


# The Truth About the *Rapture*



Denominational believers are *Excited* about It.  
The Bible *Never Uses* the word anywhere in it.  
Early Saints *Never Mention* anything about it.



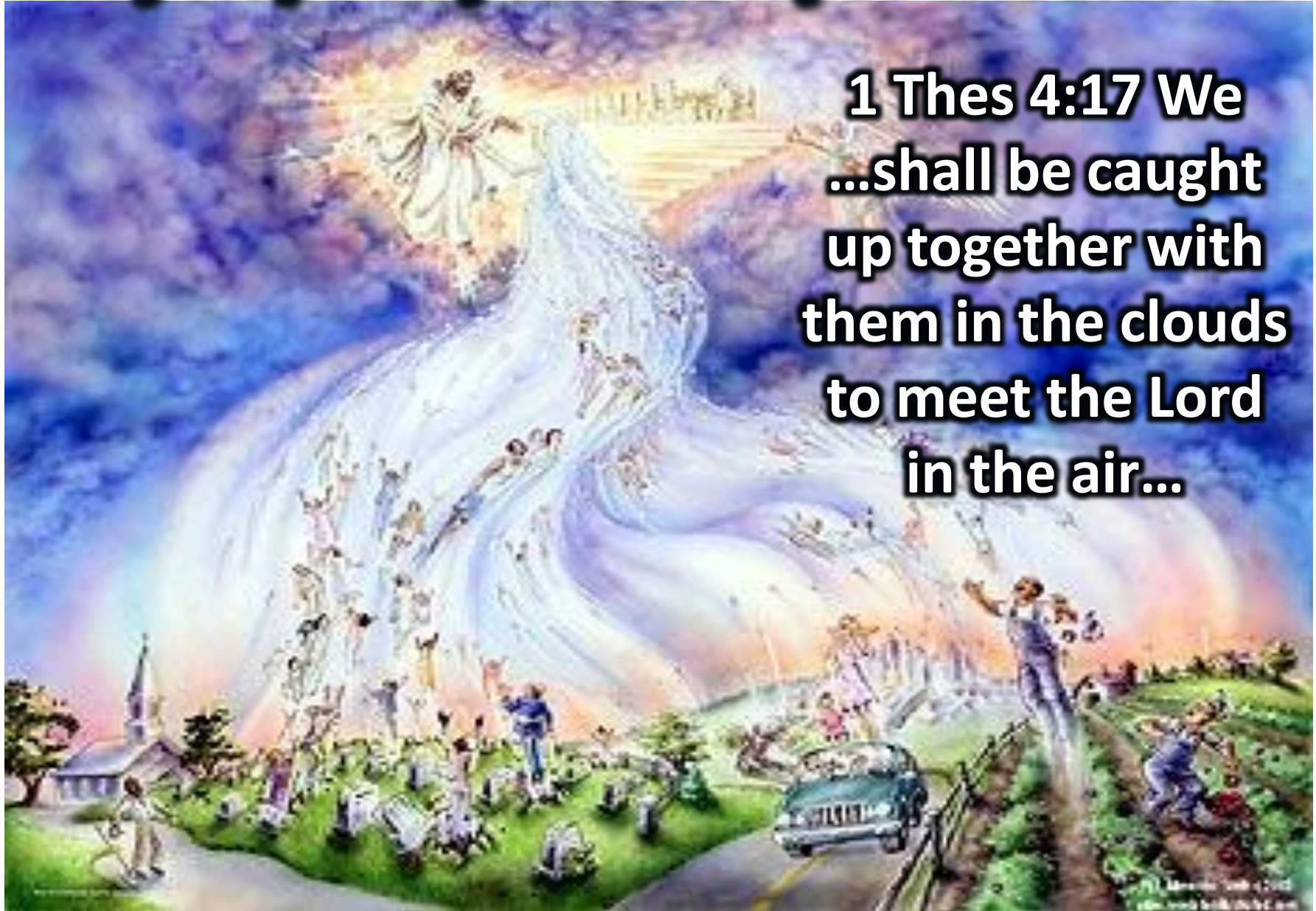
Denominations Are Afraid of this

Mat 24:21

# The Great Tribulation

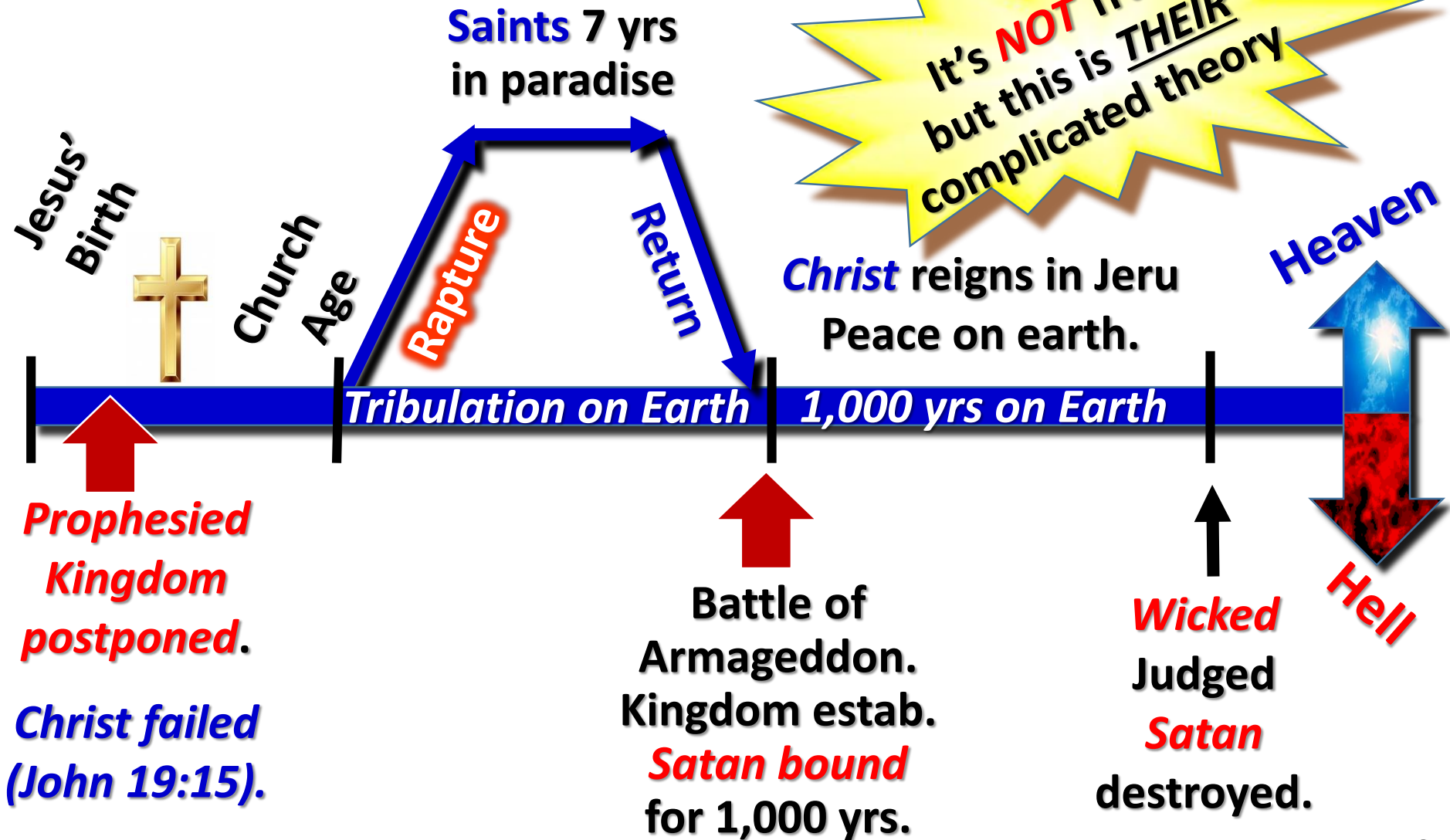
Matt 24:21 There will be a **great tribulation**, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall.

# They Hope Rapture Escapes Tribulation



**1 Thes 4:17 We  
...shall be caught  
up together with  
them in the clouds  
to meet the Lord  
in the air...**

# False Theory of the Rapture



# Problems with the Rapture Theory !

## 1. Wrongly identifies **The PEOPLE**



v.3 On Mount  
of Olives...

Jesus wasn't talking  
to 21st century  
Americans.

But **1st century  
Israelite  
believers** .

