

A. Why study the Bible?

I. Why study anything?

- a. _____ to study it
- b. So can _____ it in life
- c. We study something so our lives can _____ in some way.

II. Why study the Bible?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d. _____
 - i. Matthew 22:34-40
 - ii. 2 Corinthians 5:17

III. Why study eschatology?

- a. Eschatology
 - i. a branch of theology concerned with the final events in the history of the world or of mankind
 - ii. a belief concerning death, the end of the world, or the ultimate destiny of mankind specifically : any of various Christian doctrines concerning the Second Coming, the resurrection of the dead, or the Last Judgment
- b. Examples in popular culture

IV. Eschatology & Oddities

B. Approach to the Bible

I. Humility

II. Submission

III. Context

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

C. Approach for our time together.

I. Keep in mind why we study the Bible.

II. Keep in mind a healthy approach to studying the Bible.

- a. Humility
- b. Submission
- c. Context

D. Time to use our Bibles...are we living in the “last days”?

- I. 2 Timothy 3:1 [2:22-3:9] “last days”
- II. 2 Peter 3:3 [2:15-3:9] “last days”
- III. Jude 18 [17-19] “last times”
- IV. James 5:3 [1-6] “last days”
- V. Acts 2:17 [14-24] “last days”
- VI. 1 Peter 1:20 [17-21] “last times”
- VII. Hebrews 1:2 [1-3] “last days”
- VIII. The “last days”
 - a. The period of time _____ by Jesus’ _____ which will _____ in His _____.
 - b. An _____ of _____ in which _____ can break in at _____.

E. How do we interpret the Bible?

- I. Literal vs. Figurative
 - a. Literal –
 - i. Psalm 50:10
 - ii. Rev3:21 vs. Rev21:22
 - iii. Song of Solomon 4:1-8
 - b. Figurative –
- II. Naturally
 - a. If a metaphor is intended...allow it to speak as a metaphor.
 - b. If the “plain sense” is intended...allow it to speak as a metaphor
- III. Genre
 - a. We use it all the time...
 - b. Get into next week...

G. Homework

- I. Review “last days” aspect...
 - a. change is difficult – me at Starbucks this morning...
- II. Paul’s prayers – in light of “heaven”
- III. If you read Revelation take special note of
 - a. Rev6:12; 8:5; 11:19; 16:18