

The End

It Doesn't Appear It Will Be Much Longer!

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I remember years ago, many times we would see cartoons depicting an old man with a Bible in one hand and a sign on a stick, which read, "The End Is Near" in the other. These cartoons usually popped up after an election; or when there was news of another war or even a rumor of a war. Doomsday was always in the news... some scientists even devised what we now know as "The Doomsday Clock," which is used to illustrate how close humanity may be to self- annihilation. Have you ever thought about Doomsday, what events would look like leading up to it? Many people try not to even think about the subject, nevertheless, most people admit it is possible that one day all of this we know of as life and the planet we live on just might come to an end! Many people obsessed with "Global Warming" currently called "Climate Change" preach the message of Doom and Gloom daily with passion!" In fact, they have been carrying that sign, insisting "The End Is Near" for decades; yet here we are decades later!

Remember the Boy Who Cried Wolf?

Remember the Boy Who Cried Wolf? He kept repeatedly shouting that there was a Wolf on the prowl about to attack him when in fact there was none, so over time, people eventually stopped paying attention to him. Then – one day he was in fact confronted by a wolf; he screamed as loud as he could, "Wolf! – Wolf!" However, nobody paid attention to him anymore... he soon stopped screaming; I will let you figure out why. Here is a question for you... "Who has more credibility and actual evidence of impending doom these days, the guy with the Sign and the Bible, or the Climate Change Advocates?" Which one is more like the boy who cried wolf? The boy in the story lost his credibility because there was never any "real evidence" when he sounded the alarm. There indeed may have been a wolf in the area, but it was not the threat he was conveying to those who heard his cries, except for that **One Day**. It is interesting that most people these days would make fun of "the guy with the Bible." They dismiss his warning saying, "Christians have been saying the end is near for over a thousand years!" Yet if you make fun of, or speak against the "Climate Change Advocates," **you** would be ridiculed, attacked socially, sometimes physically!

Who Has More Credibility?

It might surprise many people to know, **every prediction** of doom due to "climate change" or pollution caused by the use of fossil fuels, at least in my seventy plus years on this planet, has not come to fruition. Recently there was an e-mail that went *viral* showing dozens of newspaper articles going back decades (to the early to mid 50's) stating, "The world is going to end due to climate change caused by pollution by such and such a date." Yet here we are! The batting average of the "Climate Scientists" is not very good, as not one of the dozens of predictions in that viral e-mail proved true, **not one!** Perhaps these "Scientists" should do some "**Un-Biased Research**," for a change! The whole world is in a virtual state of panic over their often-baseless predictions using "skewed or manipulated data." For example, years ago while at work a young man came to me with a brand new book written by a former politician "Documenting" the evidence of "Greenhouse Gases" causing "Global Warming." This young man was totally convinced that we were on the road to destruction based on this book and asked me to look at it, so I did. I opened the book to a random page that happened to contain a graphic picture of where they have been gathering the "**Damning Evidence**" that Hydrocarbons and Carbon Dioxide (So-Called Greenhouse Gases) were indeed rising. A smirk came on my face as I shook my head viewing the graphic... I asked the young man, if he knew where these readings were taken and he correctly replied,

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"Among the Hawaiian Islands." I then asked him where one of the most active volcanoes in the world is? Again, he correctly replied, The Hawaiian Islands." I then asked him how much the "average volcano," compared to all the jet planes flying around the world, on any given day, releases Hydrocarbons and Carbon Dioxide gas into the atmosphere. Before he answered, I asked if he thought Greenhouse Gas readings might be higher if taken in close proximity to an active volcano. He was an "Engineering Student" working as an "Intern" for the company I worked for at the time. He had no answer as he walked away looking perplexed. It seemed this thought never crossed his mind as he was simply "caught up" in environmental hype! This is an example of the "Skewed Science" some groups use attempting to prove their point concerning Climate Change. The book this young man showed me was not based on true "Science," it was based on "Propaganda," perpetrated by a so-called "Environmentalist" with nothing more than a political agenda!

