

NO-ONE KNOWS WHEN

NO-ONE knows the day nor the hour!

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I SIT AND WRITE in January of 2017, a year and a half after the, “Blood Moons,” fiasco of many of the false prophets which prophesied falsely regarding September 23, 2015. Just as Jesus foretold us in Scripture, there was not – COULD NOT BE – any second coming nor spectacular appearance of Christ on that day. And those who loved God enough to heed and obey His Word, again asked themselves after that day, when, NEXT, some false prophets would be prophesying Christ’s return or some other spectacular event on a particular day! Astonishingly and tragically, it is now less than a year and a half later, and already the deceivers are hard at it! Some are claiming that on September 23, 2017, the stars will align in a manner supposedly described in the beginning of Revelation 12, and that this will indicate a soon second coming of Christ or some similar event! It will not. As always, the false prophets are wrong, and are simply deceiving as many gullible people as they can manage, into ignoring Scripture, and giving their hearts, respect, and perhaps money, to the deceivers instead. Christ will most definitely not return September 23, 2017, nor at any time around that date. Much must happen before Christ returns, as we shall see in this article.

(Why write this? Isn’t our time supposed to be occupied with being holy, in anticipation of our Lord’s return, and in WATCHING for our Lord’s return? Yes, but Jesus also said, “Be not deceived.” **He does not want us to be deceived** by the false prophets.)

Jesus said,

7 And they asked Him (*Jesus*), saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?

8 And **He said, Take heed that ye BE NOT DECEIVED: for many shall come IN MY NAME, SAYING, I am Christ; and THE TIME DRAWETH NEAR: go ye not therefore after them.**

Luke 21:7-8 The BIBLE

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, **if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.**

25 **Behold, I have told you before.**

Matthew 25:23-25 The BIBLE

3 And as He (*Jesus*) sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto Him privately, saying, **Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?**

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you.**

5 **For many shall come in My Name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.**

...

23 **Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.**

24 **For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.**

25 **Behold, I have told you before.**

...

36 **BUT OF THAT DAY AND HOUR KNOWETH NO MAN, NO, NOT THE ANGELS OF HEAVEN, BUT MY FATHER ONLY.**

...

42 **WATCH THEREFORE: FOR YE KNOW NOT WHAT HOUR YOUR LORD DOTH COME. .**

43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

44 **THEREFORE BE YE ALSO READY: FOR IN SUCH AN HOUR AS YE THINK NOT THE SON OF MAN COMETH.**

45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

49 And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

50 **THE LORD OF THAT SERVANT SHALL COME IN A DAY WHEN HE LOOKETH NOT FOR HIM, AND IN AN HOUR THAT HE IS NOT AWARE OF,**

51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 24:3-5, 23-25, 36, 42-51 The BIBLE

13 **WATCH THEREFORE, FOR YE KNOW NEITHER THE DAY NOR THE HOUR WHEREIN THE SON OF MAN COMETH.**

Matthew 25:13 The BIBLE

40 **BE YE THEREFORE READY ALSO: FOR THE SON OF MAN COMETH AT AN HOUR WHEN YE THINK NOT.**

Luke 12:40 The BIBLE

Scriptural precedent tells us that God's making a point of saying something even twice means that it will surely come to pass!

32 Now as for the repeating of the dream to Pharaoh twice, it means that the matter is determined by God, and God will quickly bring it about.

Genesis 41:32 The BIBLE

But Jesus told us FIVE TIMES in a single passage that NO ONE knows the day nor the hour of His return!! Five times, in the Book of Matthew (chapters 24-25, above), alone, not to mention Mark and Luke, also! But God has always recognized man's fickle tendency to disbelieve Him, even though God repeats Himself!

14 For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.

Job 33:14 The BIBLE

But the false prophets continue to this day, to call Jesus a liar, in that they refuse to believe Him! It is a problem that Jesus knows well.

9 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made Him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son.

I John 5:9 The BIBLE

Jesus said that not even HE knows the day nor the hour of His return!

32 But as for that day or hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, **NOR THE SON, BUT ONLY THE FATHER.**

Mark 13:32 The BIBLE

Jesus said, 'Look, if I knew, you'd be the first to know. You're my friends; I've told you everything I know!'

*SO, IF NOT EVEN JESUS KNOWS WHEN
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THE FALSE PROPHETS, WHO CLAIM TO KNOW WHEN,
are utterly and completely arrogant!*

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you.

