

Can you spot the difference?



Charles Taze Russell

“Yes, this is what I believed”

1799	The Last Days began
1878	Christ’s Rule as King
1914	Armageddon begins/ends



Modern-Day Watchtower

“No, this is what Russell believed”

1914	The Last Days began
1914	Christ’s Rule as King
no comment	Armageddon begins/ends

Last Days

“The Time Of the End”, its commencement AD 1799.”

[Thy Kingdom Come p.23](#)

vs.

“Jehovah’s witnesses pointed to the year 1914, decades in advance, as marking the start of ‘the conclusion of the system of things’.”

Awake! 1973 Jan 22 p.8

Christ’s Rule

The year AD 1878 being the parallel of his assuming power and authority in the type, clearly marks the time for the actual assuming of power as King of kings.”

[Thy Time Is At Hand p.239](#)

vs.

“Similarly, a prophecy providentially caused sincere 19th-century Bible students to be in expectation. By linking the “seven times” of Daniel 4:25 with “the times of the Gentiles,” they anticipated that Christ would receive Kingdom power in 1914.”

Watchtower ‘98 9/15 p. 15 par. 1

Armageddon

“...the battle of the great day of God Almighty which will end in AD 1914 with the complete overthrow of earth’s present rulership”

[The Time is At Hand \(1878, 1911 ed\) p.101](#)

vs.

No comment

Charles Russell consistently stated that the *Last Days* began in 1799 and *Christ’s Rule* began in 1878. He believed 1914 would bring Armageddon and “the overthrow of earth’s present rulership”. In contrast, the modern-day Watchtower claims Russell was expecting both the *Last Days* and *Christ’s Rule* to occur in 1914. **In all honesty**, have you as a Jehovah’s Witness ever read an actual article written by Russell that proves the Watchtower’s 1914 claims?