



MAYA CALENDAR 2012

A Biblical Perspective

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Beliefs about 2012

- ▣ Most popular belief is that it marks the end of the world.
- ▣ Others...
 - A spiritual evolution for mankind
 - Reconnecting with the earth in an ecological sense
 - A true balance between the divine feminine and masculine
 - A planetary alignment with milky way will cause changes on the earth.



Beliefs about 2012

- ▣ Since Maya religion is cyclical, it doesn't have a final day or apocalypse.
- ▣ The idea that the world will end in 2012 has been created by followers of the New Age movement and Millennialism.
- ▣ These false teachers use the Maya calendar to try to support their wrong interpretation of the Scriptures.
- ▣ When you teach something that is not true, you need to look to outside resources for support of your false notion.

Where are the answers?

- ▣ 2 Peter 1:16 *For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.*
- ▣ John 17:17 *Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*
- ▣ John 8:31-32 *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*



Fighting for the Truth

- ▣ *1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear*
- ▣ *2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,*



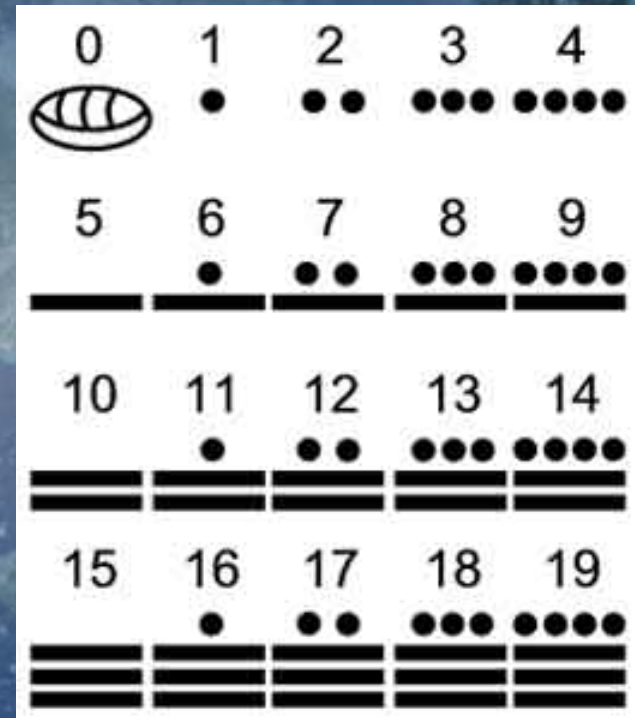
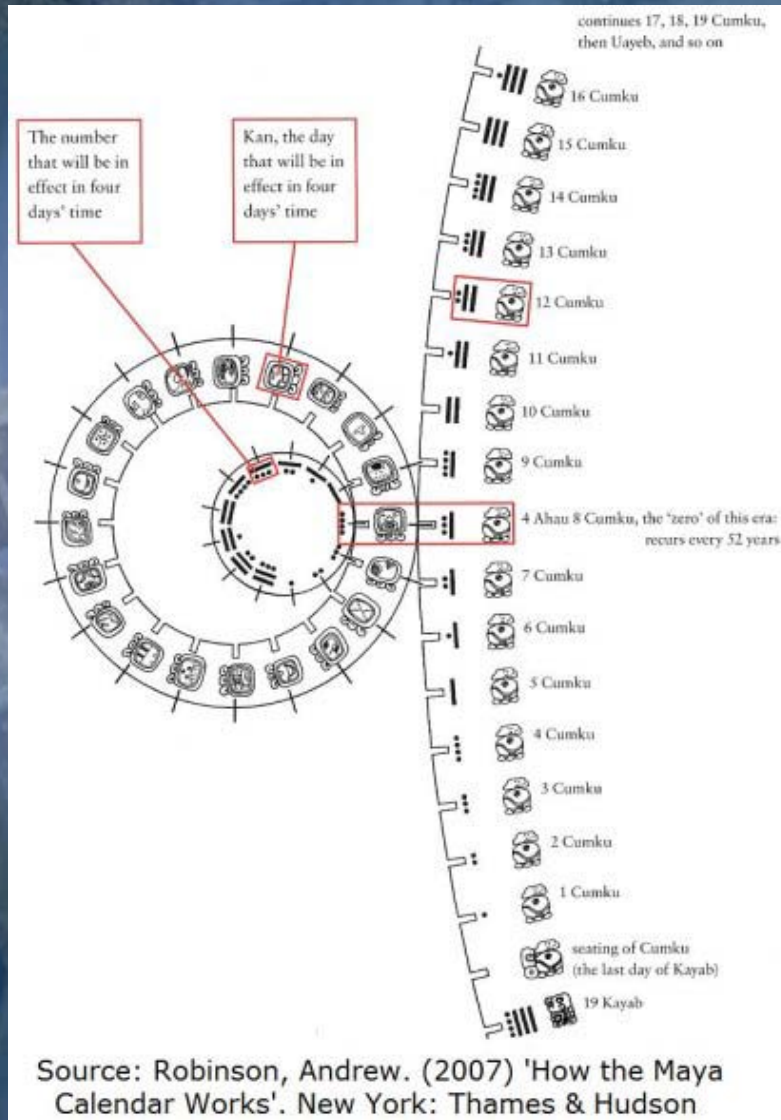
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- ▣ Colossians 4:5 *Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. 6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.*
- ▣ Matthew 24:35 *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”*
- ▣ John 5:39 *“You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.”*
- ▣ Walk in the wisdom of the Scriptures.
- ▣ Speak to one another in love.

