



WHAT THE
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The book of
Revelation

The first word of this book,
Ἀποκάλυψις [*Apokalypsis, unveiling*],
should be kept in mind
throughout the book.

For it is God's intention to *reveal*
rather than *conceal*.

A Special Blessing

(Revelation 1:3)

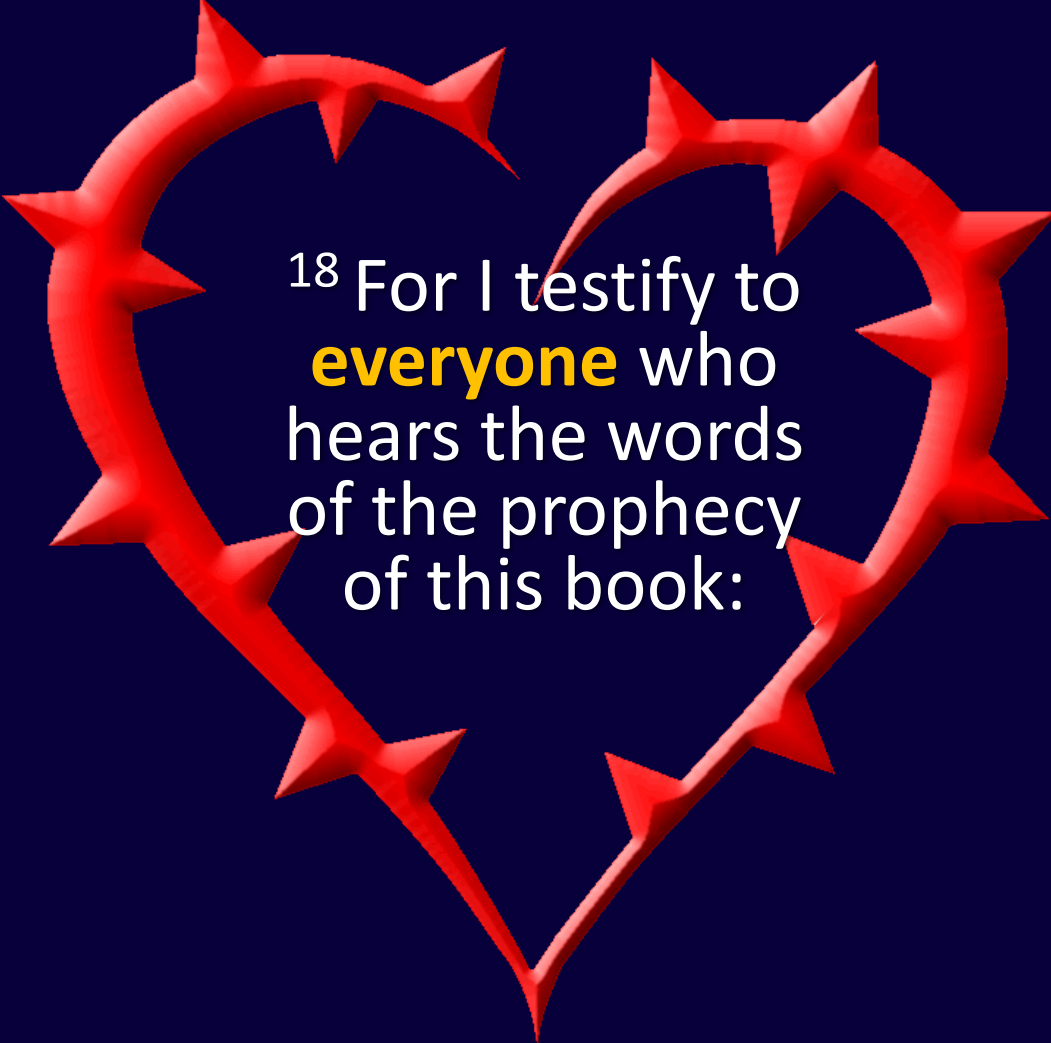


Blessed

is he who **reads**
and those who
hear the words of
this prophecy,
and **keep** those
things which are
written in it; for
the time is near.

And a Special Curse

(Revelation 22:18-19)



¹⁸ For I testify to **everyone** who hears the words of the prophecy of this book:

If anyone adds to these things, **God will add** to him the **plagues** that are written in this book;

¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, **God shall take away** his part from the **Book of Life**, from the **holy city**, and the **things** which are **written** in this book.

The Spirit of this Course

ETSI DOCTRINA
NON DARETUR

(“as if doctrine is not given.”)

Remember!

1:17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead.



- John was unprepared for this experience.
- He had no language to fully express it. Worldly words and symbols did not adequately convey what he saw, so John used jewels, gems (e.g., jasper, sardius stones) and Scriptural references.

Our imaginations must be **engaged** to appreciate and untangle the book's complex imagery.



Logic will get you from A to B.

Imagination will take
you everywhere!

Albert Einstein

WORSHIP

helps us to prepare for the

WRATH

of

GOD

Status Report

The Seven Seals - Revelation Chapters 6-7



Interval 1: Sealing of the 144,000 of the 12 tribes of Israel (Revelation Chapter 7)

Interval 2: Mighty Angel with the Little Book; Seven thunders; Two witnesses (Revelation Chapters 10-14)

Interval 3: Three Demon Spirits like Frogs; Gathers for Battle of God Almighty (Revelation 16:13-16)

The Seven Trumpets

Revelation Chapters 8-15

The first six Trumpets=

"Judgments of the Thirds"



The Seven Thunders?

(See Dan. 12:9; Rev. 22:10)

The Seven Bowls of Wrath

Revelation Chapter 16



Review

CHAP

1

John on Patmos, Vision of Christ in Glory,
introduction to the Seven Churches.

