

When is the Second Coming?

The Day and Hour Unknown

Matt. 24:36 **Jesus said:** *But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark;³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.⁴² “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.*

Mark 13:32 **Jesus states the same as above.**

1 Thess. 5:1 **The Day of the Lord** *Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you,² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.*

Jesus Makes Know Future Events

Amos 3:7 *Before the Lord God does anything, He tells His plans to His servants the prophets.*

Isaiah 46:10 *I (Jesus) make known the end from the beginning.*

1 Thess. 5:4 *But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day (Second Coming) should surprise you like a thief.⁵ You are all children of the light. (You will know.).*

Mark 13:23 **Jesus said:** *So be on your guard; (Study) I have told you everything ahead of time.*

John 14:29 **Jesus said:** *I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. ... **15:15** I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*

Now I am confused! First the Bible tells me: “No one knows the day of the hour and that the Second Coming will come when I am not expecting it.” Then: “Jesus has told us in the Bible everything that will happen in the future so that nothing will be a surprise to the wise.” **Which is it?**

The Wise will Understand

Dan. 12:9 Go your way, Daniel, because the words are rolled up and sealed until the time of the end.¹⁰ Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.

Hos. 14:9 Who is wise? Let them realize these things. Who is discerning? Let them understand. The ways of the LORD are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them.

The time of the Second Coming was not to be made known to anyone in the world until the time of the end and then it was to be made know only to the wise righteous children of God's light.

Difficult texts:

1 Thess. 5:1 **The Day of the Lord** Now, brothers and sisters, (Paul is addressing the Believers) about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2) for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3) While people (Non-believers) are saying "Peace and Safety" destruction will come on them (Non-believers) suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they (Non-believers) will not escape.

1 Thess. 5:4 But you, (Believers) brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day (Second Coming) should surprise you like a thief.⁵ You are all children of the light. (You will know.).

Jesus is our best friend and best friends share secrets. Unfortunately, most people are not friends with Jesus and therefore, 'the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night' for the majority of them.

Mark 4:22 For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light. NKJV

John 12:35 Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. NKJV

The Old Testament and First Coming

First Coming in the Old Testament

Mal.3:6 For I am the Lord, (Jesus) I change not.

Heb.13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

The Lord told the year of His death in **Daniel 9:24-27** and in **Leviticus 23:4**; the Lord's Passover.

The Lord told the day of His First Coming by calculating the conception of John the Baptist and working backwards to the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles **Leviticus 23:33**.

The Lord told the hour of His death; 3 pm; the time the Passover lamb was slain on Passover.

There are over 50 prophecies about Jesus and His last 3 ½ years before His death. It is interesting that His work was 1260 days, and history will be repeated with God's Last Church working to give the Loud Cry for 1260 days; Daniel 12 and Revelation 13.

Days of Noah ~ First Probation Period

Noah's History

Matt. 24:37 *As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark;³⁹ and they (the Lost) knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away.*

Gen. 6:3 *The Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years."**(120 years)** ...¹³ So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth."¹⁴ So make yourself an ark ...*

Gen. 7:1 *The Lord then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, ...⁴ Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made."*

The Second Coming will be like the days of Noah, **Matt. 24:37**. **God told Noah everything**. God told Noah that He would give the people a **probation period** of **120 years** before he would destroy them. God also told Noah what to do 7 days before the rain came. Noah knew that the flood was coming in 120 years but **he did not know the exact date until the last 7 days**. **No one knows the exact date of the Second Coming either**. **God told Noah everything** but just as **Noah didn't know the exact date of the flood until he saw the rain start; so it will be in the last days just before the Second Coming** because:

Seven Trumpets ~ The Last Probation Period

Noah's History repeated

All people who have studied the Bible know that **we are living in the last days of earth's history**. God stated that **the book of Daniel** would **not be understood until the time of the end**. It can be understood now.

Dan. 12:4 **The End Times** KJV *But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.⁶ And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, **How long** shall it be **to the end**⁷⁰⁹³ of these **wonders**⁶³⁸²? ...¹² Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. (**1335 days, Context, the last probation period until Second Coming**.)*

end ⁷⁰⁹³

1) end

a) end, **at the end of (of time)**

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(Second Coming Not 1844)

wonders ⁶³⁸²

1) wonder, marvel

a) wonder (extraordinary, hard to understand thing)

b) wonder (of **God's acts of judgment and redemption**)

(Second Coming Not 1844)

Just as in the days of Noah before God destroyed the earth by water; He gave the people **120 years probation period** to get their act together. God will do the same just before the Second Coming and will give people **1335 days probation period** to **“Come out of her My people” Revelation 18:4** because;

Heb.13:8 **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

The probation period this time is much shorter because we can spread the Biblical truth to the world much faster with the communication systems that we have today.

