

Lessons from the Harold Camping End-of-the-World False Prophecy

1. Don't listen to anyone who gives you a date for Christ's return

📖 Matthew 24:36

📖 Acts 1:7

2. Don't listen to false prophets

This isn't the first time Harold Camping has made a false prophecy. In his book titled "1994" (published in 1992) Harold Camping predicted that the world would end between Sept. 15-17, 1994.

In 2002, Camping declared that the church age had ended and the Great Tribulation was beginning, therefore all Christians should leave the church. In response to that proclamation, James White wrote his book, "Dangerous Airwaves."

📖 Deut 18:20-22

📖 Matt 24:24

📖 2 Thess 2:9-11

3. Be suspicious of teachers who treat the Bible like a book of hidden codes

Denial of the perspicuity (clarity) of Scripture

📖 2 Tim 3:16

📖 Deut 6:6-7

📖 Ps. 19:7 (Ps. 119:30)

📖 *"Have you not read.." (Matt 12:3, 5; 19:14; 22:31); "Have you never read in the scriptures" (Matt 21:42); "You are wrong because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God" (Matt 22:29; 9:13; 12:7; 15:3; 21:13; John 3:10)*

Alternative to the clarity of scripture:

📖 1 John 2:18-21, 26-27 (Gnostics – secret knowledge)

4. Be suspicious of "Lone Ranger" Bible teachers

📖 1 John 2:19

📖 1 Cor. 12:7-11, 18, 27

📖 1 Tim. 3:1ff, 15

5. Use the opportunity to talk about what the Bible actually says

 **1 Peter 3:15**

but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you;