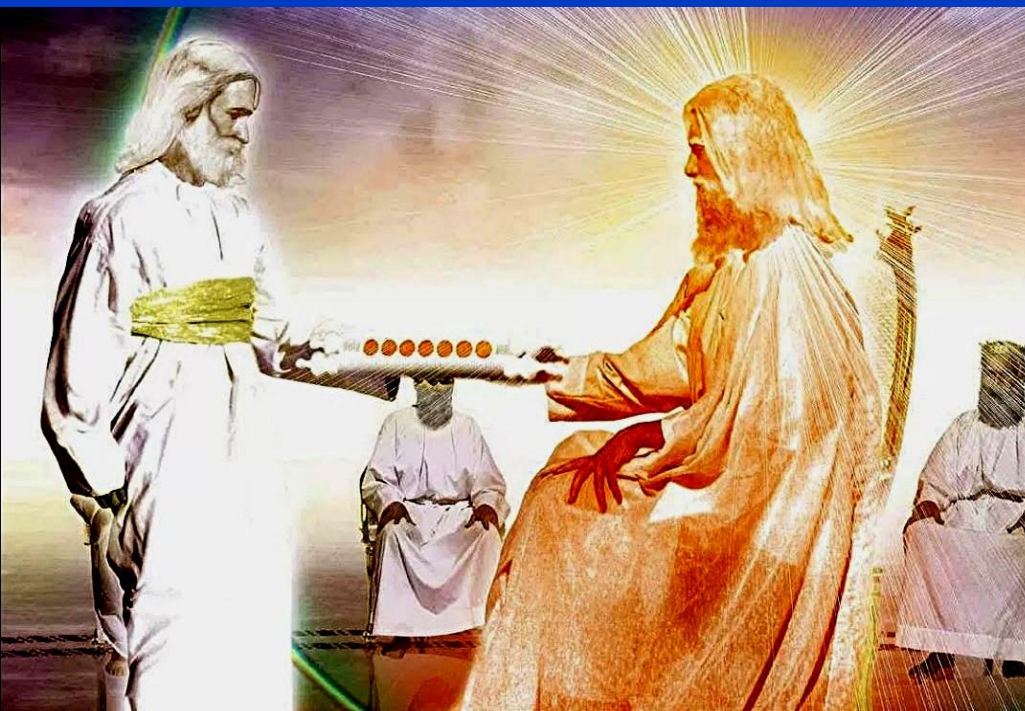


7 Letters of the Apocalypse



REVELATION JOURNEY

- The 7 letters were the preparation for what happens in the following chapters
- Congregations and individuals were given spiritual evaluations
- Some received commendation, others grave warnings
- Lamb of God opens the scroll and reveals the first 7 of 21 judgments

- 144,000 Israelites to be protected witnesses on earth
- On earth: misery
- In Heaven: rejoicing
- God unleashed demons from the Abyss to torment humans
- True Believers taken away at the Rapture
- Will be many new Believers after the Rapture right up until the End



ENTRY INTO THE MILLENNIUM



- Lamb & 144,000 stand on Mt. Zion; Good News proclaimed world-wide
- Babylon is destroyed by 10 kings (10 horns of the Beast)
- God pleads: ***Come out of her, My people !***
- Messiah comes to fight the Battle of Armageddon
- The Millennial reign of Christ begins



