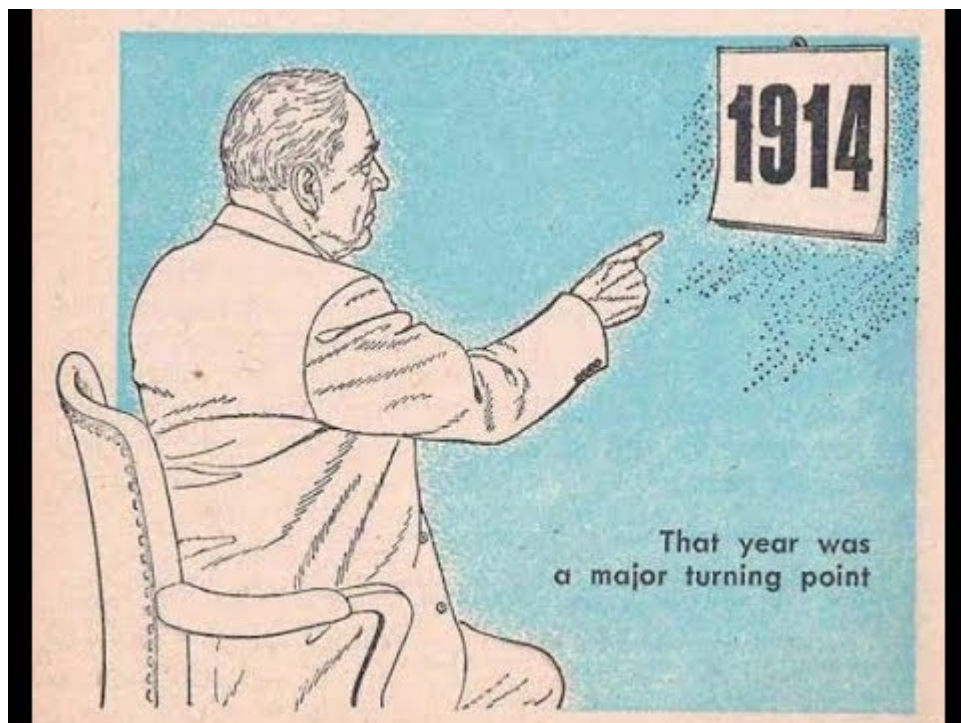


In recent times, the expression, "The Last of the Last Days," has been used by a certain group. This can be seen from their website, www.jw.org. Since such an expression is not used in the Bible, where does it come from?



"Sin is not ended by multiplying words" (Proverbs 10:19 NIV)

"At the beginning their words are folly; at the end they are wicked madness—and fools multiply words" (Ecclesiastes 10:13,14 NIV)

Back in the late 1800's and early 1900's Jehovah's Witnesses were predicting that the year 1914 would be the end of the world, in direct contradiction to Jesus warning that no one knows the date of the end of the world (Matthew 24:36). Rather than repent of their false prophesy, they changed their story. However, **"God's firm foundation stands" (2 Timothy 2:19 ESV).**

"When a prophet speaks in the name of Yahweh and the thing does not happen and the word is not fulfilled, then it has not been said by Yahweh. The prophet has spoken presumptuously, You have nothing to fear from him"—Deuteronomy 18:22 NJB

The Bible principle expressed above, helps us to identify false prophets. After their prediction failed, they began to claim that they had actually accurately foretold some things about 1914, since the first World War started that year. Twenty-nine years later, in 1943, they began to assert that: (1) Jesus had invisibly "returned" by assuming full power as the king of God's kingdom, and (2) that the "last days" of this world also started in 1914, and (3) "the great tribulation" (**Matthew 24:21,22**) began, and (4) the generation that was alive in 1914 will not completely die off until the end comes (**Matthew 24:34**). Jehovah's Witnesses have held to the first two of these four claims, but have changed the 3rd and 4th claims. To refute the charges of prophesying falsely, the Jehovah's Witnesses have asserted that they were not actually prophesying, but only **"interpreting"** Bible prophecies, which fits the mold of:

"I am not a prophet"—Zechariah 13:5 NIV

All we have to do is a little math to see that 109 years have now elapsed since 1914. The Jehovah's Witnesses have dug themselves in even deeper by holding onto these unscriptural assertions, rather than admit they have been completely wrong about their 1914 date. To make matters even worse, Jehovah's Witnesses, in their main publication, the October 2019 Watchtower study article, have an article entitled "Keep Busy During These Last of the Last Days". The idea of "The Last of the Last Days" has been used by Jehovah's Witnesses for some years now as a patch over their failed 1914 date that they have held onto so tenaciously. But to enshrine it further now in a main study article, rather than letting the entire concept go as being unscriptural, seems insane.

Contrary to Jehovah's Witnesses' false doctrines of "The Last Days of the Jewish System", running from 33 CE to 70 CE, and "The Last Days of This World", running from 1914 to Armageddon, the Bible itself clearly indicates the "Last Days" started at Pentecost, the 50th day after Jesus' resurrection:

"Let me explain this to you . . . this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'In the

last days, God says . . . ” (Acts 2:17 NIV). Peter, the apostles spokesman at the time, explains that the miraculous speaking in foreign languages was a fulfillment of Joel's prophecy, taking place right then and there "In the last days".

Three decades later, when Paul wrote his final letter, he warned about "terrible times in the last days", and urged: **"Have nothing to do with such people" (2 Timothy 3:1,5 NIV)**, so it is very obvious that "the last days" were happening then! Jehovah's Witnesses often use 2 Timothy 3:1-5 when discussing "the last days", while asserting that "the last days" began in 1914.

About the year 61 CE, Christians are told that **"in these last days [God] has spoken to us by his Son" (Hebrews 1:1,2 NIV)**, that God had already been speaking to them through Jesus, and did not have to wait until 1914.

About a year or two later, James scolded rich Christians who had **"hoarded wealth in the last days" (James 5:4 NIV)**. Clearly these "last days had been going on for some time!

Jehovah's Witnesses have obviously painted themselves into a corner with their 1914 date, and their stubborn refusal to abandon it. Now they publicly spout out such unscriptural terms as, "We're now in the Last of the Last Days". Such a term is not only noticeably absent from the Bible, it contradicts the Bible. Why does it contradict the Bible? Because Jesus warned, not the world, but his disciples:

"Keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come"—Matthew 24:42 NIV

"You must be ready the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him"—Matthew 24:44 NIV

According to Jesus, his own disciples will not be figure out when the end is coming. What

about knowing **"the times or dates"**? Jehovah's Witnesses have always, since their beginning in the 1870's, claimed to **"know"** them. However, Jesus said, **"It is not for you to know"** them (**Acts 1:7 NIV**). In fact, Jesus warned us to avoid anyone who claimed they knew **"the times and dates."** Notice:

"Watch out that are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, . . . 'The time is near.' Do not follow them"—Luke 21:8 NIV