

## World End - continued

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unexpected (Matthew 24:43-44; Luke 12:39-40; 1 Thessalonians 5:2,4; 2 Peter 3:10). Only God knows the time of the end (Matthew 24:36; Mark 13:32-33; Acts 17:31). This is why it is impossible to predict the date for the end of the world.

The apostle Peter gives us several important truths about the end of the world in 2 Peter 3. The earth **will end in fire** when God speaks his word (3:7,10). The earth **will end so a new order can begin** in heaven (3:13; see also Revelation 21:1). The end **will happen**, contrary to all mockers and disbelievers who say it won't (3:4-7). The end **will be unexpected**, contrary to all predictors and prognosticators who set a time (3:8-10). The end **will be complete destruction**, contrary to all who teach that some people will survive on a renewed earth (3:10).

We are told how Jesus is coming and why Jesus is coming, but not when he is coming. Let us spend our time preparing, not predicting (2 Peter 3:11-14). The world will end when God decides it is time and he has not revealed that time to anyone, including the Mayans. - *Chris Reeves*

## Sentence Sermons

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- Those who deny themselves for Christ will enjoy themselves in Christ.
- Your good name and character is gained by many good actions, but may be lost by just one bad action.
- Faith without works is like a car without gas.
- The Lord's yoke never fits a stiff neck.
- Bow humbly before God and you will surely walk uprightly before men.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# Did the World End in 2012?

Did the world end in 2012? “Well, of course not,” you say, “We are still here aren’t we?” Yes we are. The world did not end in 2012 and we are still here in 2019.

Millions of dollars are spent each year on the topic of end-time predictions (movies, books, religion ministries, etc.) because of mankind’s fascination with the future. There are many people who have tried to predict the end of the world, but have failed over and over again. Consider the following examples:

1806 – A chicken in Leeds, England supposedly predicted “Christ is coming” on an egg.

1843 – William Miller (Seventh-Day Adventists) predicted the end of the world.

1891 – Joseph Smith (Mormons) predicted the second coming of Christ.

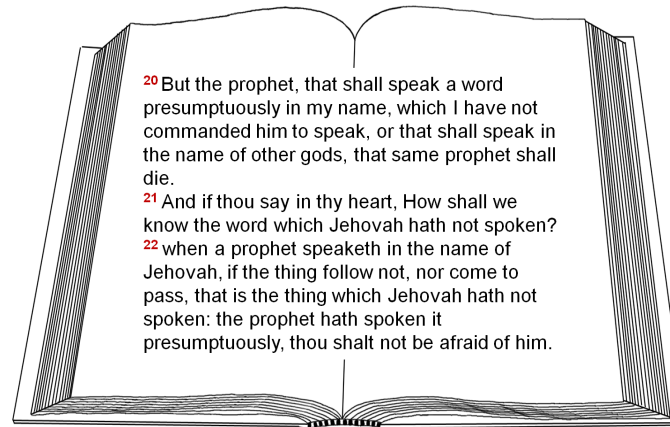
1901 – Some predicted that Hailey’s comet gases would bring an end to the world.

1914 – Charles T. Russell (Jehovah’s Witnesses) predicted the end of the

world.

1982 – Pat Robertson predicted that God would bring his judgment day upon the world.

1997 – Heaven’s Gate predicted the world would end after the appearance of the Hale-Bopp comet (39 members com-



mitted suicide).

1999 – The Nostradamus prophecy predicted that the “great king of terror” would come.

2000 – Y2K was supposed to bring world chaos via computer failure.

2000 – Richard Noone predicted that ice would cover the earth on May 5, 2000.

2008 – Ronald Weinland (God’s Church Ministry) predicted that millions would die in 2006 and the US would collapse in 2008.

2011 – Harold Camping predicted the rapture on May 21 and the end of the world on October 21.

2012 – the ancient Mayans predicted that the world would end in 2012.

These failed predictions have brought about needless responses of fear, death, sell-out, etc., from followers. These failed predictions have also brought about rejection of the truth from atheists, skeptics, scientists, etc. (many failed doomsday lists can be found on atheist and skeptic websites).

The Bible indeed does talk about the end of the world. It talks about “the end” of Jerusalem in Matthew 24:6, 13, 14 and “the end” of the world in Matthew 13:39, 40, 49.

The end of the world and the second coming of Jesus Christ will be at the same time, according to Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:23-24. Jesus will come “as a thief” – unannounced and