committed in their life from birth until death. They are forced to give an account of every sin they committed by thought (Romans 2.16), word (Matthew 12.36), deed (Proverbs 24.12; Romans 2.6; Revelation 20.12) and motive (Proverbs 24.12; Romans 2.16). They will be found guilty of every sin they committed and a level of pain will be assigned to them. The pain receptors of their immortal body will be set at a specific level. They will endure that level of pain for ALL ETERNITY!

Hell – The place, in the heart of the Earth (Matthew 12.40), where people who die in their sins go (Luke 19.16-31), to await judgment at the Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20.13-14).

HOLY SPIRIT – He is the Third Person of the Trinity who is fully God by Himself. He is equal to the Father and the Son in all ways.

Imminence – A false doctrine that teaches YAHSHUA could have returned to rapture the Church at any moment since Pentecost. Therefore, there are no *warning signs* or events that must take place before the Rapture.

Jesus Christ – See **YAHSHUA Messiah**.

Lamb of YAHWEH – The Lamb of YAHWEH and the Lamb are names and descriptions of YAHSHUA Messiah. Yochanan the Baptizer called YAHSHUA the Lamb of YAHWEH (John 1.29, 36). The Apostle of John also called YAHSHUA the Lamb (Revelation 6.16). YAHSHUA died for the sins of the elect. He is the Passover Lamb who died for the elect, cleansing them of their sins by His blood (Romans 3.25; 1 Corinthians 6.20; Ephesians 1.7; Colossians 1.20; Hebrews 9.12, 14; 10.19, 29; 13.20; 1 John 1.7; Revelation 1.5; 5.9).

Lake of Fire – The final abode of Satan and the fallen angels (Matthew 25.41; Revelation 20.10). The demons (Genesis 6.4) and genetically engineered demonic creatures (Revelation 9.3, 17) will also be punished there through all eternity. It is also the final abode of everyone who dies in their sins without trusting YAHSHUA Messiah to save them (Revelation 20.11-15). Everyone who is cast into that place of punishment (Proverbs 10.16; Matthew 25.46) has NO hope of parole, pardon or escape for ALL ETERNITY! They will be punished with fire (Psalm 11.6; 140.10; Revelation 14.10), burning sulfur (brimstone) (Psalm 11.6; Revelation 14.10), burning coals (Psalm 11.6; 140.10; Proverbs 25.22; Romans 12.20), burning wind (Psalm 11.6), smoke (Revelation 14.11), extreme heat (Luke 16.24), unquenchable thirst (Luke 16.24), immortal maggots (Mark 9.44, 46, 48), deafening screams of billions of other damned people, and eternally fighting with each other, the demons, the genetically engineered demonic creatures, the fallen angels and Satan.

Last Days – See **End Times**.

Mark of the Beast – A mark of some kind (most likely a computer chip implanted under the skin) that the Antichrist will force everyone on Earth to take to be able to buy or sell or receive any kind of government benefits. Those who refuse to worship Antichrist and take his mark will be executed (Revelation 13.15-17).

Millennial Kingdom – The period of time that begins with the Second Coming of YAHSHUA Messiah and ends after 1,000 years (Revelation 20.1-10). It is also called the Millennium. The major passages describing that age are – Isaiah 4.1-6; 11.6-10; 25.6-7; 60.1-9; 61.3-11; 62.1-9; 65.17-25; 66.22-24; Jeremiah 23.3-8; 30.18-22; 33.6-18; Ezekiel 40-48; Joel 3, 18-21; Micah 4.1-8; Zephaniah 3.9-13; Zechariah 14.9-11, 16-21.

Pentecost – The official day that the Church began (Acts 2.1). On that day 120 believers in YAHSHUA Messiah gathered to pray (Acts 1.12-15). The HOLY SPIRIT came and took up residence inside of them (Acts 2.1-4). The Disciples then went out and preached the Gospel (Acts 2.5-13). Peter gave the concluding sermon (Acts 2.14-40) and about three thousand people were saved on that glorious day (Acts 2.41).

Rapture – The taking away of all believers in YAHSHUA Messiah (1 Thessalonians 4.16-17).

Pre-Seventieth Week Rapture teaches YAHSHUA Messiah will rapture the Church before the start of Daniel's Seventieth Week.

Early Seventieth Week Pre-Tribulation Rapture teaches YAHSHUA Messiah will rapture the Church after the breaking of the Fifth Seal and just before the breaking of the Sixth Seal. It is the correct position on the timing of the Rapture which contains no contradictions within it. The other four major positions have serious contradictions within them.

Mid-Tribulation Rapture teaches YAHSHUA Messiah will rapture the Church at the mid-point of the Tribulation.

Post-Tribulation Rapture teaches YAHSHUA Messiah will rapture the Church at the end of the Tribulation.

Pre-Wrath Rapture teaches YAHSHUA Messiah will rapture the Church near the end of the Tribulation just before the pouring out of the wrath of YAHWEH through the seven bowl plagues (Revelation 16.1)

Rapture Fever – It is a deadly spiritual disease which has infected millions of believers. The main symptom of this dreaded disease is that a person thinks he can predict the date of the Rapture or he believes a date chosen by someone else is correct.

Satan – See **Great Red Dragon**.

