

## “The End is Near!”

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A respected medical journal reported . . .  
A respected science publication claimed . . .  
A team of respected psychologist discovered . . .

There are many claims made by many people with well-deserved credentials. Yet, sometimes their reports, claims, and discoveries contradict.

Modern-day ‘seers’ claim to know the future; some claiming their source to be the dead. (Do dead people really know the future?)

We read about astounding claims, miracle cures, health scares, economic disaster, our nation’s future, cataclysmic world events, and even the end of the universe.

### **Does anyone know anything for sure!?**

Questions about the future have interested mankind for centuries? Old Testament prophets relayed God’s message to man, but there were also posers, those who claimed to be prophets but had received no revelation from God. The false prophets often spoke of peace while God’s prophet warned of God’s impending judgment because of sin and unfaithfulness.

God gave the Israelites a simple way to determine whether a prophet spoke God’s word or their own word: If the prophesy occurred as the prophet predicted, then they could be trusted. If the prophesy failed, the prophet was a false prophet. (Deuteronomy 18:15-22)

Our society has, in general, followed God’s thinking as an intuitive way of dealing with ‘unbelievable’ claims. Many doom and gloom prognosticators have been revealed as ‘false prophets’ by the passage of time. Yet, the vast majority of our society lines up neatly and follows any ‘pied piper’ who plays the music of *science or research*.

Science and research are not excellent. Yet, not all science/research has revealed truth. One study predicts another depression; another predicts a catastrophic earthquake; yet another, a pandemic disease. Then time passes and life goes on as it always has. New research sometimes reveals the flaws of earlier predictions.

Although the Bible is not a science book or a guide for economic planning, it often reveals truths that apply to the many claims made in our world. The key is to begin with God and allow him to reveal truths about mankind and his world. (Our human tendency is to think in terms of man and see if God’s word fits what we think we already know.)

As an example, consider the ‘climate change’ issue. One theory concludes with the earth becoming uninhabitable due to excessive heat. Another theory predicts a global freeze brought on by a change in ocean currents due to the melting of polar icecaps. These and other theories fly in the face of God’s promise to Noah:

**While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter and day and night, shall not cease. (Genesis 8:22)**

So, be responsible by putting out the trash, recycling, conserving energy; and you might even hug a tree if you wish. But do not be upset by “the end is near” environmental alarmists.

Not every claim made by people will have a clear and direct answer in scripture. However the Bible *will* guide us so that we do not live in fear of the modern-day false prophets...even if research is on their side.

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