

The Urgent Need For Diligence

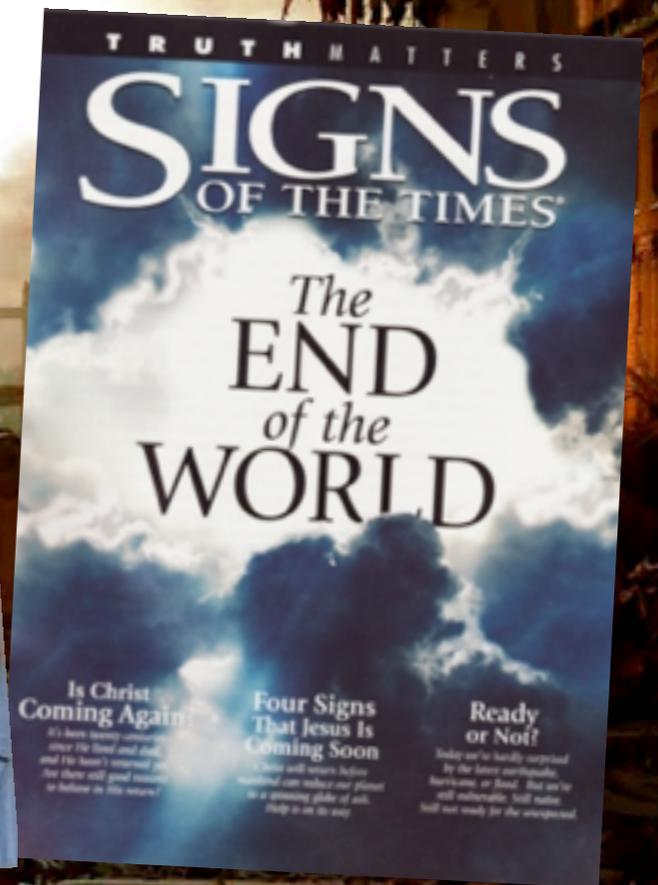
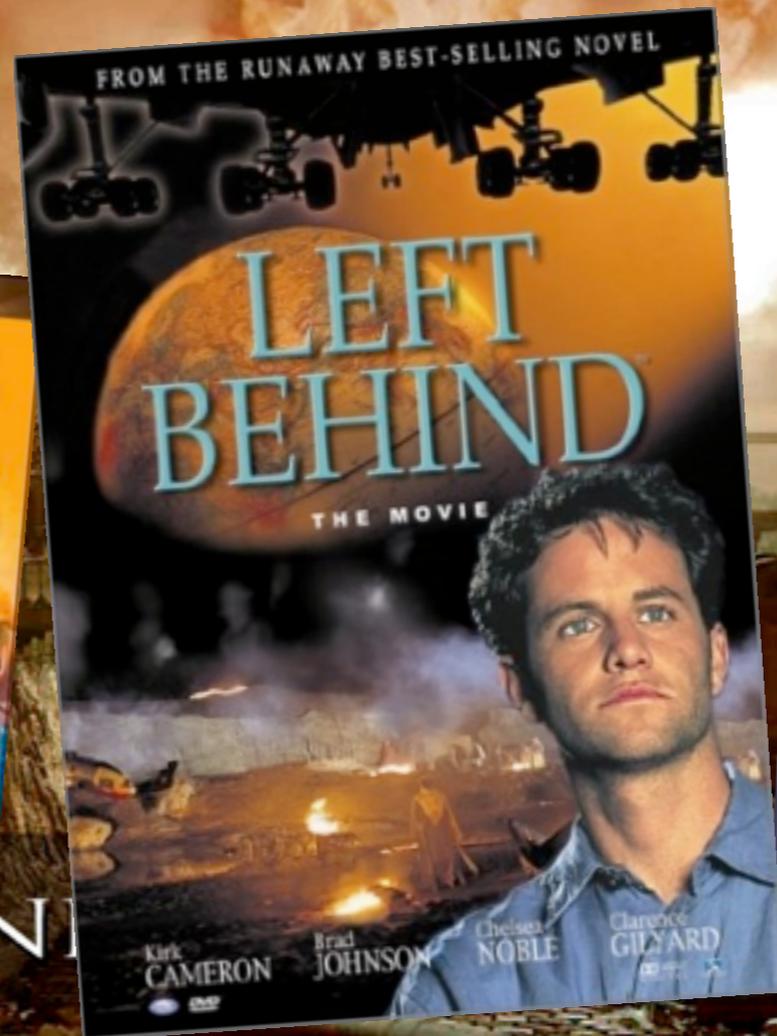
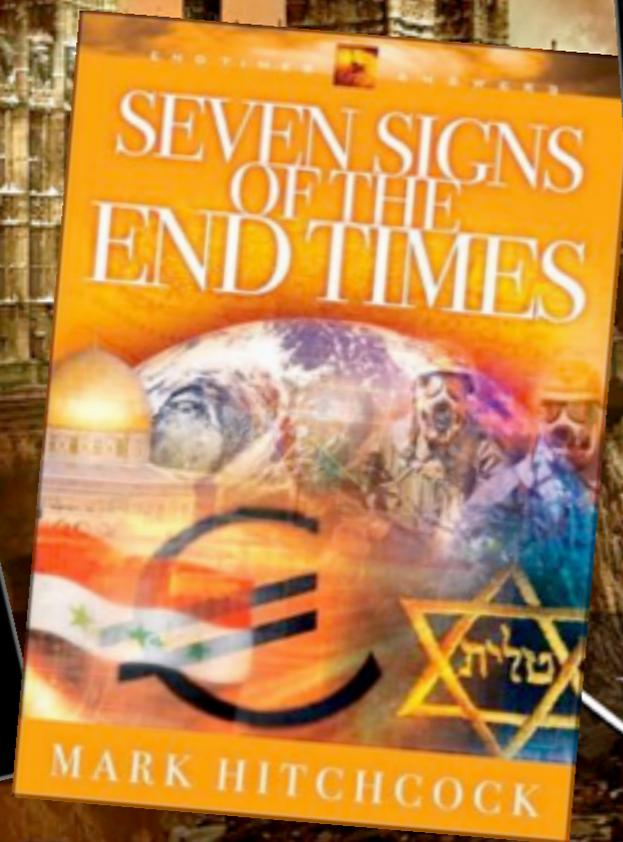
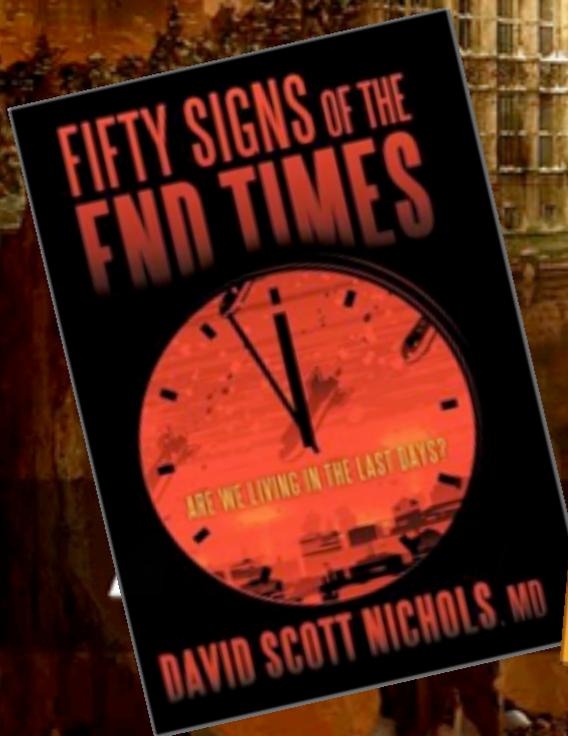
THE END