Second Advent – The physical return of YAHSHUA Messiah to judge the wicked and reward the righteous (Revelation 19.11-21). After He judges the wicked and rewards the righteous (Matthew 25.31-46) He will establish the Millennial Kingdom. It is also referred to as the Second Coming and the Glorious Appearing.

Seven Seals – The Seven Seals start with Daniel's Seventieth Week. After the Seventh Seal is broken the blowing of the Seven Trumpets begins and after they finish then the Seven Bowls are poured out with the final wrath of YAHWEH and the Lamb.

Sin – It is any thought, word, deed or motive that violates a command of YAHWEH. Very young children commit sins on a daily basis even though they do not know what sin is. When a child reaches the age of understanding what sin is they continue to commit sins because they have a sin nature. ALL babies are conceived in sin and born in sin (Psalm 51.5) and they ALL go astray from birth (Psalm 58.3). Everyone sins on a daily basis until death (1 John 1.8-10). EVERYONE who dies in their sins goes to Hell and at the end of the Millennial Kingdom they are judge at the Great White Throne Judgment, they are found guilty and they are cast into the Lake of Fire where they are punished for ALL ETERNITY for their sins!

Signs – See **Warning Signs**.

Tribulation – It is a period of time during which YAHWEH Elohim judges the unsaved by pouring out Their wrath upon them. Chapters 6.12 through 19.21 of Revelation describe this period among other passages in the Bible. The Tribulation starts with the breaking of the Sixth Seal (Revelation 6.12) and ends with the Second Advent of YAHSHUA.

Trinity – It consists of God the Father, God the Son and God the HOLY SPIRIT. Each God is fully God and equal to each other in all ways. Each is omnipotent (all powerful), omniscient (all-knowing) and omnipresent (present everywhere). Together They created and rule the Cosmos. They are ALWAYS in full agreement with each other in ALL things – in thought, word, deed and motive. They are three Gods who think, speak and act as if They are one God. The claim that there is “one God revealed in three Persons” is not biblical. It strips the Father, Son and HOLY SPIRIT of Their godhood. To say that each of Them is only “God” in combination with each other is denial of Their individual divinity. It does not take all three of Them to make up the “one” God.

They are of the same substance and equal in every way possible. There is one God “substance” but three separate Persons. To say the God “substance” is God is a serious mistake. The “substance” is what They are made of, whatever it may be, but the “substance” is not God. They, the Father, Son and HOLY SPIRIT, are the three Gods who act as if They are just one God – one Person, one Supreme Being.

The truthy that each member of the Trinity is fully God apart from each other is proven by the declaration Moses made, “*Hear, O*

Yisrael, YAHWEH our Elohim. YAHWEH united" (Deuteronomy 6.4). Elohim is the plural form of God (3 or more) and is translated Gods. If we insert verbs it would read, "*Hear, O Yisrael, YAHWEH [are] our Gods. YAHWEH [are] united.*" The Hebrew word *echad* means unity or united. One God or one person cannot be united! Only two or more can be united as YAHSHUA said about a man and a woman (Genesis 2.24; Ephesians 5.31). The truth of the Trinity is: Three Gods who are equal in all ways with each other who are always united in thought, word, deed and motive!

Warning Signs – The past and future events that have and will fulfill Bible prophesy that alert us to the nearness of the Rapture.

World Church – Prior to the start of Daniel's Seventieth Week a world religion will be established. All of the religions of the world will be part of it. When the Seventieth Week starts it will have total control over all the churches on Earth. It will also control the Antichrist for the first 42 months of the Seventieth Week (Revelation 17.1-7). The churches that refuse to be part of it will be shut down and their members will be forced to fellowship in secret. Most true believers will be executed during the Fifth Seal.

World Economy – Prior to the start of Daniel's Seventieth Week a world economic system will be founded. Every nation will be part of it. During the Seventieth Week the Antichrist will use this economic system to force everyone on Earth to worship him and take his mark.

World Government – Prior to the start of Daniel's Seventieth Week a super-government will be established that will have control over all the governments of the world (Daniel 7.23). Then this government will split into a coalition of ten nations which will rule all the nations of the world (Daniel 7.23; Revelation 17.12).

YAHSHUA Messiah – The Son of YAHWEH and the Messiah who died for the sins of the elect. He will return to Earth sometime in the 21st Century to slay the wicked, reward the righteous and establish His Millennial Kingdom.

YAHWEH – God the Father who created the Cosmos along with YAHSHUA Messiah (God the Son) and God the HOLY SPIRIT. He is equal in ALL aspects with God the Son and God the HOLY SPIRIT.

YAHWEH Elohim – God the Father, God the Son and God the HOLY SPIRIT are YAHWEH Elohim. These three separate Gods are equal in ALL aspects with each other. They are THREE Gods who think, speak and act as if They are ONE God.



RAPTURE WARNINGS

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APPENDIX A

RAPTURE WARNING SIGNS

The Scriptures clearly teach us that numerous **warning signs** will be fulfilled before the Rapture/Tribulation starts. Several **warning signs** have already been fulfilled, and others are being fulfilled at this time. Below are the past, present and future **warning signs** of the Rapture:

Warning signs that are being fulfilled

1. Breakdown of morality and society (2 Timothy 3.1-5)
2. The “*falling away*” (2 Thess. 2.3; 2 Timothy 2.1-5; 4.3-4)
3. Conflict between the corporations and workers (James 5.4-6).
4. Ressurgence of the homosexual movement (Luke 17.28-29)
5. Mark of the Beast technology (Revelation 13.15-18).