John 15:15 The BIBLE

So, if not even JESUS knows when God the Father will send Him back to earth to bring all earthly things to an end, the false prophets, who claim to know, are utterly and completely arrogant! They obviously don't believe what Jesus said: that they're His friends. And, like in the original sin, they even feel that He is holding back information – information they are entitled to!¹

¹ 1... Yea, hath God said... ?

Some might say, "Yeah, but these passages are talking about the FINAL, THIRD COMING of Christ, not the RAPTURE! But the *disciples* asked for what *they* should look for and when *they* should expect Christ's return! If they, and all other Christians, were to be taken to heaven in a SECOND coming (a, "Rapture") of THREE comings why would Jesus tell them that *they* should be living holy lives in anticipation of His THIRD coming, one that would take place when *they* know not? In that case, the THIRD coming wouldn't apply to them, as they would no longer be around, but have been taken in, "the Rapture," ... if there were such a thing as a, "Rapture!"

Rapture??

Some Christians suggest that there will be TWO MORE appearances of Jesus. They believe in a SECOND coming of Christ (they call it, "the Rapture,"), in which, they say, Jesus will return *invisibly*, and for just His followers. They believe that He will then come a THIRD time (this one, that everyone can see), for the nonChristians, and for a new group, a kind of half-breed "Christian"/Old Testament Judaistic believer (people who believed in Jesus after He has removed all the Christians in a SECOND appearance, say they), but who aren't actually able to be born again and enjoy the benefits of relationship with God/Jesus because they don't have the transforming power of the Holy Spirit Who was (*they say*) withdrawn from the earth with the first wave of (*genuine*) Christians. (The original, simple form of this creative and unBiblical doctrine was imagined in the 1830s by a girl by the name of Margaret McDonald, in Glasgow Scotland. It was later developed into a larger and more involved doctrine, which is followed by many today.) Afraid of suffering for Christ, and therefore not willing to be honest enough with their Lord to accept what He says in the Scripture, many of these people seek to convince themselves and others² that they will miraculously disappear from earth in an *invisible appearing* of Christ, at which they will be taken to heaven to escape those things they so greatly fear.³ By convincing themselves of this doctrine they're able to tell

⁵ For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then **your eyes shall be opened**, and ye shall be as gods

Genesis 3:2 The BIBLE

² "DOCTRINE BY DEMOCRACY:" *"If I can get enough people to agree with me maybe I can convince myself that I'm right!"* This idea is also seen quite often among the so-called 'ATHEISTS,' people who claim they don't believe in God. The ATHEISTS are simply attempting to convince themselves (and everyone else) that God does not exist, because they fear the consequences of their refusal to submit to Him! It's a natural progression from the similar doctrine of, *"I don't like this idea so I refuse to believe in it; don't confuse me with the facts!"* Persons who think this way naturally therefore tend to think that everyone else who believes something, also does so only because they WANT TO. This is commonly seen, for instance, in their shocked question, "You mean you WANT TO go through the Great Tribulation?" when they're speaking with someone who believes what the Bible tells us: that we WILL go through the Great Tribulation; "We see things not the way *they are*, but the way *we are*." – Immanuel Kant.

³ The so-called, "JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES," have a very similar belief. Before 1914 they preached that Jesus would return that year. When of course He didn't they began claiming that He did indeed return, but only *invisibly*, and that He set up an *invisible*, "spiritual," kingdom 'in the air,' which will last until He comes a THIRD or FOURTH time. So It seems that more than one group finds that, if your Theology doesn't line up with the Word of God, you just add an extra one or two returns of Christ to your prophetic timeline, and all your Theological problems go away! And then, also, if a verse doesn't fit into your theories, you can just claim that it refers to one or the other of your *other* returns of Christ! So adding more returns of Christ to your timeline is, eschatologically-speaking, just like printing your own money! (The EVOLUTIONISTS do something similarly dishonest: by simply adding a

themselves that there is nothing that must yet be fulfilled before they are spirited away from it all,⁴ and that therefore they can hope to leave all their troubles behind at any moment now... . But this is a false doctrine! Jesus said that He will return only a SECOND time, and that it will be for EVERYONE, saved and unsaved, at which time He will send each person to whichever eternity (heaven or hell) they have chosen for themselves.

27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

28 So Christ was **ONCE** offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall **He appear the SECOND time** without sin unto salvation.

Hebrews 9:27-28 The BIBLE

Jesus said that He would resurrect His followers on the LAST DAY, *NOT BEFORE* that, as in some, "Rapture!"

