

## My Concerns of the Prediction of Judgment Day

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I have recently heard something that is bothering me spiritually ... so much so I feel compelled to let people know. What I have heard concerns every living person on this planet.

It has been announced that judgment day is May 21, 2011.

When I heard this I was shocked! But it has been announced by the founder of Family Radio Worldwide ([www.familyradio.com](http://www.familyradio.com)), Harold Camping.

Mr. Camping is not the first to announce such a thing. In 1843 William Miller made a similar statement. According to Mr. Miller, the end should come sometime between March 21, 1843 and March 21, 1844. Of course those days came and went with no adverse affects. However Mr. Miller did gain a huge following, and one of his followers went over Mr. Miller's calculation and found, what he thought, was an error. A new date was set: October 22, 1844. Of course we all know that this date didn't pan our either.

Afterwards, some of the followers abandoned the movement, while others, too embarrassed to admit their error, tried to save the 1844 date. Ellen G. White eventually led the Seventh-Day Adventists to the conclusion that Jesus had returned invisible in 1844 and would soon make His presence known. Another group, known as the Second Adventists, was led by Jonas Swendahl and believed that the 1844 date was the beginning of the last generation. Using 70 years as a generation, he predicted a date of 1914.

Mr. Swendahl eventually split from the Second Adventists and launched Zion's Watchtower and Herald of Christ's Presence. His followers were known as the International Bible Students which has now become known as the Jehovah's Witnesses. The 1914 date was changed to 1925, then to 1941 and then again to 1975.

And now along comes Mr. Camping. It was the early 1990's when I first heard of Harold Camping. He believed that the "hidden" meanings in Biblical texts pointed to a judgment date of September 6, 1994. In his introduction of his book *1994?*, Mr. Camping states, "No book ever written is as audacious or bold as one that claims to predict the timing of the end of the world, and that is precisely what this book presumes to do."

I'm sure that many of us were around in 1994 that can testify judgment day did not come. And now Mr. Camping is proclaiming May 21, 2011 as the day of judgment! But how is he coming to this conclusion?

Mr. Camping is basing his calculations on the date of Noah's flood. According to Mr. Camping, Noah's flood happened in the year 4099 BC. The Bible states that the flood waters would burst forth on the seventeenth day of the second month (Genesis 7:11). This corresponds to May 21. The Bible continues to state that "*one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day*" (2 Peter 3:8). Furthermore,

Genesis 7:4 states, *“For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.”*

Taking these verses, Mr. Camping has concluded that the seven days referred to in Genesis 7:4 can be understood as 7,000 years, and when God told Noah he has seven days left to escape worldwide destruction, He was also telling the world there would be 7,000 years (one day is as 1,000 years) to escape the wrath of God.

Adding the 7,000 years to the year of Noah’s Flood, we get 2011.

$$4990 + 2011 - 1 = 7,000$$

(One year must be subtracted in going from an Old Testament B.C. date to a New Testament A.D. date, because the calendar does not have a year zero.)

According to Family Radio’s website, *“Because the year 2011 A.D. is exactly 7,000 years after 4990 B.C. when the flood began, the Bible has given us absolute proof that the year 2011 is the end of the world during the Day of Judgment, which will come on the last day of the Day of Judgment.”*

What Mr. Camping or his radio ministry has failed to mention is that the Bible also states that *“of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only”* (Matthew 24:36). Please note that it states, *“...but my Father ONLY.”*

The Bible warns us of false prophets ...

*“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.”* Matthew 7:15

*“And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.”* Matthew 24:11

*“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.”* 2 Peter 2:1

Mr. Camping can be considered one of these false prophets. Some of his other teachings are as follows ...

- That no one was saved between 1988 and 1994
- That the church age ended in 1994
- That the Holy Spirit is no longer working in the church
- That every church in the world is apostate.

I am asking everyone who is reading this to take heed. Do not trust everything that you hear, but check it with God's Holy Word – the Bible. 1 John 4:1 states, "*Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*" The Bible has no errors in it; it is the breathed Word of God; it is trust worthy with no heresies what-so-ever!

Mr. Camping is a modernist, an imposter who knows not the God of the Bible.