

You Might Want to Circle This Date on Your Calendar

In 2008, 16 percent of Americans answered yes when asked, “Do you expect any apocalyptic events to happen on December 21, 2012?”¹⁰ That’s one out of every eight Americans. And that was before there was very much information available about 2012. Just wait until movies about 2012 and television programs about the end of days begin to flood into the popular culture. That number will surely go up. People everywhere are going to be talking about 12.21.12 and wondering what’s going to happen. Writing in *Newsweek*, Lisa Miller notes, “The belief that the year 2012 will mark a global transformation is widespread.”¹¹

The date December 21, 2012 is already receiving more and more attention. It’s hit cable news for sure, but it’s especially proliferating on the Internet and in the blogosphere. Googling “2012” and “disaster” results in more than 2.5 million hits. Many people are buying into it—literally. Thousands are capitalizing on the hysteria, selling everything from survival kits and 2012 shelters to 2012 T-shirts. Several movies based on the 2012 theory are slated to come out in the next couple of years. And the video-sharing Web site YouTube hosts more than 65,000 clips informing and warning viewers about their fate in 2012.¹²

There are more 2012 Web sites than you could ever imagine. Here are ten examples:

survive2012.com

alignment2012.com

thisistheend.com

mayancalendar2012.org

howtosurvive2012.com

2012predictions.net

2012endofdays.org
apocalypse2012.com
december212012.com
2012theodyssey.com

Some of these Web sites provide an official 2012 countdown clock that will give you an up-to-the-second indicator of how long we have to wait for the end of the world to arrive!

Network news, cable channels, and major Internet outlets are all featuring programs and articles on the 2012 phenomenon. Here are just a few examples:

History Channel: “Decoding the Past—Doomsday 2012: The End of Days”

History Channel: “Decoding the Past—Mayan Doomsday Prophecy”

History Channel: “The Lost Book of Nostradamus and 2012”

AOL News: “Thousands Expect Apocalypse in 2012”¹³

ABC News: “Will the World End in 2012? Thousands Worldwide Prepare for the Apocalypse, Expected in 2012”¹⁴

Fox & Friends: “It’s the End of the World: Mayan Calendar Ends in 2012”

Geraldo at Large (Fox News): “Fact or Fiction: Will the World End in 2012?”

USA Today: “Does Maya calendar predict 2012 apocalypse?”¹⁵

Los Angeles Times: “Many gather to ponder end of Maya days”¹⁶

Archaeological Periods of Mayan History	
1500 B.C.–200 B.C.	Pre-Classical period
200 B.C.–A.D. 900	Classical period
A.D. 900–1500	Post-Classical period

Mayan war monuments attest to the Mayans' ferocity in battle. "Kings did not plan wars and send young men to battle. They led the battles themselves, and if they lost, they were sacrificed so the people could continue."

Mayan Time on the Long Count Calendar
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1 baktun=144,000 days

13 baktuns=1 great cycle (5125 years)

5 great cycles=1 precessional cycle (25,625 years)
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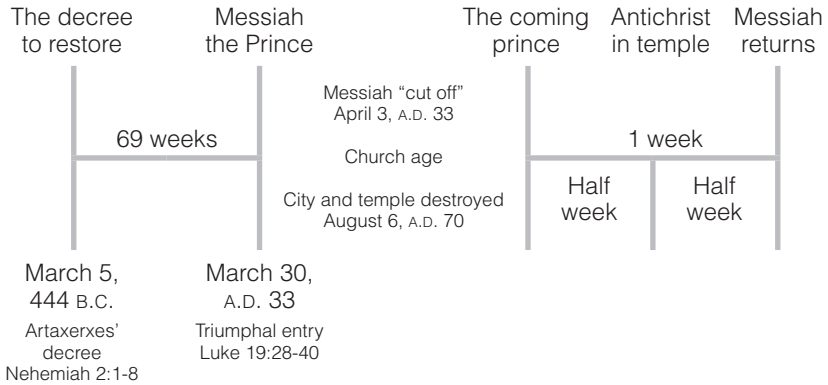
10 Fulfilled Biblical Prophecies		
Prophecy	Written or Stated	Fulfilled
<i>Genesis 49:10</i> Messiah will be from the tribe of Judah	ca. 1440 B.C.	5 B.C.
<i>Isaiah 53</i> The death of the Messiah	ca. 700 B.C.	A.D. 33
<i>Daniel 2 and 7</i> Four Gentile world empires (Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and a reunited Roman Empire)	ca. 530 B.C.	Throughout history beginning in 605 B.C.— to be continued in the end times.
<i>Daniel 9:24-26</i> 483 years after a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, Messiah the Prince will come (173,880 days from March 5, 444 B.C. to March 30, A.D. 33, fulfilled to the very day)	ca. 530 B.C.	March 30, A.D. 33 The triumphal entry

<i>Micah 5:2</i> Messiah born in Bethlehem	ca. 700 B.C.	5 B.C.
<i>Isaiah 40:3</i> Messiah preceded by a messenger	ca. 700 B.C.	A.D. 30 John the Baptist
<i>Zechariah 9:9</i> Messiah will enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey	ca. 520 B.C.	A.D. 33 The triumphal entry
<i>Matthew 24:1-3</i> Jesus prophesied the second Jewish temple would be destroyed	A.D. 33	A.D. 70
<i>Matthew 24:9,14</i> Jesus prophesied that His following would grow into a worldwide movement that would experience persecution	A.D. 33	Throughout the current age

