

## That Blessed Hope

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Joseph Carty / General

The Seven S's of Adventism / Second Coming / Titus 2:13

We are "Adventist!" Why is the second coming so important to who we are as Christians?  
How can we make sure we are on the right side when He comes back?

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- Last Sermon
  - Death
    - No fear.
- Reason -
  - “Blessed Hope”
- People longing
  - for Jesus’ return

## False Predictions

2000

Ed Dobson

his book

*The End: Why Jesus Could Return by A.D. 2000.*

2000

Timothy Dwight IV

President of Yale University

Millennium starting by 2000.

2000

Edgar Cayce

This psychic

predicted the 2nd Coming

2000

Isaac Newton

Millennium would begin

book: *Observations upon the Prophecies of Daniel, and the Apocalypse of St. John.*

21 March 2011

21 October 2011

Harold Camping

rapture would be on 21 May 2011

wrote "Adam when?"

Biblical calendar accurate from 11,013 BC–AD 2011.[31]

18 May 2013

Ronald Weinland

predicted Jesus 29 September 2011

prediction failed

moved to 27 May 2012.[35] prediction failed

moved to 18 May 2013,

claiming: "a day with God is as a year,"

Weinland convicted of tax evasion in 2012 and sentenced to 3 1/2 years in federal prison.

Mayan Calendar

Dec. 21, 2012

Read wron.

actually: 6/13/20

2012

Jack Van Impe

predicted many specific years and dates

continued to move his prediction

many already passed,

pointed to 2012

no longer claimed to know

9 June 2019

Ronald Weinland

Weinland believed that Jesus Christ would return on Pentecost in 2019.[37]

22 July 2020

Chad Daybell

Lori Daybell

couple charged deaths of her children

2nd coming July 22, 2020.

2021

F. Kenton "Doc" Beshore

First 1988,

Biblical generation (40 years) founding of Israel in 1948.

actually 70–80 years

between 2018 and 2028

Rapture by 2021 at the latest

## Timing - Nobody Knows

**Matthew 24:36** **ESV**

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

- So simple
- Not know when.

- Know when soon.
- [Matt 24](#)
- Signs
  - always happening

**Matthew 24:8** ESV

All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

Odin

- Labor Pains
  - Contractions
    - closer together
    - more painful

820 natural disasters

causing insured losses in 2019 -

3x as thirty years ago.

Record hurricane season

30 named tropical cyclones.

Pestilence

Covid

Final sign:

## Sign of Son of Man

**Matthew 24:30** ESV

Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

- Waiting for something bigger?
  - this is it!
- No extra details

- Final Sign
  - surprise!
- Don't wait
  - Persecution
  - Religious Laws
    - Don't wait

## Delivers His People

Daniel 12:1-2 **ESV**

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

- Death decree
- Ester
  - date



- Miraculously Saved

- Surprise!

## Every eye sees

### Revelation 1:7 ESV

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

- All
  - those that wish to
  - those that don't
- For those that don't...
  - Bad news...

## Power and Fear

**Revelation 16:20–21 ESV**

And every island fled away, and no mountains were to be found. And great hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, fell from heaven on people; and they cursed God for the plague of the hail, because the plague was so severe.

- The Plagues

**Revelation 6:14 ESV**

The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

- Final Earth Quake
- Those who rejected
  - Not happy.
  - Fear.

**Revelation 6:15–17 ESV**

Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”

- Worst Nightmare

- For those who
  - truly believe.
- Greatest Dream
  - Come True

## Unparalleled Joy

- Been waiting.
- Pilgrim Here
  - never happy here
- Greatest expectation

## First resurrection

**1 Thessalonians 4:16–17** ESV

For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead

in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

- Loved Ones
  - Died here.
- Death, where is your sting?

## Appearance of saints

**1 Corinthians 15:51–52** *ESV*

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

- Perfect Bodies
  - Not working
  - Falling apart
  - Hospitals
  - Covid
  - Masks

# Family Reunion

**1 Corinthians 13:12 NKJV**

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

- Greatest Family Reunion
  - Complete Joy

## Appeal

- Not all Joy
  - some are missing
- Some expected
  - Some unexpected

**Mark 13:33 ESV**

Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.

- Live today
- like last.