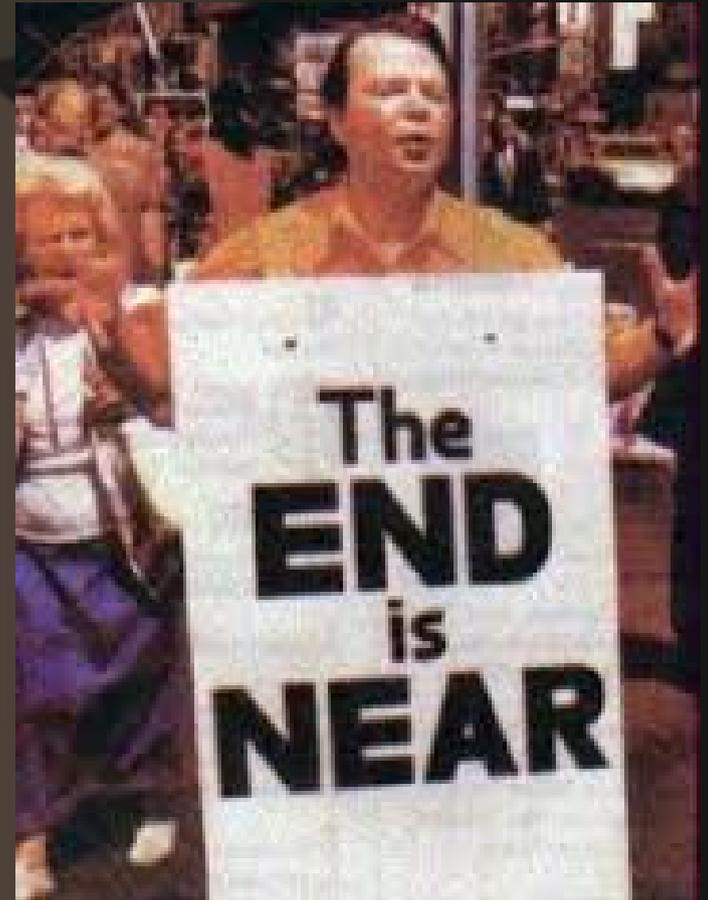


Is the End Near?

Have you heard people say
that the end is near?

What do we know about
When the end will come?



When the end comes

- Lord will return

John 6:39-40 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

When the end comes

- Lord will return
- Dead will be raised

John 5:28-29 28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

When the end comes

- Lord will return
- Dead will be raised
- Living will be changed

1 Corinthians 15:51

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed--

When the end comes

- Lord will return
- Dead will be raised
- Living will be changed
- Humanity will be judged

Matthew 25:32-33 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

When the end comes

- Lord will return
- Dead will be raised
- Living will be changed
- Humanity will be judged
- Kingdom given to God

1 Corinthians 15:24

Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

When the end comes

- Lord will return
- Dead will be raised
- Living will be changed
- Humanity will be judged
- Kingdom given to God
- Wicked separated

Matthew 25:41 Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

When the end comes

- Lord will return
- Dead will be raised
- Living will be changed
- Humanity will be judged
- Kingdom given to God
- Wicked separated
- Saved will go home

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 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.

The END will come

1 Corinthians 15:24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

2 Peter 3:4 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 creation."

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

The END will come unexpectedly

Luke 12:40 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

The END will come unexpectedly

- Many dates have been set
 - Ancient – Montanus, Hippolytus
 - Martin Luther, William Miller (18 times) Joseph Smith, Charles T. Russell, Herbert W. Armstrong, Jerry Falwell, Oral Roberts, Harold Camping
- Many cult groups think the end is near
- Many see “signs” in daily news



It may be soon or not soon

- What are the “signs” people talk about?
 - Earthquakes, famine, wickedness, war
 - Matthew 24 – Temple destroyed in 70 AD
- Then Jesus answered 2nd question
 - Signs of the end / 2nd coming
 - THERE ARE NONE.
 - Like a thief in the night



What is most important?

- We must be ready – whenever He comes.
- **Matthew 24:42-44** 42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.