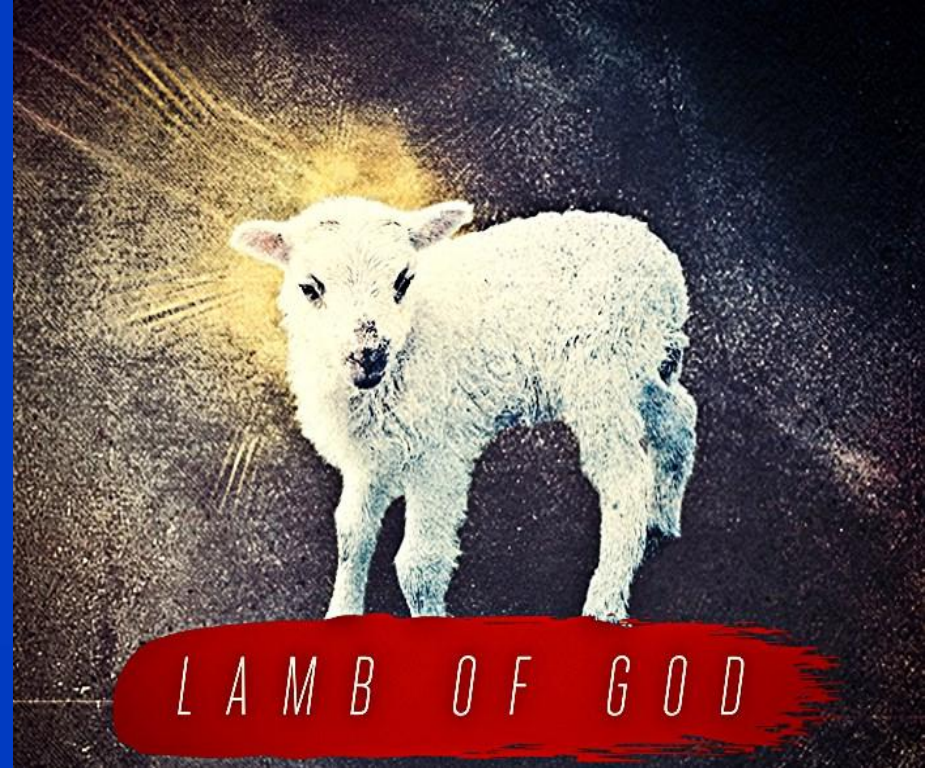
SEQUENCING



- Revelation chapter 20 presents an issue of sequence
- Does the contents of chapter 20 come after chapter 19, or sometime before?
- We will follow the Premillennial view that the sequence as we find it in the Bible is correct
- Some chapters such as 11 and 12 can “stand alone” because the sequence doesn’t affect the interpretation

SEQUENCE CAN BE CRITICAL

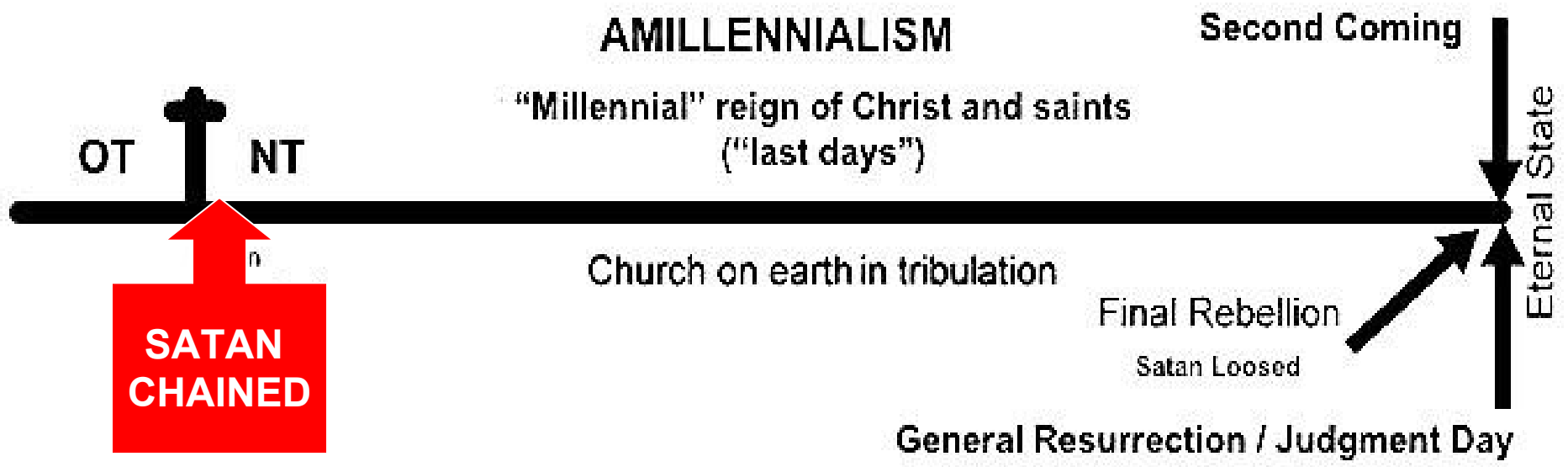
- Principle: Take the Bible passage literally unless there is a compelling reason not to
- Some things are definite symbolism
- Christ is never a Sheep!
- Sometimes sequence is obvious
- End of chapter 12, start of chapter 13 is clearly sequential
- Since chapter 19 includes Christ at Armageddon, then logically chapter 20 and God dealing with Satan comes after chapter 19



