

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

THE CHURCH OF THE SPRINGS – 6/12/24

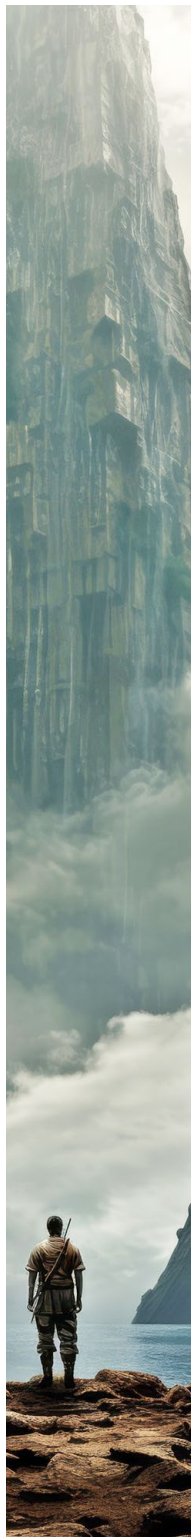


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“But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels. The Lord’s bond-servant [leaders and elders in the churches] must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, skillful in teaching, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition....”

– from 2 Timothy 2:23-25a NASB

Four thousand three hundred twenty



2 Timothy 2:22b-25a TLB

“Have faith and love, and enjoy the companionship of those who love the Lord and have pure hearts. Again I say, don’t get involved in foolish **arguments**, which only upset people and make them angry. **God’s people must not be quarrelsome**; they must be gentle, patient teachers of those who are wrong. Be **humble** when you are trying to teach those who are mixed up concerning the truth....”

1 Peter 5:3-6 NLT+

“Don’t lord it over the people assigned to your care, but, rather, lead them by your OWN good example: [be a LEAD-servant!] And then when the GREAT **Shepherd** appears, you WILL receive a crown of never-ending glory and honor! In the same way, you younger men must accept the **AUTHORITY** of the elders. And all of you, ALL of you, serve each other in **HUMILITY**, for the Scripture says, as King Solomon shared in Proverbs, chapter 3: [QUOTE] “God opposes, He fights against the proud, but He favors, He shows grace to the humble.” [UNQUOTE] “So humble YOURSELVES under the **MIGHTY** power of God, and at the right time, **HE WILL** lift you up in honor.”

Bereans

In ancient times, the Bereans were the inhabitants of the city of Berea, also referred to as Beroea in the Bible. Today, the city is known as Veria in what is today northern Greece. The Bereans are models of right-minded followers. Though zealous to hear, they did not thoughtlessly or uncritically accept what Paul said. They first tested it for themselves from the Scriptures and then submitted themselves to following it.

Acts 17:10-12 NLT

“That very night the Believers [in Thessalonica] sent Paul and Silas to Berea [about 45 miles]. When they arrived there, they went to the Jewish **synagogue**. And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul’s message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the **truth**. As a result, many Jews believed, as did many of the prominent Greek women and men.”

Why study the End Times? by Dr. Michael Weis [no timing promotions]

Why DON’T Christians study Biblical End Times prophecy?

- Confusing
- Complex [LOTS of details]
- Controversial [4 views]
- Conjecture [won’t effect me]
- Confrontational [matter?]
- Collegiate [only for leaders]

Why SHOULD Christians study Biblical End Times prophecy? 8 points / Focus on 3-> It’s Biblical. It’s a Blessing. Protective.

[300 FULFILLED Prophecies in OT about 1st Coming / 86 chapters • 150 chapters in Bible talk about 2nd Coming]

Revelation 1:3 NASB

“Blessed is the one who **reads**, and those who **hear** the words of the prophecy, and **keep** the things which are written in it; for the time is near.”

Matthew 24:4-5 NASB

“And Jesus answered and said to them, ‘See to it that no one **misleads** you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will **mislead** many people.’”

Galatians 6:7 AMP

“Do not be **deceived**, God is not mocked [He will not allow Himself to be ridiculed, nor treated with contempt nor allow His precepts to be scornfully set aside]; for whatever a man sows, this and this only is what he will reap.”

Jeremiah 29:8 NASB

“For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, ‘Do not let your prophets who are in your midst and your diviners **deceive** you, and do not listen to “their interpretations of” your dreams which you dream.’”

1 Corinthians 15:33 NASB

“Do not be **deceived**: “Bad company corrupts good morals.”

Colossians 2:8 NASB

“See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty **deception**, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to **Christ**.”

How do we **FOCUS** on what is important? 3 / 72 / 4320 / 259,200

(DAYS / HOURS / MINUTES / SECONDS)

If were told you only had 3 days to live, write down:

- 1) Things you would do in those last 72 hours, AND/OR
- 2) Things in your past you WISH you had done, or not done

2 Timothy 2:15 NASB

“Be diligent to present yourself approved **TO GOD** as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, **ACCURATELY HANDLING THE WORD OF TRUTH**.” [and 1 Cor. 13:13 “...faith, hope, and love; the **greatest** of these is LOVE.”]