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"THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME"

(2 Peter 3:1-12)

INTRODUCTION

This lesson is about "the day of the Lord," "a day," "that day," a judgment day, which will take place at Jesus' second coming.
(2 Peter 3:10; Acts 17:31; 2 Timothy 4:6-8)

1. WE HAVE ASSURANCE OF JESUS COMING AGAIN

(John 14:1-3) "I go ... I will come again" (Acts 1:9-11) "He was taken up ... will so come"
(Philippians 3:20) "we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ"
(1 Thessalonians 4:16) "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven"

2. WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHEN THAT COMING WILL HAPPEN

(Matthew 24:36-39) "But of that day and hour no one knows ... " (v42) "you do not know"
(Luke 12:40) "coming at an hour you do not expect" (1 Thess. 5:1-2) "comes as a thief"

3. DATE-SETTERS HAVE ALWAYS FAILED

William Miller (Adventist) predicted October, 1843.

Charles Taze Russell (Jehovah's Witness) predicted October, 1874.
Having failed, he set the date for 1914 and called it the "doomsday year."

Albert Porta, a meteorologist, predicts six planets will come together on Dec. 19, 1919, creating a cataclysmic event that will end the world as we know it.

Joseph Franklin Rutherford published a book in 1920 titled "Millions Now Living Will Never Die," and he predicted Jesus will return in 1925.

Edgar Cayce, a famed psychic, foresees 1936 as the year for a world ending disaster.

Hal Lindsey, 1970, authors a book titled "The Late Great Planet Earth," predicts a rapture in 1988, and Edgar C. Whisenant pins it down to September 12, 1988.

Bill Maupin, founder of Lighthouse Gospel Tract Foundation, Tucson, AZ, failed with the prediction of June 28, 1981, changed it to August 7, and failed again.

Tim LaHaye, 1996, begins publishing a series of books titled "Left Behind."

Harold Camping, predicted May 21, 2011 at 6 PM, then October 21, 2011.

David Jeremiah writes and preaches about "prophetic clues" that point to the coming of the end of the world "soon and very soon." U-T, 10/4/2008, section E.

4. WE KNOW ABOUT THE "MOMENT" OF JESUS COMING

- 1) Visibly (Acts 1:11, Rev. 1:7)
- 2) With sound (1 Thess. 4:16)
- 3) On the clouds (Matt. 26:27, Rev. 1:7)
- 4) With angels (Matt. 16:27)
- 5) In flaming fire (2 Thess. 1:7)
- 6) **Without warning** "as a thief in the night"

CLOSE - (2 Peter 3:11) "... what manner of persons ought you to be ... ?"