

The Rapture

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

Matthew 24:36-51

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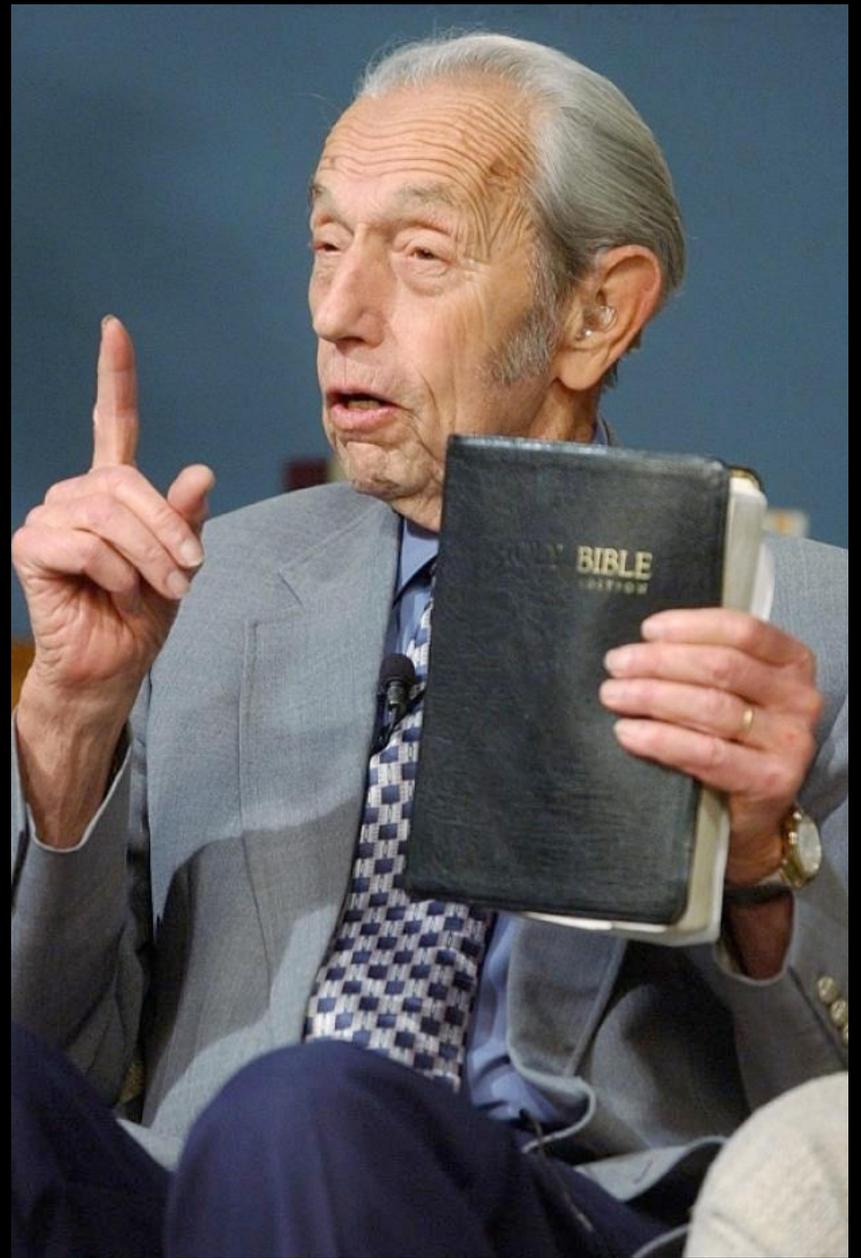
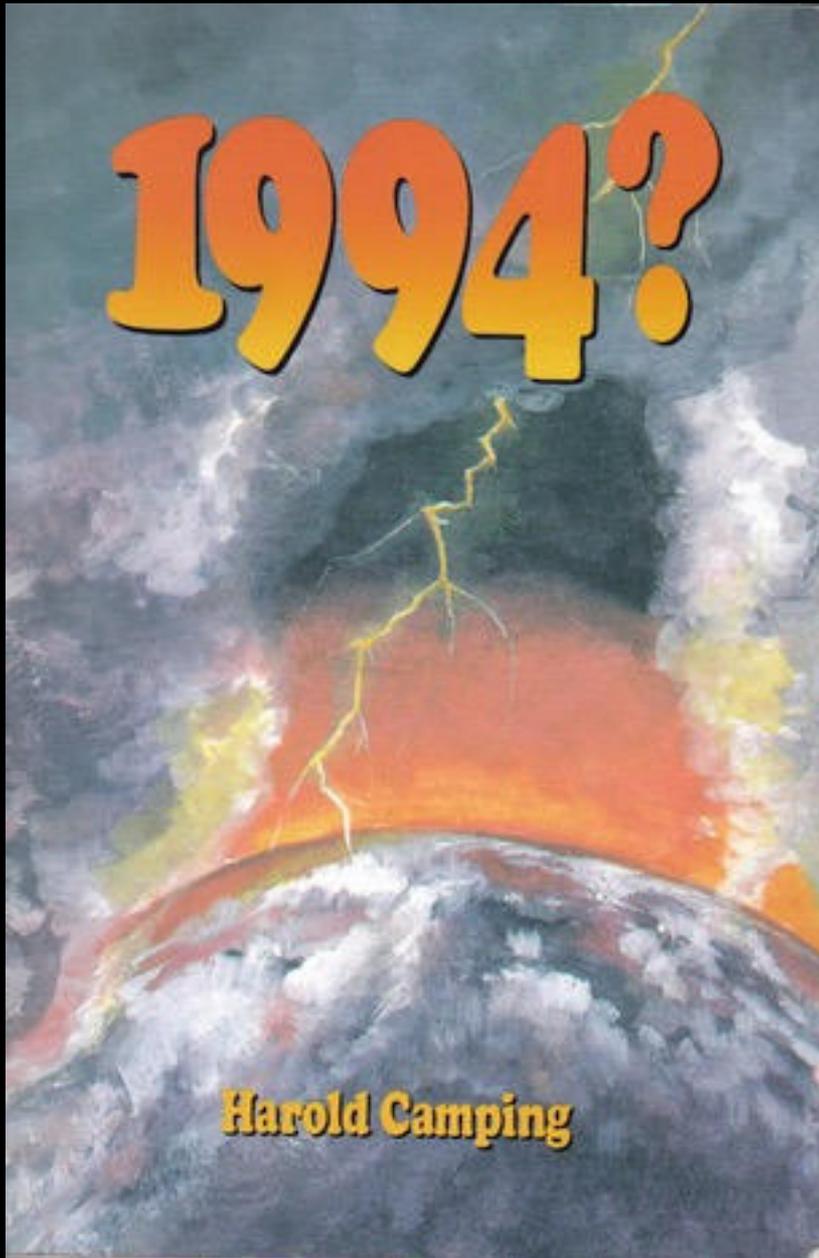
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Scoffers

