

What About the...



Rapture

A GIFT OF PROPHECY

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THE WOMAN
WHO PREDICTED
KENNEDY'S
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"I am not here to
give you words; I
am here to take you
beyond words"

Paramahansa Sri Nithyananda





Harold Camping's prophecies

Jehovah's Witnesses prophecies about the end of the world

- 1914
- 1925
- 1975
- 2000

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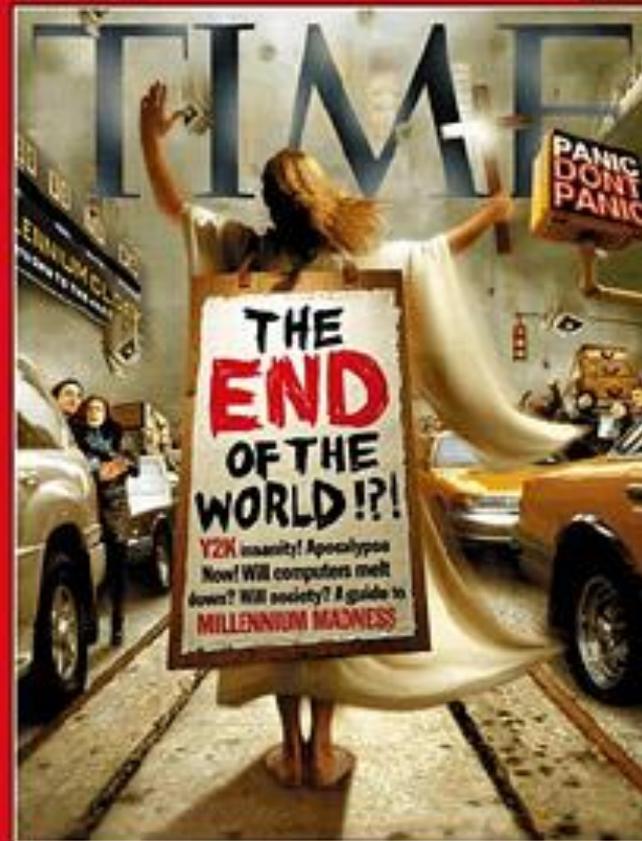
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As the year 2000 approached some Bible prophecy fanatics began to predict that all computers would melt down and that society would collapse. These biblically unfounded predictions caused much derision to be heaped on Bible prophecy.

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Understanding some basic theories of Premillennialism

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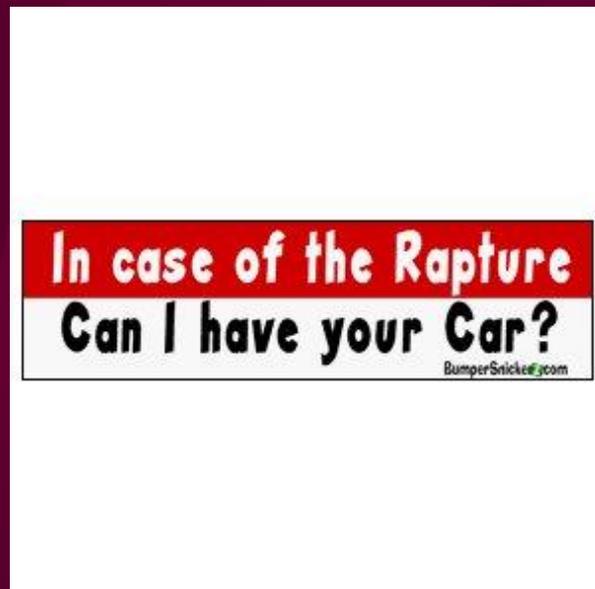
- The fact that there is much disagreement on some of the details is evidence that the Bible does not speak plainly about this



Is there going to be a
“Rapture?”

What does the Bible say about it?

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Zilch – Zero





What is meant by “Rapture?”

- A secret catching away of the church, both resurrected and living saints, who are caught up to meet the Lord in the air
- (**I Thess. 4:16-17**) “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.”

If First Thessalonians supports
the theory, then...

1. It is not a “silent” event

- “...with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God...” (**v. 16**)
- (**I Cor. 15:52**) “...at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound...”
- (**II Pet. 3:10**) “the heavens will pass away with a roar...”

2. It is not a “secret” event

- Christ will come “...with His mighty angels in flaming fire” (**II Thess. 1:7**)
- (**Rev. 1:7**) “BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him...”