What will Start the Count Down to the Second Coming?

To understand the **End Time Events** you **must understand** the Old Testament **annual feast days** and the **sanctuary**. The both have the **full plan of salvation in their services**. The Feast of the Trumpets was a preparation time, a probation period, if you will, to confess your sins and present yourself sinless in preparation for the Day of Atonement or Judgement Day.

Lev. 23:23 **Feast of Trumpets** *The Lord said to Moses,²⁴ “Say to the Israelites: ‘On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a day of Sabbath rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts.*

On the 1st day of the 7th month the Israelites would sound the **trumpet**, to **warn the people** that judgement day was coming, the Day of Atonement, the day every individual had to make right, atone for their sins. The next **10 days** of the Feast of the **Trumpets** were to be **a probation period**, a time to recall and repent all their known sins. The **Trumpets of Revelation** chapters 8, 9 & 11 is an example of what will be **repeated** at the **end of earth’s history** when the people of earth will be given a **probation period** of **3 ½ years**. (**Rev. 11:3; 13:5; Dan. 12:7**) The people living during the time just prior to the Second Coming will have this probation period to **‘come out of her, my people.’ Rev. 18:4**. This probation period will close with the 7th Trumpet of **Rev. 11:15**. This will be followed by the **Day of Atonement, Judgement Day, the Second Coming of Christ**.

Lev. 23:26 **Day of Atonement ~ Judgement Day** *The Lord said to Moses,²⁷ “The tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves, and present a food offering to the Lord.²⁸ Do not do any work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the Lord your God.*

1Thess. 5:3 **The Coming of the Lord** *For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.*

The First Four Trumpets = Sudden Destruction

Now remember that when John wrote the Book of Revelation no one knew what a meteorite shower, an asteroid, a comet was. Just like the people of Noah’s days did not know what “rain” was, but rain came, **Gen. 7: 4-12**. John described the things he saw in the language he knew. It’s the start of (the close of) probation. It’s time to wake up the world, and the wakeup call is the time to prepare for Judgement.

Rev 8: 6 *Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them. 7) The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with Blood, and it was hurled down upon the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up. And all the green grass was burned up.*

The book of Revelation is a symbolic and prophetic book. My interpretations of the main characters in the first three trumpets are **symbolic and the results** will be **literal to the point of sound principles of prophetic interpretation**. That is, while the general points are to be interpreted literally, literal interpretations are not exact and are described as best that the writer (John) could with the knowledge of the times. John did not know anything about asteroids or Meteorite shower then. *“Hail and fire mixed with blood and it was hurled down upon the earth. Rev 8: 6”* is symbolic for a **meteorite shower**. Have you ever seen a meteorite shower, even on TV? It looks just like a hailstorm of fireballs.

The first trumpet is the **start of the close of probation** for the world, which is the **start of the sudden destruction** of parts of the earth, and the **start of the last 1335 days** before the Second Coming.

Rev. 8: 8 *The **second** angel sounded his **trumpet**, and **something like a huge mountain, all ablaze**, was thrown into the sea, a third of the sea turned into blood, 9) a third of the living creatures in the sea died and a third of the ships were destroyed.*

The *“huge mountain, all ablaze, Rev. 8: 8”* is an **Asteroid**. This is what Luke is referring to in:

Luke 21: 25 *“On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity **at the roaring and tossing of the sea**.”*

Rev. 8:10 *The **third** angel sounded his **trumpet**, and a **great star, blazing like a torch**, fell from the sky **on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water**, 11) **the name of the star is Wormwood**. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.*

The *“great star, blazing like a torch, Rev. 8: 10”* is a **comet**; a comet made of a poisonous substance similar to alkaline, which when mixed with water tastes bitter and could cause something similar to acid rain.

From these three trumpets we can see that the whole earth is affected. (1/3 times 3 = 3/3 = the whole earth)

Rev. 8:12 *The **fourth** angel sounded his **trumpet** and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.*

With the fourth trumpet, no cause is named. According to other end of time Bible accounts, (*Eze. 38:19, Mat. 24:7, 28:2, Rev. 6:12*) that along with the above meteorites, asteroid and comet, there will be other natural disasters such as volcanoes and earthquakes that will cause smoke and pollution that will block out the sunlight in the fourth trumpet.