Of The World Will Come!

2 Peter 3:7 (NKJV)

But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

END TIMES

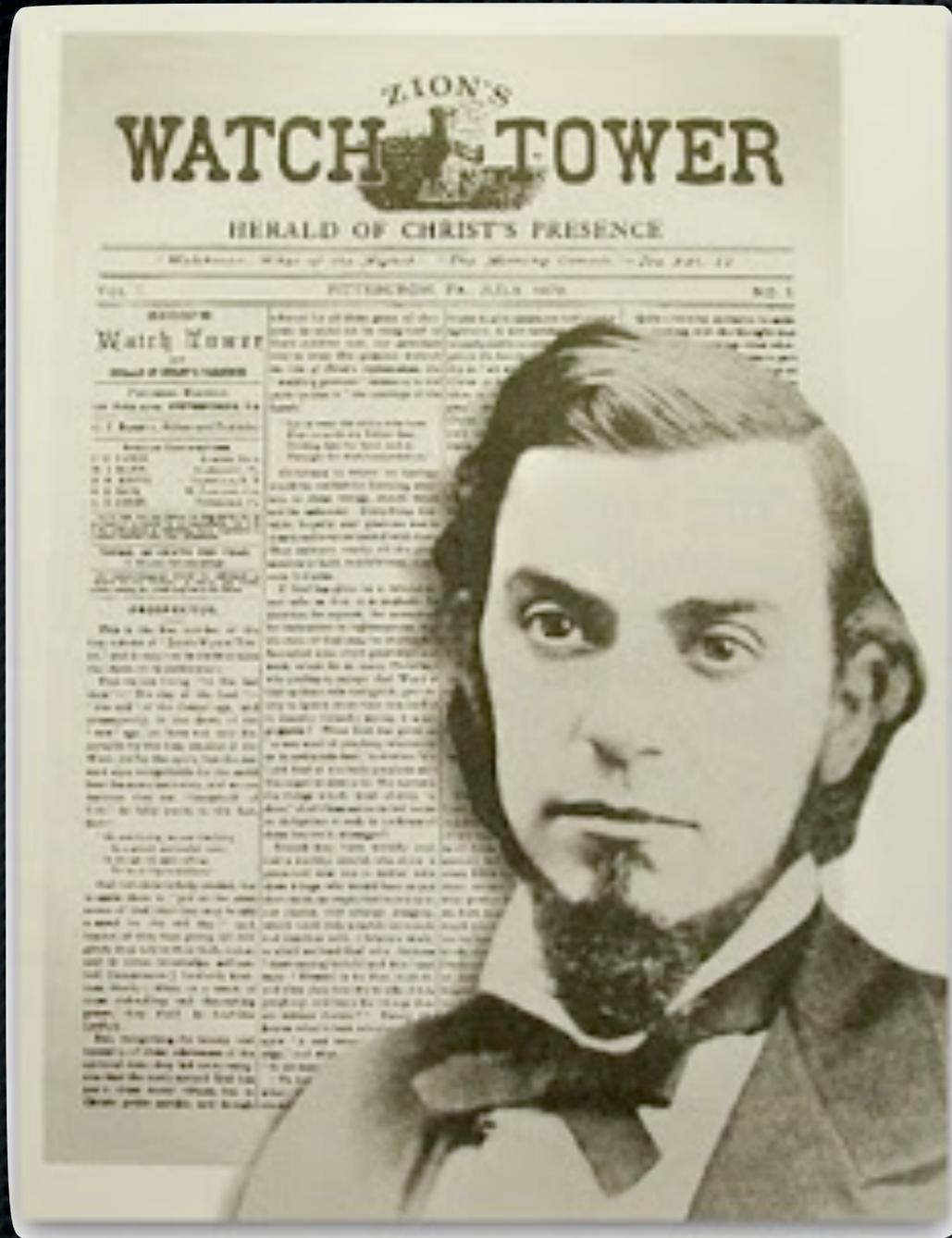


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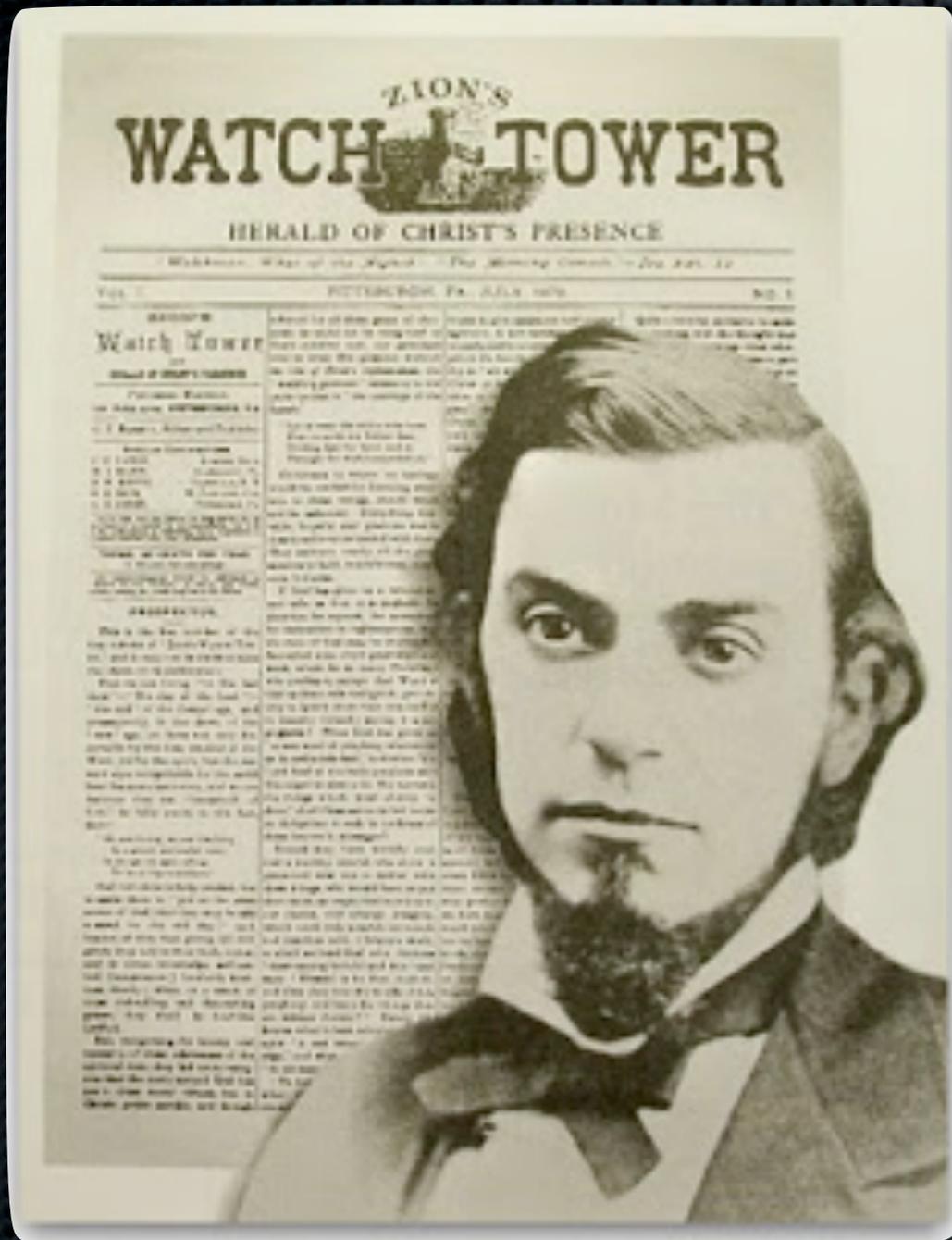
- ◆ William Miller was the founder of an end-times movement teaching that the second coming would happen sometime between 1843-1844.
- ◆ When Miller's one year time table ran out March 21, 1844, Some followers set another date of Oct 22, 1844.

