

2023 Evening Journey Thru the Word

Together let's grow in our knowledge and comprehension of one of the major doctrines in the Bible – Christ's Second Coming. In our second year of studying end time prophecy we will continue using the Signs series. Dr. Jeremiah will give us perspective by unpacking "The Book of Signs" containing 31 Undeniable Prophecies of the Apocalypse. We covered the first 11 signs in 2022-2023. If you are joining us for the first time, you can order a study guide on-line when you register. You can also read through the first 11 signs, if you want to be current with everyone else. Each lesson contains stand-alone information and therefore is not contingent upon knowing past or future lessons. If you are continuing this journey, you do not have to order a book since last year's study guide contains all 31 lessons. This year we will examine the heavenly and tribulation signs of the times and the role they play in end-time events. As you continue with or join us for the first time in this study, you will see the steadfast faithfulness of God through the events of the past, allowing you to become confident and expectant about His future second coming. By understanding what God's Word says about the end of this world as we know it, there can be peace and hope in our hearts.



2023 Evening Journey Thru the Word Registration is Open

Join us October 11, 2023 to begin a twelve-week study of end time prophecies at Ruthfred Lutheran Church from 6:45PM to 8:00PM. This year's study guide will cover the next ten of the 31 signs in Dr. Jeremiah's series on the end times. The 2023-2024 study will end with a closing program on January 31, 2024. In an effort to make joining together to study God's word easier for families coming from work and other events and to spend time together as the family of God, the church will continue to offer Forkless Dinners from 6:00 to 6:30PM to registered families just prior to JTTW and to all other families attending Wednesday evening events. Come and join in fellowship during this time with our church family. Please go to our website on www.ruthfred.org to register for evening JTTW online. For information or questions contact Jodie or Mark Riley, 412.401.9137.

Not sure if you have time or want to know more about end times?

Did you know that one out of every thirty verses in the New Testament teaches us that Jesus Christ is coming back to this earth? As we wait for God to reveal all the details, the prophetic Scriptures can strengthen us, encourage us, and give us certain hope. Much biblical prophecy is written in apocalyptic or figurative language which requires understanding. We could all call prophecy a “foretelling” of the future, but there is another aspect of prophecy we call “forthtelling”. The act of speaking forth those words from God about the future.

Knowing what is coming in the future gives us perspective on what is happening now. Since the bible foretells those realities, we are not surprised when we see them happening. When God speaks about the future, it is the same as a promise. No biblical prophecy about events in the past have ever gone unfulfilled. That gives us great certainty about prophecies related to the future because they too are promises from God that we can trust.

We must remember the same prophetic words that encourage you can be used by you to encourage others. The apostle Peter wrote that the “prophetic word” can serve as a “light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts” (2 Peter 1:19). When we know the rest of the story it doesn’t matter how troubling the middle chapters are ... especially when the Author has given us a copy of the last chapters to read ahead of time. We can use the prophetic Scriptures to empower us to stay on the path of God’s plans and purposes until the day dawns.

“³⁶But about that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. ³⁷For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so, will the coming of the Son of Man be.” Matthew 24:36-39