What is the Maya Calendar?

- ▣ Two types: The Calendar Round and the Long Count.
- ▣ The Calendar Round is a system of three wheels that work together.
 - Trecena wheel: wheel consisting of 13 numbers, contained inside the Tzolkin wheel.
 - Tzolkin wheel: made up of 20 symbols
 - Trecena and Tzolkin wheels combine to form a 260 day calendar: used to track and observe religious festivals.
 - Haab wheel: cycle of 365 days
 - [YouTube - Mayan Calendar](#)

Calendar Round



Long Count Calendar

- ▣ Used for dating periods longer than 52 years.
- ▣ Linear form of time rather than cyclical.
- ▣ Base 20 numerical system.
- ▣ Counts from the Maya creation date: roughly 3114 B.C.
- ▣ We are approaching the end of the 13th Baktun, December 21, (23) 2012.

Table of Long Count units			
Days	Long Count period	Long Count period	Approx solar years
1	= 1 K'in		
20	= 20 K'in	= 1 Winal	0.0548
360	= 18 Winal	= 1 Tun	0.985
7,200	= 20 Tun	= 1 K'atun	19.7
144,000	= 20 K'atun	= 1 B'ak'tun	394.3

Why the hype?

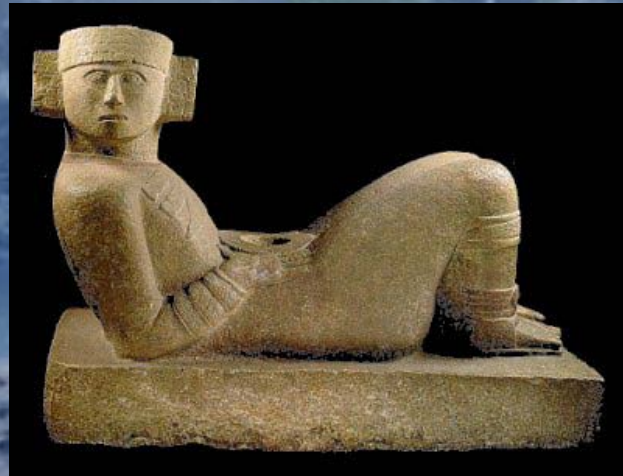
- ▣ Since the Maya use a base 20 numerical count, the 20th Baktun is considered the official end of the calendar.
- ▣ Two ancient Maya readings are used as evidence for the 2012 doomsday hypothesis.
 - Tortuguero Inscription: The Thirteenth [b'ak'tun] will end (on) 4 Ajaw, the 3rd of Uniiw [3 K'ank'in]. Black ...[illegible]...will occur. (It will be) the descent(?) of Bolon Yokte' K'uh to the great (or "red"?)...[illegible]...
 - Chilam Balam: These are ancient Maya manuscripts written in the 18th and 19th centuries. There is a reference to the 13th Baktun.

