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Will the World End in 2017?

Hunker down as the end is coming.

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The world as we know it was supposed to end in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015 and now in 2017.

European outlets reported that the eclipse will plunge countries into darkness and spark the end of the world. The rumor was the Christian website Unsealed was hedging its bets that the end of the world could happen on Aug. 21 or Sept. 23. This would happen when the Western part of Europe will experience a partial eclipse while American will experience a total eclipse. This will mark the first time history that an eclipse will be seen coast to coast.

The site responded they were not predicting that the solar eclipse "Suggesting we are is ridiculous," Unsealed responded. "The solar eclipse will have no causative effect on anything. We have made mention of the total solar eclipse that will occur on that day but only as a sign of coming judgment. Our focus has always been on the following month when the Revelation 12 sign possibly occurs."

According to Revelation 12, a pregnant woman will be hunted by a satanic seven-headed dragon eager to eat her unborn child. The woman will be clothed with the "sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She brought forth a man-child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God and to his throne. The Scripture continues to explain that the "woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."

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Gary Ray, who writes for Unsealed, believes that the end is coming. But the pending eclipse is another astronomical sign the end is near (https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/speaking-of-science/wp/2017/01/26/the-doomsday-clock-just-moved-again-its-now-two-and-a-half-minutes-to-midnight/?utm_term=.02c66541fe3f) and that the Rapture is fast approaching. He told the *Washington Post* that the image will be created in the sky on Sept. 23. He explained that Virgo represents the woman in Revelations 12 who will be clothed in sunlight. She will be in position over the moon and under the nine stars and three planets. Ray said that image will be created in the sky on Sept. 23.

"My number one encouragement to people would be to just trust God. More importantly, to trust the right God," he reported to the publication. "If people want to be ready, the one thing you can do is accept what He has offered, which is the gift of grace and forgiveness. That's all we have to do to be ready."

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An eclipse is also expected to travel across the country in 2024. With the 2017 and 2024 eclipse, this would make an "X" across the nation and "could be the starting and ending signs bookmarking a seven-year period of awful tribulations," Ray added.

All of this is speculation as Jesus said He didn't know the date or hour when the Almighty would close the final chapter on mankind. Scripture clearly states in Mathew 24:36 that no one knows when the end will be. "But of that day and hour, no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only."

Many false prophets and other false teachers said that the world was going to end and failed to deliver. In 1669, people in Russia proclaimed that the end of the world will occur within the year. These believers were so scared that they burned themselves to death to protect themselves from the Antichrist.

Meteorologist Albert Porta predicted that an enormous sunspot would destroy Earth in 1919. Let's not forget the Mayans. They predicted an asteroid or another object would destroy the earth in 2012 and would mark the end of the time period in the Mesoamerican Long Count calendar that was used before the invasion of Europeans. Edgar C. Whisenant predicted the Rapture in 1988 during the month of September and wrote 88 reasons why the Rapture would happen and the Christian community embraced this as truth. Obviously, this didn't happen and he changed the dates to 1989 and 1994. Christian preacher Lester Sumrall predicted the world was coming to an end in 2000.

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Another website, which follows Biblical prophecy, is Signs of the End Times. They explained that they are not in the business of predicting dates of when Jesus will return, only that the signs are already here. Things like wars, earthquakes, famine and technology (implanted microchips in our bodies already have been tested by BioNyfiken in Sweden) all point that we are moving toward Jesus' return.

"The prophecy of Daniel 2 alone shows we are in the time of the end and all the other evidence proves we are in the very end times," the site reported. They indicated that the world was going to a 100 percent cashless system and how the "powers of this world are now trying to make cash obsolete, and are actively pushing pure electronic forms of payment, like PayPal and Google Wallet for instance. Take a look at the news and you will see this being reported in different countries of the world."

It is no surprise that we will continue to hear news of the world ending.

The Bible said to test the prophetic words, go to the Bible first. Test it and don't be deceived. No one will know how the world will exactly end or know the year.

If someone claims this, they are false. "When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follows not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him," Deuteronomy 18:22 revealed.

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