



# A Study in Revelation



A vibrant night scene of a city skyline, likely San Francisco, viewed from across a body of water. The city's lights are reflected on the water, and several boats are visible in the foreground. The sky is filled with a spectacular display of fireworks in various colors, including red, orange, yellow, blue, and purple. The text "GRAND FINALE!" is overlaid in the center of the image.

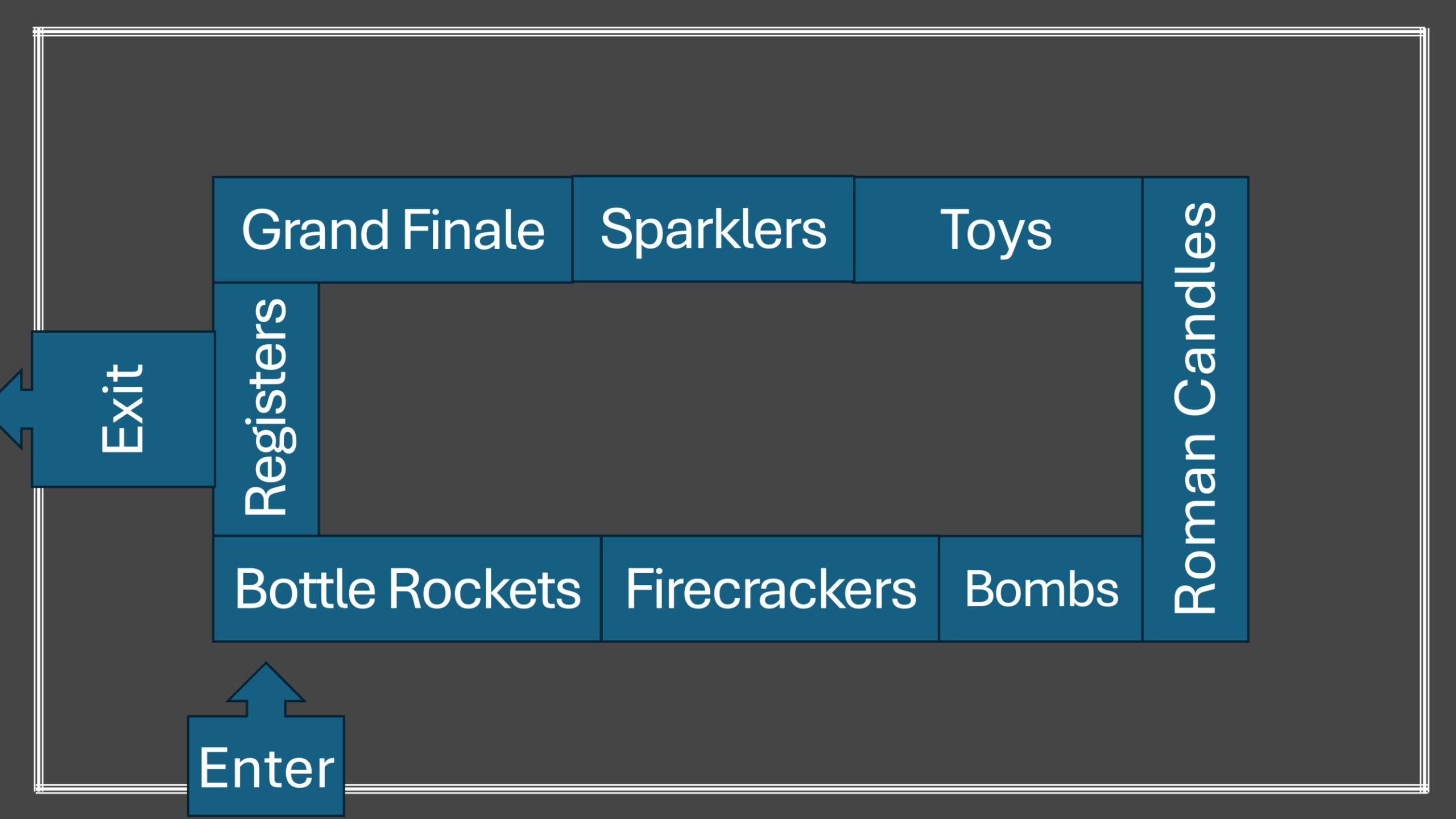
GRAND  
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We used “stations”









