

SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION



SRMBC May - Jul Bible Study Schedule

Date	Subject	Scripture
5/1/2019	Lesson 1: An Illustrated Letter from Jesus	Revelation 1
5/8/2019	Lesson 2: Pardon My Speaking the Truth	Revelation 2
5/15/2019	Lesson 3: My Dear Compromised People	Revelation 3
5/22/2019	Lesson 4: Worship the All-Powerful Lamb	Revelation 4 – 5
6/5/2019	Lesson 5: The Beautiful Wrath of God	Revelation 6
6/12/2019	Lesson 6: Living Faithfully Through the Holocaust	Revelation 7, 16
6/19/2019	Lesson 7: Cheer Up! The Worst Is Yet to Come!	Revelation 8 – 9
6/27/2019	Lesson 8: The Last Word on Witness	Revelation 10 - 11
7/3/2019	Holiday (Independence Day)	No Study
7/10/2019	Lesson 9: Conflict with the Accuser	Revelation 12 – 13
7/17/2019	VBS	No Study
7/24/2019	Lesson 10: Doing Mission in Hard Times	Revelation 14 – 15
7/31/2019	Lesson 11: Tearing Down Strongholds	Revelation 17 – 18
9/11/2019	Lesson 12: Are You Going to the Wedding?	Revelation 19
9/18/2019	Lesson 13: The Last Battle	Revelation 20
9/25/2019	Lesson 14: God Dwelling With His People	Revelation 21 – 22

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Revelation - The Triumph Of God

Lesson 13: **The Last Battle**

Revelation 20

The Apostle John – The Book of Revelation

- **Author:** Revelation 1:1,4,9 and 22:8 identify the author as the apostle John.
- **Date of Writing:** The Book of Revelation was likely written between A.D. 90 and 95.
- **Purpose of Writing:** The Revelation of Jesus Christ was given to John by God (while in exile on the Isle of Patmos) to tell his servants about the last days before Christ's return, the final judgment of sin and Satan and the new heaven and new earth.

The Book Of Revelation:

- Gives us a glimpse of heaven and the glories awaiting those who keep their robes white.
- Informs us on the Great Tribulation and the final fire that unbelievers will face for all eternity.
- Records the defeat of Satan and the doom he and his angels are bound for.
- Shows us the worship and service of all creatures and angels of heaven and the promises of eternal life with Jesus in the New Jerusalem.



John on the Isle of Patmos

BIBLICAL EVENTS TIMELINE



Group Discussion: What do you look forward to most about Christ's return?

Fast and Furious (2009): "Dom's Sentencing"



Vin Diesel as Dom Toretto

Despite Dom's long list of crimes, his lawyer presents to the Judge Dom's efforts in assisting law enforcement to capture drug smugglers.

After the Judge reviews the case, Dom's awaits the verdict and his final fate.

Questions:

- Did you think about the verdict was fair? Why or why not?
- How do you Dom felt prior to the verdict? After?
- How does this scene answer people who reject Christ who say: "I'm a good person" or "My good outweighs my bad?"
- What does marriage convey about our Relationship with Christ?
- How does this scene demonstrate our need for a Savior and being ready for the future judgment?

Revelation 20:1 – 3 (NKJV)

Satan Bound 1,000 Years

1 Then I saw **an angel** coming down from heaven, having the **key to the bottomless pit** and **a great chain in his hand**.

2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the **Devil and Satan**, and **bound him for a thousand years**;

3 and he cast him into **the bottomless pit**, and **shut him up**, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more **till the thousand years were finished**. But after these things he must be released for a little while

Revelation 20:4 – 6 (NKJV)

The Saints Reign with Christ 1,000 Years

4 And I saw **thrones, and they sat on them**, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and **reigned with Christ for a thousand years**.

5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the **thousand years** were finished. **This is the first resurrection**.

6 Blessed and holy is he who has part **in the first resurrection**. Over such **the second death has no power**, but they shall be **priests of God** and of Christ, and shall **reign with Him a thousand years**.