Let us now consider the Christian with the Sign and the Bible

Once again, Bible Believers have admittedly been saying, "The End Is Near" for more than mere decades; in fact, they have been preaching that message for *thousands* of years! The big question is, "Compared to the Climate Change advocates, or the boy who cried wolf, are modern day Christians any more credible?" The answer is, **"In Fact - yes they are!"** The Bible begins by telling us about the creation of the world; it ends by telling us about the end of the world. While the scientists might tell us they are basing their predictions on "facts," more often than not they base their predictions on assumptions; in fact "Biased" assumptions. Look at the "Theory of Evolution" as another illustration of assumptions being called facts by so-called scientists. First, we must note that a "Theory" is just that - a Theory... **not necessarily a fact!** So, what gives the Bible its credibility? In one word: Prophecy! Those familiar with my writings know that I talk about prophecy a lot. One reason for that is that not enough churches teach about prophecies. Why do churches avoid the subject, especially in light of the fact that more than 25% of the Bible is prophetic? I asked that very question of the pastor of a church I attended years ago. He had not ever addressed the subject in the many years I attended his church, and I never missed a sermon because I ran the Tape / CD Ministry! The Pastor's reply to me was that the subject was confusing and sometimes scary to many people and that many people preaching about prophecy, were "Date Setters" (a true fact in many cases, that goes against what the Bible teaches.) These "False Teachers" were misleading people causing fear, and possibly causing people to avoid Church and the Bible out of that fear, or because many of the dates that were set by these people came and went proving to be false predictions. Acknowledging and agreeing with those concerns, I challenged his reply with the following statement, "If it weren't for Prophecy, Jesus is just an ordinary man!" Not only would He be just another man, He would be a full-blown liar, and a "Nut Case!" The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, was in fact, the fulfillment of hundreds of prophecies! That - compared to the "Climate Scientists," amounts to a rather good batting average to say the least, considering He fulfilled those prophecies to the minutest detail backed up by secular historical sources and archaeology! **Prophecy is what makes Christianity different from all other religions.**

What is the modern Christian's "End is Near" message based on?

Most people do not realize that Christianity is (as stated above) the only religion, not only based on, but in fact, dependant on prophecies. In essence Christianity "Proves itself" over time. Prophecies in the Bible are not only accurate, they are "interdependent," as most depend on prophecies made before them. (Kind of like Dominos in a row falling in succession) Christianity is also the only religion that is all about salvation from Sin, thru a Savior and Sacrifice provided by God Himself.

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This is opposed to all the other religions that whether they are monotheistic or polytheistic, they depend on individual works or offerings for one to be “right with god.” One could argue that the roots of Christianity (Judaism) did exactly that... there in fact were many rules, in addition to sacrifices, and offerings required in the “Old Covenant or Old Testament” times by those practicing Judaism, this is true. However, none of those works provided true salvation, or satisfied the penalty of failing to live up to the standard of God, which by the way is *perfection*. These sacrifices and offerings were in fact, repeated over, and over, as people continued in sin, which ultimately had the penalty of death. This is why we needed a savior!

Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

²³ For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Most religions today and even many “Christian Denominations” continue to impose similar rules and regulations on their followers, neglecting entirely (in some cases) the “Gift of Salvation through Grace and Faith” provided thru the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Christians prior to 1948 carried around their signs of impending doom and their Bibles, but they neglected *one important prophesy* that many modern theologians say was the key to the re-starting of God’s prophetic clock which was “temporarily paused” when the Church was born, the prophesy concerning the re-gathering of Israel. The New Testament in the Bible is chock full of mention of the “End of the Age” and the “Soon Return of Jesus,” but, again, that has been going on for two thousand years! What many theologians overlooked was that in order for the *End Time Events* to happen, certain other things had to happen first, ***such as Israel, becoming a nation again.*** The Jewish people had been dispersed around the world for upwards of 1900 years, but they never totally lost their identity as Jews. However, Israel was re-gathered as a nation on May 14th 1948 just as the Bible predicted; even their original language that was lost over time was re-established! (This also predicted in the Bible.) Another series of important events prophesied, concerned the city of **Jerusalem** re-instated as the capital of Israel. This resulted in it becoming the focal point of the entire world. (Once again, this was predicted in the Bible) **Jerusalem came back under Jewish control in 1967! Interesting Note: The day Jerusalem came back under Israeli control, a Rabbi blew a “Shofar,” (A Rams horn that makes a sound like a trumpet) as he proclaimed “The beginning of the Messianic Age.”** Now you know why hardly a day goes by without Israel and Jerusalem being in the news! Likewise, have you ever wondered why so many people “Hate” the Jewish people? Ironically, many “Anti-Semitic People,” do not even know why they hate the Jews! *Interestingly, and ironically, all this “Anti-Semitism” was also prophesied in the Bible!* If you want to learn more about the prophesies concerning Israel fulfilled to date, and the relative few yet un-fulfilled prophesies, watch the documentary, “The Daniel Project” which is available on Amazon Prime; this documentary goes into great detail. The point of all this is to illustrate that the accuracy and dependability of prophesy in the Bible is what makes it credible. I mentioned earlier that the Bible has a lot to say about the End of the World, however, this information was not given to us to scare us, but rather to make us vigilant and to bring us back to God. There is one more important prophesy for your consideration: The Bible predicts that after the re-gathering of Israel as a nation, (as it happened in 1948) it says, “That generation will not pass away until all things (Prophesies) are fulfilled!” Do I have your attention yet?