Warning signs that will be Fulfilled before the Rapture

The eight *warning signs* that take place, from a few years to several months, before the Seventieth Week are:

1. Destruction of Gog/Magog and allies (Ezek. 38.1-39.16; 30.1-5)
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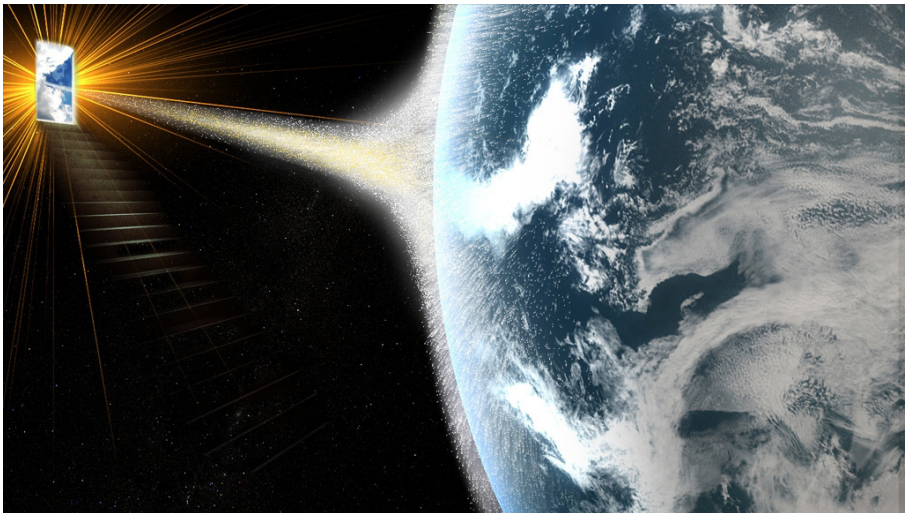
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1. “*Peace and safety*” is at least **25 years** away.
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The 5 **warning signs** that take place after the Seventieth Week and before the Pre-Tribulation Rapture are:

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Watch for the **warning signs** that have yet to be fulfilled. As you see them fulfilled, you will be able to determine how much closer we are to the start of the Seventieth Week.



Are you Rapture ready?



RAPTURE DECODED

This nearly 500 page book decodes the Rapture giving you all the information you need to understand when it will take place, even to knowing the very day and hour. Eight secrets about the Rapture are revealed in this book.

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APPENDIX B

THE PRICE OF FALSE PREDICTIONS

The false prophets who used their predictions about the Second Coming to build their cults have led untold millions into Hell! No one knows how many people these false prophets have led into Hell and how many will join them in Hell in the coming years before the Second Coming.

Here is the current membership figures of the cults these false prophets founded:

Seventh-day Adventist Church	17 million
Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints	15 million
Jehovah's Witnesses	8 million
Total	40 million

If we double the total for those who have died and will die in these cults before the Second Coming it means that **80 million** people will have been be misled into Hell.

There is no telling how many lives the Protestant preachers have destroyed with their false predictions. They have certainly ruined the faith of millions of people.

The end result of false predictions for far too many people is spiritual death!

APPENDIX C

WHAT YOU MUST DO TO BE SAVED

For those who want to spend eternity with YAHSHUA Messiah (Jesus Christ) rather than in the Lake of Fire there is Hope!

Everyone is a sinner in need of salvation:

For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of YAHWEH.
(Romans 3.23)

Those who die in their sins will be judged:

And for as much as it is apportioned to men once to die and after this judgment. (Hebrews 9.27)

He that believes on the Son has eternal life, and he that is not subject to the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of YAHWEH abides on him. (John 3.36)

And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was cast into the Lake of Fire. (Revelation 20.15)

Yet even though all have sinned, one can escape eternal punishment in the Lake of Fire, and have eternal life through YAHSHUA Messiah:

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of YAHWEH is eternal life in Messiah YAHSHUA our Lord. (Romans 6.23)

And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. (Matthew 25.46)

“For what shall it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”
(Mark 8.36-37)

Salvation is available to all because:

YAHWEH commends His own love to us that while we were still sinners, Messiah died for us. (Romans 5.8)

For YAHWEH so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone who believes in Him may not perish, but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Belief in YAHSHUA the Messiah is the only way to be saved:

YAHSHUA said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14.6)

And there is salvation in no one else, for neither is there another name under Heaven which has been given among men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4.12)

Salvation is by grace through faith in YAHSHUA alone:

For by grace you are saved through faith; and this not of yourselves, it is the gift of YAHWEH; not of works that no one might boast. (Ephesians 2.8-9)

What must one do to be saved?