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Toys

Registers

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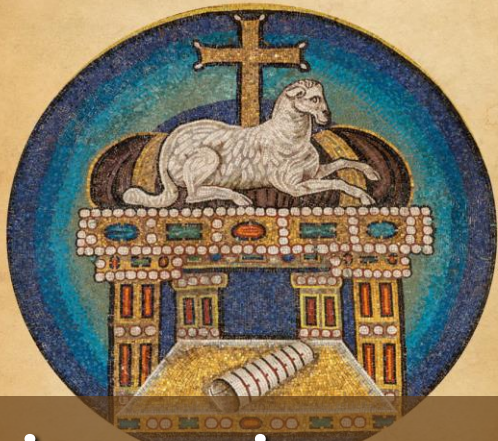
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Written with great  
symbolism

Apocalyptic  
Literature



Written in cycles  
(not chronology)

**A series of vignettes**







# Vignette 7



# The End



# Take home



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Age of the church



2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

Rev. 20-22



- Start the victory song...  
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μέγας: Large and spacious (Mk 4:32; 14:15)

Rev. 20:2

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that ancient serpent, who is  
the devil and Satan, and  
**bound** him for a thousand  
years,

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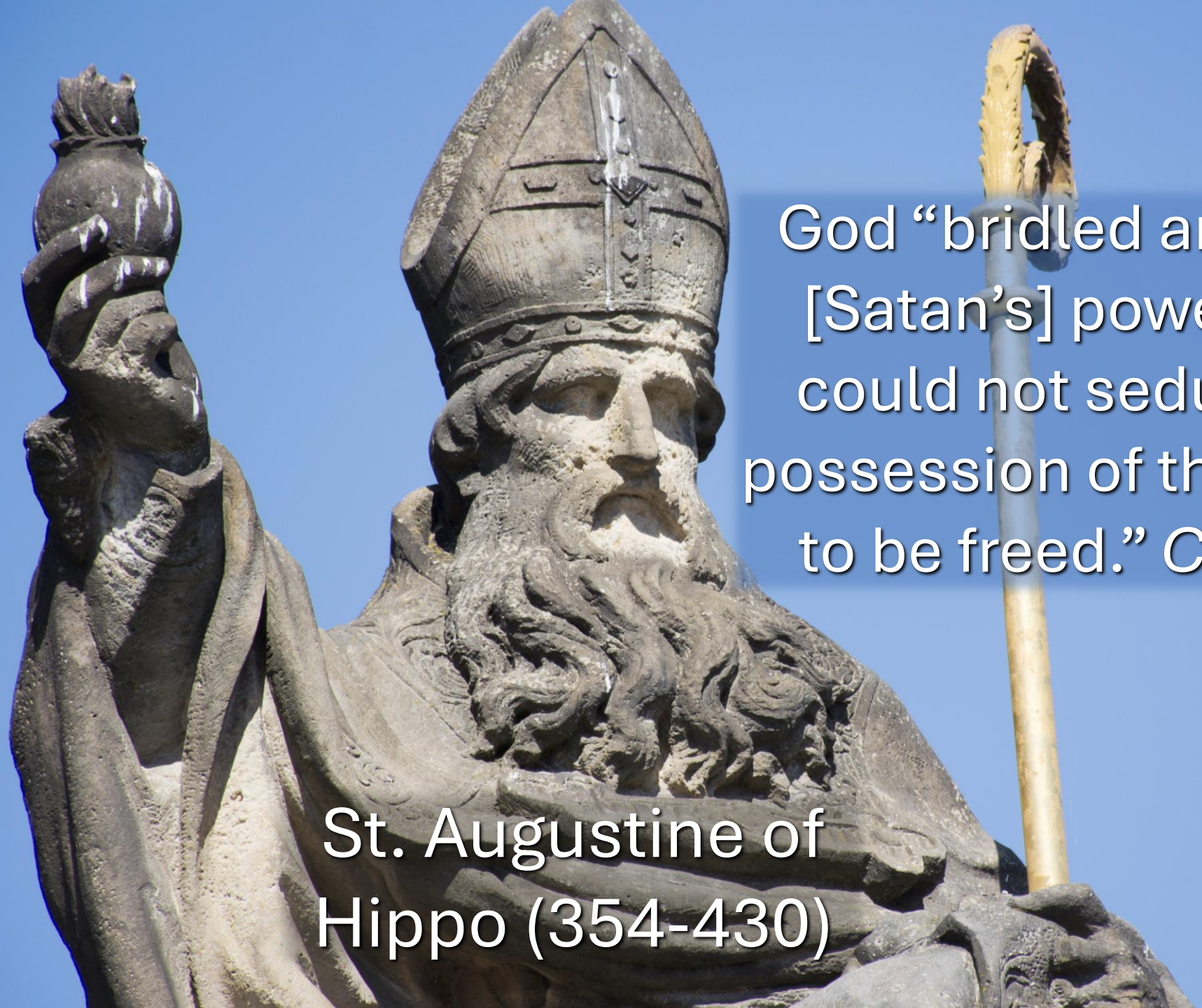
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δέω: Tied or confined (Rm. 7:2; Mt. 12:24-29)



