

Truth or Trick?

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Once again, we hear the voices of false teachers and self-proclaimed prophets. Today, September 23, 2025, some are boldly declaring that the so-called rapture will take place. We have heard it before. We have seen predictions made, dates circled, and books sold. And every single time those predictions fail. Yet people still follow. People still cling to the lies.

It is heartbreaking because it shakes the faith of many. It is frustrating, because God has already spoken with clarity. And it is dangerous, because every time a false prophecy fails, the world looks at Christianity and mocks the truth of God's Word.

Let us not forget what anchors us in the storm of confusion: God cannot lie (Titus 1:2). His Word is truth (John 17:17). His promises are sure. Jesus Himself said, "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only" (Matthew 24:36).

Do you hear that? No one knows. Not me. Not you. Not the loud voice on the television or the author with the fancy book cover. Only God knows. Every date-setter has already proven themselves wrong. Jesus said it plainly, and when men try to predict what only the Father knows, they are not speaking truth.

Now let's deal with the subject of the rapture. The idea of the rapture, as it is commonly taught today, does not come from the Bible. You can search from Genesis to Revelation, and you will never find a secret coming of Jesus, a seven-year tribulation, or an earthly kingdom that He sets up after His return.

What you will find is this: one glorious return. Not quiet. Not secret. Not hidden. Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17, "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God." That does not sound secret. That sounds like the end of history as we know it. The dead in Christ will rise. The faithful who are alive will be caught up. And from that moment on, "we shall always be with the Lord."

2 Peter 3:10 is just as clear. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise." When He comes, it will be sudden. It will be final. It will be the day when eternity begins.

So why do people continue to believe these lies? It is painful to watch, but the reality is that false predictions thrive on fear and curiosity. They capture the attention of those who are longing for answers. They stir the imagination. They sell books. They fill stadiums. But they do not save souls.

And every time they fail, people begin to doubt, not the false teacher, but God. The unbelieving world mocks Christianity and says, 'See, your Lord never came.' But the failure was never with God. The failure was with men who twisted His Word.

Here is the truth that should set your heart at peace: you don't have to know the date to be ready. You just have to be faithful today. Jesus said in Matthew 24:44, "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

The real question is not when He is coming. The real question is will you be ready when He does?

Are you walking with Him daily?

Have you obeyed the gospel?

Are you clinging to His promises with hope and joy instead of fear and confusion?

Friends, don't let the noise of false teachers steal your peace. Don't let failed predictions shake your faith. The promises of God are not broken, and the return of Jesus is still sure. When He comes, every wrong will be made right, every tear will be wiped away, and every faithful heart will enter into the joy of the Lord.

Hold fast. Stay faithful. Be encouraged. Lift up your eyes, not to a date on the calendar, but to the Savior who has promised, "I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:3).

And that, is far more certain and far more beautiful than any false prophecy.