That if you confess with your mouth the Lord YAHSHUA, and believe in your heart that YAHWEH raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart is belief to righteousness, and with the mouth is confession to salvation. (Rom. 10:9-10)

If you believe that God the Father raised YAHSHUA from the dead, call upon YAHSHUA to save you right now:

For everyone, whoever calls on the name of YAHWEH will be saved. (Romans 10.13)

Today is your day of salvation:

Behold now is the day of salvation! (2 Corinthians 6.2b)

Trust YAHSHUA today, you know not what tomorrow may bring:

But as many as received Him, He gave to them authority to be children of YAHWEH, to those that believe on His name. (John 1.12)



MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS

This book is designed to assist believer's grow in grace from a newborn baby in the Lord to a pastor. Not every believer will need to be discipled to be a pastor, but that training is available in this book. It is not a study book designed to indoctrinate the reader into the dogmas of a specific denomination or church. It only helps the reader study the Bible inside and out and to burn the Scriptures into his soul. This workbook can be used by any and all denominations and churches.

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APPENDIX D

FAITH CHECK

Are you being conformed to the image of YAHSHUA Messiah?

Because whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. (Romans 8:29)

Are you being conformed to the image of YAHSHUA Messiah?
Has there been a noticeable change in your likes and dislikes since you trusted Jesus to save you?

I exhort you therefore, brethren, by the compassions of YAHWEH to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice well-pleasing to YAHWEH, [which is] your intelligent service, and do not fashion yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is the good and well-pleasing and perfect will of YAHWEH. (Romans 12:1-2)

Everyone who is truly born from above will change. You will stop doing certain things and start doing things you did not do previously. Your thought life will also change.

To determine whether something is good (honoring to YAHWEH) pray, read the Bible and ask yourself if YAHSHUA would join you.

There are a few things we know are not of YAHWEH, and must be avoided at all costs – illegal drugs and getting drunk.

And be not drunk with wine in which is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit. (Ephesians 5.18)

The next time you listen to secular music, watch television and movies ask yourself if you think Jesus would enjoy spending the day listening to that music and watching those shows and movies. Not all movies and television shows are bad. Exercise great discernment in watching them. Stick to news and documentaries. The next time you watch a Hollywood production imagine YAHSHUA is sitting next to you. Do you think He would sit through a Hollywood trash movie or television show? By the way, YAHSHUA is with you at all times.

The Spiritual Man versus the Natural Man

Take a few minutes out of your busy schedule and examine your daily walk with YAHSHUA.

Spiritual activities	Average time spent weekly
Prayer	_____
Reading and studying the Bible	_____
Memorization & Meditation	_____
Worship & devotions with family	_____
Fellowship with believers	_____
Sharing the Gospel	_____
Helping others	_____
Total time serving YAHSHUA	_____

Worldly activities	Average time spent weekly
Watching TV & movies	_____
Internet	_____
Reading (secular books/magazines)	_____
Hobbies	_____
Recreation	_____
Attending sporting events	_____
Socializing (in person or by phone)	_____
Shopping	_____
Other non-spiritual activities	_____
Total time serving yourself	_____

Sleeping, eating, moderate exercise and working are not on this list because they are pursuits of the flesh that are necessary for survival. It is your free time that you are to examine. All believers should spend more of their free time each day feeding their soul than feeding their flesh. Sadly, few do that. Worse yet, few believers spend more time feeding their souls than they do eating.

If you are not spending more time in spiritual activities (feeding your soul) than you do in eating (feeding your flesh) you are backslidden. Since most people take time to feed their flesh should you take an equal amount of time in feeding your soul?

If you spend more time each day exercising the flesh than you do exercising your soul which is more important to you – your sinful body or your eternal soul?

Take this faith check once a month for the first year and then take it every few months or so. This will help you see your progress of maturing in the Lord.

Make several copies for your use and for others. You can go to www.gracemercyministry.com and print out the “Faith Check.”



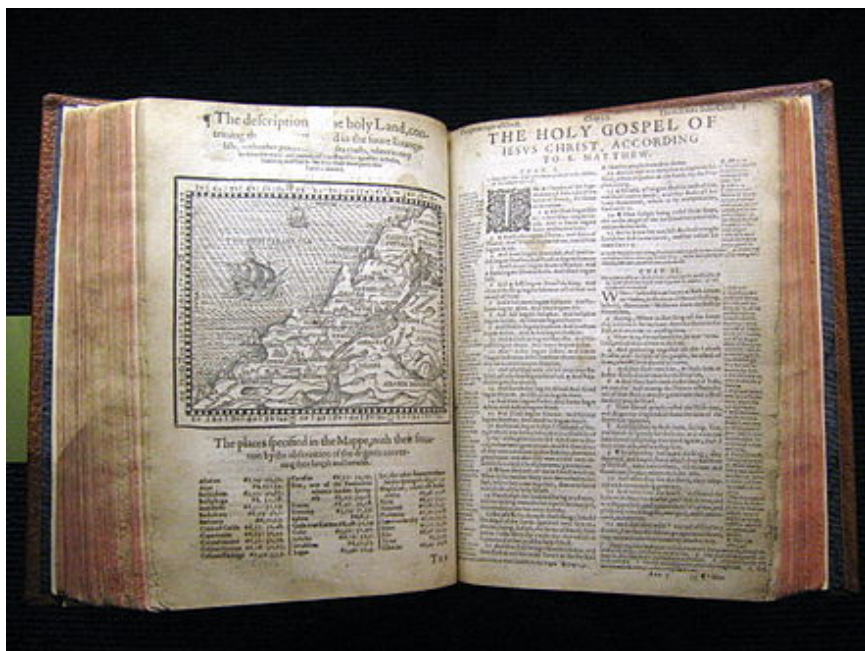
FAITH TEST

Paul challenged the believers in Corinth to test their faith to see if they were truly saved:

Try yourselves if you are in the faith – prove yourselves! Or do you not recognize yourselves that YAHSHUA Messiah is in you, unless you are rejected. (2 Corinthians 13.5)

Every believer should take the **Faith Test** to see if their profession of faith was sincere. YAHSHUA warned us twice that NOT everyone who claims to be saved is saved (Matthew 7.21-23; Luke 13.24).