## Mt. 12:24-29

But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.” Knowing their thoughts, he said to them.... But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can someone enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first **binds** [*deō* - δέω] the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house.

A stone statue of St. Augustine of Hippo, a bearded man wearing a mitre and holding a crozier. The statue is set against a clear blue sky. The crozier is a long, curved staff with a golden, ornate top. The statue's face is weathered, and the beard is thick and curly. The mitre is tall and pointed, with a cross on the front. The statue is shown from the chest up, facing slightly to the right.

God “bridled and restrained  
[Satan’s] power so that he  
could not seduce and gain  
possession of those who were  
to be freed.” *City of God* xx

St. Augustine of  
Hippo (354-430)



# “In Christ Alone”

No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand



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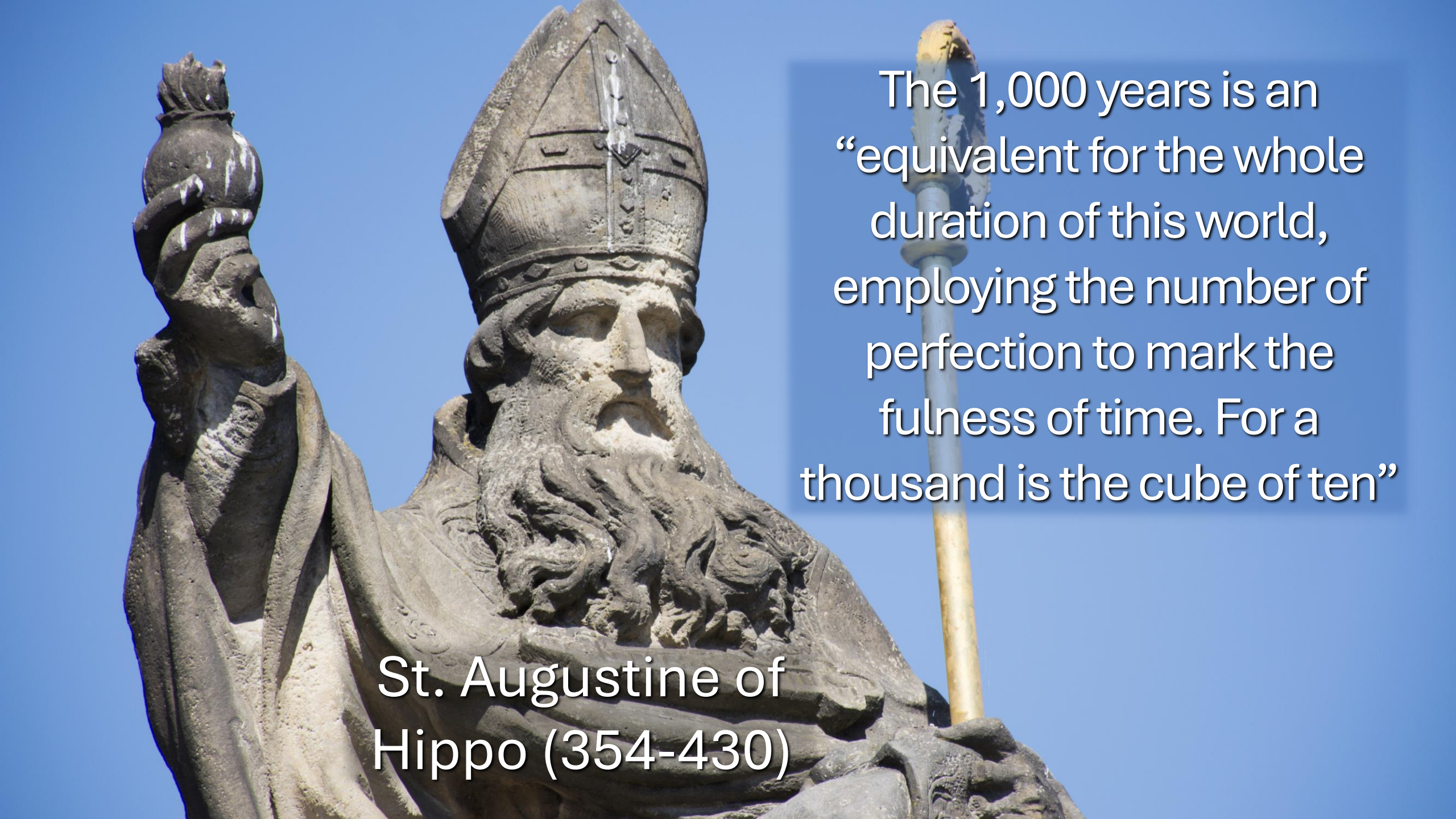
Ps. 50:10

For every beast of the forest  
is mine, the cattle on a  
thousand hills.

Ps. 50:10

כִּי־לִי כָל־חַיַּת־הַיַּעַר  
בְּהֵמֹת בְּהָרֵי־אַלְף:

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A stone statue of St. Augustine of Hippo, a bearded man wearing a mitre and holding a crozier. The statue is set against a clear blue sky. The crozier is a long, curved staff with a bulbous top, held in the figure's right hand. The mitre is a tall, pointed hat with a cross on the front. The statue is made of a dark, weathered stone.

