

Will the Second Coming be in 2010?

truth about the end of days



An honest survey of the Bible will reveal that Y'shua isn't returning in 2010 or any time soon. Ironically, while the Bible tells us to pray for His soon return, The Bible doesn't agree with the idea of the imminent return, a theory that states that the Messiah could return at any moment. This belief in an imminent return ignores many events that are yet to come on the prophetic calendar of the Bible. Here are just a few reasons that His Second Coming can't happen this New Year.



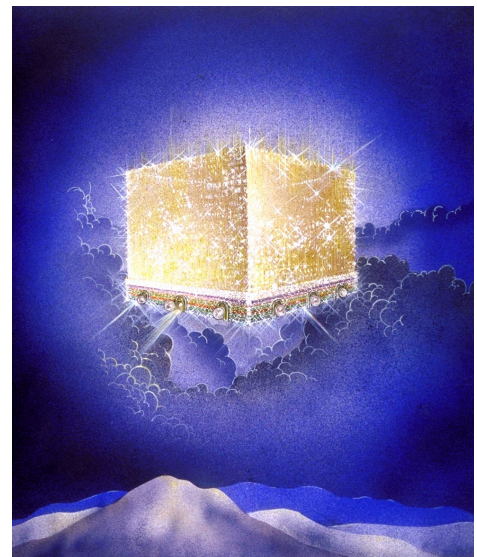
Before the Messiah can return, at least according to most commentators, either Elijah or the Two Witnesses (or both) would have to be physically present for three-and-one-half years. Yet since these persons are not here yet, we know the Messiah cannot return any time before 2013. This destroys most commentator's belief that the Messiah will return in 2012 or 2017.

Further, Daniel 12:11, Revelation 11 and Second Thessalonians 2:4 tell us that Before the Messiah can return, the holy temple in Jerusalem must be totally rebuilt, and must be fully functioning. Some end times teachers have tried to get around the idea of a fully functional temple by stating that only a corner portion of the temple will have to be rebuilt, and that this will accomplish the task. This is in a vain effort to make their timelines work for an upcoming apocalypse. Sorry, but the Scriptures are clear that the red heifer, priesthood, holy menorah and all elements must be functioning during the end of days. Today there are many efforts being made to restore the holy of holies but one big problem stands in the way: sitting on the exact spot of where the temple should be is the Muslim Dome of the Rock. Perhaps the Al Aqsa Mosque will be destroyed as part of the seven year peace treaty with Israel that is yet to come? Even if that is the case, it will take many years to build the next Temple according to the specifications given in Ezekiel 40-46, perhaps even decades. According to Scripture, the Messiah cannot return before this is done.

Another clear indication that the eastern sky isn't parting this year is the fact that the true gospel of salvation by grace through faith has not been preached to the entire world. Mark 13:10 states this must occur before Y'shua can return. The joshuaproject.net, a ministry on worldwide evangelism, suggests that over 6,600 people groups, representing 2.75 billion people, have still not had an opportunity to hear the good news in any form. Plus, too many people have heard a cheap version of the good news that simply preaches grace as cushion into heaven. Too many preachers have focused on the love of Messiah without expressing the pain and suffering caused by sin. Converts to this type of faith often fall away and never return to the Bible. A true convert will acknowledge the power of the Scriptures to convict them of their sin and change their evil ways. The true Hebraic Good News, not just of salvation, but also of obedience, must be taken throughout the uttermost parts of the earth before the Messiah can return to earth. With so far to go, how can that possibly happen this year, even with the cheapened, non-Hebraic form of the Good News?

One of the most significant events that absolutely must occur before the Second Advent is the restoration of the nation of Israel. Yes, a portion of the Promised Land has been restored and the Jewish people have set up a nation, but Israel is more than just the Jews. Many passages of Scripture, including Ezekiel 37 and Zechariah 12, speak of the restoration of all twelve tribes in the Land. Ephraim (the Northern Kingdom) and Judah (the Southern Kingdom) must become one before the return of Y'shua. Acts 15:16 states, "After this I will return and rebuild David's fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it." This isn't a spiritual return but a physical return to all of the Land promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The borders of the nation of Israel must be enlarged to hold people of Israel before the second coming! Israel must be regathered and allowed to worship and dwell in all of the Land. Acts 3:21 states that Y'shua "must remain in heaven until the time comes for YHWH to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets." The prophets spoke of the reunion of the people of Israel. Study the book of Hosea to learn more about this coming move of YHWH.

The sun, moon, and stars are still in place, which is an obvious sign that the end isn't near. Luke 21:25-33 states that the heavenly bodies will fall from the sky when the Savior returns and the Day of YHWH comes. The Bible also states that there must be a great falling away from the truth and the unveiling of the anti-Christ. "Concerning the coming of our Master Y'shua and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Messiah had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition," 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3. Some will say that mainstream Christianity is the Great Falling Away, but the Anti-Messiah is not yet revealed. Sorry, but Obama is not the Ant-Christ. Nor is he Prince Charles or Bashar Al Asad. Scripture tells us Anti-Christ can't come on the scene until after the anti-Messiah is revealed, but as we saw earlier, we are nowhere near having a completed temple in which such an anti-Messiah could serve.



Many who believe in the “any day” return of Christ, also teach that the rapture will occur before the Great Tribulation. Such is blatant error. There will not be rapture or catching away in the sky and then a second coming. That would equal three comings of Christ, which is never spoken of in the Bible. It’s not until after the tribulation that the Savior comes. **“Immediately after the tribulation** of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other,” Mathew 24:29-31. Yet we have already seen so many things that must happen before that can take place, this is at a very minimum decades away.

Finally, anyone who suggests that time is short should remember Mark 13:32 which says “of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.” Don’t be misled into fear regarding the appearing of Y’shua in 2010 or 2012. And don’t allow yourself to be captivated by the innumerable conspiracy theories regarding the soon end of life as we know it. Study the Scriptures for yourself and find that there are many more prophecies that must be fulfilled before the Savior’s return. Our mission as believers is to be a light to the nations through our love of YHWH and each other. An unhealthy focus on apocalyptic events stops this type of devotion from flowing properly. Instead of spending hours on eschatology so we can argue with those who do not agree with us, perhaps we should each be seeking to walk in Spirit and share the gospel of the Kingdom. And the, when things really begin to happen we can “we can stand up and lift up our heads, because redemption draweth nigh,” Luke 21:28.



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