

CHRONOLOGY FOR APOCALYPTICISM*

- 1500 B.C. Zoroaster: cosmic battle between god and evil (Ahriman and Ahura Mazda)
- 592 B. C. Ezekiel
- 485 B. C. Pre-apocalyptic Isaiah
- 250 B.C. First Enoch: rebellion of the angels under Azazel
- 175 B.C. Selucid Hellenization and Antiochus IV abomination of desolation and the Maccabean rebellion and Hanukkah
- 167 B.C. The Book of Daniel (deportation to Babylon in 597 B.C.)
- 63 B.C. Hasmonean civil war and Pompeii's intervention and capture of Jerusalem, Pax Romana, Herodian Temple, Essenes, Dead Sea Scrolls, War Scroll
- 4 B.C. Jesus' birth and crucifixion 30 A.D.
- 70 A.D. Destruction of Jerusalem
- 70 . Mark 13, Matt 24:4-36; Luke 21:5-36 "Little Apocalypse"
- 75-100 A.D. Jewish Apocalypses: Abraham, II Baruch
- 90 . Book of Revelation
- 135 Second Jewish Revolt
- 156 Montanus expectation for the New Jerusalem to be in Phrygia
- 221 Sextus Julius Africanus called for Second Coming in 500 A.D.
- 313 Constantine rescinds the persecution of Christians. Died 337 as a Christian.
- 350 Christian Sibylline Oracles
- 400 Revelation makes it into the canon
- 410 Rome falls to the Visigoths
- 426 St. Augustine's *City of God*: Millennium is a spiritual state of the church at Pentecost
- 610 Mohammed's first vision; Islam becomes the Antichrist
- 950 Adso's Letter on the Antichrist (Islam)
- 1000 Pope Sylvester's midnight mass, anticipating the end of the world.
- 1054 Church splits into Roman West and Byzantine East
- 1096 First Crusade with Jerusalem captured in 1099
- 1151 Hildegard of Bingen's *Scivias* with descriptions of the Antichrist (Jews)
- 1184 Joachim of Fiore predicted the Age of the Spirit to commence between 1200-1260
- 1190 Joachim of Fiore wrongly predicted Richard the Lionhearted would drive the Antichrist Saladin out of Jerusalem
- 1260 Self flagellation movement
- 1348 Black Death wiped out one-third of the population and Jews are blamed and the End is thought to be near
- 1381 English Peasant's Revolt seen as part of "the preordained convulsions of the last days"
- 1419-1434 Taborites Hussites (Bohemia) viewed the Church of Rome as the Whore of Babylon and the Pope as the Antichrist
- 1492 Reconquest of Granada and expulsion of the Moors by Ferdinand and Isabella end the holy war against the Muslims
- 1492 Columbus discovers the New World while "trying to find a 'back door' to the Middle East to recapture Jerusalem and usher in the Last Days
- 1517 Luther nailed his theses and the Pope became the Antichrist
- 1525 German Peasant's War

- 1535 Anabaptist made Munster the New Jerusalem, expecting the end of the world
- 1607 Puritans expect America to become the New Jerusalem
- 1653 Cromwell became Lord Protector and the “Fifth Monarchy” is born in response
- 1650 Bishop Ussher’s chronology sets the Second Coming for 2000
- 1666** The great London fire is associated with the beastly **666**
- 1740s First Great Awakening and dominance of *postmillennialism*
- 1776 American Revolution: King George became the Antichrist and the Stamp Act became the “mark of the beast” and America was to become Christ’s new millennial kingdom
- 1780 the “Millennial Church” of the Shakers founded by Ann Lee
- 1820-1830s Second Great Awakening: rise of Millennial and utopian communities
- 1830 Mormons looked forward to Christ’s imminent return and their reign with Christ for a thousand years
- 1844 Millerite *premillennial* movement: Christ was to return between 3-21-1843 and 3-21-1884.
- 1859 John Nelson Darby’s *premillennial dispensationalism, rapture, and seven year tribulation* with the Jews returning to Palestine
- 1861-1865 American Civil War, with apocalyptic expectations for some
- 1901 Agnes Ozman in Topeka spoke in tongues, beginning the Pentecost movement
- 1909 Scofield Bible which spread Darby’s dispensational interpretation
- 1910 Publication of *The Fundamentals* with 3,000,000 copies distributed
- 1914 Outbreak of WWI and anticipate year of the Second Coming for Charles Russell who founded Zion’s Watchtower Tract Society
- 1917 Balfour Declaration supporting a Jewish state in Palestine supports the apocalyptic of many expectation
- 1929 Mussolini: the leader of a new Roman Empire in league with the Antichrist
- 1933 Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany and his vision a 1,000 year Reich
- 1939-1945 WWII and the Atomic Age (2Peter 3:10 KJV)
- 1948 Israel is established
- 1967 Six Day War and the capture of Jerusalem
- 1970 Hal Lindsey’s *Late Great Planet Earth* (movie version 1977)
- 1975 Luther Pierce’s *The Turner Diaries* (kamikaze attack on the Pentagon)
- 1978 Jim Jones and the mass suicide at Jonestown, Guyana
- 1981 James Watt (Secretary of the Interior): I don’t know how many future generations we can count on until the Lord returns”
- 1981 Casper Weinberger (Secretary of Defense): “I have read the Book of Revelation and yes, I believe the world is going to end—by an act of God, I hope—but every day I think time is running out . . .”
- 1993 David Koresh and Branch Davidians, the descendants of the Millerites. Koresh proclaimed himself as the new Lamb of God
- 1994 Harold Camping predicted the rapture would occur mid-September, 1994
- 2011 Harold Camping revised prediction that the rapture would occur May 21, 2011 (<http://www.familyradio.com/index2.html>)

* <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/apocalypse/primary/>

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