40 And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I WILL RAISE HIM UP AT THE LAST DAY.

John 6:40 The BIBLE

But the Bible tells us *how* the Christian must prepare himself for Christ's return! God doesn't tell us that we must be holy in order to be taken up prematurely, and escape the Great Tribulation! He tells us that we must be holy in order to escape the final destruction of the earth and of sin, in fire. He also tells us to watch for the, "coming of the day of God," in which heaven and earth will be destroyed by fire, not to watch for some sudden, secret, "Rapture," after which the earth continues as usual!

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

4 And saying, Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

...

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

II Peter 3:3-4, 10-12 The BIBLE

few more strings of zeros to the ages in their timelines, they find that ANYTHING seems possible to have spontaneously sprung into existence!)

⁴ Read more on the, 'RAPTURE' heresy, one of those heresies that Jesus warned us would be preached in the Last Days, at:

www.Micaiah.com/dir-escape.htm

www.Micaiah.com/wakeup.htm

If it were possible they will deceive the very elect

Jesus said,

21 And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here Is Christ; or, lo, He Is there; believe him not:

22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and **shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.**

23 But take ye heed: behold, **I have foretold you all things.**

Mark 13:21-23 (Matthew 24:23-25) The BIBLE

The signs and wonders that these false prophets will come up with, whether they be Biblical passages, astrological charts of stars and planets, history, miracles, etc., will be incredibly convincing yet false; Jesus said so. The Christian must be mature in preparation or he *quite possibly will* be deceived! And, if the Christian, so much more the nonChristian! But we can be comforted: Jesus has TOLD and WARNED US about His second coming! He has told us WHAT will occur before He comes, He has told us HOW He will appear, and He has told us WHO will appear with Him! We will be fine if we **a)** know and believe what Scripture says on the subject,⁵ **b)** do not allow ourselves to be led astray by false prophets,⁶ **c)** ensure that we are right with God, and living a holy life.⁷ Maintaining a Godly life and learning what SCRIPTURE says, are merely what every Christian should be doing anyhow; they are no burden nor challenge to the saved and sincere. It is the immature and lazy in their Christian walk who are those who will be unable to withstand the ravages of the Great Tribulation, that period of intense sin, persecution, and trials that will overcome the world just before Christ's return.

"I have told you ahead of time!"

And when Jesus speaks of that difficult time He always says that His coming will be unexpected, but He makes very clear that HE HAS TOLD US AHEAD OF TIME what will happen (so we don't need to be taken unawares, nor be offended and leave the faith.)

22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

23 But take ye heed: **behold, I have foretold you all things.**

Mark 13:22-23 The BIBLE

⁵ Ye therefore, beloved, **seeing ye know these things before**, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

¹⁸ But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

II Peter 3:17 The BIBLE

⁶ **2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.**

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

II Thessalonians 2:2-3 The BIBLE

⁷ **11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness"**

II Peter 3:11a The BIBLE

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25 **Behold, I have told you before.**

Matthew 24:25 The BIBLE

29 And now **I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.**

30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in Me.

John 14:29-30 The BIBLE

In fact, as Jesus spoke ahead of time, in John 14:30, of satan's imminent arrival ("the prince of this world cometh") Jesus was speaking of the events of Revelation 12, the passage we are initially addressing in this article! Revelation 12 speaks of the incarnation of Christ, a historical event, not of the future. The woman clothed with the sun, and with the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars, is the people of God, both Christians and Israel, a nation of 12 Tribes who brought forth Jesus, also a historical fact. The dragon in heaven is satan, who was in heaven, bringing accusations against the children of God (Job 1:6-12, Revelation 12:10) until the resurrection of Jesus: historical fact. His revolt against God, which transformed him from Lucifer, an angel of light, into satan, drew a third of the angels (Rev. 12:7-9) with him into revolt: historical; they are what are now referred to as demons. Satan sought to destroy Jesus at His birth (through Herod's slaying of Bethlehem's children below the age of two – Matt. 2:16-18): historical fact. When Jesus rose from the dead He defeated death and satan, and satan and his angels were cast out of heaven, no longer able to bring accusations against the children of God (Isaiah 14:12, Rev. 12:10) - historical. THIS is the meaning of Revelation 12; every Bible scholar will testify to the fact; the passage speaks of historical events, not future: it lays the foundation for what the following passage will be speaking of. Nor does the passage relate anything hidden nor obscure! To attempt to reinterpret this passage as some kind of Christian astrological sign heralding the imminent return of Christ is to twist and reinterpret Scripture, as Peter tells us is done by, "unlearned and unstable," people, "unto their own destruction! – II Peter 3:16." He warns us further,