CHAP

2

Letters to the Angel of the Churches in
Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, and Thyatira

CHAP

3

Letters to the Angel of the Churches in
Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea

CHAP

4

Vision of the throne room of God,
God's people worship the Creator

CHAP

5

God's people worship the Redeemer;
the sealed scroll; the Slain Lamb

CHAP

6

6 seals opened: 4 horsemen, martyrs
in heaven and God's wrath on earth.

CHAP

7

Sealing of the 144,000 Jews and
multitude of Tribulation Saints;
Hymns 6 & 7 bring amen to songs.

Review

CHAP
8

7th Seal opened. Silence in Heaven. God hears; answers prayers with Seven Trumps. First four damage environment.

CHAP
9

5th Trump (1st Woe) demons from Pit torment Man; 6th Trump (2nd Woe) demons from East kill 1/3. **No repentance.**

CHAP
10

Mighty Angel with Little Book; Seven Thunders; Mystery of God finished; take and eat Little Book.

CHAP
11

Temple measured; two witness (Moses & Elijah); witnesses killed; bodies lay 3½ days; resurrected.

CHAP
12

Spiritual flash back to Christ's birth; picture of Dragon's persistence in hurting God's children.

CHAP
13

Satan's beasts from sea (Antichrist) and earth complete unholy trinity; mark of beast.

CHAP
14

The Lamb and the 144,000; the proclamations of angels; sickle thrust.

SECOND
INTERVAL

TIME HAS RUN OUT!

Review

CHAP

15

Short chapter; worshipful prelude to bowls; The Song of Moses and of the Lamb; seven angels given seven bowls.

CHAP

16

Order to pour bowls on earth; 1st to 6th bowls poured out; third interval – gather at Armageddon; 7th bowl: “It is done!”

CHAP

17

Woman (false religion) rides the beast (world govt); woman as “Babylon” is destroyed and wealthy mourn.

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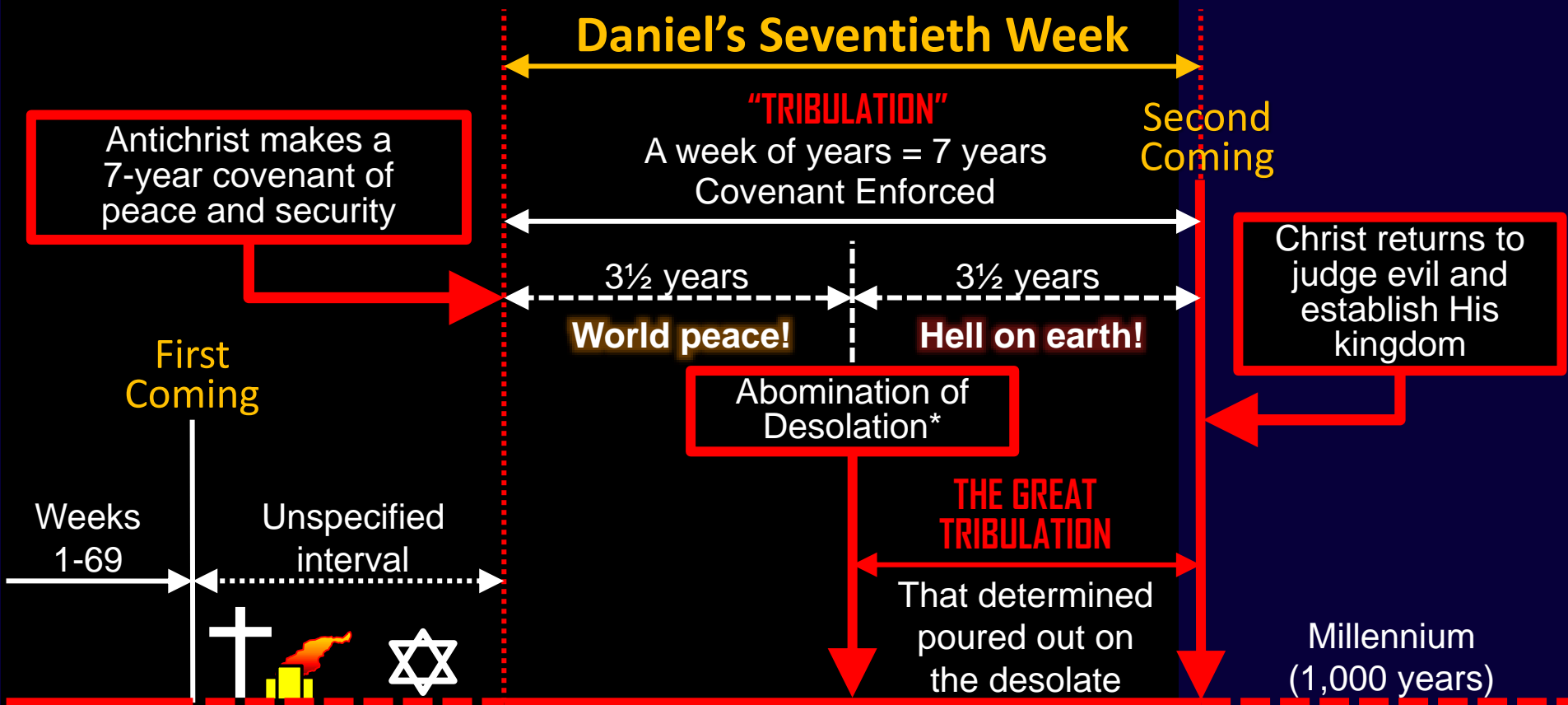
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Babylon (woman) is fallen; call to repent; kings, merchants and powerful weep; Holy people rejoice.