The first four trumpets will wake up the world. There will be worldwide panic and the economy will be shattered. It will look like **God is at war with earth** and history has proven that **the first casualty of war is truth**. People who haven't studied the Bible will not know the truth, which will result in demands that fast action be taken to provide the basic necessities for living. New laws will be put into place quickly. There will be **new religious manmade laws** that the greater majority of the world will agree with.

Mark 7:7 **Jesus stated: In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.** ⁸**For laying aside the commandments of God, you hold the traditions of men.**

Just as Noah did not know the exact time when the raid would come, God did tell him that it would come in 120 years. We, the children of the light, will know that the Second Coming will be 1335 days after we see Revelation 8:7 First Trumpet of the Sudden destructions of 1 Thess. 5:3.

On What Day Was Jesus Born?

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To make a long story short, there is very strong Biblical truth that Jesus was born in the 7th month on the 15th day known as the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles.

It is also interesting to note that the Tabernacles was a feast in ingathering of the Harvest (*Exo 23:16 and 34:22*). If Jesus' first coming was indeed on 15 Tishri, the first day of Tabernacles, then it is quite reasonable to presume that the harvest of this earth, the ingathering of God's children, the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, will also occur on precisely on the first day of Tabernacles. The unknown factor would be the year that this would happen.

The First and Second Coming of Jesus

Lev. 23:33 **Festival of Tabernacles** *The Lord said to Moses,* ³⁴ *“Say to the Israelites: ‘On the fifteenth day of the seventh month the Lord’s (Jesus Christ’s) Festival of Tabernacles begins, and it lasts for seven days.³⁵ The first day is a sacred assembly; do no regular work.³⁶ For seven days present food offerings to the Lord, and on the eighth day (The Great Day of the Lord) hold a sacred assembly and present a food offering to the Lord. It is the closing special assembly; (Wedding Supper in Heaven!!!!) do no regular work. ...⁴¹ Celebrate this as a festival to the Lord for seven days each year. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come; celebrate it in the seventh month.*

Exo. 23:16 *The feast of ingathering [Feast of Tabernacles], which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labors out of the field.*

The Feast of Tabernacles is also called the Feast of the Harvest because after the Close of Probation, the 7th Trumpet, Rev. 11:15, the harvest is ready for gathering. The wheat and the weeds (tares) have been separated and this is celebration time to gather God's people to go to heaven.

1st	Coming of Christ	Jesus was	<u>born for</u>	the Saved	1 st Day of Tabernacles
2nd	Coming of Christ	Jesus	<u>returns for</u>	the Saved	1 st Day of Tabernacles
3rd	Coming of Christ	Jesus	<u>returns with</u>	the Saved	1 st Day of Tabernacles

Conclusion

Jesus has told us everything about His First Coming and because He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow; He has told us everything about the Second Coming and the end time events before they happen, but only the wise will understand.

There will be a probationary period (the last 1335 days before the Second Coming), a time of trouble, (the

Seven Trumpets) and a time of great tribulation, (the Seven Last Plagues). The first four trumpets are ecological disasters that affect the whole world, which is a worldwide wake up call.

Noah preached of Christ return prior to the last 120 years and then the Lord told him the end time events would happen in 120 years. **Noah knew the year** of the end of earth **120 years prior to the end**. **We to will know** the end of earth **1335 days prior to the end**.

The wise know the **month and the day** of the **Second Coming** but **will not know the year** until the start of the 1st Trumpet of Revelation 8.

The time of the Second Coming was not to be **made known** to anyone in the world until the **time of the end** and then it was to be made know **only to the wise righteous children of God's light**.

For SDA's Only

The Sin of Light Rejection

Letter, May 31, 1896 to OA Olsen

God's servants have no time testimony to bear at this time... (1896 there was no time testimony) He who rejects the light rejects Christ.

SOP ~ Caution Against Time-Setting Expressions

Nowhere does Sister White state that we should not study the end time events as to the date of the Second Coming. She warns us "***We are not to be engrossed with speculations***" of a certain date, which I do not do.

She also states below: "***The most humble and devoted in the churches were usually the first to receive the message. Those who studied the Bible for themselves.***" You will not that **New Light will not come from Church Leadership**.