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SPIRITUAL FITNESS PROGRAM

YAHWEH commands all of His children to be spiritually fit (Ephesians 4.11-15) and He expects all of them to become teachers (Deuteronomy 6.6-7; Proverbs 6.20; Hebrews 5.12). The only way to get spiritually fit and eventually become a teacher of the Bible is to set up a Spiritual Fitness Program.

All combat soldiers go through basic training which includes a physical fitness program. Without it they could never hope to fight and win. The same is true for believers of YAHSHUA. We are all soldiers in the Army of Messiah and we need to be trained how to fight the spiritual war we are in which includes a Spiritual Fitness Program.

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APPENDIX E

SPIRITUAL FITNESS PROGRAM

YAHWEH commands every child of His to be spiritually fit. This includes denying oneself of the pleasures of the world, living a holy and disciplined life, daily study of Scripture, living by every Word that proceeds from His mouth and then teaching others:

Messiah having then suffered for us in the flesh, you also arm yourselves with the same mind, for he [who has] suffered in the flesh has done [away] with sin, [that he should] no longer live the remaining time in [the] flesh for the lusts of men, but to the will of YAHWEH. (1 Peter 4.1-2)

Be diligent to present yourself approved to YAHWEH a workman not ashamed, straightly cutting the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2.15)

And these were more noble than those in Thessalonika who received the word with all readiness, daily examining the Scriptures if these things were so. (Acts 17.11)

But answering [He] said, "It has been written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD GOING OUT THROUGH THE MOUTH OF YAHWEH.'" (Matt. 4.4)

"These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up." (Deuteronomy 6.6-7)

There are a few basic things that a believer in YAHSHUA Messiah must do to become a faithful *disciple*:

1. **Pray** (Matthew 7.7-11; Luke 18.1-8; John 14.13-14; 16.24; Ephesians 6.18; Philippians 4.6; Colossians 4.2; 1 Thessalonians 5.17; James 1.5).
2. **Listen** to Scripture (Deuteronomy 4.10; Proverbs 8.34; 22.17; 23.12; Luke 8.15, 21; 11.28; James 1.22; Revelation 1.3).
3. **Read** Scripture (Deuteronomy 17.19; Isaiah 34.16; Revelation 1.3).
4. **Study** Scripture (Proverbs 2.1-5; 8.34; John 5.39; Acts 17.11; Romans 15.4; 2 Timothy 2.15).
5. **Memorize** Scripture (Deuteronomy 6.6; 11.18; 30.14; Psalm 37.31; 40.8; 119.11; Proverbs 2.1; 3.1, 3; 4.1, 21; 6.21; 22.18; Isaiah 51.7; Ezekiel 3.10; Romans 10.8; Colossians 3.16).
6. **Meditate** on Scripture (Joshua 1.8; Job 22.22; 23.12; Psalm 1.2; 4.4; 19.14; 63.6; 77.12; 104.34; 119.15, 23, 27, 48, 78, 97, 99, 148; 143.5; Colossians 3.16).
7. **Fellowship** with the brethren (Psalm 22.22; 119.63; Proverbs 13.20; Acts 2.42, 46-47; 5.42; Hebrews 3.13; 10.24-25; 1 John 1.7).
8. **Worship** with the brethren and privately (Deuteronomy 6.13; 26.10; 1 Chronicles 16.29; Psalm 2.11; 29.2; 96.9; 99.5, 9; 132.7; Jeremiah 7.2; Matthew 4.10; John 4.23-24; Romans 12.1; Philippians 3.3; Revelation 4.10; 14.17; 19.10; 22.9).
9. **Share the Gospel** (Psalm 9.1; 26.7; 35.28; 96.2; Proverbs 11.30; Mark 16.15; Acts 2.47; 1 Peter 3.15).
10. **Be discipled** (Proverbs 1.8; 4.1; 6.20; Eph. 4.11-13).
11. **Make disciples** (Deuteronomy 4.9-10; 6.5-7; 11.18-19; 31.13; 32.46; Psalm 78.3-7; Proverbs 1.8; 4.1; 6.20; 22.6; Joel 1.3; Matt. 28.19-20; Ephesians 4.11-13; 2 Tim. 2.2).

1. **PRAY:** Pray often for your family, friends, fellow employees, employer, church members, pastors, and city, state and federal politicians. Pray with your family daily and with church members on

a regular basis. Begin and end each day in prayer, and pray throughout the day. Pray that YAHWEH teach you each day as you study His word.

2. **LISTEN TO SCRIPTURE:** Play recordings of the Bible and listen to sermons and Bible studies.