Some may be thinking, “Why the ominous title... It sounds Scary!”

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The “Bad News” (for most) is that the world is in fact, “Coming to an End.” The “Good News” is that God in His mercy; provided a way for many of us to escape the trials, tribulations, and wrath that will be unleashed in the process. First, I will show a few New Testament end time prophecies. I will then leave it to you to decide as to whether these prophecies are playing out in our daily news reports, and whether they deserve your attention. Jesus promised He would one day return, and He gave us signs to watch for that would signal His soon return. He made it clear that no one would know the exact day or the hour of His return, but he gave us signs to look for that would indicate when it is getting close. The list of related prophecies could take up many pages, so here are just a few for you to consider. I believe that if you consider the evidence, you will agree; **It Doesn't Appear It Will Be Much Longer before “The End,” and the Return of Jesus.** I will list the prophecies under their Bible references which I will post separately in their entirety on the last page of this article.

Matthew 24:3-13 : General signs to look for.

There will be people out to deceive others. Verse 4

Many will come claiming to be the messiah and deceiving many. Verse 5

We will hear of wars, and rumors of wars. Verse 5

Nations and Kingdoms will be at war. Verse 7

There will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. Verse 7

Believers will be “persecuted” and killed. People identifying as Christian will be hated. Verse 9

People will be easily offended, hating and betraying anyone who offends them. Verse 10

Many False Prophets will arise and deceive many. Verse 11

There will be rampant lawlessness and people's love of humanity will grow cold. Verse 12

2 Timothy 3:1-5: What people will be like.

Perilous times will come. Verse 1

Men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. Verses 2 – 4

Luke 17:22-29: False Prophets directing attention to themselves. A World living in ignorance and rebellion toward God.

False Teachers will direct your attention to their teachings and away from God's Word. Verses 22-23

The world will be just as in the Days of Noah and Sodom prior to God's judgment. Verses 26-29

Based on past reliability of Bible Prophecy, I will leave it to you as to whether it looks as if the End is Near. As Jesus told His disciples, “No one knows the day or the hour of His return” but according to the “signs” He told us to watch for, what do you think? Are we seeing these things happening? Are we repeating the Days of Noah and Sodom? Most people put more faith in Scientists concerning what will bring about the demise of humanity even though their “track record” is dismal at best concerning their predictions. If the reliability of the Bible has caught your attention, pick up a Bible and read **the Gospel of John** in the New Testament (At least read the first three chapters). It will give you a concise overview of whom Jesus is, what he did for you and for me. It will tell you how you can be “saved” from the wrath of God that will bring about the end. **It Indeed Doesn't Appear It Will Be Much Longer, and it won't be pleasant for those left behind.** Is there a way to escape? Yes – That is what the Gospel (which means Good News) is all about! As for what is planned for those who love God and heed his word when the end comes, read the following:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NKJV)

¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

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Matthew 24:3-13 (NKJV)

³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" ⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All *these are* the beginning of sorrows. ⁹ Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. ¹⁰ And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. ¹¹ Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. ¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

The Apostle Paul in his letter to Timothy:

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NKJV)

¹ But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

From the Gospel of Luke:

Luke 17:22-29 (NKJV)

²² Then He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. ²³ And they will say to you, 'Look here!' or 'Look there!' Do not go after them or follow them. ²⁴ For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day. ²⁵ But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. ²⁶ And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷ They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸ Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; ²⁹ but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.