

MISTAKE 4

BEWARE OF SENSATIONALISTIC CLAIMS THAT SUPPOSEDLY CONFIRM WE ARE IN THE LAST DAYS

There continues to be sensationalistic claims that are used as evidence that we are living in the last days. They include claims of newly made discoveries, new understandings of what the Bible really teaches, as well as claims of secret codes in the Bible which reveal what will happen in the future.

We are assured that all of these sensational claims have something to do with last days Bible prophecy. Hence we are told that it is important that we too must have this knowledge. This is what we are led to believe.

However, nothing could be further from the truth.

THE TWISTING OF SCRIPTURE

Often times these claims come about by the twisting of Scripture. One passage that is regularly quoted to justify them is found in the Book of Daniel:

I heard, but I did not understand. So I said, "Sir, what will happen after these things?" He said, "Go, Daniel. For these matters are closed and sealed until the time of the end. Many will be purified, made clean, and refined, but the wicked will go on being wicked. None of the wicked will understand, though the wise will understand (Daniel 12:8-10 NET).

It is the last phrase in verse ten that is often quoted, "the wise will understand." This phrase has been used to promote a number of these sorts of claims.

Some of the false claims that have become popular include the following:

FALSE CLAIM ISAIAH 9 PREDICTED THE 9/11 ATTACK ON THE WORLD TRADE CENTER

This claim was made in a book that sadly became quite popular. It is an example of how not to interpret the Bible. Isaiah 9 is not prophetic of the United States, neither has it anything to do with the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The passage in Isaiah is not a prediction of events that indicate that we are at the time of the end.

FALSE CLAIM THERE ARE SECRET CODES IN THE BIBLE

Time and time again we find people making sensational claims with respect to secret codes that are contained in the Bible. They supposedly give insight as to what will happen in the last days.

Consider the following headline:

The Wise Shall Understand: The Daniel 12 Code Revealed

Then we have this:

Bible Code: 2/3 of the World's Population Will Die by September 2021 as prophesied by Zechariah

Well, this codebreaker sure got it wrong!

Beware Of Sensationalistic Claims That Supposedly Confirm We Are In The Last Days

The Bible is not a code book. The message has been plainly written so that all are able to understand it, not merely a select few.

We have dealt with this issue of secret codes in the Bible in considerable detail in an appendix to our book *Is The Bible The Ultimate Source of Authority?* As always, it is a free download on our website educatingourworld.com under the heading of *The Bible*.

FALSE CLAIM THE ARK OF THE COVENANT HAS BEEN DISCOVERED

There have been a number of instances in recent years where someone has claimed to have discovered the long lost Ark of the Covenant. None of the claims have proven to be true. The ark, if it does indeed still exist, has yet to be discovered.

We have documented this in our book *In Search of the Lost Ark: The Quest for the Ark of the Covenant*. It can be found under the section of *Bible Prophecy* at our website.

FALSE CLAIM NOAH'S ARK HAS BEEN DISCOVERED

A number of sensational claims have been made about the discovery of Noah's ark. None of them have been proven to be true. If it were discovered someday, the entire world would know about it.

FALSE CLAIM THE COVID VACCINE IS THE MARK OF THE BEAST

One popular claim in recent time has been that the vaccines of the Covid 19 virus are actually the predicted "mark of beast" that we are warned about in Revelation 13.

There are so many things wrong with this idea, not the least of which is that you cannot have the mark of the beast without the beast himself! The beast, the Final Antichrist, has not showed up yet upon the world stage.

Furthermore, his mark will be something that people willingly take to demonstrate their allegiance to him, as well as their worship of him. It will not be something that people will be tricked into receiving.

We also believe that genuine Christians will not be around when the mark is administered. We deal with the subject of the mark of the beast in our book *The Final Antichrist*. It can be also found under the section of *Bible Prophecy* at our website.

FALSE CLAIM AS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH, EVIL ANGELS ARE HAVING SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH WOMEN AND PRODUCING OFFSPRING (THE NEPHILIM)

This is one of the strangest of all. Since Jesus told us that the last days will be like the days of Noah this has caused some people to claim that it includes fallen angels producing offspring with human women as supposedly took place at Noah's time. However, there is no such teaching in Scripture that angels had sexual relations with human women. We have dealt with this subject in considerable detail in an appendix to our book *Evil Angels, Demons, and the Occult*. It can be found under the category *The Unseen World* on our website educatingourworld.com.

SUMMARY

We could go on and on about these so-called sensationalistic discoveries but the point is clear, they are simply false. These claims often gain a huge following but never turn out to be true. Sadly, many of the same people keep making sensational claims and people continue to believe them. This is a mistake that no Bible believer should make!