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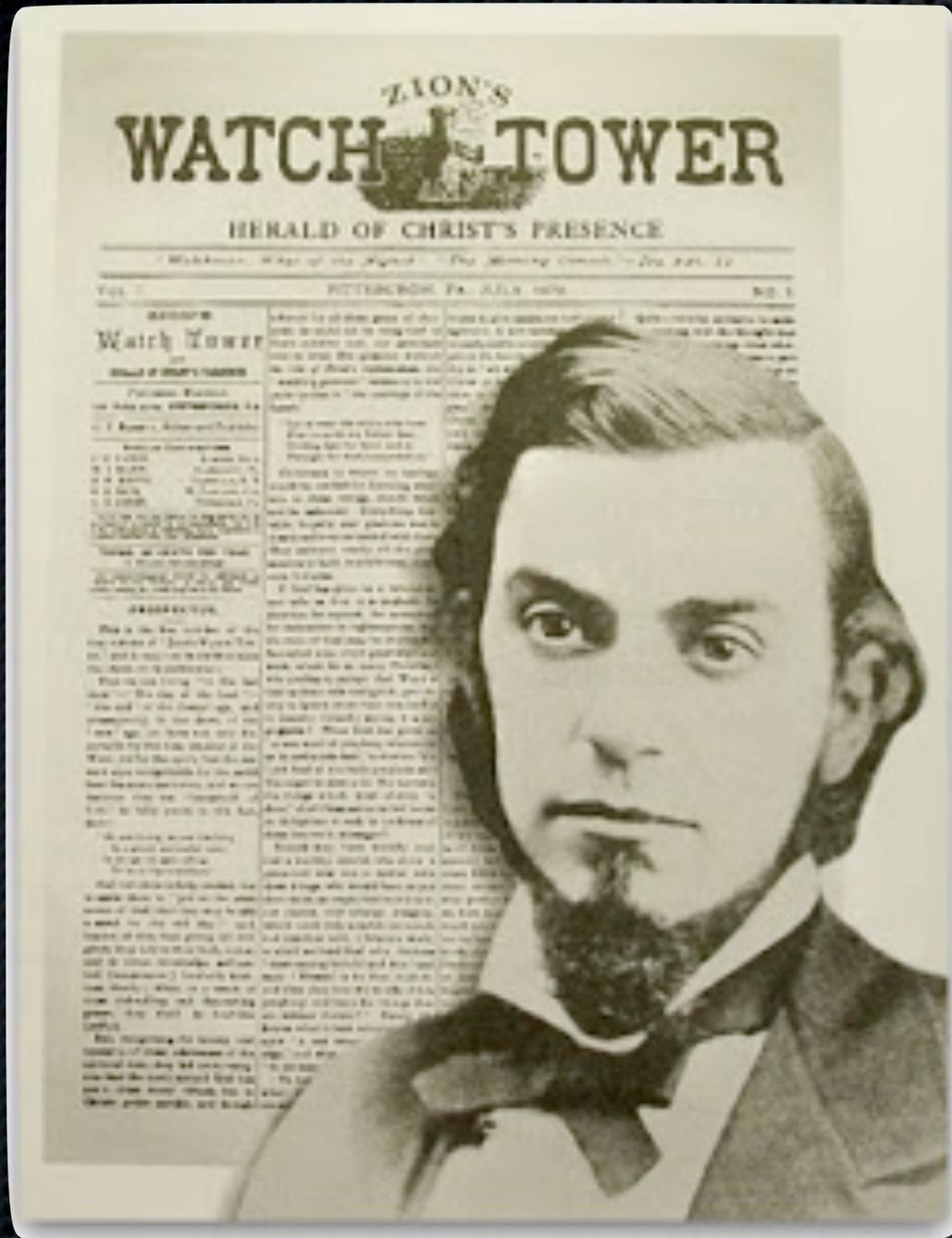
- ◆ Charles Taze Russell predicted the Rapture in 1910, followed by End of the World in 1914--
- ◆ Later interpreted as invisible return of Christ.
- ◆ Later explained that Michael (ie Jesus) had defeated Satan in heaven

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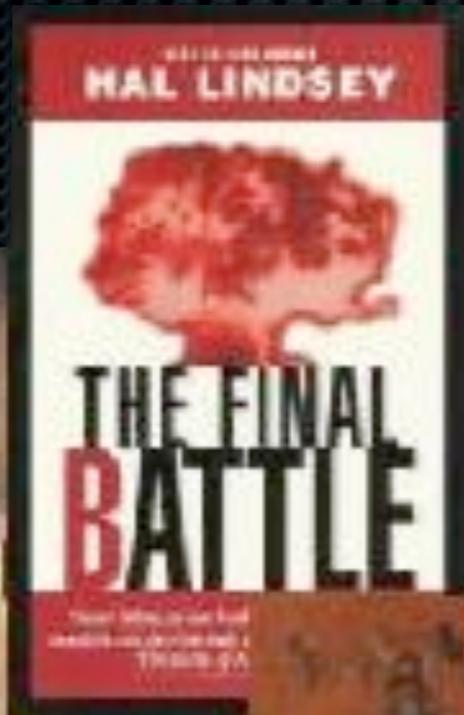
- ◆ The Watchtower magazine, quoted a pastor from California, Mihran Ask, as saying in January 1957:
- ◆ "Sometime between April 16 and 23, 1957, Armageddon will sweep the world! Millions of persons will perish in its flames and the land will be scorched."