In the last days scoffers will come... They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised?” ... But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day... He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish ... But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. (2 Peter 3:3-10)

Proving Jesus right

You do not know on what day your Lord will come. (Matthew 24:42).

It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. (Acts 1:7).

¹³ Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. ¹⁴ We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

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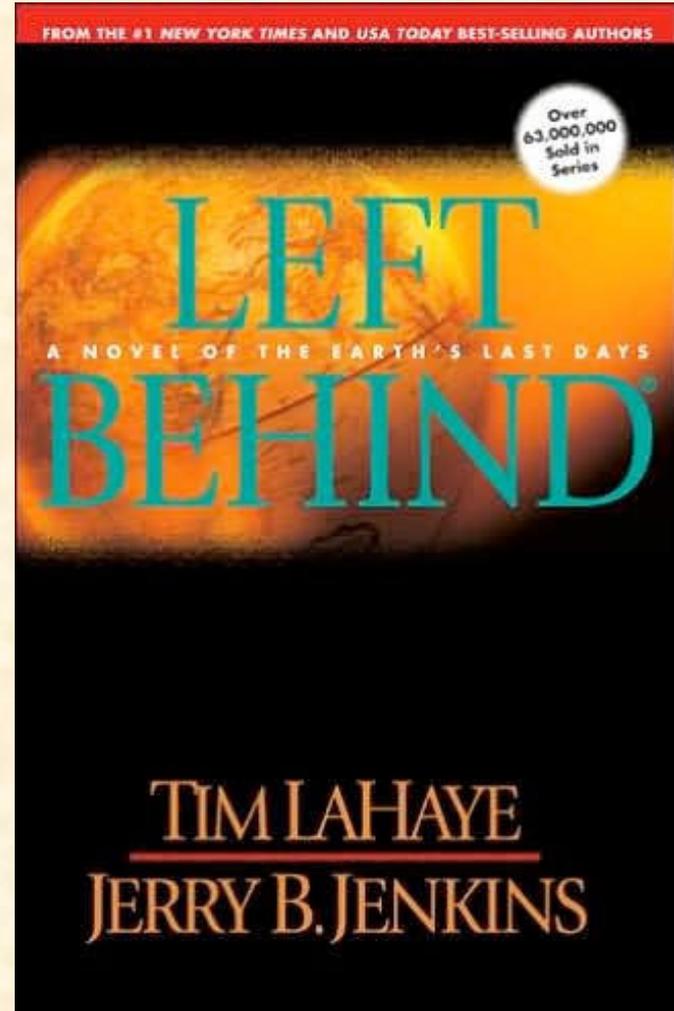
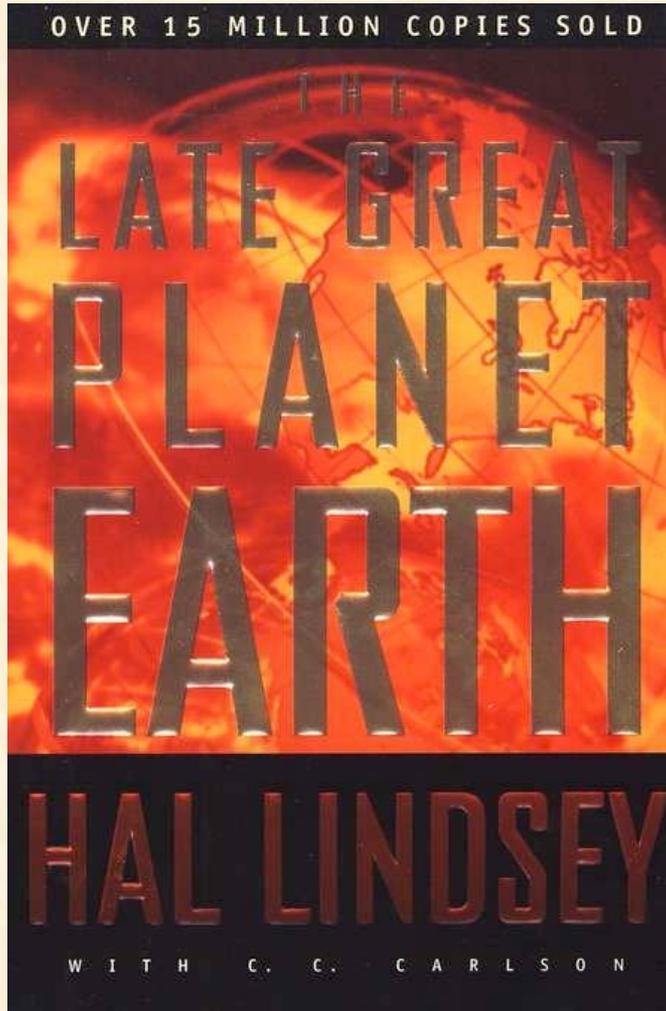
Public

If anyone says to you, “Look, here is the Christ!” or “There he is!” do not believe it... For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. (Matthew 24:23,27).

Public

At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. (Matthew 24:30-31).

