

APOCALYPSE NOW XLIV

April 19, 2026

READ: Revelation 20:1-6

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. This is a study of the second distinctive of “the millennium.” Identify this distinctive in vv. 5-6a.

2. Who experiences “the first resurrection” (v. 4)? (Who are they: cf. Revelation 21:27?)

3. What outcome does *not* apply to those who experience the first resurrection (v. 6)?

What is this exempted consequence (v. 14)?

4. Who does *not* experience the first resurrection (v. 5)?

Who comprises this group (v. 15)?

5. Two resurrections are in view—(1) vv. 5-6a; (2) vv. 12-13. What are the distinctions between the two resurrections described by the Apostle Paul (Romans 8:10-11)?

What are the distinctions between the two resurrections described by Jesus (John 5:24-29)?

6. Why are two “resurrections” needed? (How, or in what ways, do people really & truly die?)

- Genesis 2:16-17
- Ezekiel 18:4
- Ephesians 2:1

- Genesis 5:5, 8, 11, etc.
- Ecclesiastes 3:2
- 1 Corinthians 15:22

7. The nature of the first resurrection is . . . (What form does it take: cf. Titus 3:5?)

This resurrection applies *only* to . . . (cf. John 5:24; Romans 6:13; Colossians 2:12-14)

The nature of the subsequent, or final, resurrection is . . . (What form does it take?)

This resurrection applies to . . . (cf. John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15)

8. When does the first resurrection occur (John 5:24; Ephesians 2:5; Colossians 2:12-14)?

When does the subsequent, or final, resurrection occur (John 5:28-29; John 6:39-40)?

9. Why is the first resurrection the most significant & important resurrection?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

This week, I will not let sin control the way I live (Romans 6:12a) by . . .

This week, I will not give in to sinful desires (Romans 6:12b) by . . .

This week, I will not let any part of my body become an instrument of evil to serve sin (Romans 6:13a) by . . .