'World's end' preacher Camping dead at 92

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Harold Camping, the radio preacher who convinced thousands of followers that Jesus would return on May 21, 2011, to usher in the end of the world died December 15, according to his Family Radio network. He was 92. He had been in poor health due to a stroke since 2011 and had fallen at his home on November 30.

Camping first predicted Jesus' return in 1994, but his most recent forecasts gained national attention. When his prophecies turned out to be false, he declared in March 2012 that his May 21 prediction had been "incorrect and sinful" and said his ministry would get out of the predictions business.