Chilam Balam

- ▣ Two translations of the passage exist:
 - *Presently B'ak'tun 13 shall come sailing, figuratively speaking, bringing the ornaments of which I have spoken from your ancestors.*
 - *...like the coming of 13 sail-ships. When the captains dress themselves, your fathers will be taken.*
- ▣ The translation is difficult because the manuscripts were written in Spanish.
- ▣ Supporters of the doomsday hypothesis also state that a planet alignment will occur in 2012.

Maya culture

- ▣ Height of empire 250-900 A.D. Origin back to the B.C. period.
- ▣ Eventual collapse to the Spaniards in 1600s.
- ▣ Polytheistic society, spiritism
- ▣ Human sacrifice was an integral part to religion.
- ▣ 7 worthy ways to die: sacrifice and suicide



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Previous Predictions

- ▣ 1284 A.D. Pope Innocent III predicted this year as the end. He came to the date by adding 666 years to the year that Islam began.
- ▣ 1794 A.D. Charles Wesley, co-founder of Methodism.
- ▣ Jehovah's Witnesses: 9 predictions from 1874-1984.
- ▣ Y2K



What does the Bible say?

- ▣ Judgment Day is coming
- ▣ Numerous OT references: Zephaniah 1:14-18, Isaiah 13:9-13, Isaiah 34:4, Isaiah 51:6, Isaiah 66:15-16, 22-23.
- ▣ Last chapter of the OT: Malachi 4
 - V.1: “The day is coming, burning like an oven...”
 - V.2: “But to you who fear My name, the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings.”
- ▣ Isaiah 65:17 *For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.*

What does the Bible say?

- ▣ 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4 *But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.*
 - A thief in the night, labor pains upon a pregnant woman
 - If you want to be prepared, be in the light, not the dark

What does the Bible say?

- ▣ *2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.*
 - Jesus Christ is coming again
 - Those who believe will have rest, those who do not will have destruction.

What does the Bible say?

- ▣ 1 Peter 4:7 *But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.*
 - The end of the world is coming
 - Be on the lookout
 - Continue to pray



What does the Bible say?

- ▣ 2 Peter 3:10-11 *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness*
 - Coming unexpectedly
 - Earth will be burned up, heavens pass away
 - We should live in holiness and godliness

What does the Bible say?

- ▣ 2 Peter 3:13 *Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*
 - The Christian's focus should be on looking for and preparing for Judgment Day, not trying to figure out when it will come.
 - There will be a new heavens and a new earth where righteousness dwells.
 - This is built on the promise of Jesus.



What does the Bible say?

- ▣ Acts 1:6-8 *Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*
 - We don't need to know the time, leave it up to God
 - We need to be preaching the gospel

What does the Bible say?

- ▣ Acts 17:30-31 *"Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."*
 - Repent
 - God has appointed the day of judgment
 - The assurance of this is built upon the resurrection of Jesus.

Matthew 24

- ▣ V.11: *“Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.”*
- ▣ V. 24: *“For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”*
- ▣ V.27: *“For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”*
- ▣ V.36: *“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.”*
- ▣ Comparison between the flood and Judgment Day.

Matthew 24

- ▣ vv.43-44: *“But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”*



Revelation 22

- ▣ V. 7 *“Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”*
- ▣ vv. 12 -13 *“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”*
- ▣ V. 17 *And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.*

“Come quickly”

- ▣ Let us not worry about the time that the Lord will come.
- ▣ Let us continue the work of His ministry.
- ▣ And let us join the Apostle John with all believers: “Amen, even so come, Lord Jesus!”