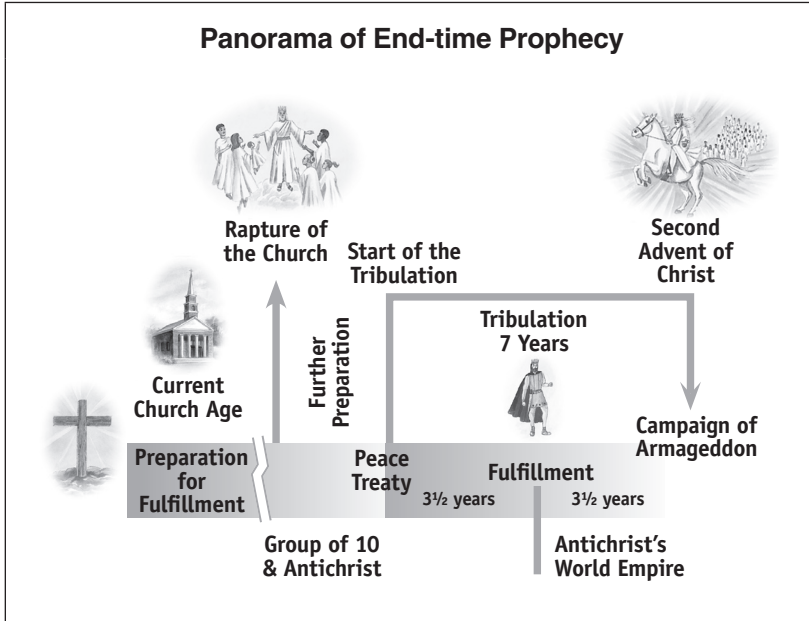
Overview of the 70 Weeks (Daniel 9:24-27)	
Daniel 9:24	The entire 70 weeks (490 years)
Daniel 9:25	The first 69 weeks, or 7 weeks + 62 weeks (483 years)
Daniel 9:26	The time between week 69 and week 70 (? years, the current age)
Daniel 9:27	Week 70 (7 years)

Daniel's Seventy Weeks

(Daniel 9:24-27)



The End Times 2012 versus the Bible	
2012	The Bible
Unenlightened taken away from earth in “silver ships”	True believers caught up (raptured) to heaven by Christ
Future time of great cataclysm called the Shift	Future time of great cataclysm called the Tribulation
Global disaster strikes on December 21, 2012	Global judgment occurs during a seven-year period in the future
Caused by galactic alignment	Caused by God’s judgment of human sin
End of the Mayan calendar	End of the age on God’s calendar
Followed by a time of heightened global consciousness or harmonic convergence (false utopia)	Followed by Christ’s 1000-year reign of peace and righteousness on earth (true utopia)
Ultimate goal is for man to reach a higher plane of consciousness—the higher self	Ultimate goal is for God to be glorified



Here is a visual time line that depicts the sequence of events before and during the Tribulation.

Adapted and used with permission of Tim LaHaye and Thomas Ice, *Charting the End Times* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 2001). The chart above is based on charts that appear in LaHaye and Ice's book, with one adaptation: the placement of the Group of 10 and Antichrist before the signing of the peace treaty rather than after.

Major Prophecies that Are Yet Unfulfilled

In Chronological Order

1. Rapture of the church (John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
2. Reuniting of the Roman Empire under a group of ten leaders—the G-10 (Daniel 7:7,24; Revelation 13:1; 17:3,12-13)
3. Jewish temple rebuilt in Jerusalem (Daniel 9:27; 12:11; Matthew 24:14; 2 Thessalonians 2:4; Revelation 11:1-2)

4. Rise of the Antichrist (Daniel 7:8; Revelation 13:18)
5. Signing of the seven-year peace treaty with Israel (Daniel 9:27)
6. Russia, Iran, and other Islamic allies spring a surprise attack on Israel (Ezekiel 38–39)
7. Peace treaty with Israel broken after three-and-a-half years: beginning of one-world government, one-world economy, and one-world religion (Daniel 7:23; Revelation 13:5-8,15-17; 17:16-17)
8. Mark of the beast established as a pledge of allegiance to the Antichrist and as a passport for doing business (Revelation 13:16-18)
9. Many Christians and Jews martyred for refusing to worship the world dictator and take his mark (Revelation 7:9-17; 13:15)
10. Catastrophic, divine judgments and environmental disasters upon the whole world, represented by seals, trumpets, and bowls (Revelation 6–16)
11. World war breaks out, with the focus on the Middle East—Campaign of Armageddon (Revelation 16:12-16)
12. Babylon destroyed (Revelation 18)
13. Second coming of Christ (Matthew 24:27-31; Revelation 19:11-21)
14. Judgment of unbelievers (Ezekiel 20:33-38; Matthew 25:31-46; Jude 14-15; Revelation 19:15-21; 20:1-4)
15. Satan bound for 1000 years (Revelation 20:1-3)
16. Resurrection of Tribulation saints and Old Testament saints (Daniel 12:2; Revelation 20:4)
17. Millennial (1000 year) kingdom begins (Revelation 20:5-6)
18. Final rebellion at the end of the millennium (Revelation 20:7-10)
19. Resurrection and final judgment of the wicked—Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15)
20. Eternity begins—new heaven, new earth, New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:1-2)⁷