Revelation Chapters 10—14

The second major interval
(after the 6th Trumpet and Second Woe)

- At the start of Daniel's 70th Week, a world ruler rose to power and made a 7-year Covenant of Peace and Security, promising to protect the Jews and help rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem.



*Antichrist breaks covenant with Israel and becomes their **persecutor** instead of **protector**.

Progress Chart

Daniel's 70 Weeks	Revelation (General)	Revelation (Specific)
● Dan. 24-25 Weeks 1-69	● Rev. 1 (things you have seen)	● Rev. 1
● Dan. 26 Interval	● Rev. 2-3 (things which are)	● Rev. 2-3 (Seven churches)
● Dan. 27 Week 70	● Rev. 4-22 (which shall be hereafter)	● Rev. 4-5 (Throne room)
		● Rev. 6-9 – 1 st 3½ yr Peace & security
		● Rev. 10-14–Middle Abomination
		● Rev. 15-18–2 nd 3½ Great Tribulation
		● Rev. 19-20 The King and His Kingdom
		● Rev. 21-22 All things new



the SECOND COMING

Revelation Chapter 19 discusses the Second Coming of Christ and the Battle of Armageddon



³⁰ Then the angel said to her,
“Do not be afraid, Mary, for
you have found favor with God.

³¹” And behold,
you will conceive in your womb
and bring forth a Son, and shall
call His name **JESUS**.

³² He will be great,
and will be called the
Son of the Most High;
and the Lord God will give Him
the throne of His father David.

³³ And He will reign over the
house of Jacob forever, and
**of His kingdom
there will be no end.”**

Do God's Promises Count?

- The Davidic Covenant (2 Sam 7:11-16).
- David's royal dynasty (Isa 7:13).
- David's eternal throne (2 Sam 7:13, 16, 19; 1 Chr 17:12; 22:10; Isa 55:3; Ezek 37:25).
- A political kingdom (Gen 17:2-8), even confirmed by oath (Ps 132:11; 89:3, 4, 34). (This cannot be applied to the Church per Ezekiel 37:21-28).
- The future throne that was recognized by the First Church Council in Acts 15 (Acts 15:16-18, quoting Amos 9:11-12. Cf. Jer 30:7, 11, 19)
- Jude 1:14-15, quoting Enoch, a pre-Flood prophet.



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The King and His Kingdom

Revelation Chapter 19-20

Beatus de Facundus: "Le Cavalier Fidèle et
Véritable. Les Armées du Ciel. Apoc. XIX"

The King and His Kingdom

01

19:1-10

Heaven
will
rejoice

02

19:11-20:3

Christ
will
return

03

20:4-6

Saints
will
reign

04

20:7-10

Satan
will
revolt

05

20:11-15

Sinners
recom-
pensed
(Great
White
Throne)

Heaven Exults over Babylon

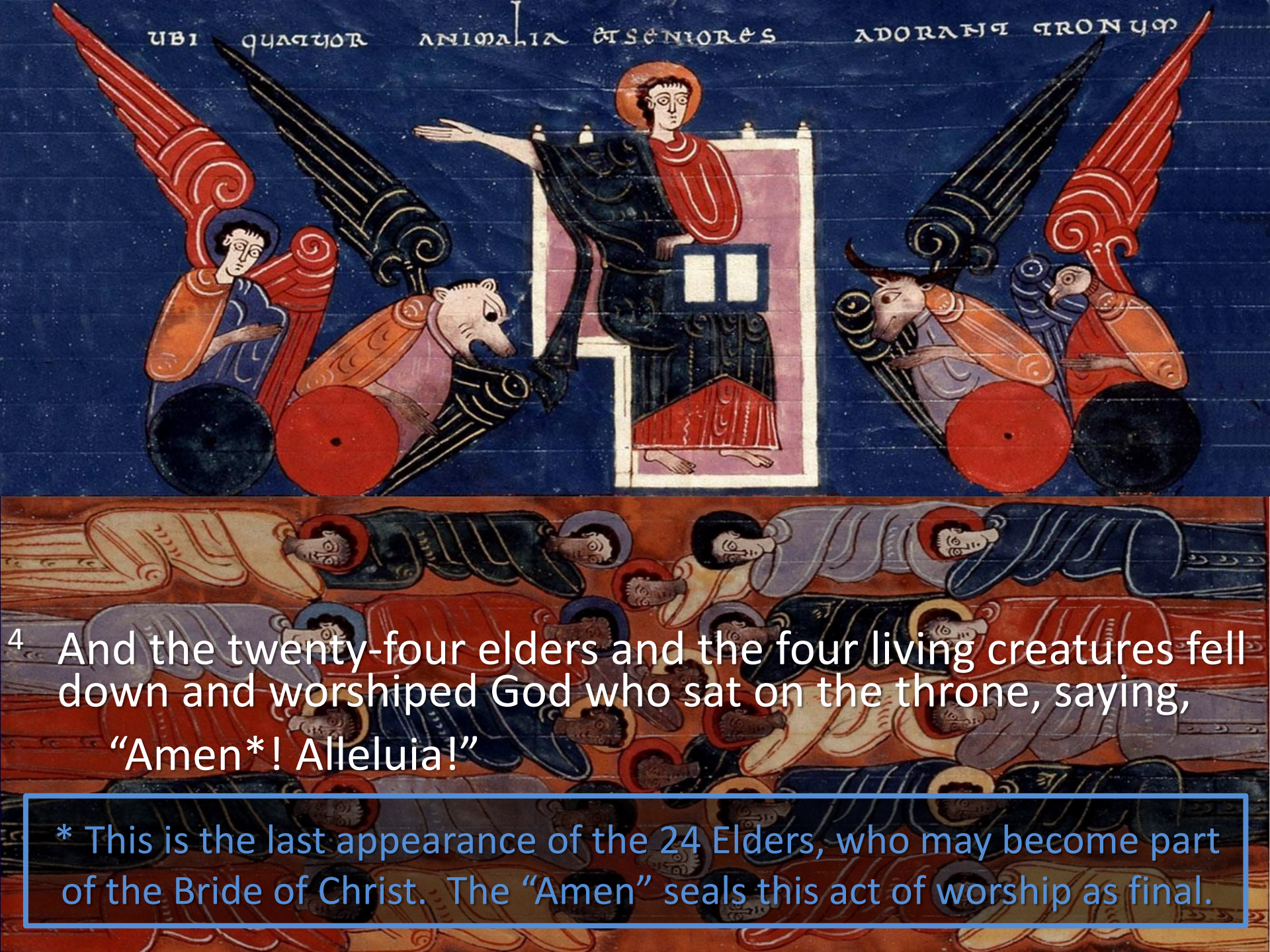
19 After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying,

“Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power *belong* to the Lord our God! ² For true and righteous *are* His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants *shed* by her.”

³ Again they said,

“Alleluia*! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!”

* Greek form of Hebrew Hallelujah (“Praise Yahweh”)



4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen*! Alleluia!"

* This is the last appearance of the 24 Elders, who may become part of the Bride of Christ. The "Amen" seals this act of worship as final.

5 Then a voice came **from the throne**, saying,

“Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!”

6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying,

“Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! ⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.”

8 And to her it was **granted** to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

9 Then he said to me,

“Write: ‘**Blessed** are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’ ”



And he said to me,

“These are the true sayings of God.”

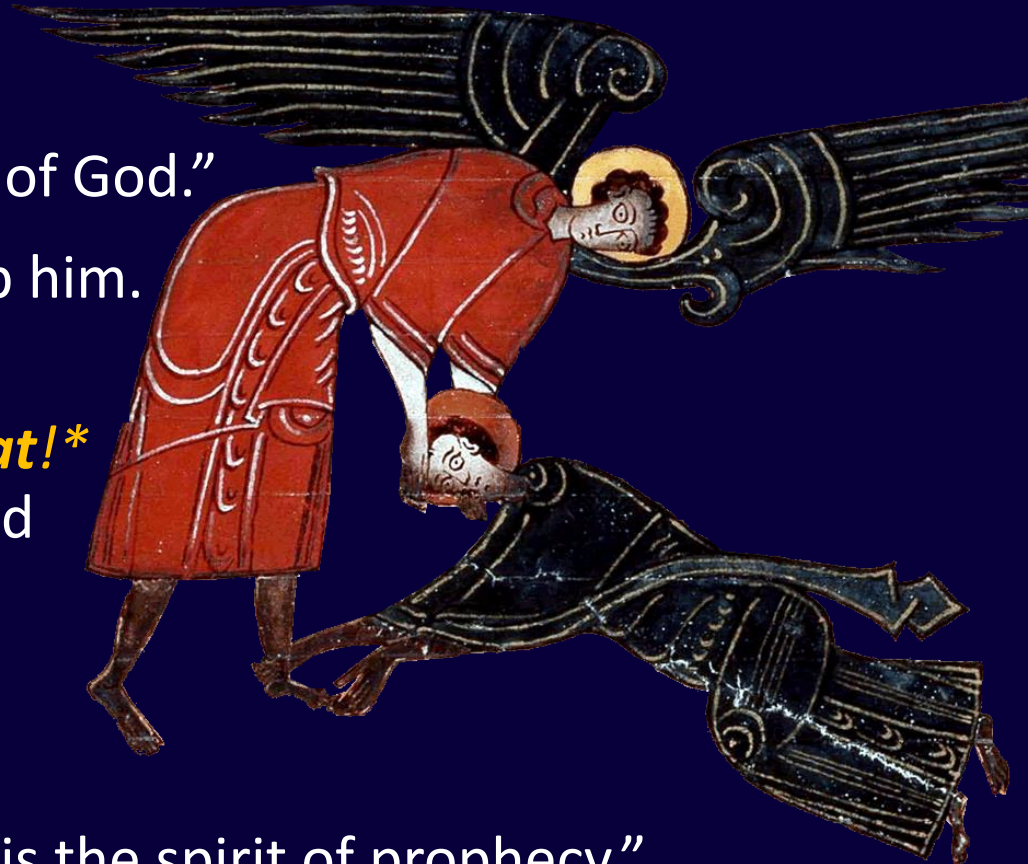
10 And I fell at his feet to worship him.
But he said to me,

“**See that you do not do that!***

I am your fellow servant, and
of your brethren who have
the testimony of Jesus.

“Worship God!

“For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”



*“Ὅρα μή (*Hora me, See you do it not!*): two staccato words in Greek.

Christ on a White Horse

¹¹ Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

“The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound; ² to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, **and the day of vengeance of our God....**

Isaiah 61:1-2



Jesus, reading at the synagogue at Nazareth (Luke 4:10-21), stopped at this comma , and declared, “This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.”

Jesus will now complete this mandate!

¹² His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns [*diadem*]. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

¹³ He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations.



And He Himself will rule them
with a rod of iron.

He Himself treads the winepress
of the fierceness and wrath of
Almighty God.

¹⁶ And He has on *His* robe and on
His thigh a name written:



**KING OF KINGS
AND
LORD OF LORDS.**



the battle of
ARMAGEDDON

In Revelation Chapter 19, the Beast (Antichrist) and his army are defeated at Har Megiddo.



