

# UPCOMING SCHEDULE

<b>Sat., Oct. 2</b>	Why So Much Pain and Suffering?
<b>Sun., Oct. 3</b>	Prophecy's Greatest Promise
<b>Mon., Oct. 4</b>	NO SEMINAR
<b>Tues., Oct. 5</b>	The Antichrist's Secret Agenda
<b>*Wed., Oct. 6</b>	Whatever Happened to Right & Wrong?

\*Answers in Prophecy will continue nightly **through October 16** (except Mondays & Thursdays). Every night, we'll serve a delicious, plant-based supper at 6:30pm, and the program will formally begin at 7pm. We hope you'll plan to be here for each session!

Future topics include:

- ▶ *The Greatest Issue in the Book of Revelation*
- ▶ *How to Face the Final Judgment*



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# ANSWERS IN PROPHECY

Can the Bible Be Trusted Today?

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## Welcome

We sincerely welcome you to this exciting journey as we seek answers in Bible prophecy to our heart questions. If you're holding this in your hand, it is most likely because you desire, like many others, to make sense of the times in which we live and to explore how this ancient book called the Bible can have relevance for our lives today. In these unsettling times, many are genuinely searching for a trustworthy anchor point. If you resonate with this at all, then we believe you will find this series of presentations to be a powerful catalyst in your search for certainty and meaning.

Our thesis tonight is that the ancient prophecies of the Bible speak directly to our day. This claim rests upon the underlying conviction that the Bible and the God of the Bible can be trusted indeed. If we're going to trust the Bible, we must have reasons to do so...

## The Bible: Can We Trust It? — Lines of Evidence

- Internal
- Translational
- Cultural
- Archaeological/Historical
- Experiential
- Prophetic

## The Prophetic Word

- Isaiah 46:9-10—God's ability to foretell the future is a distinctive \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 Peter 1:16-21—God's prophetic word is like a \_\_\_\_\_ in a dark place.

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- Luke 12:31-32—Is it possible that God's desire is not solely to inform us about earthly kingdoms but to invite us into His heavenly kingdom?

### Statement of Truth:

God, You... \_\_\_\_\_

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### Statement of Trust:

God, I trust... \_\_\_\_\_

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Tomorrow Night's Topic:  
*Why So Much Pain and Suffering?*

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**When will Jesus' 2nd Coming Be?**

- Matthew 24:3-8—Jesus indicates that we will see a variety of signs in the:
  - r\_\_\_\_\_ world
  - p\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ world
  - n\_\_\_\_\_ world
- Matthew 24:8, 32-33—Jesus gives two metaphors to help us make sense of these signs— \_\_\_\_\_ pains and the \_\_\_\_\_ of a fig tree, which are both:
  - v\_\_\_\_\_
  - p\_\_\_\_\_
  - c\_\_\_\_\_
- Matthew 24:36, 42—When exactly? Ultimately, \_\_\_\_\_ knows, but we can be sure that His coming is \_\_\_\_\_! With this in mind, Jesus' primary concern for His followers is that we \_\_\_\_\_.

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