3. It will not be for only seven years

- We will “ever be with the Lord” (**I Thess. 4:17**)
- The resurrection will occur at the “last day”
- “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day” (**John 6:39, 40, 44**)

We are now living in the last day

- **(Heb. 1:1-2)** “God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.”
- **(John 12:48)** “He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.”

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- **(I Cor. 15:20-21)** “But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead.”

4. There will not be two resurrections

- (**John 5:28-29**) “Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

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- **(II Thess. 1:7-10a)** “and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day...”

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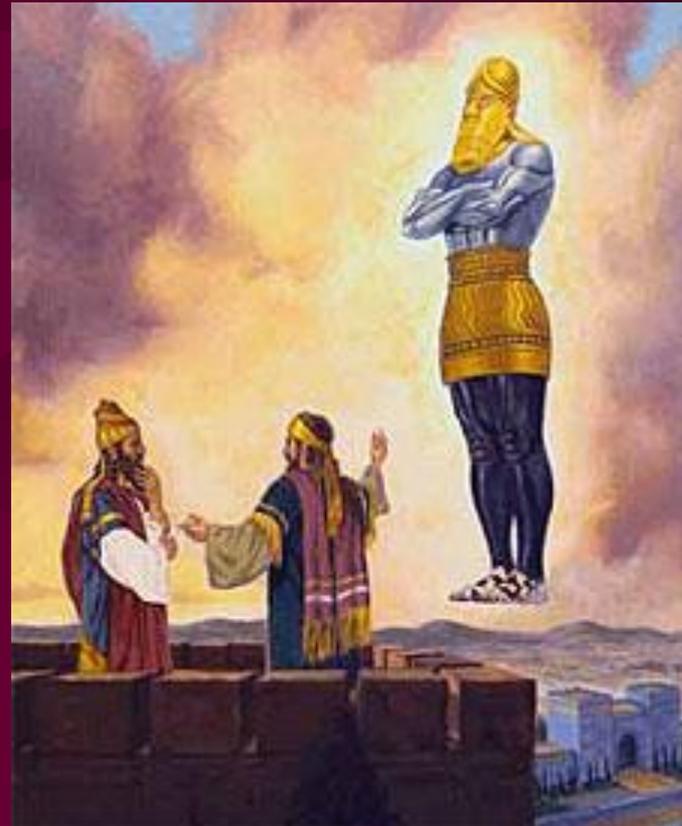
- (**Matt. 25:31-32**) “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”

Undesirable consequences of the premillennial theory



1. The kingdom prophecies are made void

- (Dan. 2:31-45)



Daniel interprets the dream

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- (**Dan. 2:31-45**) “...In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed” (**v. 44**)



Rome

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- (**Isa. 2:2-3**) Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. And many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths." For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."

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- (**Acts 2:16-17**) “but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND...’”

2. God's power is limited

- (**Mark 1:14-15**) "Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."
- (**Mark 9:1**) And Jesus was saying to them, "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

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- (**Acts 1:8**) “but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”
- (**Acts 2:4**) “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.”

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- (**Zech 6:12-13**) “Then say to him, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, a man whose name is Branch, for He will branch out from where He is; and He will build the temple of the LORD. Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the LORD, and He who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne. Thus, He will be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two offices.'”

Christ is dethroned

- (**Heb. 8:1**) “Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens”
- (**I Tim. 6:15**) “He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords...”

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- (**Luke 17:20-21**) “And being asked by the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God comes, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God comes not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, There! for lo, the kingdom of God is within you.”

A material kingdom is sought

- (**John 18:36**) Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."

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- (**Eph. 3:10-11**) “so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord”

The church is made a substitute

- (**Matt. 16:16-19**) Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven..."

6. The N.T. writers are made to sound confused

- The brethren at Colossae were described as being “in the kingdom” (**Col. 1:13**)
- John thought he was “in the kingdom” (**Rev. 1:9**)
- Those purchased with Christ’s blood were made “a kingdom and priests” (**Rev. 1:5-6**)

7. The plan and purpose of Christ's death is ignored

- (**Isa. 53:5**) “But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.”
- (**Psalms 22:16-18**) For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me; They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots.”

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- (**Acts 2:23**) “this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

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- Had Christ not died, we would have no hope of the resurrection. (*1 Cor. 15:12-22*)
 - **WHICH – Was Christ crucified according to God's plan, or because Satan was more powerful????**

CONCLUSION

The theory has too many clashes
with plain Bible teaching

- **Christ is NOW Lord of lords and
King of kings**
- **He died for us that we might live
with him**

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- **“He that believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he that does not believe shall be condemned.
(Mark 16:16)**