Revelation 20:7 – 10 (NKJV)

Satanic Rebellion Crushed

7 Now when the **thousand years have expired**, Satan will be released from his prison

8 and will go out **to deceive the nations** which are in the **four corners of the earth**, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

9 They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. **And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.**

10 **The devil**, who deceived them, **was cast into the lake of fire** and brimstone where **the beast and the false prophet are**. And they will be **tormented day and night forever and ever.**

Revelation 20:11 – 15 (NKJV)

The Great White Throne Judgment

11 Then I saw **a great white throne** and **Him who sat on it**, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

12 **And I saw the dead, small and great**, standing before God, and **books were opened**. And another book was opened, which is the **Book of Life**. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. **And they were judged, each one according to his works.**

14 Then **Death and Hades** were cast into **the lake of fire**. This is the **second death**.

15 And anyone **not found** written in the Book of Life was cast **into the lake of fire**.

1. Why is Satan, previously thrown down to earth (12:9), now bound (20:1-3)?

- God is demonstrating to Satan and to us – That Satan is not in control – **God is.**
- As God sets up His Kingdom, He is not going to allow Satan have any hand or opposition to it.
- God desires to have us experience the great joy of a Kingdom where God's rule and righteousness prevail.
- To allow us to join in with Our Lord Jesus in His reign and rule over the New Earth.
- To allow for unhindered Praise and Worship of the Lord to be experienced by His people (Satan hates the Praise of God).



"Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years" (Rev. 20:1 – 2)

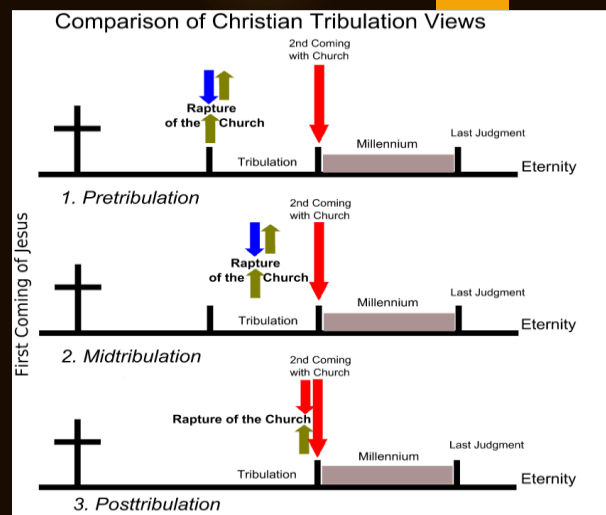
2. Which view (if any) do you think best fits this passage and the book of Revelation?

3 Views of the Millennium

- **Pretribulation** – Rapture **before** 7 yr. Tribulation followed by 1000 yr. reign and then the judgment.
- **Midtribulation** – Rapture **during** the Tribulation followed by 1000 yr. reign and then the judgment.
- **Post-Tribulation** – Rapture **after** Tribulation followed by 1000 yr. reign and then the judgment.

Pretribulation provides the best view of the Millennium as it is the most consistent with scripture (Dan. 9:24 – 27; I Thess. 4:17, 5:9; Rev. 1 – 3; 19 – 20).

Note: Believers can genuinely differ on their views of the Rapture or the Millennium, the real issue is to ready for **whenever** Jesus returns – which He has promised in His Word.



3. How might verses 4-6 be an answer to the believer's prayer, "Your kingdom come, . . . on earth as it is in heaven"?

- Without realizing it many Christians pray the Lord's Prayer while thinking only of a heavenly kingdom.
- In Rev. 20:4, we see that Christ will restore the earth as part of the Heavenly Kingdom.
- This prophecy of Kingdom fulfillment in the earth should make us more hopeful than we are about this world.



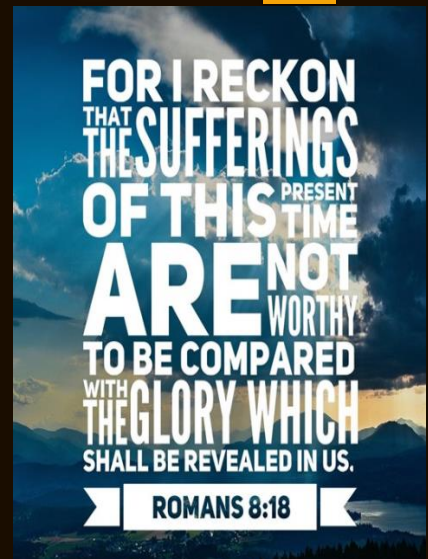
4. How can verses 4-6 help us to see life and death in proper perspective?