SATAN IS SUBDUED

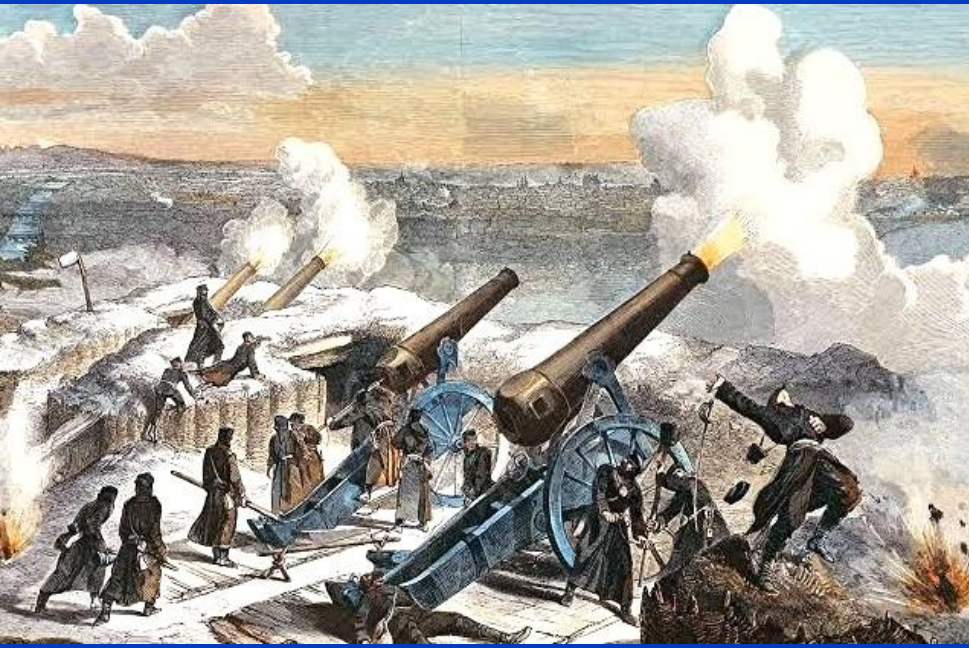
- The Beast and False Prophet while symbolic will also be real, alive human beings
- The Devil is spiritual, and so his binding chains are not physical but supernatural
- The Lake of Fire is a “place” but is not located in our 4 dimension Universe
- It is the same as Heaven is a “place” but not in our 4 dimension Universe
- We live in a Universe of opposites





- After being bound up for 1000 years, why does God release Satan?
- Amillennial doctrine : 1) 1000 years is symbolic and not literal 2) Satan was bound up at the Cross
- This doctrine can only be arrived at by allegory and spiritualization of God’s Word
- Amillennialism is the view of the Catholic Church, most liberal Protestant churches, and most Eastern Orthodox churches

IS SATAN AN INNOCENT BYSTANDER?



- “1000 years” is used 6 times in vss. 2-7
- If 1000 is not literal then it has lost all meaning
- No Scripture says that the Devil was bound at the Cross
- If Satan has been bound for 2000 years, why is the world the way it is?
- Why would God want to destroy Satan if he had nothing to do with human decisions or human events?



- Does John identify 3 separate groups of Believers or 1 all-inclusive group (who sits on the thrones)?
- ***Kai*** = and, also, indeed, even, or but
- My view: There are 2 groups of Believers:
- 1) Those seated on thrones 2) All other Believers
- Matthew 19:28

NOT SO FAST!

- Context of Matt. 19:28 is Matt. 19:25 – 27
- Christ is talking ONLY to His 12 Disciples, not to all Believers in general!
- 12 Israelite Disciples to judge 12 Israelite tribes
- Vs. 5 says all other Believers will come alive and rule with Messiah for 1000 years
- 1Cor. 6:1 - 4

