**Ten past predictions of the Second Coming of Jesus**

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| **Predicted**  | **Claimant** | **Description** |
| 1000 Jan 1st | Pope Sylvester II | Since Millennium equals 1,000 years, this date became an easy target, including the newly elected Pope (in 99 A.D.). After the failed prediction, some proposed that the end would occur 1000 years after Jesus' death (1033). |
| 1420Feb 14 | Martinek Hauska | In Prague, Hauska told everyone to hide in the mountains because between Feb 1 and Feb 14 God would destroy every town and village with fire and usher in the millennium. The people instead rose up against the non-believing clergy and “purged them from the earth.” |
| 15331534 | French and German Anabaptists | One group claimed Strassbourg was chosen bo be the New Jerusalem in 1533. When that didn’t happen, another group claimed it would be in Münster, Germany in 1534. Catholics and Lutherans were expelled from the city. |
| 1844 Oct 22 | William Miller Millerites | This failed prediction was referred to as “The Great Disappointment.” Some Millerites continued to set dates; others founded the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Advent Christian Church, which continue to expect a soon Second Coming but no longer set dates for it.  |
| 18741914 | Charles Taze RussellJehovah's Witnesses | The first president of what is now the Watchtower Society of the Jehovah's Witnesses, calculated 1874 to be the year of Christ's invisible return. Then the resurrection of the saints in 1875, and the end of the "harvest" and a rapture of the saints to heaven for 1878, with the final end of "the day of wrath" in 1914. Jehovah's Witnesses do not use the term “The Second Coming " per se. They believe that Christ's visible (to humans) return will be at Armageddon. They believe that 1914 marked the beginning of Christ's invisible presence.  |
| 1935, 1943, 1972 & 1975 | Herbert W. Armstrong | Armstrong of The Worldwide Church of God predicted in a 1934 edition of *The Plain Truth* magazine that Christ would return in 1936. After that prediction failed, he stated in a 1940 edition of that "Christ will come after 3 1/2 years of tribulation in October 1943. After those failed predictions and loss of members he moved his operation from Oregon to Pasadena, California.He then felt the return of Jesus Christ might be in 1975. He wrote a book in 1956 called *1975 in Prophecy!*. The title led people to believe the date was the second coming (even though he didn’t claim it). It was preached in sermons throughout the denomination in the 1960s that his church would "flee" to Petra, Jordan in 1972 and Christ would return 3 1/2 years later.  |
| 1988Sep 11-13 | Edgar C. Whisenant | Published a book, *88 Reasons Why the Rapture Will Be in 1988*.He amended his prediction for 1989 (because he forgot the year zero in his calculations). Then again in 1993, and 1994. |
| 1994 Sep 62011 May 212011 Oct 21 | Harold Camping | Camping, general manager of Family Radio and Bible teacher, published a book, *1994?*, a prediction that Christ's return was likely pointing to 1994In “*2011 End Times Prediction”* Camping claimed that the rapture would be on May 21, 2011 followed by the end of the world on October 21 of the same year. Camping wrote "Adam When?" and claimed the Biblical calendar meshes with the secular and is accurate from 11,013 BC–2011 AD. |  |  |
| 2011 Sep 292012 May 272013 May 18 | Ronald Weinland | Weinland predicted Jesus would return on September 29, 2011. When his prediction failed to come true, he moved the date of Jesus' return to May 27, 2012. When that prediction failed, he then moved the date to May 18, 2013, claiming that "a day with God is as a year," giving himself another year for his prophecy to take place. Weinland was convicted of tax evasion in 2012 and sentenced to 3 1/2 years in federal prison. |  |  |
| 2015 Sep 28 | Mark Biltz | Starting in 2008, Mark Biltz began teaching that Christ's return would correspond with the September 28, 2015 lunar eclipse. His idea, known as the “Blood Moon Prophecy.” |  |  |