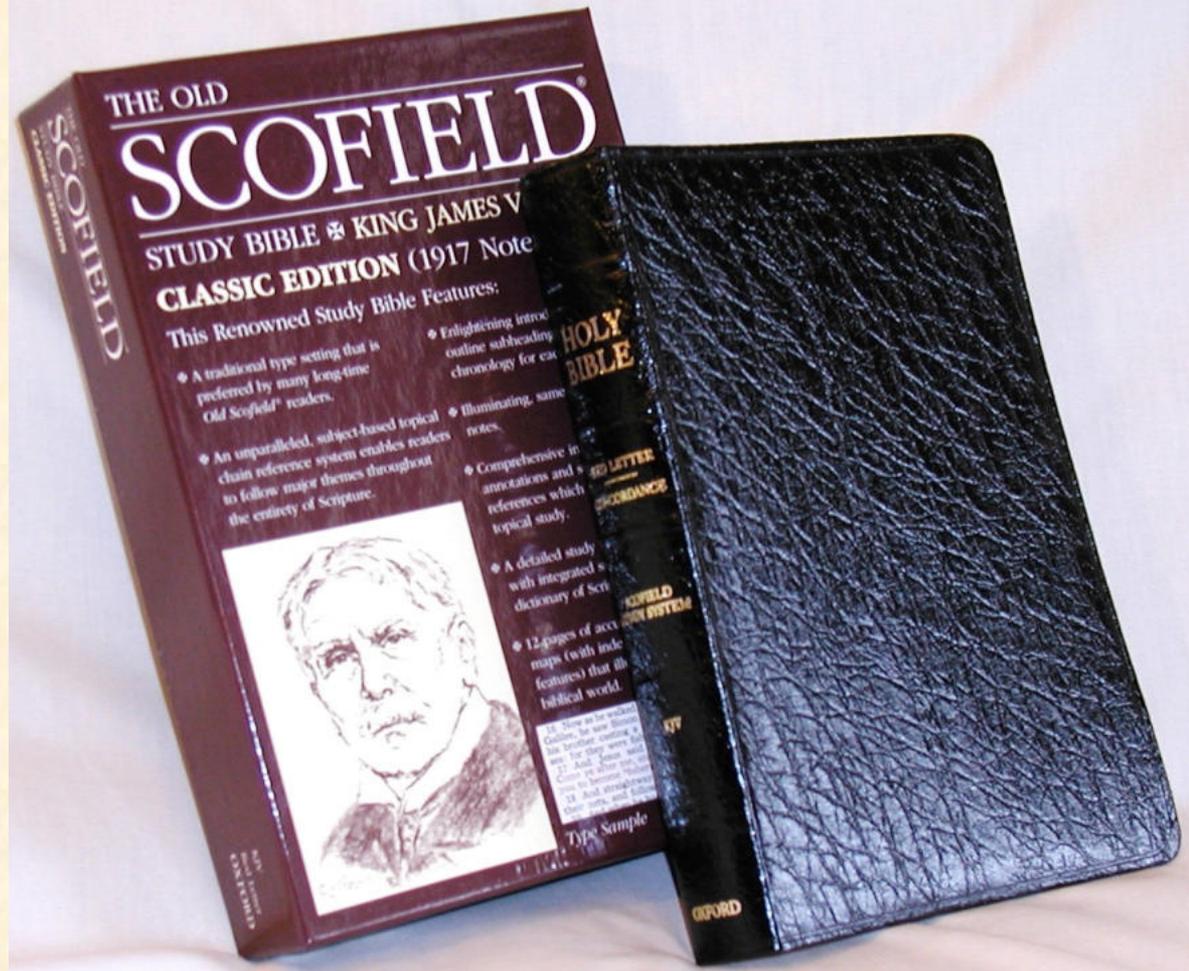
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Overwhelming joy

... the blessed hope, the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

(Titus 2:13)

We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. (1 Cor 15:51-52)

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Overwhelming judgment

God is just. He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. (2 Thessalonians 1:6-8).

Overwhelming change

That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. (2 Peter 3:12-13).

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No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark... (Matthew 24:36-38)

Sudden

... and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. (Matthew 24:39-41)

Sudden

Therefore, keep watch because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. (Matthew 24:42-44)

Sudden

Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. (Matthew 24:45-47)

Sudden

But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 24:48-51)

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Final

On that very day Noah and his sons... together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark... Then the LORD shut him in. (Gen 7:13, 16)

- Those inside were safe.
- Those outside were doomed.

Final

Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, “Sir, open the door for us.”

But he will answer, “I don't know you or where you come from... Away from me, all you evildoers!” (Luke 13:24-25)

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