



Bible study for the week starting September 21, 2025

SHARE

Did you read or watch the “Left Behind” series that became such a part of our culture in the 1990s and 2000s? If so (or even if you didn’t), how do you weigh what culture – even Christian culture – tells you about the return of Christ with a Biblical (non-dramatized) worldview?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Revelation 20:1-6**. Based on everything you’ve read in Revelation so far, does your reading about the “thousand years” dictate that it *has* to be a literal 1,000 years? See also **2 Peter 3:8** and **Psalms 50:10**.
2. Based on everything you know from Scripture and from what it tells us about Jesus, when would you say Satan was “bound?”
3. Read **Romans 6:3-11**. Part of our Baptismal theology comes from these verses; baptism is not a separate work from Jesus’ death and resurrection; baptism connects us to this redemptive work of Jesus. Reading these verses, what imagery about death and resurrection sticks out to you; when does this happen in the timeline of your life?
4. Read **John 3:1-7**. Jesus has this amazing, famous discussion with Nicodemus that culminates in **John 3:16**. We hear Christians talk about being “born again,” and it refers to these verses. What does it mean for you to be born again?
5. These verses end with **Revelation 20:6**, which is one of the “7 blessings” of Revelation. What do you hear?

PRAY

Pray that Jesus would come quickly, and that we would be ready! Pray that even if Christians disagree on some of the details, we would be united in faith and purpose in this life.



THE END [PART 1]: THE THOUSAND YEARS

Revelation 20:1-6 (Romans 6:3-11; John 3:1-7)

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The cross of Jesus is a beacon of GOSPEL HOPE in a world full of DEVASTATION.

BOUND the devil for 1,000 years:

- Matthew 12:28-29
- Colossians 2:14-15
- 1 John 3:8
- Hebrews 2:14-15
- Hebrews 2:8



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On the worst days, it might feel like you're losing, but is the devil still losing? Satan is a JUNKYARD DOG on a CHAIN.

4 Concepts:

1. 1st Resurrection – BORN AGAIN (Rom. 6:3-5, John 3:3, 1 Peter 1:3, Mark 16:16, John 11:25-26)
2. 2nd Resurrection – On the LAST DAY (1 Cor. 15:26, Rev. 20:6)
3. 1st Death – “The wages of SIN is death.” -Rom. 6:23
4. 2nd Death - CONDEMNATION

Most of these differences don't affect SALVATION, and we can and should find common ground on the APPLICATION.

For next Sunday, please read Revelation 20:7-10.