The Beast and His Armies Defeated

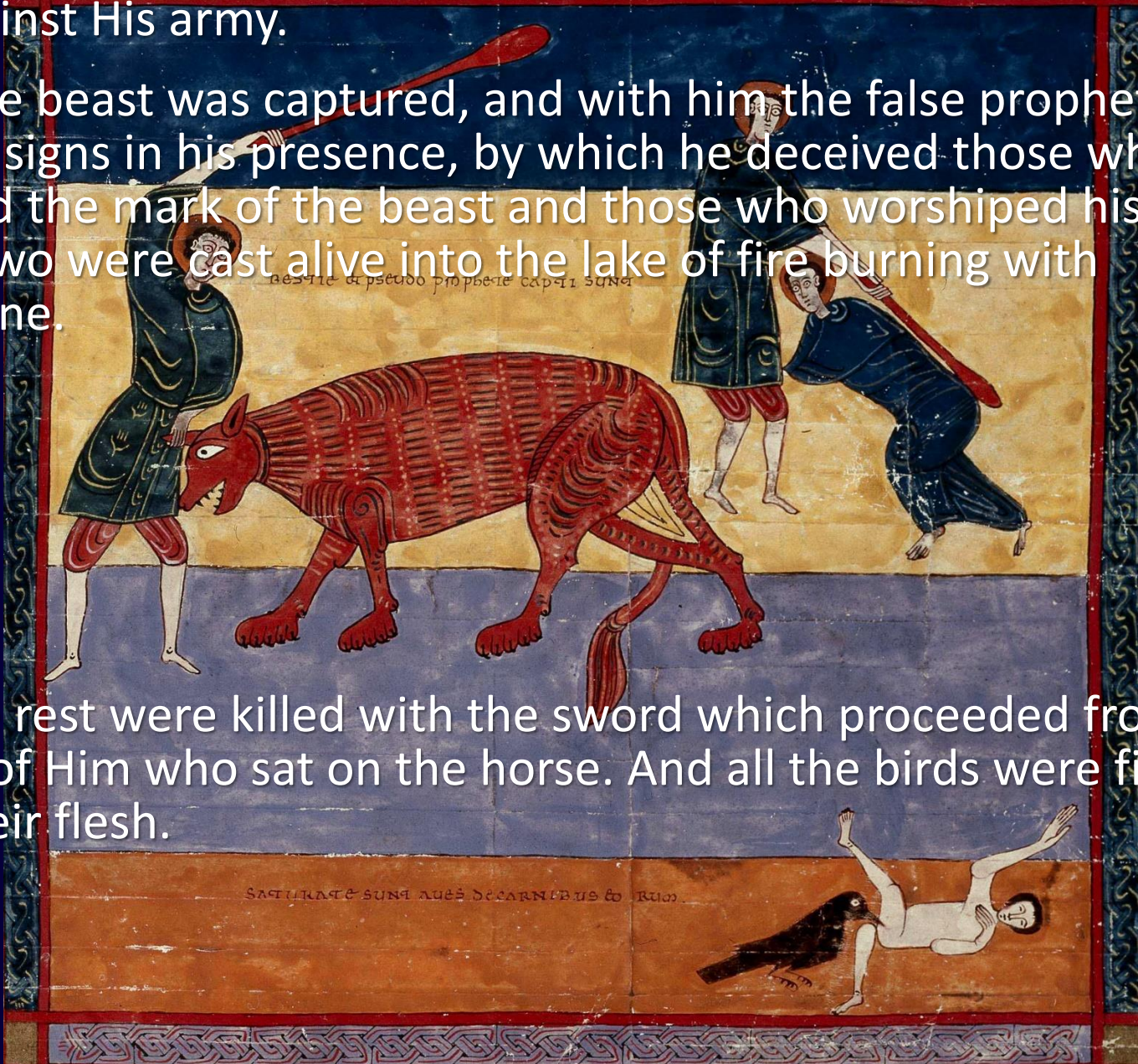
¹⁷ Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven,

“Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,
¹⁸ that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh
of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them,
and the flesh of all *people*, free and slave, both small and great.”



19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.



21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.



The background of the slide is a photograph of a mountain range at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with orange and yellow light, with scattered clouds. The mountains in the foreground are dark and silhouetted against the bright sky. The title 'the MILLENNIUM' is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

the MILLENNIUM

Revelation Chapter 20 frequently discusses a controversial thousand year period that we today call the “Millennium”.

