

Author writes guide to Judgment Day

Believers have nothing to fear, scholar contends

By Troy Espe
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Unlike fellow apocalyptic authors, Bible scholar Fred Lewis says the world isn't ending — not at this moment, anyway.

"I believe we are strictly sitting on hold right now," he said.

Lewis, 63, of Bruce, has written a guide to Judgment Day in "Understanding the Bible & End Times" (Tate Publishing, \$10.95). The 120-page paperback was released July 4.

In the book, Lewis explains how God revealed end times to the Apostle Paul. The world will end when a certain number of people come to faith, but only God knows the number, Lewis said.

"It could happen any time, but it could be 100 years," he said.

Dave Westrate, 62, of Eau Claire County has been studying

Fred Lewis

Age: 63.
Residence: Bruce.

Occupation: Semi-retired; former owner of Lewis Financial Advisors in Eau Claire.

Family: Wife, Jan; three children; two grandchildren.



the Bible with Lewis for more than 25 years. He introduced Lewis to the method of interpreting end times.

"Fred does a good job of unraveling that so we can understand it," Westrate said.

Lewis designed the book to make it easy to read, realizing people are interested in the apocalypse, he said.

"I'm finding that with this situation with Lebanon, the concerns about end times is really starting to ratchet up," he said.

Lewis has been fascinated by the reckoning ever since reading

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Hal Lindsey's "Late Great Planet Earth" in the 1970s.

"Thirty years ago I developed this hot button that I wanted to learn about end times," he said.

For 10 years he studied with the Rev. Rollin Wilson Jr., who died in May 2002. Lewis highlighted every Bible verse that raised questions, and Wilson helped him understand them.

Lewis has spent hundreds of hours reading the Bible in many versions. He consulted with clergy and lay people.

"The more I studied and the more I learned, the more interest I had, and it kept growing and growing," he said.

Lewis was born and raised in Eau Claire. The Vietnam War veteran owned Lewis Financial Advisors for 30 years. He finished writing the book after selling the firm in 2005.

Lewis originally planned to make copies for relatives. He e-

If You Go

What: Book signing by Fred Lewis, author of "Understanding the Bible & End Times."

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Where: Borders, 4030 Commonwealth Ave.

Information: 832-2852.

mailed a manuscript to Tate Publishing in Oklahoma. The Christian publisher expressed interest two days later.

Believers shouldn't fear the end of the world, Lewis said. Jesus will rescue them in the rapture, he said.

"If you believe Christ died for your sins, you won't go through the bad stuff," he said. "You will be spared."

Lewis said he doesn't have all the answers. However, he said Judgment Day is eminent.

"The stage is being set for the end times," he said, "but we're not there yet."

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