REVELATION 20:

- 1. V1-3 -> The 1,000 year reign of Jesus on the earth
 - a) What does the angel coming down from heaven have with him? (v1)
 - b) Who owns the "keys of hell" at the moment? Where do you think is the bottomless pit and who rules and reigns there? (Rev 1:18)
 - c) Do you think the angel of the bottomless pit in Rev 9:11 is the same angel that John sees here having the key of the bottomless pit? (v1, Rev 9:11, Rev 9:1-2)

 Are "hell" and the "bottomless pit" the same place?
 - d) What are the 4 names of Satan? (v2)
 - e) Who is bound and thrown in the bottomless pit for a 1,000 years?

 Do you think the demonic will also be shut up or be ineffective during the 1,000 year reign of Jesus?
 - f) Regarding powerful angels, do you think that God also has "destroying angels"? (2 Sam 24:16-17, 2 Kings 19:35)
 - g) Why do you think is Satan is shut up for 1,000 years? (v3) Does this then imply that Satan is deceiving the nations currently?
 - h) Why do you think God removes Satan for a 1,000 years? Do you think people will still sin with Satan removed? (v3, v7-8, Jer 17:9, Matt 15:18-20b)

 Are people inherently "good"?
- 2. V4 -> The judgment of believers
 - a) When will the judgement of believers be? (Rev 20:4, Rev 11:15, 18)
 - b) "I saw thrones". Who do you think are sitting on the thrones? (Matt 19:28, Rev 3:21)
 - c) Will the believers be "judged" or "rewarded"? (Rev 22:12, 1 Cor 3:8-15, Rom 14:10-12, 2 Cor 5:10)
 - d) Will believers be judged for their sins? (Ps 103:12, 1 John 1:9)
 - e) Do you think that when our Lord Jesus Christ returns to the earth, He will have <u>all</u> His saints with Him? (1 Thess 3:13, v6)
 - f) "the souls of them that were beheaded". Why and when were they beheaded? (Rev 12:11)
 - g) Why is there emphasis on those that have been martyred and beheaded for Jesus and the Word of God? (v4, Rev 6:9-11)
 - h) "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him" (2 Tim 2:12). Can we see this as encouragement?

3. V4-6 -> The Bodily Resurrection Read 1 Cor 15:20-26.

1 Cor 15:22-23 "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order:"

Therefore the order of the resurrections according to 1 Cor 15:20-26 are as follows:

1	"The Firstfruits of the Resurrection"
	Jesus Christ
	Approximately AD 33

1 Cor 15:23a "But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits,"

Rev 1:18 "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

2 "The First Resurrection"

They that are Christ's at His coming

The Rapture

1 Cor 15:23b "afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." (1 Thess 4:13-18)

Rev 20:4-5 "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection."

3 "The Second Resurrection"

Christians who are born/saved after the rapture

After the Millennium

1 Cor 15:24-26 "Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."

John 5:28-29 "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation,"

a) What do you think is the meaning of Jesus being the firstfruits resurrection? How does this affect the first and second resurrections?

- b) What happens to a human being when he is bodily resurrected? (1 Cor 15:35-44)
- c) Who will be part of the first resurrection? (Rev 20:4-6)
- d) Where does "and the dead in Christ shall rise first" in 1 Thess 4:16 fit in?
- e) What will these resurrected believers do for 1,000 years? (Rev 20:4-6)
- f) Who do you think are the "rest of the dead" that did not live again until the 1,000 years were finished? (v5) Are they believers or unbelievers?
- g) Do you think that there will be people that will be saved in Jesus' 1,000 year reign on earth? How will they get saved?
- h) What is the "second death"? Why would the "second death" have no power over those of the first resurrection? (v6)
- i) When will Jesus deliver up the kingdom to Father God? (1 Cor 15:24-25)
- j) What is the last enemy that will be destroyed? (1 Cor 15:26, Rev 20:14)
- 4. V5 -> Priests of God and reigning with Christ.
 - a) How do you think we could be priests of God in the millennium? (Rev 1:6, Rev 5:10, 1 Pet 2:5,9)
 - b) "reigning with Christ". How big will the world's population be after a "prosperous, peaceful but strict" 1,000 years? Would there need to be many "strict administrators"?
 - c) Do you think everybody will know about Jesus in the millennium? (Zech 14:16-17)
- 5. V7-9 -> The battle of Gog and Magog
 - a) What will Satan do after the 1,000 years have expired? (v7-8)
 - b) Do you think the "four quarters of the earth" is the entire earth's population? What are the nations called? (v8)
 - c) How many are gathered to the battle? (v8)
 - d) What would you say to someone referring to current nations as "Gog and Magog"?
 - e) The nations surround "the camp of the saints and the beloved city". What city is this and who has been ruling and reigning from this city? (v9)
 - f) How does God destroy them? (v9)
 - g) Read Ezekiel 38 and Ezekiel 39:
 - i) What do you think God is saying when He says: "set thy face <u>against</u> Gog, the land of Magog", "prophesy against them" and "I am against thee"? (Ez 38:1-3)

- ii) Examine the following verses in Ez 38:
 - "all thine army, horses and horsemen", "a great company" (Ez 38:4,15),
 - "and many people with thee", "a mighty army" (Ez 38:5-6, 9, 15),
 - "all thy company that are assembled unto thee" (Ez 38:7),

What do these verses tell us about those that are gathered for battle? Do these verses possibly resemble Rev 20:8?

- iii) What do you think is the meaning of "the latter days"? (Ez 38:8, 16)
- iv) Where will the battle take place according to Ez 38:8,14,16,18? Do these verses possibly resemble Rev 20:9?
- v) What will Jerusalem look like in those days? (Ez 38:11) Does this look like Jerusalem today? Did Jerusalem ever look like this in history?
- vi) How will God fight the battle? (Ez 38:19,22 & Ez 39:6) Do these verses correspond with "and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them" (Rev 20:9b)?
- vii) What will the people that dwell in the cities of Israel do with the weapons after the battle? (Ez 39:9-10)
- viii) Why do you think would they not need these weapons for war?
- 6. V10 -> Satan cast into the lake of fire and brimstone
 - a) Who else is already in the lake of fire and brimstone?
 - b) What are the consequences of being in the lake of fire and brimstone?
- 7. V11-15 -> The great white throne judgment
 - a) "the earth and the heaven fled away". Does this mean the current earth has been destroyed? (2 Pet 3:10,12)
 - b) The "dead, small and great, are standing before God" and the "dead were judged" (v12) What do you think does it mean when it says "the dead"? Who are "the dead"? (Refer to question 3h)
 - c) What do you think are the "books" that were opened? (v12, John 12:48, Matt 12:36-37)
 - d) "another book was opened, which is the book of life" (v12)
 What is the book of life? Who's names are written in the book of life?
 - e) How were "the dead" judged? (v12-13)
 - f) "death and hell were cast into the lake of fire" (v14). Do you think at this point "the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death" in 1 Cor 15:26 comes to pass?
 - g) Who else were thrown into the lake of fire? (v15)