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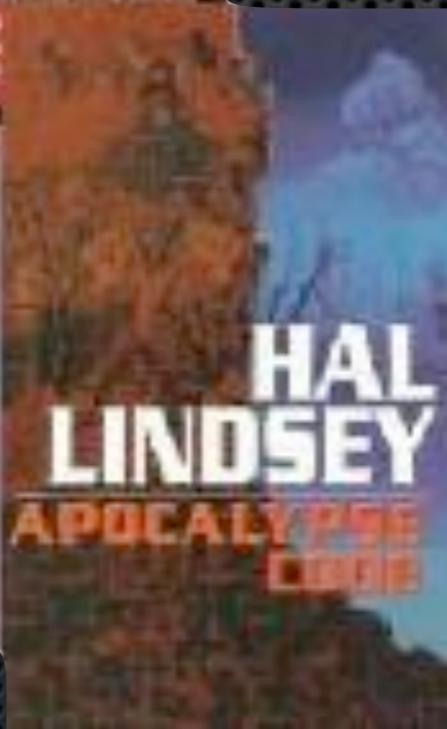
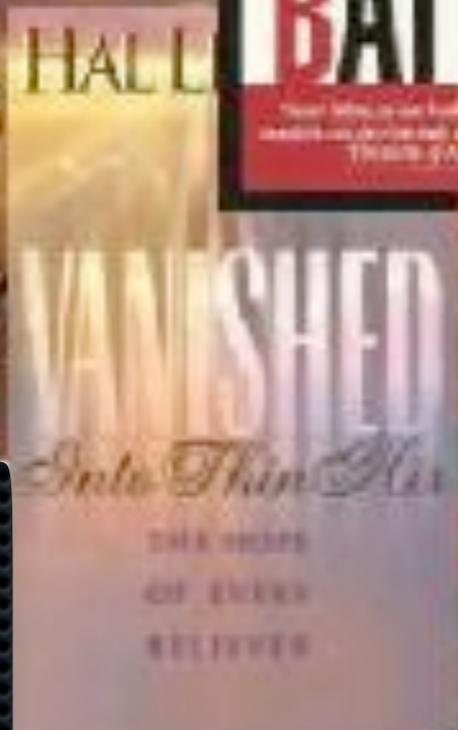


- ◆ The Witnesses record is currently holding at 0 for 10.
- ◆ The years are: 1874, 1878, 1881, 1910, 1914, 1918, 1925, 1975, and 1984.
- ◆ The JW's claimed they're out of the prediction business until 1994.

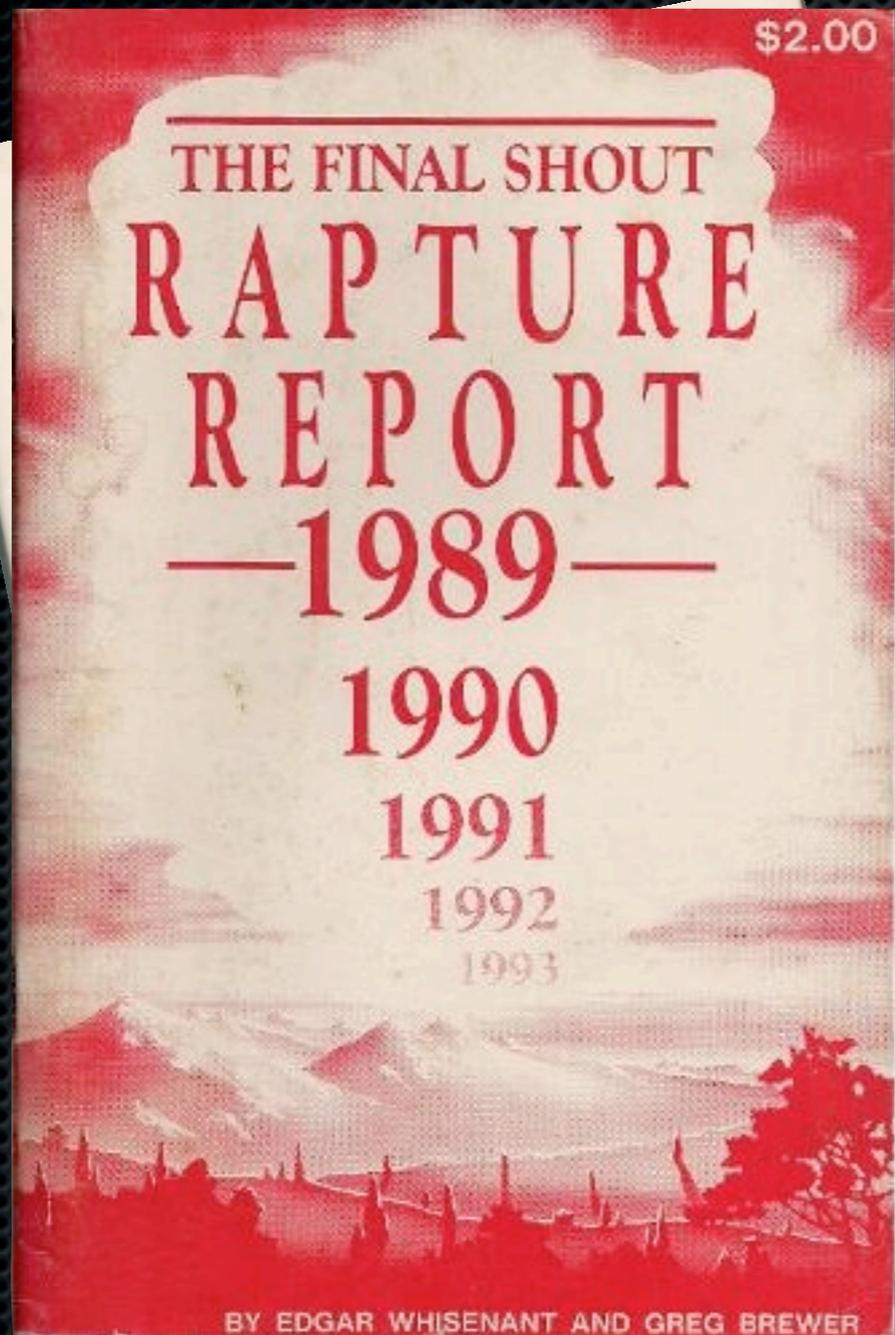
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- ◆ Hal Lindsey boldly declared that "The Rapture" would occur before Dec. 31, 1981
- ◆ He pegged the date to Jesus' promised to return to Earth a generation after Israel's rebirth. (1948)