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A Caution Against Time-Setting Expressions.--*The times and seasons God has put in His own power. And why has not God given us this knowledge?-- Because we would not make a right use of it if He did. A condition of things would result from this knowledge among our people that would greatly retard the work of God in preparing a people to stand in the great day that is to come. **We are not to be engrossed with speculations** in regard to the times and the seasons which God has not revealed. **Jesus has told His disciples to "watch," but not for definite time**. His followers are to be in the position of those who are listening for the orders of their Captain; they are to watch, wait, pray, and work, as they approach the time for the coming of the Lord; but **no one will be able to predict** just when that time will come; for "of that day and hour knoweth no man." You will not be able to say that He will come in one, two, or five years, neither are you to put off His coming by stating that it may not be for ten or twenty years. . . . We are not to know the definite time either for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit or for the coming of Christ.--Review and Herald, March 22, 1892. {Ev 221.1}*

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"No man knoweth the day nor the hour" was the argument most often brought forward by rejecters of the advent faith. The scripture is: "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not the angels of heaven, but My Father only." Matthew 24:36. A clear and harmonious explanation of this text was given by those who were looking for the Lord, and the wrong use made of it by their opponents was clearly shown. The words were spoken by Christ in that memorable conversation with His disciples upon Olivet after He had for the last time departed from the temple. The disciples had asked the question: "What shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Jesus gave them signs, and said: "**When ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.**" Verses 3, 33. One saying of the Saviour must not be made to destroy another. Though no man knoweth the day nor the hour of His coming, **we are instructed and required to know when it is near.** We are further taught that **to disregard His warning,** and refuse or neglect to know when His advent is near, **will be as fatal for us** as it was for those who lived in **the days of Noah** not to know when the flood was coming. And the parable in the same chapter, contrasting the faithful and the unfaithful servant, and giving the doom of him who said in his heart, "My Lord delayeth His coming," shows in what light **Christ will regard and reward those whom He finds watching,** and teaching His coming, and those denying it. "Watch therefore," He says. "Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when He cometh shall find so doing." Verses 42, 46. "If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." Revelation 3:3.

Paul speaks of a class to whom the Lord's appearing will come unawares. "The day of the Lord so cometh as a **thief in the night.** For when they shall say, **Peace and safety;** then **sudden destruction** cometh upon them, . . . and they shall not escape." But he adds, to those who have given heed to the Saviour's warning: "**Ye, brethren, are not in darkness,** that **that day should overtake you as a thief.** Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness." 1 Thessalonians 5:2-5.

"No man knoweth the day nor the hour" continued to be **echoed by the bold scoffer**

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Thus it was shown that **Scripture gives no warrant for men to remain in ignorance concerning the nearness of Christ's coming.** But those who desired only an excuse to reject the truth closed their ears to this explanation, and the words "**No man knoweth the day nor the hour**" continued to be **echoed by the bold scoffer** and even by the professed minister of Christ. As the people were roused, and began to inquire the way of salvation, religious teachers stepped in between them and the truth, seeking to quiet their fears by falsely interpreting the word of God. **Unfaithful watchmen united in the work of the great deceiver,** crying, Peace, peace, when God had not spoken peace. Like the Pharisees in Christ's day, many refused to enter the kingdom of heaven themselves, and those who were entering in they hindered. The blood of these souls will be required at their hand.

The most humble and devoted in the churches were **usually the first to receive the message.** **Those who studied the Bible for themselves** could not but see the unscriptural character of the popular views of prophecy; and wherever the people were not controlled by the influence of the clergy, wherever they would search the word of God for themselves, the advent doctrine needed only to be compared with the Scriptures to establish its divine authority.

Many were persecuted by their unbelieving brethren. **In order to retain their position in the church,** some consented to be silent in regard to their hope; but others felt that loyalty to God forbade them thus to hide the truths which He had committed to their trust. Not a few were **cut off from the fellowship** of the church for **no other reason than expressing their belief in the coming of Christ.** Very precious to those who bore this trial of their faith were the words of the prophet: "**Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for My name's sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but He shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.**" Isaiah 66:5.

*Angels of God were watching with the deepest interest the result of the warning. When there was a general rejection of the message by the churches, angels turned away in sadness. But there were many who had not yet been tested in regard to the advent truth. **Many were misled by husbands, wives,** parents, or children, and were made to believe it a sin even to listen to such heresies as were taught by the Adventists. Angels were bidden to keep faithful watch over these souls, for another light was yet to shine upon them from the throne of God.*

The above two paragraphs is very similar to what I went through in early 2011. This will be **a foretaste of what will happen to God's Last Day Church.**