



How Misguided Biblical Fatalism Is Leading Conservatives to Defeat

The warning to beware of wolves in sheep's clothing has never been more pertinent.

One of the themes most of interest among Christians, not only today but all throughout history, has been the last days and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

For millennia now, Christians have been convinced that the Second Coming is right around the corner. This belief has shaped the actions of entire nations.

While as Christians we should naturally live in such a way that we are spiritually and physically prepared for the calamitous last days as described in Scripture, we should also keep Jesus' words close to heart:



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“But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is” (Mark 13:32).

We can and should be vigilant as far as the signs of the times. But even if we watch and are vigilant, we should recognize that no man knows the hour, something Jesus also emphasized in Matthew when he said:

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

According to Christ, we can and should watch, but that does not mean we know when the moment of His coming will be.

This is worth repeating because, throughout history, Christians have been misled with regard to the time of Christ's coming, being told by one voice or another that it was going to be on this date or that date. Often, these dates of the end times and the Second Coming were sold to the masses by someone having an ulterior motive.

And it is the same today. While many Christians today are perhaps not fixated on a specific date, there is nevertheless a widespread belief, particularly among Christians of conservative political leanings, that the hour is almost here.

Consequently, many of these Christians almost rejoice when they see how depraved and corrupt our society has become, because it confirms their belief that the Second Coming is nigh. Rather than striving to do anything about it, or having hope that we can restore our civilization (and one cannot



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effect real, positive change without having the hope that it can and will be so), these Christians resign themselves to fatalism, saying, “There’s nothing we can do. We’re in the last days, this is how things are supposed to be. There’s no point in fighting.”

This mentality works in the favor of the globalist-Marxist cabal, as it neutralizes the opposition that would be offered by Christians.

The presumption that “these are the last days so we just have to ignore the wickedness around us and give up the fight for our country” goes against Jesus’ counsel to watch, for we know not the hour.

We can find many instances throughout history of societies that believed they were on the verge of the Second Coming.

In Medieval Italy, the writings of one Joachim of Fiore, a Calabrian abbot who claimed the gift of “spiritual intelligence,” sparked a firestorm of apocalyptic belief throughout Italian Christendom.

In his book *Savonarola: The Rise and Fall of a Renaissance Prophet*, historian Donald Weinstein writes:

In the climactic struggle between Papacy and [The Holy Roman] Empire for dominance in thirteenth-century Italy, papalists and imperialists alike exploited Joachimite and other prophecies to prove that God and history were on their side. Prophetic texts continued to be “newly discovered.” ... Disaffected peasants and workers ... rallied to leaders promising the speedy fulfillment of Joachim’s vision or were inspired by variations of their own. Some envisioned a spiritualized church or millennial kingdom, some the end of lordship, the freeing of the serfs, or the redistribution of property.

... Failed prophecies were soon forgotten and skeptics ignored; the need to know God’s plan was ineluctable.... The seed of apocalyptic fantasy was implanted in the common culture. Laid down in a complex stratification of announcements and predictions, deploying an ever more familiar vocabulary of symbols and signs, and constantly being revised to “predict” new events, millenarian apocalypticism was a key feature in the propaganda of princes and the manifestors of popular leaders....

Just as the Israelite nation went through various periods of righteousness and wickedness, piety and apostasy, the same is the case with the American nation. The nation is in a fallen state, but that does not mean everything is over — there can still be a widespread turning to God.

The globalists are all too happy to see Christians turn to fatalism and give up. American Christians should cease trying to predict the hour of the end and focus on purifying themselves, their families, and their communities.



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