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- ◆ Edgar C. Whisenant's book "88 Reasons Why the Rapture is in 1988" came out only a few months before the event was to take place - Sept 11-13
- ◆ Edgar C. Whisenant's next book "The Final Shout: Rapture Report 1989" Revised his thinking after it did not happen in 1988

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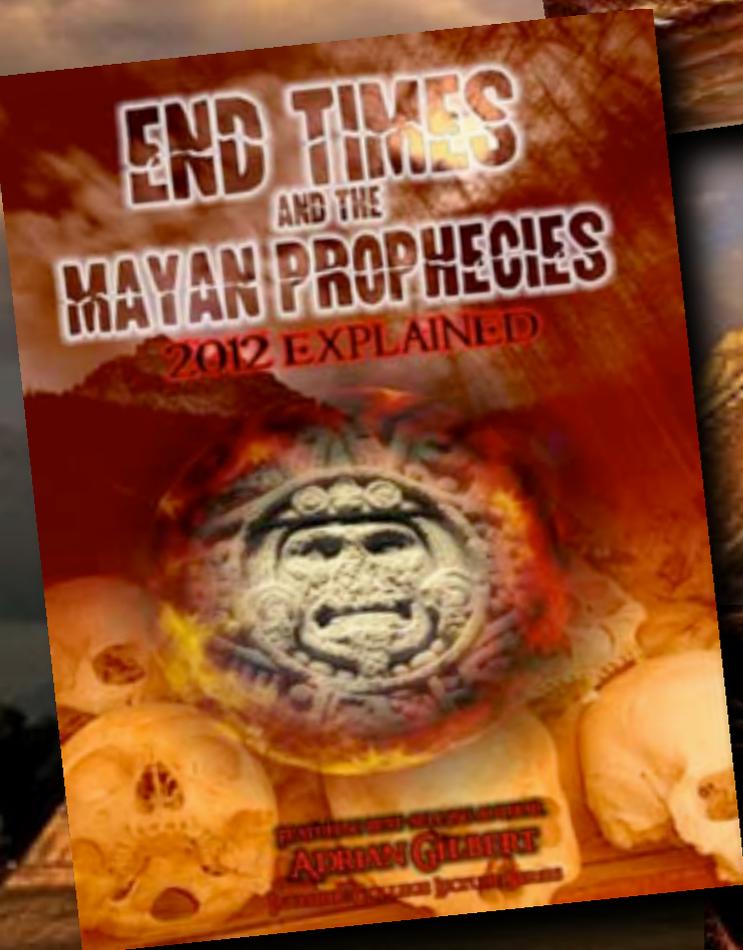
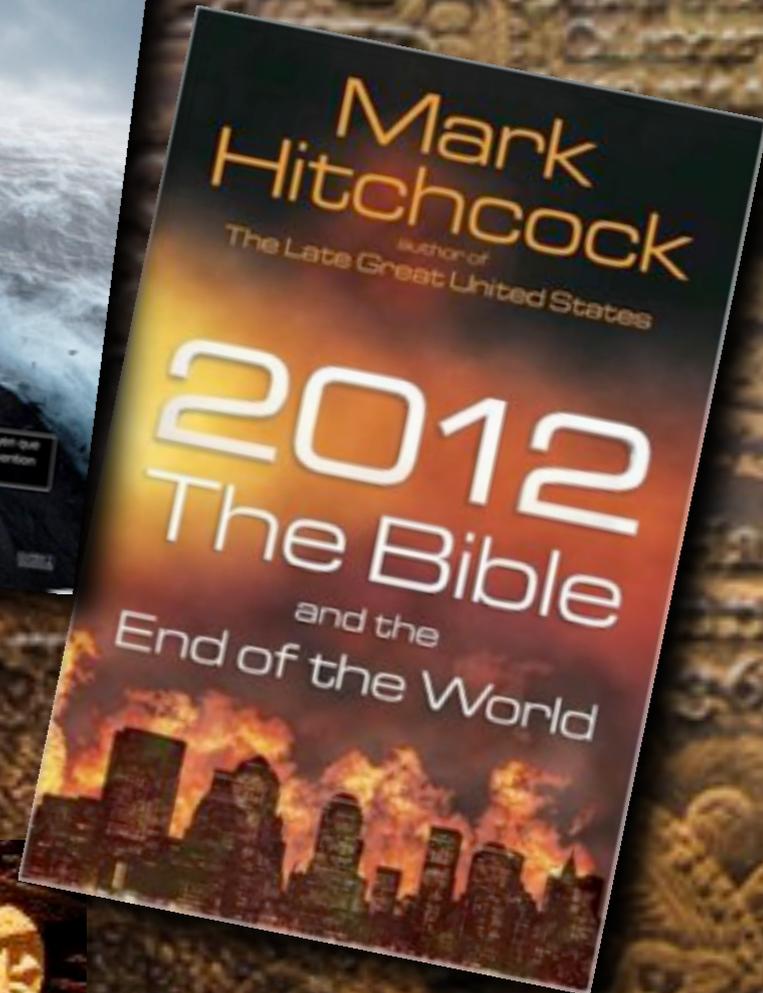
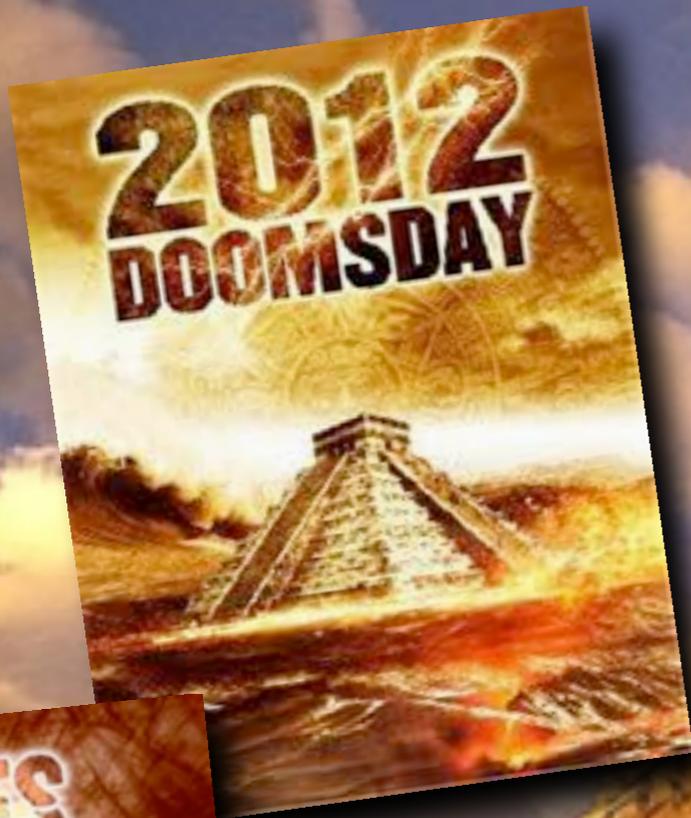
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“The Science of the Real End of The World”

