

# Causes of Disbelief in Biblical Prophecy

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## 1. A lack of biblical prophetic teaching

### **Evangelical leaders urge pastors not to forsake teaching Bible prophecy, talk End Times**

By Nicole Alcindor, CP Reporter



Pastors who refuse to preach about Bible prophecy are failing to "teach 20 to 40 percent of the Bible," said Jack Hibbs, pastor of Calvary Chapel Chino Hills in Southern California.

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## 1. A lack of biblical prophetic teaching – (Continued)



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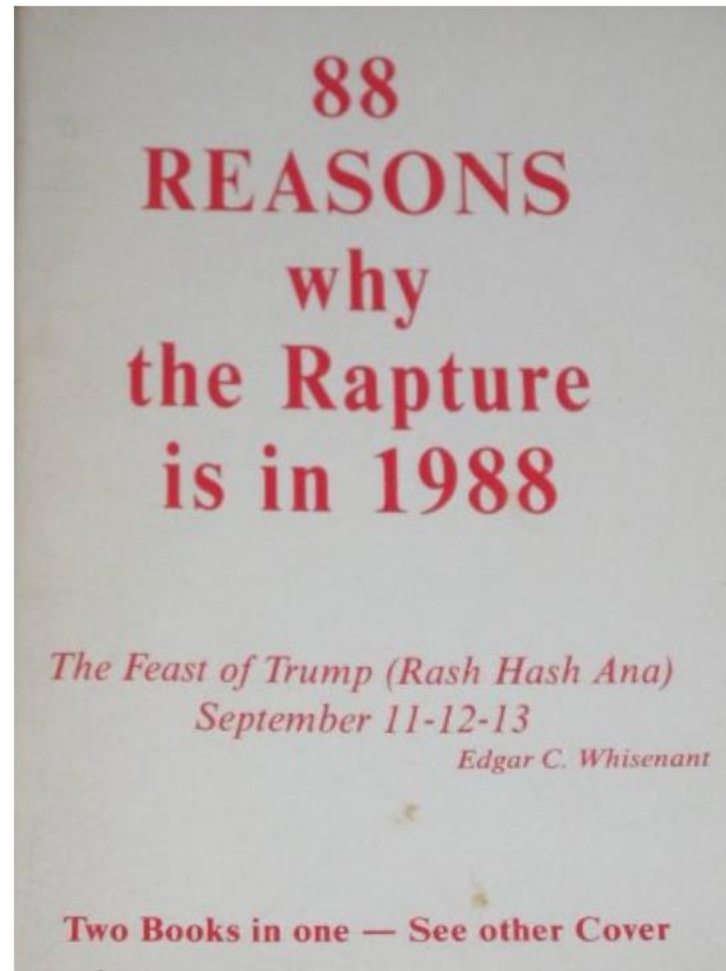
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- 1 — They don't understand it.
- 2 — They fear offending members of the congregation.
- 3 — People will be scared.
- 4 — People might not tithe if they think we're close to the end.
- 5 — Fear of looking like the loony-tune fringe.

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## 2. Date setting



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## 3. Being too comfortable in current circumstances

Amos 6:1 Woe to you who are at ease in Zion, And trust in Mount Samaria,  
Notable persons in the chief nation, To whom the house of Israel comes!

2 Go over to Calneh and see; And from there go to Hamath the great; Then go  
down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their  
territory greater than your territory?

3 **Woe to you who put far off the day of doom,** Who cause the seat of violence to  
come near; 4 Who lie on beds of ivory, Stretch out on your couches, Eat lambs  
from the flock And calves from the midst of the stall;

5 Who sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments, And invent for yourselves  
musical instruments like David;

6 Who drink wine from bowls, And anoint yourselves with the best ointments,  
But are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

7 Therefore they shall now go captive as the first of the captives, And those who  
recline at banquets shall be removed.

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## 4. Worldliness and/or being spiritually asleep



It's embarrassing when you do this on Sunday



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But it's far worse to be sleeping like this guy



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## 5. "New" extra-biblical prophecies

1Kings 22:11 Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made horns of iron for himself; and he said, "Thus says the LORD: 'With these you shall gore the Syrians until they are destroyed.'"

12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for the LORD will deliver it into the king's hand."

13 Then the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Now listen, the words of the prophets with one accord encourage the king. Please, let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak encouragement."

14 And Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives, whatever the LORD says to me, that I will speak."

King Ahab preferred to listen to false prophets since they gave him the answers that he wanted. No the Syrians were not destroyed.



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## 5. “New” extra-biblical prophecies – (Continued)

<sup>False</sup>  
The Prophet claims to be gifted by God to speak fresh revelation outside of Scripture—new, authoritative words of prediction, teaching, rebuke, or encouragement. In reality, though, he is commissioned and empowered by Satan for the purpose of misleading and disrupting Christ’s church. John offered an urgent warning about him. “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world” (1 John 4:1). Christians must “test the spirits” to determine if they originate with the Holy Spirit or with a demonic spirit. Later, John declared that God has spoken fully and finally in Scripture and offered the most solemn warning against anyone who claims to bring revelation equal or contrary to Scripture. “I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book” (Revelation 22:18-19).

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## 5. “New” extra-biblical prophesies – (Continued)

<sup>False</sup>The Prophet appears throughout the history of the church. As early as the second century, Montanus and his disciples claimed to speak on behalf of the Holy Spirit. In the nineteenth century, Joseph Smith claimed to receive The Book of Mormon from the angel Moroni. Today the airwaves are chock-full of people claiming to speak in the name of God through the power of the Spirit. Personal prophecies are just a phone call away. Sarah Young, author of the top Christian bestseller of the decade, boldly claims that her book contains the very words of Jesus. The Prophet continues to speak, to lead astray.

<https://www.challies.com/articles/7-false-teachers-in-the-church-today/>

Convinced that the end of the world was at hand and that the New Jerusalem mentioned in the New Testament (Revelation to John) was about to descend near the Phrygian village of Pepuza, Montanus laid down a rigoristic morality to purify his followers and detach them from their material desires.

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Montanus-religious-leader>