3. **READ SCRIPTURE:** Make a reading program and stay with it. If you read three chapters a day in the Old Testament and one in the New Testament you will read the Bible through in one year. It is also important to read one chapter of Proverbs each day. It does not take more than a half-hour a day to read five chapters. If you watch TV have your Bible handy and read a chapter during commercial breaks. Anyone could read ten chapters a day by just taking a Bible break during commercials.

4. **STUDY SCRIPTURE:** Choose a book of the Bible or a topic to study, and stay with it until you finish it.

5. **MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE:** Memorize key verses from both the Old and New Testaments.

6. **MEDITATE ON SCRIPTURE:** Once you have a few verses memorized you can meditate on them any time of the day, and wherever you are. Until then keep a pocket Bible or pocket New Testament handy. Keep a Bible and a few New Testaments in your car at all times for yourself and others. Get into the habit of giving out Bibles and pocket New Testaments.

7. **FELLOWSHIP WITH THE BRETHREN:** Become an active member of a church. Support the church with your time, talents, treasure and spiritual gifts. If you cannot find a real church meet with believers in a home.

8. **WORSHIP:** It is so important that there are more commands to worship YAHWEH than to pray, study the Bible, memorize Scripture or meditate on the Word. Every believer should spend time each day worshipping YAHWEH. We worship YAHWEH by being silent and meditating on the blessings He has given you; by thanking and praising Him by rejoicing and singing.

9. **SHARE THE GOSPEL:** Once you learn how to share the Gospel be ready to do so 24/7. Be sensitive to the leading of the HOLY SPIRIT to share the Gospel. Carry tracts with you and hand them out as you are prompted by the HOLY SPIRIT. If the person(s) wants to talk – speak with them, but if they do not want to talk ask them to read the tract, and pray as you walk away. Keep a diary of your witnessing. When you lead someone to the Lord invite them to church and make sure they become an active member. If you are not mature enough to disciple them ask your pastor(s) to find someone to disciple them.

10. **BE DISCIPLED:** Find someone to disciple you or find a good book on discipleship such as *Make Disciples of all the Nations*.

11. **MAKE DISCIPLES:** Once you have been discipled, start to disciple others. If you are a husband disciple your wife. If you are a father disciple your children. If you are a mother disciple your children with your husband. If you are single lead a person to the Lord and disciple him/her. Never disciple a person of the opposite sex unless you are engaged.

If one develops a discipline in these basics of holy living he will become a *disciple* of YAHSHUA. It does not happen overnight. It takes many years to become a mature *disciple*, but it starts with the daily discipline of being in prayer, in the Word and in regular fellowship with other believers.

Pray in the morning, throughout the day and before you go to sleep. Set up a daily Bible reading program. If you read 4 chapters a day you will read through the Bible in a year. Read 3 chapters in the Old Testament each day and 1 chapter in the New Testament. Buy an audio copy of the Bible, and listen to it at home and in the car. Buy DVDs of movies about the Bible and watch them often (*The Gospel of John, Peter and Paul, The Greatest Story Ever Told, King of Kings*, etc.). Memorize Scripture. If you memorize one verse a week you will have 52 verses memorized in one year. Meditate on Scripture and let the HOLY SPIRIT teach you. Learn how to share the gospel. Ask your pastor to train you, and then share your personal testimony and the gospel as the Lord leads.

Verses that every believer should have memorized are those dealing with the Gospel and evangelism:

All have sinned – Romans 3.23

The wages of sin is death – Romans 6.23

Judgment – Mark 8.36-37; Hebrews 9.27

Jesus is the only way – John 14.6; Acts 4.12; Romans 5.12

The gift of eternal life – John 1.12; John 3.16; Rom. 6.23

Faith in Jesus – Romans 10.9-10, 13; Ephesians 2.8-9

Evangelism - Matthew 28.19-20; Acts 1.8

Choose verses on specific topics that help you in your daily walk.
Here are some examples:

Eternal security – John 5.24; 6.37; 10.27-29; 20.31; 1 John 5.10-13.

Holiness/Sanctification – Psalm 119.11; Proverbs 8.13; Romans 12.1-2; 1 Cor. 10.31; 2 Corinthians 5.17; 6.14-18; Galatians 5.13-26; Colossians 3.16; James 4.1-10; 1 Peter 1.15-17; 1 John 2.15-17.

Love – Matthew 5.43-48; 1 Corinthians 13.1-13.

Blessed hope – 1 Thess. 4.16-18; Titus 2.13; 1 John 3.2-3.

Brotherly love – John 13.34-35; 1 John 3.16-18

Peace – Philippians 4.7.

Prayer – Matthew 7.7; John 14.13-14; 1 John 3.22; 5.14.

Prosperity – Psalm 1.

Protection – Psalm 23.

Spiritual warfare – Ephesians 6.10-18.

Strength – Isaiah 40.29-31; Ephesians 3.16; Phil. 4.13.

Sufficiency – Philippians 4.19.

Temptation – 1 Corinthians 10.13.

Tongue – James 3.1-18.

As you grow in the Lord you will pray more, and listen to, read, study, memorize and meditate on Scripture more and more. You will share your gospel more often, and spend more time in fellowship with other believers.