Forget the prognosticators, the fortune-tellers and the mediums. Pay no mind to the soothsayers, the prophets, the augurs and diviners. . . . Because if doomsday ever does approach, we won't be warned because of an ancient prediction, but rather because we listened to and made steps towards understanding the Universe around us.

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So forget about whatever end-of-the-world conspiracy you've heard, whether it's the current flavor or any other, and let's get right down to the science of it. The world — the beautiful, terrifying, and wonderful Earth that all humans and our distant cousins and ancestors have lived upon — will not last forever, and neither will we, nor will our descendants. At some point, this will all be gone.

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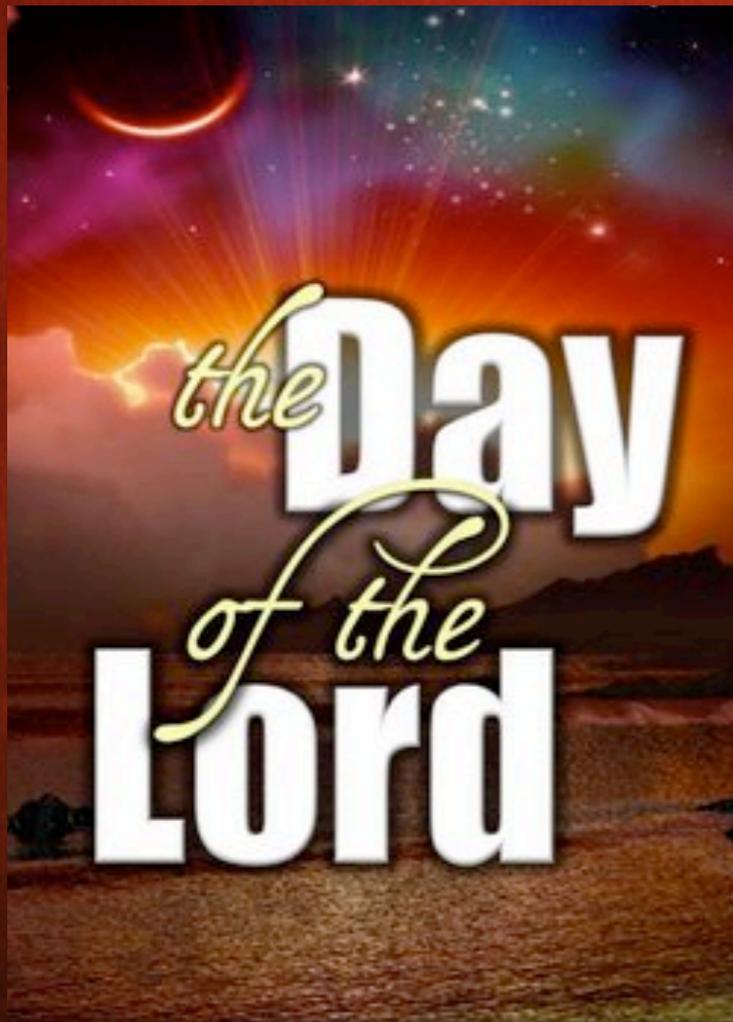
An estimated one-to-two billion years in the future, all life on Earth will cease to exist. . . . in five-to-seven billion years, the Sun will run out of hydrogen in its core and become over a hundred times as large and luminous as it is today, entering its red giant phase. At this point, it will roast the Earth with wave after wave of ionized plasma, stripping off our entire atmosphere and possibly engulfing our entire world into the central star itself.

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The Day of the Lord Will Come No One Knows When

Matthew 24:36-39 (NKJV)

³⁶ "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. ³⁷ But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.