17 Ye therefore, beloved, **seeing ye know these things before**, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

II Peter 3:17 The BIBLE

Revelation 12 has absolutely nothing to do with the alignment of stars on September 23, 2017! There is absolutely no evidence to indicate that these stars were at this position in only a couple other times in history, as these people claim. And, even if there were such astronomical records, Scripture nowhere says that the movement of these stars at all presages nor has anything at all to do with the coming of Christ; Revelation 12:1-5 speaks of the past, not of the future, a fact agreed upon by all Bible scholars! The attempt to claim otherwise by some today is merely one more example of the ridiculous mistakes made by, "they that are unlearned and unstable (II Peter 3:16)," when they disregard the Scripture that they do know (in this case ignoring Christ's own Words, which tell us, "Ye know not what hour your Lord

doth come,” and, “Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not the angels of heaven, but God alone”) and when they try to teach Bible and doctrine that they do not know.

(While we are indeed addressing, in this article, the current misrepresentation of Revelation 12, this article addresses, also, the misrepresentations of False Prophets which will inevitably arise in the future.)

Jesus will NOT return before...

These extended passages that speak of Christ’s return, ALL speak of Christ’s coming after a time of intense, or, “great,” persecution of the Godly, and God’s afflictions upon the earth itself, during which time there is a great deception and a great falling away. EVERY ONE of these passages!

1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto Him,

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming:

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

II Thessalonians 2:1-12 The BIBLE

Why the small initial?”

When this author writes, “satan,” with a small initial it is intentional. As that individual’s intent is to ascend to the throne of God, and make himself like God, the present author usually strives to write satan’s name with a SMALL initial, as that is the opposite way of how GOD’s holy and almighty Name Is written.

This is not required by Scripture; it is simply the author’s own way of stating that satan has not, will not, and cannot ascend to the throne of God.

Period.

In fact, before Jesus returns,⁸ Scripture tells us, the following, among other events, must occur first:

- There must first be many false prophets, or those claiming to be Christ, and deceiving many – **Matt. 24:4-5**;
- Christians shall first, “hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places” – **Matthew 24:6-7, Revelation 6:1-8, 12**;
- There must first be a falling away (great turning away of Christians from the Lord) - **II Thes. 2:3**;
- Many shall be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another – **Matthew 24:10**;
- The Antichrist must first be revealed – **II Thes. 2:3**;
- The Antichrist must first sit in the temple of God, purporting to be God Himself – **II Thes. 2:4, Matthew 24:15**;
- There must first be an unprecedented, “great tribulation” – **Matthew 24:21, 29-31**;
- The Antichrist will use incredibly powerful signs and wonders to deceive the unsaved into worshipping and obeying him, rather than God – **II Thes. 2:9-11**;
- Many Christians will be murdered for the sake of Christ – **Rev. 6:9-11**;
- The sun must first become, “black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon as blood” – **Rev. 6:12, 8:12**;
- The stars of heaven will fall to the earth – **Rev. 6:13, 8:12**;
- Hail and fire must first be mingled with blood, which will be cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees will be burnt up, and all green grass will be burnt up. **Rev. 8:7**;
- A great mountain burning with fire must first be cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea become blood; 9 And the third part of the creatures in the sea, and had life, will die; and the third part of the ships will be destroyed – **Rev. 8:8-9**;
- A third part of the waters will become wormwood; and many men will die of the waters, because they will be made bitter – **Rev. 8:10**;
- Day and night will be dark a third of the time – **Rev. 8:12**;
- Tormentors from the pit of hell will be given permission to afflict the unsaved for five months – **Rev. 9:1-11**;
- A third of men will be killed by an army of 200,000,000 – **Rev. 9:15-21**;
- God’s two witnesses, shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth, during which time they have power to stop the rain, turn the rivers to blood, and smite the earth with plagues as often as they want – **Rev. 11:3-6**;
- The beast from the bottomless pit will kill the two witnesses and their dead bodies *shall lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. 9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. 10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another

⁸ Revelation 10:5-7 The BIBLE

er; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. 11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God will enter into them, and they will stand upon their feet; and great fear will fall upon them which see them. 12 And they will hear a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they will ascend up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies will behold them. 13 And the same hour was there will be a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city will fall, and in the earthquake will be slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant will be affrighted, and give glory to the God of heaven

– **Rev. 11:7-18;**

- See also my own vision and dreams of the future!⁹
- And various other events. So Christ's return must be preceded by numerous events that have not yet occurred, as of 2017.