APPENDIX F

BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

And be not drunk with wine in which is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit. (Ephesians 5.18)

Christians are not to be intoxicated (drunk) with wine and in like manner to not get “high” with drugs (legal or illegal). Instead we are to “*be filled with the SPIRIT.*” What does it mean to “*be filled with the SPIRIT*”? Does it mean we must have a “second blessing” in which the HOLY SPIRIT empowers us to do the work of the Lord?

Scripture does not say that before we can be “*filled*” or empowered with and by the HOLY SPIRIT we must have a special “second blessing.” Instead it is a daily activity. It is something we must do when we first awake and then throughout the day.

The first thing we should do when we wake up is ask the HOLY SPIRIT to fill us and lead us that day. Prayer at the beginning of a day makes it go by much more smoothly. Prayer gets us in the proper attitude so we can let our light shine throughout the entire day. The second thing one should consider is spending time in the Word. A quiet time in the Word when one first gets up fills us with the Word. Being filled with the Word and the HOLY SPIRIT is the same thing because the words that YAHSHUA spoke are “*spirit*” and “*life*” (John 6.63). Not only are the words that He spoke “*spirit*” and “*life*” but all Scripture is:

Every scripture inspired by YAHWEH is profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction and for discipline in righteousness that the man of YAHWEH may be complete, fully fitted for every good work. (2 Timothy 3.16)

Prayer throughout the day (1 Thessalonians 5.17) is a spiritual habit that keeps our mind set on the things above and not the things of this sin-filled world (Colossians 3.2). Being filled with the Word several times throughout the day is another spiritual habit that will conform us to the image of YAHSHUA. Taking Bible breaks is vital to be continually “*filled*” with the HOLY SPIRIT. If you can take a Bible or New Testament with you when you leave home, try to read a few chapters during the day. If you cannot take a Bible with you to work or when you are out you can meditate on Scripture that you have memorized. When you hide the Word of YAHWEH in your heart you always have it with you to meditate on.

By praying several times throughout the day and taking Bible breaks one can continually be “*filled*” with the HOLY SPIRIT. The more often one feeds on Scripture and prays the more he will grow. Babies would die within a few days if they were not given food. The same is true of newborn believers. If they are not given spiritual food they quickly die spiritually. The more spiritual food they receive the faster and stronger they grow. One or two twenty minute sermons each week may keep a Christian alive spiritually, but that is life-support nourishment. To grow into a strong, mature and vital disciple one must feed on Scripture several times each day. All Christians need to listen to, read, study, memorize and meditate on Scripture daily and wash the Word down with prayer. If you do that faithfully every day YAHWEH will bless you with myriad spiritual blessings, not physical blessings.

If you want to be a disciplined and dedicated disciple of YAHSHUA you must be a spiritual glutton, feeding on the holy Word of YAHWEH throughout each day and praying always. Instead of being a glutton of physical food and pleasures of the world be a glutton of spiritual food.

APPENDIX G

HUMILITY

Humility is a spiritual trait that few Christians have because it is impossible to obtain it through the flesh. Humility only comes when a believer surrenders his life to the Lord every day. Surrender is daily obedience to YAHWEH and dying to oneself, the flesh and the world.

One obeys YAHWEH by praying throughout the day from morning to night (1 Thessalonians 5.17); by daily reading, studying, memorizing and meditating on Scripture; by regular fellowship with the brethren (Acts 2.42, 46-47; Hebrews 3.13; 10.24-25); by continual sharing of the Gospel (Psalm 96.2; Acts 2.47; 1 Peter 3.15) and by making disciples (Matthew 28.19-20; 1 Timothy 2.15).

One dies daily to self by not doing things that feed the ego. Instead of spending time seeking to have your ego built up by the approval, attention, love, respect and honor from others, and seeking fame, glory and riches we need to seek how we can build others up by giving approval to their good deeds, and by giving them attention, love, respect and honor (Philippians 2.1-9). The road to humility is travelled by building others up in the faith, not demanding others build us up in the faith or build up our egos.

One dies to the flesh daily by not engaging in things that the sinful flesh desires and which are sins. Two of the most prevalent sins of the flesh are gluttony and intoxication (by alcohol or drugs). Excessive indulgence in some other activities of the flesh that most believers should consider reducing are: sex (with spouse), partying, sports, hobbies, vacationing and chit-chatting. The goal of a believer who seeks to die to himself is to spend more time in spiritual activities than activities of the flesh which are not necessary for survival. Everyone must eat to live, but gluttony is a sin. Everyone needs to engage in bodily exercise, but too many believers spend more time exercising than they do praying and reading the Bible. The same is true of

partying, sports, hobbies and chit-chatting for far too many believers. These things are not sins, but excessive indulgence in them is. Only wealthy believers vacation too much, and that is something they need to cut back on. If they cannot cut back on vacations they can invite a poor brother, sister or couple in the Lord to go with them and pay their expenses. That way they can spend time on vacation in the Word, prayer and soul-winning.

A believer dies to the world by reducing his involvement in worldly activities or by cutting them out altogether. Some other worldly activities that most believers spend far too much time engaged in are: television, movies, music, Internet, politics, non-spiritual books and magazines, and seeking after wealth and possessions. Every believer who desires to die to himself and live a holy life for the glory of YAHWEH will spend more time each day in prayer, Scripture, fellowship and soul-winning than in activities of the world.

