# FACING THE NEW YEAR WITH CONFIDENCE Meadowbrook Community Church December 31, 2023

There is one reliable source of information about the future – The Bible!

Prophetic Signs that point us to Jesus' Return...

### **ISRAEL**

God spoke through Ezekiel and said, "I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land." (Ezekiel 36:24)

## **FAMINES AND EARTHQUAKES**

...What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age? You will hear of wars and rumors of wars ... nation will rise against nation ... there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. Matthew 24: 8-9

Even so, when you see all these [signs] you know it is near, right at the door. Matthew 24:33

Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens. The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken — that is, created things — so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Hebrews 12:27

I will build my church ... and the gates of hell will not prevail against her. Matthew 16:18

### **MORAL DECAY**

There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God – having a form of godliness but denying its power. 2 Timothy 3:1-5

## WHEN ONE MAN RULES THE WORLD

He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666. Revelation 13:16-18

...while we wait for the blessed hope – the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Titus 2:13