

## Study of Last Things (Eschatology)

**“God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)—Here is our hope! Here is our salvation! Praise the Lord for his glorious gifts.**

Some questions for our Bible class to discuss in the coming meetings?

- ❑ If you were to die today and God were to say to you, “Why should I let you into heaven?” what would you reply? [Is this question framed in Christian terms?]
- ❑ What will happen to your body and soul when you die?
- ❑ What does the Bible say about “end times”?
- ❑ Do we as Lutherans believe in the popular literature about the millennium (or “chiliasm,” Greek for “one thousand” [years]? Will Christ establish a period of 1,000 years on earth prior to His coming?
- ❑ What are the common views of this kind millennial thinking? Is there a Scriptural basis for it?
- ❑ What kind of resurrection does the Bible teach?
- ❑ What will our bodies be like in heaven? Will they be the same?
- ❑ Will we really be judged? By whom? So should we do more good deeds to climb the ladder of God’s grace? Why or why not?
- ❑ How will the world end? With a bang or a whimper? In fire or ice? Let’s start with some classic poems.

### End Of The World

#### *Robinson Jeffers*

When I was young in school in Switzerland, about the time of the Boer War,  
We used to take it for known that the human race  
Would last the earth out, not dying till the planet died. I wrote a  
schoolboy poem  
About the last man walking in stoic dignity along the dead shore  
Of the last sea, alone, alone, alone, remembering all  
His racial past. But now I don't think so. They'll die faceless in flocks,  
And the earth flourish long after mankind is out.

Let’s read what Matthew, Mark, and Luke say about the End Times:

Read aloud: Matthew 24: 36-51

Read aloud: Mark 13: 1-27

Read aloud: Luke 17: 20-37