Life Perspectives

- The better we serve and obey Christ – the greater our reward in eternity (Our lives have meaning)
- As the church, our mission to spread the Gospel so that as many as possible can avoid the Judgement
- Our sufferings today a light when weighed against eternity
- We can see world events the good and the bad from God's viewpoint.

Death Perspectives

- Death is not the end. There is an eternity of time that awaits us for which we need to ready.
- What we do or fail to do matter for all eternity.
- Sin, Evil and Unbelief will not go unpunished – even after death.
- After death, believers can look forward to joy and blessings – Unbelievers will judgment and punishment .



5. What is the nature and outcome of Satan's last fling (vv. 7-10)? Why do you think God allows this brief parole of Satan?

- Satan loosed goes back to His nature – devouring seeking to deceive and destroy the works and the people of God.
- He seems to have more power than ever before – deceiving nations and creating an army from the 4 corners of the earth to destroy the saints
- The battle is fierce and short – fire from heaven consumed the Army and Satan finds his final end in the lake of fire.
- God allows this brief pardon to identify the last of the unbelieving and to demonstrate His ultimate power and authority of Satan Sin and Evil.



Satan Loosed From The Pit



The Final Battle

Note: Gog and Magog: We should not ponder which powers/nations these are since the army was gathered from all parts of the world.

6. Who will be judged at the great-white-throne judgment (vv. 11-15)? On what basis will they be judged?



The White Throne Judgment

All of the dead (great and small) that have rejected Jesus and His Gospel of Salvation by sin and unbelief – whose names are not in the Book of Life.



The Books Are Opened

All of the Dead are going to be judged – weighing their works in comparison to God's Perfect and Holy Law. Every public and secret sin will be made known. All and any excuses will be futile.



The Lake of Fire

The final judgement against sin and sinners. The eternal, never-ending, horrific, unimaginably painful punishment – Ironically prepared of Devil and his Angels (Matt 25: 41)

7. How can we reconcile this judgment according to deeds with the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith?

- While we are saved by grace through Faith in Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:8 – 9). When that Grace is rejected in sin and unbelief, we are left open to God's Judgment.
- Our works are the evidence of whether we have true saving faith or not. While we may fool others we cannot ever fool God.
- Just as our rewards will be in proportion to our works – the same is true for the punishment of the wicked.
- God's Amazing Grace and Awesome Judgment are seen most vividly at the Cross of Jesus Christ.



8. How should the ultimate judgment of evil and the reward of faithfulness affect the way we live now?

- **Ignite our passion to evangelize** – to warn others of the coming Judgement and point them to Jesus the Savior. (Col. 1:28 – 29)
- **Implore Our People To Discipleship** - To be in the church – encouraging one another to continue in the Life and work of ministry. - Jesus' Cross and Resurrection (Heb. 10:25)
- **Influence Our Perspective toward the Present/Future** – Our present service will directly affect our future reward. (I Cor. 15:58)
Our present circumstances are all under God's control. We can be confident that no matter what, God's purpose and plans will prevail (II Cor. 4:17)

Therefore, my beloved brethren, **be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord**, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (KJV)

Keys For Living

- *Believers need to realize that as powerful as Satan is, he is ultimately a defeated foe (Even he knows it). Satan knows he cannot thwart God's plans, so his goal is to take as many people as he can down with him.*
- *As God's Kingdom is sure to come, we need to make sure that we have put our faith in Christ for salvation and zealously (being All-In) proclaim the Gospel to everyone – before it is too late!*
- *Even after death, everyone will stand before the Lord Jesus in Judgment – either for eternal reward (II Cor. 5:10) or eternal punishment (Rev. 20:11). How live today has eternal consequence.*



QUESTIONS

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**THEREFORE BE YOU
ALSO READY:
FOR IN SUCH AN HOUR AS
YOU THINK NOT THE SON
OF MAN COMES.**

Matthew 24:44