

Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles

October 6, 2024 – The Forerunner Message in the End Times – Erlinda Cruz

Forerunners Will Have a “Living Understanding”

We are spiritually prepared as we gain “living understanding” of Jesus and His excellent leadership. This is the key “metrics” for our preparation. The Lord will raise up “people of understanding” who will help others to understand the biblical end-time narrative (Dan. 11:33; 12:10; Jer. 23:20; 30:24).

“Those of the people who understand [end-time messengers] shall instruct many...”

Daniel 11:33

Forerunners Will Understand the Biblical View of the End Times

They will value its importance. Four things a forerunner will have understanding on:

1. **Unique dynamics:** The generation of Jesus’ return will have unique dynamics—unprecedented pressures (shaking, sin, and darkness) and an unprecedented outpouring of the Spirit, revival, etc.
 - a. “For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.”
Isaiah 60:2
2. **Biblical reasons:** Scripture highlights one generation much more than any other. By far the most described generation in God’s plan is the generation Jesus returns. It is the main focus in over 150 chapters in the Bible to help a forerunner to be established in the importance God placed on the topic of Jesus’s return.
3. **Pastoral reasons:** People must understand the biblical narrative for what will happen and why it will happen, or they will be left, by default, to embrace a secular narrative of the events, making them more vulnerable to be overcome by fear, offense, lust, and deception. However, by understanding the biblical narrative, God’s people will be better equipped to process the escalating pressures in a way that helps them to thrive spiritually and grow in love and peace.

Jesus highlighted four issues that will challenge many people’s faith in the end times: Fear (Lk. 21:26), Offense (Mt. 24:10), Lust (Lk. 21:34), and Deception (Mt. 24:11)—F-O-L-D.

The end-time falling away is the most tragic reality in history (2 Thes. 2:3; 1 Tim. 4:1-2). The metaphor of “birthing a child” is emphasized often as a paradigm to interpret the end times. When we have kingdom understanding, then “like a mother in labor”—the pain is well worth it. Imagine billions of years in God’s glory on a resurrected planet after only 3½ years of heavy labor.

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“A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish...”

John 16:21

We continue to hear the unceasing prayers of Paul for the New Testament church for “Wisdom and revelation.” He was very emphatic about this prayer because he knew the power of understanding and revelation in times of hardships.

Prayer:

Father our hearts cry out to receive the power of Paul to the church in Ephesians 1:17. We ask for a strong penetration of this prayer to break the covering of dullness and passivity in your people.