**The Disciples** came to Him privately,  
saying, "**Tell us** , when will these  
things be..." (Mat 24:3)

v4a Jesus answered  
and said to **them** "

v4b See to it that no  
one misleads **you** ."

v5 **you** will be hearing  
of wars and rumors of  
wars...

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## 2. Wrongly Identifies *The TIMES*

Mat 24:6 "And **You** will be hearing of *wars & rumors of wars.*"



v7 "For nation will rise against nation... there will be famines and *earthquakes.*"

v9 They will deliver **you** to tribulation & will kill **you** Stephen, James, Christians, Paul (2 Cor 11:23-26).

v12 "And because lawlessness is increased, most *people's love will grow cold.*"

v14 This gospel of the kingdom shall be *preached in the whole world.* Col 1:5-6, 23 **It was !**

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## 3. Mis - Identifies the **Abomination of Desolation**

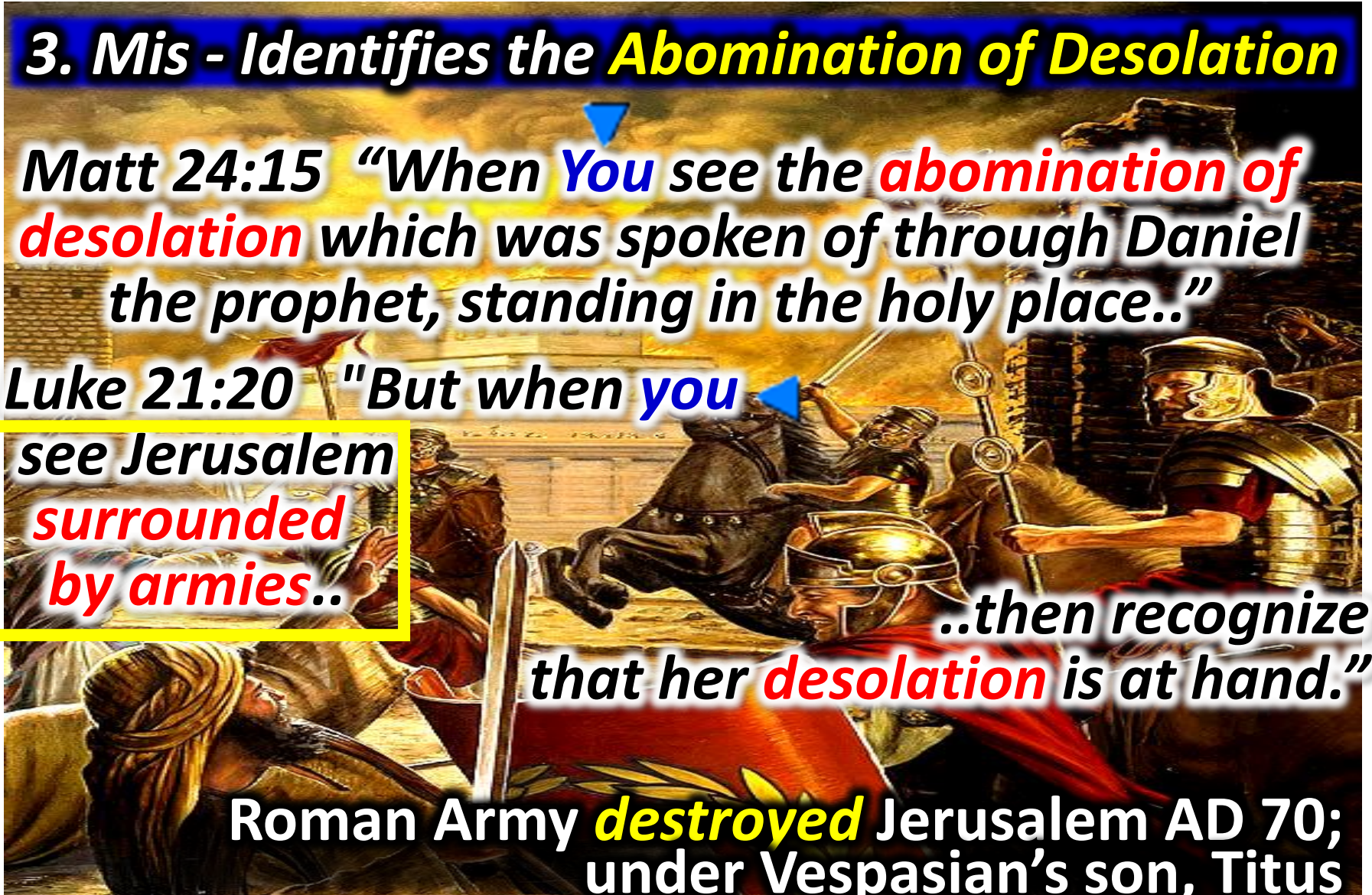
Matt 24:15 "When **You** see the **abomination of desolation** which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place.."