When Jesus told us to be ready always ...

When Jesus told us to be ready always, because we don't know when He will return, He was *not* talking about an *imminent* return; He said, "... see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, **BUT THE END IS NOT YET** – Matthew 24-25." He listed a whole gamut of things that must first happen before He returns. He said absolutely nothing, anywhere, about our disappearing before He returns! It is in Matthew 24-25 that He tells us FIVE TIMES that no one, not even He, knows when He will return. As we just saw, Jesus didn't say that He could return at any moment; what He said was that He will return when people think that He will not return - when people think that His return will be delayed longer than they expect/hope - Luke 12:45-46, Matt. 24:44, II Peter 3:9! No – we have seen a list of many things that must still be fulfilled before Christ returns!

1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto Him,

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

II Thes. 2:1-2 The BIBLE

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

⁹ www.Micaiah.com/dreams.htm

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all his Epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, **which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest (*twist, pervert, change*), as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction.**

17 Ye therefore, beloved, **seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.**

18 **But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

II Peter 3:10-18 The BIBLE

What it all comes down to is, ...

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only

42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come

44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh

50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of

13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh

Matthew 24-36, 42, 44, 50, 25:13: The BIBLE

In other words, Jesus tells us FIVE TIMES in Matthew 24-25, that, if a person or persons expects Christ to return on a certain day, Christ will NOT return on that day! Any day on which Christ is expected to return is guaranteed to NOT be the day on which Christ returns (simply because someone expects Him on that day)!

Jesus did not say that He would be returning on a day on which nonChristians, or unfaithful servants are not expecting Him; He tells His DISCIPLES that He would return on a day THEY are not expecting Him!

False Prophets

So, what about those who disregard Christ's Words, and set a date, anyway? Jesus tells us that in the last days there will be many false prophets. God defines a, "False Prophet," as someone whose prophecies do not come true. And being a false prophet is so serious in the eyes of God that, in the Old Testament, the false prophet was commanded to be put to death!

20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in My Name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?

22 When a prophet speaketh in the Name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of (*respect, listen to, pay attention to, believe*) him.

Deuteronomy 18:20-22 The BIBLE

1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

II Peter 2:1-3 The BIBLE

We're told in this passage (II Peter) that the false prophets will be, "among you." In other words, part of our church, part of our denomination, people that our Christian group looks up to and respects. They will be people we give our money (tithes and offering) to. People whose books we buy and whose conferences we pay to attend. They will be people who, "... through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you..."¹⁰, " and, "... by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of."

¹⁰ In fact, when the present author was about to graduate in Spring of 1985 from Bible/Ministerial College in Clayburn, BC, with the PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA, so few of the graduating class believed in the, "Rapture," theory that we had been taught there by the Denomination's College, that the PAOC Denomination sent a delegation from head office (National or Regional, I don't know, although the Regional office was nearby) to tell us that, to receive Ministerial Credentials with the Denomination, a graduating student did not have to actually believe in the doctrine. They told us that they recognized how few actually believed in the, "Rapture," theory. So head office was willing to accept a dissenting graduating student into employment as a minister if, regardless of what they believed, they signed an oath giving their word that they would either teach the, "Rapture," theory, or did not teach at all on the subject of Christ's return! This author was, to his knowledge, the only student who refused to be dishonest and sign. Consequently, there are many pastors in that Denomination to this day who do not believe what they preach! They are making merchandise of those to whom they preach, teaching a doctrine they do not believe but a doctrine they recognize as false, in order to receive a salary and pension. Apparently money trumps truth.

1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint (*signing an oath to not teach anything other than something you don't believe in*), but willingly; not for filthy lucre (*money*), but of a ready mind;

I Peter 5:1-2 The BIBLE

7 For a bishop (*pastor*) must be blameless, as the steward of God; ...

...

9 Holding fast the faithful Word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:

11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's (*money's*) sake.

Titus 1:7, 9-11 The BIBLE

There is nothing ridiculed more by the nonChristian community than yet another, “Second Coming,” that has been predicted on a certain day but not fulfilled, when the predicted (prophesied) day comes and goes, with nothing happening. And (as we have seen)” Jesus, frowning, says, “I told you so!”

24 For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders that would deceive even the elect, if that were possible.