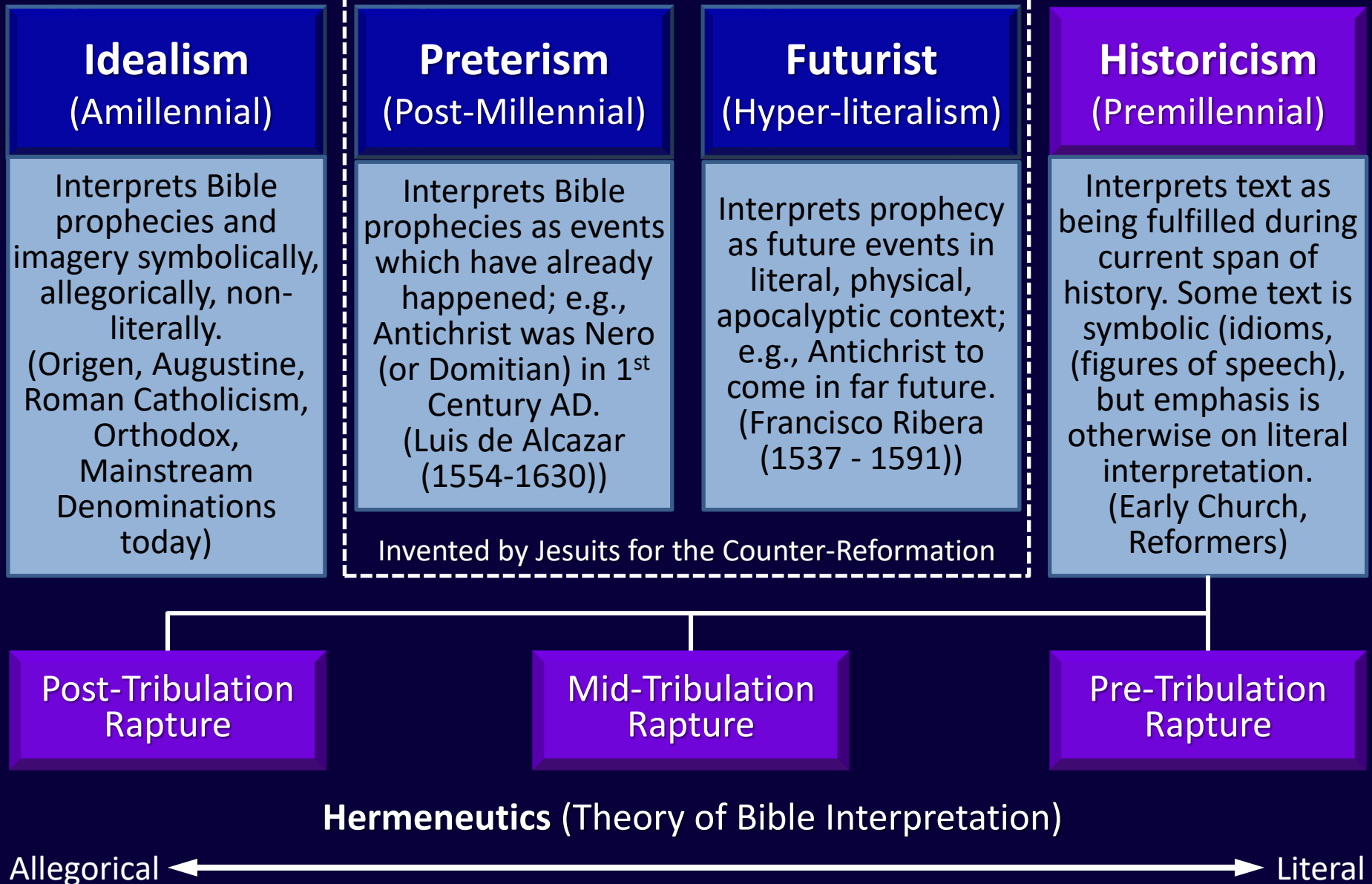
Comments on the 1,000 years

- ✿ Christ's reign on earth (AKA 1,000 years (**Millennium**)) is introduced. Regardless of your personal hermeneutics, read this Rev. 20 for what the Bible actually says.
- ✿ Revelation 20 mentions 1,000 years six times, but Revelation is not the only biblical passage where Christ's **Kingdom** comes up:
 - ✿ Promised to David (2 Sam 7:12-17; 23:5) under oath (Ps 89:34-37).
 - ✿ Predicted in the Psalms (Psalm 2; 110).
 - ✿ Predicted in the Prophets (Isa 2:1-5; 4:1-6; 11:1-9; 12:1-6; 30:18-26; 35:1-10; 60, 61:3-62; 66; Jer 23:3-8; 32:37-44; Ezek 40-48; Dan 2:44-45; 7:13-14; 12:2-3; Micah 4:1-8; Zech 12:10-14; 14:9, 16-21; Zeph. 3:11; .
 - ✿ Promised to Mary (Lk 1:32; Micah 5:2; Isa 9:6, 7; Dan 2:44) and reaffirmed to apostles (Mt 19:28; Lk 22:29-30; 1 Cor 6:2).
 - ✿ Lord's Prayer: "Thy Kingdom come" (Mt 6:10, 13; Acts 1:6; Ps 45, 46, 47, 48).
 - ✿ Rule (Ps 2; 110); "Rod of Iron" (Rev 12:5; 19:15); "Every knee will bow," (Phil 2:6-11).