Luke 21:20 "But when **you**

see Jerusalem surrounded by armies..

..then recognize that her **desolation** is at hand."

Roman Army **destroyed** Jerusalem AD 70; under Vespasian's son, Titus



# Problems with the Rapture Theory !

## 4. Problems with the **Actions to Take**

Book: **Jesus is Coming**  
cites more than 700 scriptures.  
10 references to Mat 24 alone.  
**But not ONE word** about  
Mat 24:15 - 20 !!!

Matt 24:17 "Let him who is on the housetop not go down to get the things out that are in his house."

v18 "And let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak."

v19 "Woe to those who are with child & who nurse babes in those days!

v20 "Pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath."

Rapture proponents say we're snatched away, not **runnin'** away !



# Problems with the Rapture Theory !

5. There's problems with Believers being IN the Tribulation.



**Matt 24:21** "For then there **will be a Great Tribulation, such as has not occurred** since the beginning of the world until now nor ever shall.

**v.22** "And unless those days had been cut short, **no life would have been saved;** but for the sake of the elect those days shall be cut short."

Christians shouldn't even be IN **the Tribulation** as per the **Rapture theory** !

# Problems with the Rapture Theory !

## 6. Mis -Understanding **Symbolic Language**.

v.29b “The **sun** will be darkened, the **moon** will not give its light, and the **stars** will fall from the sky.”

Egypt's Fall (Ezk 32:7-8) Stars, Sun, Moon Dark

Babylon's Fall Isa 13:1, 10 Constellations not flash light, Sun and Moon dark

v.29c “And **the powers of the heavens** will be shaken.”

Babylon's Fall (Isa 13:1, 13) Heavens tremble, earth shakes

Mat 24 Rome's attack brought about **the collapse of Jerusalem's religious & political governing bodies.**  
It ended in AD 70.

# Problems with the Rapture Theory !

## 7. Mis -interpretes the **Consequences**.

Matt 24:31 “He will send forth His **angels**”

Angeloi,  
Messengers.

By implication:  
**pastors**. *Strongs*

“with a **great trumpet**”

The call to assemble God’s people.  
(Isa 27:13 “Trumpet will be blown  
... **come worship the Lord**”

“They will gather together His **elect** from the **four winds**, from one end of the sky to the other.

Mark 13:27 “Will gather together His elect from the 4 winds, from **the farthest end of the earth**”

Not a resurrection from tombs !

**Universality of the Gospel** (Lk 13:29) They will come from E, W, N, S & will recline at the table in the Kingdom of God.”

# Problems with the Rapture Theory !

## 8. Mis-understanding HOW people are "TAKEN" IN WAR!

Matt 24:40 "Then there shall be two men in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. v.41 "Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> "Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.



*Mat 24 is not a rapture, but people going on with their daily life v.40f. Then the unprepared ones are "taken by Death."* See Barnes *Killed by Rome's attack (Lk 21:20-21)*

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## 9. The **Predictors** of End-Times are False.


Matt 24:42 "Therefore be on the **alert**, for **you do not know** which **day** your Lord is coming.

**A THIEF IN THE NIGHT**

But 136 Predictors keep predicting it **WRONG !!!**

Years 500AD, 800, 1000 etc. Wm Miller 1843-1844.  
Chas Russell 1914. Herbert W Armstrong 1972. JW's 1975.  
Pat Robertson 1982. Marshall Applewhite 1997;  
Harold Camping May 2011.

# I Believe in the *Resurrection!*



**1 Thes 4:16** “The dead **in Christ** shall rise first.”

**v17** “Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds **to meet the Lord in the air & thus we shall ALWAYS be with the Lord** . Therefore comfort one another with these words.”