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- ◆ Mt 24:42,44 — Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
- ◆ Mt 25:13 — Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.
- ◆ Mk 13:32 — "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

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- ◆ 1Th 5:2 — For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.
- ◆ 2Pe 3:10 — But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, . . .
- ◆ Rev 16:15 — "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

The Urgent Need For Diligence

Quick Survey of 2 Peter

- ✦ God has provided us with “all things that pertain to life and godliness” that we may be partakers of the divine nature - 1:3,4
- ✦ We must give “all diligence” to grow spiritually by adding to our **faith** (*virtue, knowledge, self control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love*) - thus making our calling and election sure - 1:5-11
- ✦ The certainty of the scriptures and their purpose - 1:12-21
- ✦ We must be on guard against false teachers - for they will be destroyed as well as all who follow them - 2:1-19
- ✦ Those who return to the world and are overcome are in a worse state than before they were saved - 2:20-22

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2 Peter 3:1 Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder),



- ◆ The need to keep in remembrance the commandments and warnings of God! (3:1,2)
- ◆ Beware of “scoffers” who say, “where is the promise of His coming?” - They willfully forget God’s past judgments - (3:3-5)
- ◆ God will keep His promise - so be warned & be saved! - (3:7-9)

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The Assurance of God's Judgment

2 Peter 3:10 (NKJV)

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.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (NKJV)

¹³ Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.

¹⁴ For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

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Acts 10:42 (NKJV)

⁴² And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God *to be* Judge of the living and the dead.

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Matthew 25:31-32 (NKJV)

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 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.

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Acts 17:30-31 (NKJV)

³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

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2 Corinthians 5:10-11 (NKJV)

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. ¹¹ Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; . . .

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Hebrews 4:13 (NKJV)

¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

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Revelation 20:11-15 (NKJV)

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened.

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And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them.

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And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

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To Live Holy & Godly Lives

2 Peter 3:11 (NKJV)

Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, . . . ?

- ◆ In view of the reality, all that is material, worldly, fleshly, etc. will end - Mat 6:19,20; 24:35; 1 John 2:15-17; 1 Tim 6:7-10
- ◆ We should live holy lives -
 - ✦ As God is holy - 1 Pet 1:13-15
 - ✦ Worthy of the gospel - Phili 1:27
 - ✦ Righteous - Rom 6:1-23
 - ✦ Walking as Jesus walked - 1 John 1:5-10; 2:6; 3:3; Col 3:12-15

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 - ✦ Piety towards God - 2 Pet 1:3
 - ✦ Fear / reverence - Prov 1:7; 9:10; Eccl. 12:13,14
 - ✦ Godliness with contentment is great gain - 1 Tim 6:6

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2 Peter 3:12-13 (NKJV)

¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

- ◆ Looking for, preparing for, and desiring the Lord's coming. - (watch, diligence, perseverance) - Mat. 25:1-13; 1 Cor. 1:7; Titus 2:13; Jude 1:21
- ◆ Dreadful as that day will be for the impenitent it will be a day of relief and of glorious attainment to the saint. - 2 Thes 1:7-10

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¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

- ◆ Our expectation, (HOPE) is based upon the promise of God - Titus 1:2; 2:13; 3:7; 2 Tim 1:1; 1 Pet 1:3-9; 1 John 5:11-13
- ◆ We await a new order of things and a new dwelling place - a home in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-5) in which we will have glorious, immortal, spiritual bodies like that of the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:35-58; 1 John 3:2).

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2 Peter 3:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

- ◆ Re-emphasis on our need to be prepared for the day of the Lord
- * Be diligent - be zealous, eager, take pains, make every effort' - (Arndt p. 763). - (2 Pet 1:5-10)
- * In peace - The goal is to be found in a condition of being at peace with God - (Rom 5:1; James 4:4-8)

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- ◆ Re-emphasis on our need to be prepared for the day of the Lord
- ✦ ‘Spotless’-‘free from vice, unsullied’ (Thayer p. 81).
- ✦ Unforgiven sin must be dealt with by being cleansed away in the blood of Christ - Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 John 1:5-10

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- ✦ ‘blameless’- the product of justification - guiltless before God - right with God - 1 Cor 1:8; Phili 1:10; 1 Thes 2:15; 3:13; 5:23
- ✦ Our lives must be pure and holy - 1 Peter 1:14; 1 John 3:1-3

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Consider The Longsuffering of God

2 Peter 3:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation--as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,

- ◆ God wants you to be saved!
- ✦ Gave His son - John 3:16; Rom 5:8,9; Titus 2:12-14; etc.
- ✦ Has given us time & opportunity - 3:9; Rom 2:14
- ◆ Are you giving diligence to be prepared for the day of the Lord?

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Are you giving diligence to be prepared for the day of the Lord?



- ◆ We can mock the warnings of scripture . . .
- ◆ We can ignore the warnings of scripture . . . delaying obedience, and be found unprepared . . .
- ◆ We can humbly heed the warnings & promises of God by obeying the gospel

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- ◆ Requires intent – Mat 7:13,14
- ◆ Requires faith – John 8:24; Heb 11:6
- ◆ Requires repentance – Acts 17:30,31
- ◆ Requires confession – Rom 10:9,10
- ◆ Requires baptism & continued obedience – Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-6,16,17; Heb. 5:8,9
- ◆ Requires purpose – Acts 11:23
- ◆ Requires diligence – 2 Pet 3:5-11

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- ◆ We prepare for important events in life – There is no event more important than our appointment to meet God – Heb. 9:27
- ◆ Our preparation to meet God indicates whether we are wise or unwise – Mat. 25:1-30; Luke 12:20
- ◆ Only those who are in Christ and living faithfully for Him are prepared to meet God – Rom. 8:1; 2 Tim 4:6-8

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Revelation 21:1-8 (NKJV)

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¹ Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

Revelation 21:1-8 (NKJV)

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⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." ⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

Revelation 21:1-8 (NKJV)

⁷ He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. ⁸ But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."