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DOOMSDAY CLOCK UPDATED!

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The 'Doomsday Clock' has been moved forward. We're now 5 'minutes from midnight.' Humanity will soon be getting an update on how close we are to catastrophic destruction, as scientists and security experts decide whether to nudge the hands of the famous "Doomsday Clock" forward toward midnight — and doom — or back toward security and safety. The clock, in use as a [symbol of imminent apocalypse](#) since 1947, now stands at six minutes to midnight. On Tuesday (Jan. 10), the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists (BAS) will announce whether they will nudge the minute hand forward or backward to reflect current trends in world security. The last time the clock hand moved was in 2010, when the group moved the hand from five minutes to midnight back to six. In making the decision, the Bulletin considers the current state of nuclear weapons, climate change and biosecurity, along with other issues that could influence humanity's survival. The closest the clock has been to midnight has been 11:57 p.m., set in 1984 when the U.S. and the Soviet Union were in a diplomatic stand-off and tensions were high. The farthest humanity has ever been from destruction, according to the clock, was in 1991, when the Doomsday Clock stood at 17 minutes to midnight. That year, the Cold War over, the U.S. and Russia began cutting their arsenals. The clock ticked back toward midnight at the next update in 1995, however, when hopes of total nuclear disarmament began to fade. That update set the hands at 14 minutes until midnight. In recent years, the clock has ticked closer to destruction as the Bulletin has focused on concerns about nuclear terrorism and climate change. The [2010 shift](#) away from doomsday was due to nuclear agreements between the U.S. and Russia and productive climate talks at Copenhagen. The announcement of the new "[doomsday time](#)" will come at 1 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Tuesday. The Bulletin is expected to consider factors ranging from Iran's nuclear program to the aftermath of the Fukushima nuclear plant disaster to the state of policy on climate change. —*Huffington News* (1/10/12)

Yes, there is a "Doomsday" coming, but not what the world's prognosticators are talking about. In the first place all they have to offer is guess work. The Bible speaks of what men might call Doomsday, and there is no doubt that it is coming. If God says it, it will come. There are no doubt hundreds of statements in the Scripture that tell of a great day of judgment that is coming on this world for its rejection of God and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. It is called among other things "The Great Tribulation." Jesus spoke of it and said: **"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."** ~*Matthew 24:21*. For a full description of this seven year period, read the Book of Revelation chapters 6-18. I will just give a short quote here: **"And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and the rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"** ~*Revelation 6:14-17*. You may say, "Well, I just don't believe that." That won't change anything. I could point you to many prophecies, predictions, in the Word of God that have come to pass exactly as proclaimed. Prophecies that deal with individuals, a certain nation, four world governments that ruled the world in succession. Daniel 2 & 7.

When will this Great Tribulation happen. Jesus plainly said, **“No man knoweth the day nor the hour.”** However, we do know that it is related to Jesus coming at the beginning of the Great Tribulation when He will come to the air (This is the Rapture) to take all His true believers out of this world. The Rapture is described in a number of places. We’ll just quote I Thessalonians 4:16,17. **“For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ (those truly born again) shall rise first: Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”** The “Great Tribulation” will end with His coming to earth again (called the Revelation) to deliver the nation of Israel and set up the Kingdom of God when He shall sit on His throne and rule the nations in peace and righteousness. Revelation 19:11-16 : **“And I saw Heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He Himself. And He *was* clothed in a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called the Word of God. And the armies *which were* in Heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He hath on *His* vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”** Of course, it is 2,000 years since Jesus Himself spoke of these things and as predicted in the Word of God, scoffers have come mocking all of this. God’s Word says: **“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of...”** ~II Peter 3:3-5.

If you are not a truly saved, “born again” child of God, you will not take part in the Rapture. You will be left here and undergo The Great Tribulation, unless you die first. In that case you will go into that terrible place called hell! Yes, there is such a place and whether you believe it or not, it has real fire. Read the Gospel of Luke chapter 16 where Jesus gave us a glimpse of what hell is like. The man He showed us there said, “I am tormented in this flame.” How dare men take the passage in the Word of God and make it say something else – explain it away by saying it is only a state of mind or a place without God. Before I was saved by trusting Christ as my Savior from sin, I would have been very happy if you could have proved to me there was no hell or it was not a place of fire. Why do we have all of this proclamation of judgment in the Bible? Because of something men do not want to deal with. It is called sin. We are all sinners. God says, **“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”** ~Romans 3:23. Then, we read in Romans 6:23: **“For the wages of sin *is* death (eternal death); but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ or Lord.”** God is holy! Sin must be dealt with – it must be paid for! But what can we give God that will wash away our sins? Nothing! You cannot work for it – earn it! Wonder of wonders, because He loved us; I don’t know why, God sent His Son to pay for our sins. And God gives eternal life – salvation is a gift – to those who trust Christ as their Savior. **“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”** ~Ephesians 2:8,9. Without doubt, the most well known verse in the Bible is John 3:16: **“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”**

Yes, there is a Doomsday coming, and I believe it is not very far off, though no man knows the day nor the hour. Many things point to it that we do not have space or time to outline here. Jesus said, **“Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.”** ~Luke 12:40. Believe me, when He comes, you will not have time to get saved. **“For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”** ~Matthew 24:27. Your sins have already been paid for by the Lord Jesus Christ. But salvation is a gift. That means you must receive it. **“But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on His name.”** ~John 1:12. My Friend, God in His marvelous love and grace has made provision to save you. God is **“...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”** ~II Peter 3:9. Repentance means to change your mind. You need to change your mind about your sin and how it is to be forgiven. Do it NOW before it is too late! What tragic words – too late! Don’t let it happen to you. Procrastination is one of the greatest enemies of the soul! Do not delay! **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...”** ~Acts 16:31. One last word - listen to God! **“...Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”** Make it your day of salvation by trusting Christ!