We know we are growing in the Lord and dying to ourselves, the flesh and the world when our self love, our love of the flesh and our love of the world diminishes as it should:

Love not the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone should love the world, the love of the Father is not in him; because all that is in the world – the desire of the flesh, and the desire of the eyes and boastful pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away and the desires of it, but he that does the will of YAHWEH abides forever. (1 John 2.15-17)

The more these sinful desires diminish the more humble one will be. Pride is the opposite of humility. Pride is the root of every sin. There is no sin a person can commit that does not spring from pride. That is why the key to holy living is humility which replaces pride, and when pride is vanquished so is sin. No one can ever eliminate all traces of pride and sin, but it should be the goal of every true believer.

Humility is a spiritual trait that every believer should not only desire, but actively seek after. YAHWEH does not use His children to bring Him glory until they are humble. A believer who humbles himself before YAHWEH will be looked upon by YAHWEH with grace (Isaiah 66.2; Proverbs 3.34; James 4.6) and He will have regard for him (Psalm 138.6). When we humble ourselves before YAHWEH and those around us He will exalt us (James 4.10). We must never

forget that all believers are commanded to “*humble*” themselves before YAHWEH (1 Peter 5.6), “*walk humbly with*” YAHWEH (Micah 6.8), be “*humble in spirit*” (1 Peter 3.8), clothe themselves “*with humility*” (1 Peter 5.5) and to not be proud (Romans 12.16).

Humility is always better than pride (Proverbs 16.19) and it is the only way to obtain true riches, honor and life (Proverbs 22.4). Pride will bring a person down while humility will bring him honor (Proverbs 11.2; 16.18; 29.23). We must also remember that there are numerous warnings against pride (Psalm 10.2; 40.4; 73.6; 119.78; Proverbs 3.7; 26.12; 28.25; Isaiah 5.21; 13.11; John 9.41; Revelation 3.17). Pride is a sin (Proverbs 21.4), one of the seven things that YAHWEH hates and that is an abomination to Him (Proverbs 6.17; 8.13).

Humility is one of the most difficult traits for anyone to obtain. No one can be humble in his own power. We must rely on the power of the HOLY SPIRIT to impart humility to us. Yet there are specific things we must do on a daily and regular basis before He will give us humility. The daily things we should do as noted previously are pray, read, study, memorize and meditate on Scripture. The things one should do on a regular basis are fellowship with the brethren and share the Gospel with the lost as the HOLY SPIRIT leads. These are the basics, but there are many other things a dedicated believer should do on a daily basis:

Seek first the kingdom of YAHWEH (Matthew 6.33)

Put on the armor of YAHWEH (Ephesians 6.10-18)

Fight the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6.12)

Transform your mind (Romans 12.2)

Take up your cross (Matthew 10.38-39; 16.24-26)

Deny yourself (Romans 12.1)

Be content in your circumstances (Phil. 4.3; 1 Timothy 6.6-8; Hebrews 13.5)

Give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5.18)

Continually offer praise to YAHWEH (Hebrews 13.15)

Forsake the world and all that is in it (Rom. 12.2; Galatians 6.14; 1 Peter 1.14; 1 John 2.15-17)

Flee from seeking after riches (1 Timothy 6.9-11)

Submit to others (Ephesians 5.21)

Obey your spiritual leaders (Hebrews 13.17)

Love the brethren (John 13.34-35; James 2.15-16; 1 John 3.16-18)

Love the lost and one's enemies (Prov. 25.21; Matthew 5.43-48)
Be rich in good works (1 Timothy 6.18; Galatians 6.10; Ephesians 2.10; 2 Timothy 3.17; Hebrews 13.16)
Do not grow weary in doing good works (2 Thessalonians 3. 13)
Give to those in need (Leviticus 25.35; Deuteronomy 15.7; Proverbs 11.24-25; 19.17; 21.13; 22.9; 28.27; Ecclesiastes 11.1; Isaiah 58.7; Matthew 5.42; Luke 6.38; 12.33; Acts 11.29; Romans 12.13; Hebrews 13.1-2; James 1.27; 1 Peter 4.9)
Lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity (1 Timothy 2.1).

As we do these things day-by-day we will grow more humble and be used by YAHWEH for His glory (1 Corinthians 10.31) more each day. Others will see the Lord working through us and may be encouraged to follow our example. Pastors must set an example for the flock (1 Peter 5.3) by engaging in the spiritual activities above and they should also encourage others to do the same. They and all believers should be the servant of all (Matthew 20.26-27; Mark 9.35; Luke 22.26).



TREASURE HUNT

Everyone dreams of finding hidden treasure and millions have search for it throughout the last 6,000 years with thousands finding it. Yet every true believer in YAHSHUA Messiah has the incredible privilege of spending their entire life searching for hidden treasure that is much more valuable than all the hidden treasure on the Earth! In fact the unimaginable hidden treasure that we are commanded to search for is far more valuable than all the minerals, oil, gas, water, gold, silver, precious gems, art, stocks, bonds, corporations, buildings and land on Earth! It is more valuable than the entire planet and even the entire universe!

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