

Date Setters by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: Where does the Bible give the date for Jesus' Second Coming?

ANSWER: The Bible has been tortured by everyone who attempts to set such a date. In all of Paul's epistles, he wrote about the End Times:

... In which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures (**2 Peter 3:15-16**).

The exact date is never given! The latest attempt was supposed to be 2018!

1) **Date-setters are Anti-Christ!** In the last week of His life on earth, Jesus was shown the buildings of the temple in Jerusalem, and He said,

"Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down." [His disciples privately asked,] "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" (Matthew 24:2-3)

Everything Jesus said from verses 4-34 were "signs," or indications leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem, which was so complete when it occurred in A.D. 70, that "not one stone" of that Jewish Temple was "left here upon another." In fact, in verse 34, Jesus said,

"Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away." (Matthew 24:34-35)

Everyone who twists those "signs" out of their context and misapplies them to precede Jesus' Second Coming and the Destruction of the entire World are showing total disrespect for Jesus' application of these to Jerusalem's Destruction! It is "antichrist" to contradict, misconstrue, or completely disregard what Jesus said! No one is Christian who ignores the teaching of the Christ!

 He addressed the disciples' second question, ("what will be the sign"... "of the end of the age?") beginning at verse 36, and ending in Matthew 25:46. Instead of visible "signs" preceding His Second Coming, He started with,

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only." (Matthew 24:36)

"No one knows" clearly means there is no prophet, preacher, angel, Holy Spirit gift, or future revelation from God that determines when that Second Coming will be. Nothing in any of the Old Testament prophets or New Testament Epistles can be used to compute, plan, or otherwise reveal when Jesus is coming again, because God's silence is absolute on this subject! Every illustration Jesus used about the suddenness of His Second Coming ended with the warning to be continually ready and not expect an indication:

"Watch therefore for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming" ... "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him" (Matthew 24:42, 44). ...

"The master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of." (Matthew 24:50)

"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming." (Matthew 25:13)

These warnings preface His detailed description of the Final Judgment of Mankind (Matthew 25:14-46), and not once is there an indication of when! Regarding His Second Coming, He said, no one knows "what hour," or cannot expect "a day" or "an hour" when "the Son of Man is coming!"

Everyone who seeks to predict Jesus' 2nd Coming by setting a day, hour, season, or condition that exists on earth, is "antichrist" by ignoring Jesus' declarations on the subject! If not, why not?

—— jjtpII, November 25, 2018