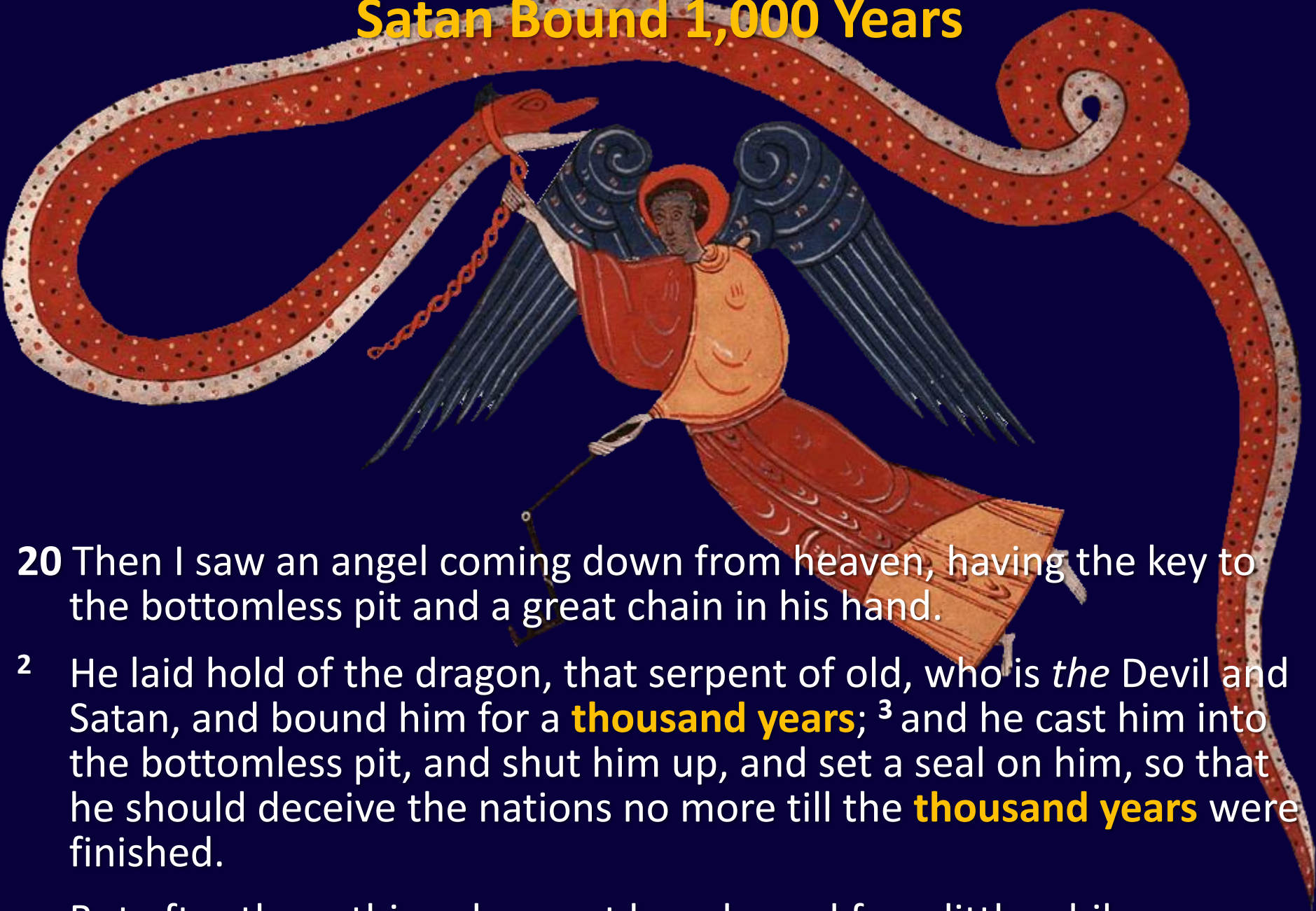
Three Simplified Eschatology Views

Belief	Amillennial (Idealism)	Postmillennial (Preterism)	Premillennial (Pre-Trib.)
Literal Millennium (i.e., 1,000 yrs)	No	No	Yes
Resurrection Before Millennium	No	No	Yes (one)
When is the Thousand Years?	Allegory Only	Past	In the Future
Resurrections	One	One	Two <u>OR</u> One
Literal interpretation of Prophecy	Not always	Completed	Yes
Unconditional Covenants w/Israel	No	No	Yes
“Church” replaced Israel in N.T.	Yes	Yes	No
Messianic Kingdom	Now on Earth	Present	Future
Second Coming	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rapture	No	No	Yes
The Binding of Satan	Present	Present	Future
Moral Progression on Earth	In Decline	Getting Better	In Decline
Major Judgments on Humanity	One	One	One plus Two

Eschatology worldviews



Satan Bound 1,000 Years



20 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.

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**.

Four Sainly Categories

- Old Testament Saints (Dan 12:1-4; Isa 25:8-9)
- Believers/Overcomers (Rev 5:10; 2:26-28; 3:12, 21; 1 Thess 4:13-18; 2 Tim 2:12)
- Tribulation Martyrs (Rev 6:9)
- Tribulation Saints, living, “not worshipped the beast” (above)

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

❖ There are two resurrections:

- ❖ Luke 14:14 - “And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection **of the just.**”
- ❖ Dan 12:2 – “And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.”
- ❖ Jn 5:28-29 – “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”
- ❖ Acts 24:15 – “I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.”
- ❖ Luke 14:14 - “And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection **of the just.**”

❖ The first resurrection is a “category” (e.g., Jesus’ resurrection, the open sepulchres, the thief on the Cross, those in Abraham’s Bosom & deceased believers afterwards, the Rapture), not a single event .

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.



Two Categories of Death

- 1) **First (Physical) Death**: Separation of the body and soul.
- 2) **Second (Spiritual) Death**: Separation of the soul from God.

THOSE BORN
ONCE
WILL DIE TWICE.

Unsaved

THOSE BORN
TWICE
WILL DIE ONCE.

Saved
(spiritually born again)

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.



