

WELCOME TO THE FUTURE -NOW-

[PART 9]

OLIVET'S PROPHECIES -
FULFILLED OR FUTURE? (6)

Reading: **Matthew 24:35 - 42**

Introduction

- In the latter half of [Matthew 24] Jesus has been speaking about His '**Big Day**.'
- It is often referred too as, '**the Day of Jesus Christ**.'
- It is the Day of His Return/Second Coming.

1 Christ's Assurance Regarding His Big Day [Vs 35]

- In case the disciple thought what He was saying was '**far-fetched**,' He assures them (and us) of His return.
- The cosmos will pass away before Jesus' words are not fulfilled.

2 What Jesus DOES NOT Tell Us About His Coming Again [Vs 36]

- He does not tell us the date or the time of His '**Big Day**.'
- This information is the most closely guarded secret in the entire universe. It is classified information.
- No angel or man knows this information.
- It is locked away in the mind of our omniscient God.

3 The Date Setters

- Despite what Jesus said about no one knowing the day or the hour, there have been those who claimed they did.
- The Jehovah Witnesses. (Russell and Rutherford.) Suggested 1874, then 1914 and then 1975.
- Edgar Whisenant in his book, ***'Why the Rapture Will be in 1988.'***
- Rev Harold Camping (***'Are You Ready?'***) claimed Jesus was returning in September 1994 and then again in May 2011.
- This kind of tomfoolery creates disillusionment and produces unbelief.
- Date setters are a mark of false prophets/teachers.

4 Why Does Jesus NOT Tell Us When He Is Returning?

- So that we will live everyday as though He is coming today.
- Martin Luther: ***'Live each day as though Jesus died yesterday, rose again today and is coming back tomorrow.'***

5 The Days Of Noah [Vs 37 - 39].

- Jesus refers to an event from the beginning of time to teach us a lesson regarding an event at the close of time.
- God decreed to destroy the world but showed grace to Noah and his family.
- Noah built the ark but the people scoffed at his preaching to repent and be ready.
- [Vs 38]. Life was as normal as any other day when the Flood came.
- The godly were saved and the ungodly were taken away in judgement.
- [Vs 40/41]. The same will occur when Jesus returns.
- **NB.** A Great Separation, a Great Deliverance and a Great Destruction.

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