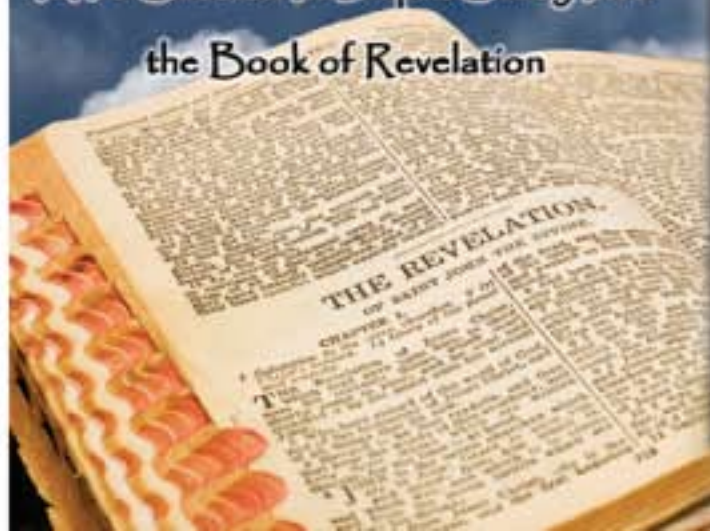




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What is Word Among Us?

Word Among Us is a ministry which makes available and conducts in-depth Bible study programs for adults.

Its goal is to equip people to understand the "big story" that unfolds in God's written Word, to discern the themes that surface within that big story, and to bring people face to face with the Mind, Method, Manner and Ministry of God's Eternal Living Word, Jesus the Messiah. Although the major focus of WAU's study programs is the Biblical text, its presentations draw also on insights offered by archeologists, historians and scientists.

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Of all the books of the Bible, none has fired the Western imagination more than John's Apocalypse. The Book of Revelation, however, is a revelation of Jesus Christ. It shows the totality of Jesus Christ: his mission and ministry, his death and resurrection, his living lordship, and his coming again. It is an explanation and proclamation of the gospel, a portrayal of the church and instruction in Christian discipleship.

Readers of the Book of Revelation are either mesmerized or mystified by it. The mesmerized come up with such startling interpretations that the mystified often conclude that sober-minded Christians should leave the book well alone.

From the very beginning cranks and crackpots have attempted to use Revelation to advocate some new twist on the Chicken Little Doctrine: The Sky Is Falling! But Revelation teaches instead that Christians will overcome all opposition through the work of Jesus Christ.

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Apocalypsis Jesu Christus - The Book of Revelation



In *Apocalypsis Jesu Christus*, we will discover:

1. Revelation is the most "Biblical" book

in the Bible.

Of the over four hundred verses in the book of Revelation, more than two-thirds allude to passages in the Old Testament, often with subtle allusions to little-known religious rituals of the Hebrew people. This course will explain this extensive Biblical background, commenting on the numerous portions of Scripture that shed light on St. John's prophecy.

2. Revelation has a system of symbolism.

Almost everyone recognizes that St. John wrote his message in symbols. But the meaning of those symbols is not up for grabs. There is a systematic structure in Biblical symbolism. In

In Word Among Us you will receive:

1. Instruction and internet accessible handouts which lead you through the Bible;
2. Secure Access onto the Lutheran Church Charities Web Site, where you can:
 - ✦ Interact with students across the country and around the world by posting questions and prayer requests and participating in discussions;
 - ✦ Access video and audio archives of all previous classes;
 - ✦ Access hundreds of pages of additional class handouts and resources prepared by Tim Hetzner, course instructor.

Word Among Us Requires:

1. Advance Registration;
2. A \$65 annual individual registration fee (\$80 per couple);
3. A commitment to personal study of the text.

order to understand Revelation properly, we must become familiar with the "language" in which it is written. Among other goals, this course seeks to bring the student at least a few steps closer to a truly Biblical Theology of Revelation.

3. Revelation is a prophecy about imminent events - events that were about to break loose on the world of the first century.

Revelation is not about nuclear warfare, space travel, or the end of the world. Again and again it specifically warns that "the time is near!" St. John wrote his book as a prophecy of the approaching destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70, showing that Jesus Christ had brought the New Covenant and the New Creation. Revelation cannot be understood unless this fundamental fact is taken seriously.

4. Revelation is a worship service.

St. John did not write a textbook on prophecy. Instead, he recorded a heavenly worship service in progress. One of his major concerns, in fact, is that the worship of God is central to everything in life. It is the most important thing we do. This course will show the liturgical aspects of Revelation and their implications for our worship services today.

5. Revelation is a book about dominion.

Revelation is not a book about how terrible the Antichrist is, or how powerful the devil is. It is, as the very first verse says, The Revelation of Jesus Christ. It tells us about His lordship over all; it tells us about our salvation and victory in the New Covenant, God's "wonderful plan for our life" and how He and His people shall reign forever and ever.

"Throughout the history of the church, wrongheaded teachings have appeared that temporarily attracted a large following, only to become fading fads once the light of proper biblical interpretation illuminated their error. A current example is dispensational pretribulation rapture theology promoted by such prophecy pundits as Hal Lindsey, Tim LaHaye, John Hagee and others. For years now, I've been wondering what might convince such prophecy specialists to recognize that the eschatology they are foisting on the world is simply embarrassing to the church, and so prompt them to back out of their dispensational cul-de-sac."

Dr. Paul Maier, Professor of Ancient History, Western Michigan University.

Length:

Each class will last 90 minutes. There is a total of 30 classes.

Who May Attend:

Everyone, regardless of church (or lack of) affiliation.



Instructor:

Tim Hetzner. Tim is President of Lutheran Church Charities and founder and author of Word Among Us Bible Studies. Tim has served in parish ministry for over 25 years and has led over 4500 adult students through the Bible. He has lead over 28 study tours to the Middle East: Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, and Syria.

REGISTRATION

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Please enroll me in the upcoming Word Among Us class!

- \$65 is enclosed (individual)
- \$80 is enclosed (couple)
- I am sending an additional donation for the scholarship fund
- I would like to request a scholarship

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