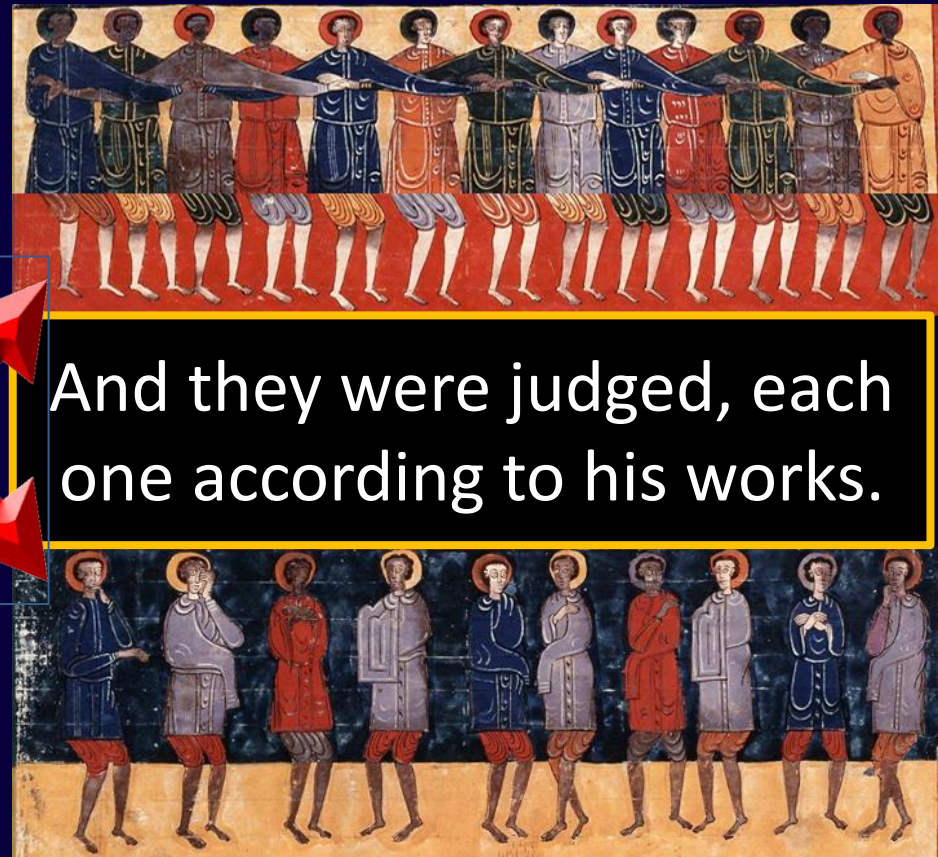
The Great White Throne Judgment



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.

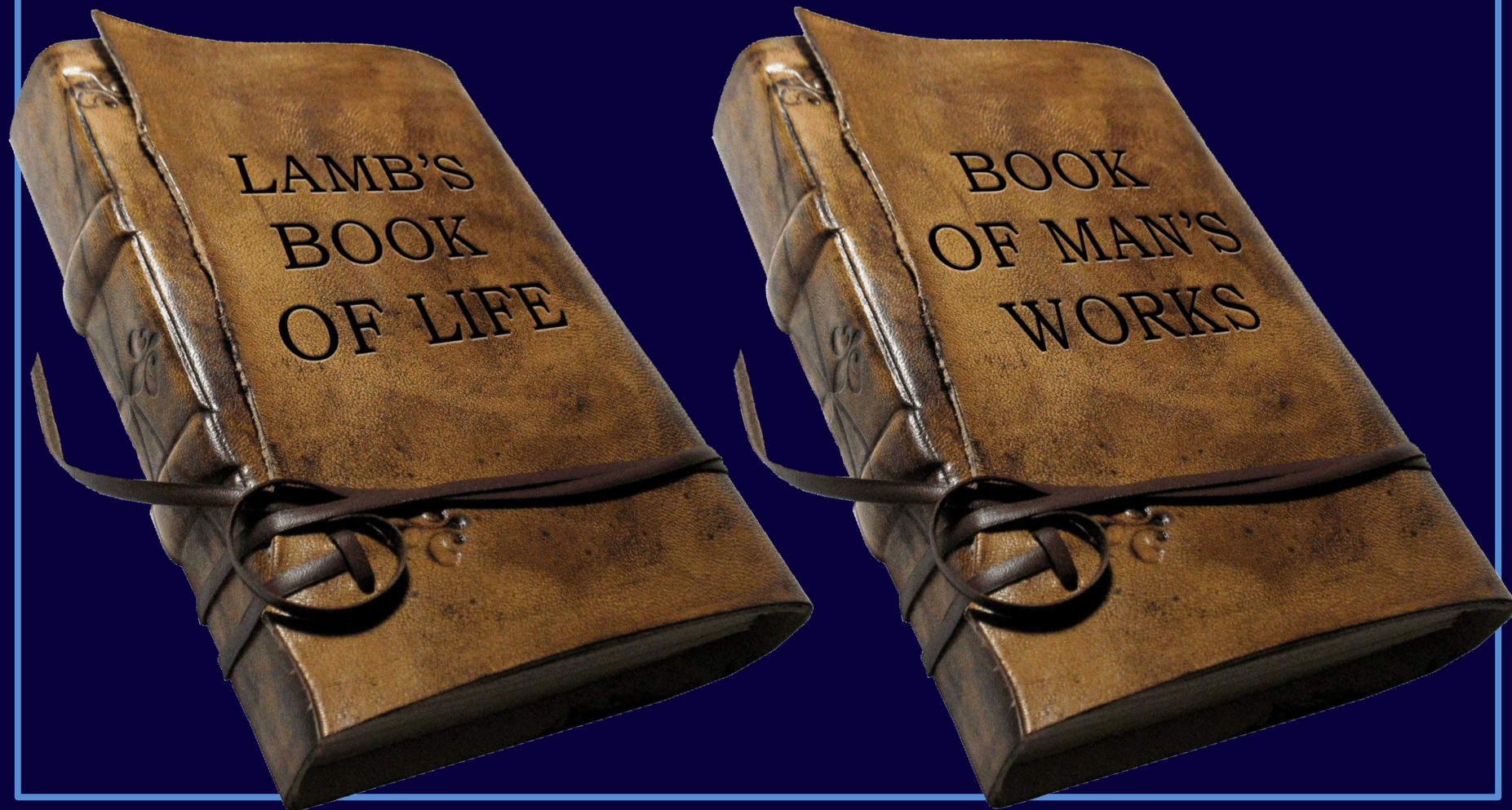
¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And **another book** was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in **the books**.

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.

The Bible refers to
Two Books!



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.

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KEEP CALM

**YOU AIN'T SEEN
NOTHING YET!**