25 See, I have told you in advance.

Matthew 24:24-25 The BIBLE

22 For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders that would deceive even the elect, if that were possible.

23 So be on your guard; **I have told you everything in advance.**

Mark 13:22-23 The BIBLE

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Galatians 1:8-9 The BIBLE

It should be noted that a false prophet is not necessarily someone who is completely or even mostly wrong. A false prophet does not need to be nonChristian/unsaved/non-born again. A false prophet can be correct in everything else, can be born again, can be an otherwise Godly pastor, or a Godly counsellor to us. The only thing that defines a, “False Prophet,” is that he is prophesying something that is false: he is a False Prophet regarding what he is teaching, and what he is prophesying does not come true. He can be fulfilling his calling from God to be a pastor, an evangelist, a teacher, etc., but going beyond or outside his calling by teaching something he has not been called by God to teach, or something that he, quite simply, is uneducated in (even in a four-year degree-granting Bible College program, the average pastor will quite likely receive little more than just a few hours of teaching on prophecy, and even that will likely concentrate merely on the specific beliefs endorsed by the particular denomination that runs that particular Bible College)! As in the case of the individual Christian, it is the responsibility of the individual pastor himself to study, for himself, what he believes; if he does not, he is likely teaching mere hearsay – a

This author has recently been told that the PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA, now permits its ministers to preach a modification of that doctrine: that a, “Rapture,” will occur half way through the Great (*Continued, bottom of page 12*) Tribulation, that time of great trouble immediately prior to Christ’s return, but that they nevertheless must believe or at least teach that a, “Rapture,” will occur at one of these two times (before, or half-way through the Great Tribulation), if they teach on the subject at all. So this doctrine is in flux; a doctrine preached so dogmatically and certainly from the pulpit to unsuspecting congregations, and which leaves so many unsuspecting believers unprepared for great tribulation, and off their guard, is nevertheless in a state of uncertain change, if their pastors believe it at all! (Come to think of it, when was the last time we actually heard it preached at all from our pulpit? Does the pastor of whatever church, whatever Denomination, we attend actually believe in this doctrine, or has he, too, been required under duress from potential unemployment to sign a false document? Is he certain of what he believes, or does he too have his doubts?)

summary of the rumors he has heard regarding prophecy – an incredibly weak foundation for teaching or for personal understanding of prophecy!

29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

30 If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.

31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

I Corinthians 14:29-32 The BIBLE

In other words, the prophet himself is the one in control over what comes out of his mouth or his pen. He is not forced uncontrollably to preach right doctrine. And this passage tells us, also, that it is the responsibility of the other prophets to listen, to judge, and to police what is said by that prophet. Scripture tells us that in the last days there will be many false prophets, deceiving many, and that it is *all our* responsibility to ignore and resist them and their teachings, and to follow what and who is right.

1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

I John 4:1 The BIBLE

However, regardless of how much training or study these false prophets have, and regardless of the fact that their previously predicted, “comings of Christ,” have all eventually been proven to be false, these False Prophets nevertheless go ahead and continue to predict new comings of Christ all over again because they don’t believe Jesus when He tells us that we don’t know when He will return! But it has always been this way! Even while Jesus walked the earth, religious leaders claimed to be following God even while they didn’t believe His Words!

10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

John 3:10-12 The BIBLE

38 And ye have not His Word abiding in you: for Whom He hath sent, Him ye believe not.

39 Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me.

John 5:38-39 The BIBLE

63b ... The Words I have spoken to you are Spirit and they are life.

64 However, there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray Him.)

John 6:63b-64 The BIBLE

45 But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me!

John 8:45 The BIBLE

25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.

26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of My sheep, as I said unto you.

John 10:25-26 The BIBLE

And Jesus also knew what to expect from faithless, unbelieving man:

24 But Jesus did not commit Himself unto them, because He knew all men,

25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for He knew what was in man.

John 2:24-25 The BIBLE

46 "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me.

47 "But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My Words?"

John 5:46-47 The BIBLE

When we refuse to believe God, for instance when Jesus tells us that no one knows when He will return, we make a mockery of the Christian faith to the nonChristian world. When we refuse to believe that Jesus spoke the true and infallible Words of God we make a fool of ourself. And when we refuse to believe the Words of Almighty God about the end times we lead others astray! What God requires of us, quite simply, is faith. Faith in God, and faith in His Words. A faith that actually changes our natural inclinations and directs our actions! "Jesus says it, I believe it, that settles it!"

6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who approaches Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6 The BIBLE

23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

James 2:23 The BIBLE