The 1,000 years is an  
“equivalent for the whole  
duration of this world,  
employing the number of  
perfection to mark the  
fulness of time. For a  
thousand is the cube of ten”

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# The Millennium

## Premillennial

- A “rapture” of the church
- A great tribulation
- A 1,000 yr reign of Christ

## Postmillennial

- A future golden age of the church (~1,000 yrs)
- A single second coming

## Amillennial

- Satan bound (church age)
- A coming tribulation
- A single second coming



Rev. 20:3

and **threw him** into the pit,  
and shut it and sealed it over  
him, so that he might not  
deceive the nations any  
longer, until the thousand  
years were ended. After that  
he must be released for a  
little while.

Rev. 20:3

καὶ **ἔβαλεν αὐτὸν** εἰς τὴν  
ἄβυσσον καὶ ἔκλεισεν καὶ  
ἐσφράγισεν ἐπάνω αὐτοῦ,  
ἵνα μὴ πλανήσῃ ἔτι τὰ  
ἔθνη ἄχρι τελεσθῇ τὰ  
χίλια ἔτη. μετὰ ταῦτα δεῖ  
λυθῆναι αὐτὸν μικρὸν  
χρόνον.

## John 12:23, 31-32

And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.... Now is the judgment of this world; **now** will the ruler of this world be cast *[ballō - βάλλω]* out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

## Luke 10:17-18

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” And [Jesus] said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.



Compare Satan in Job

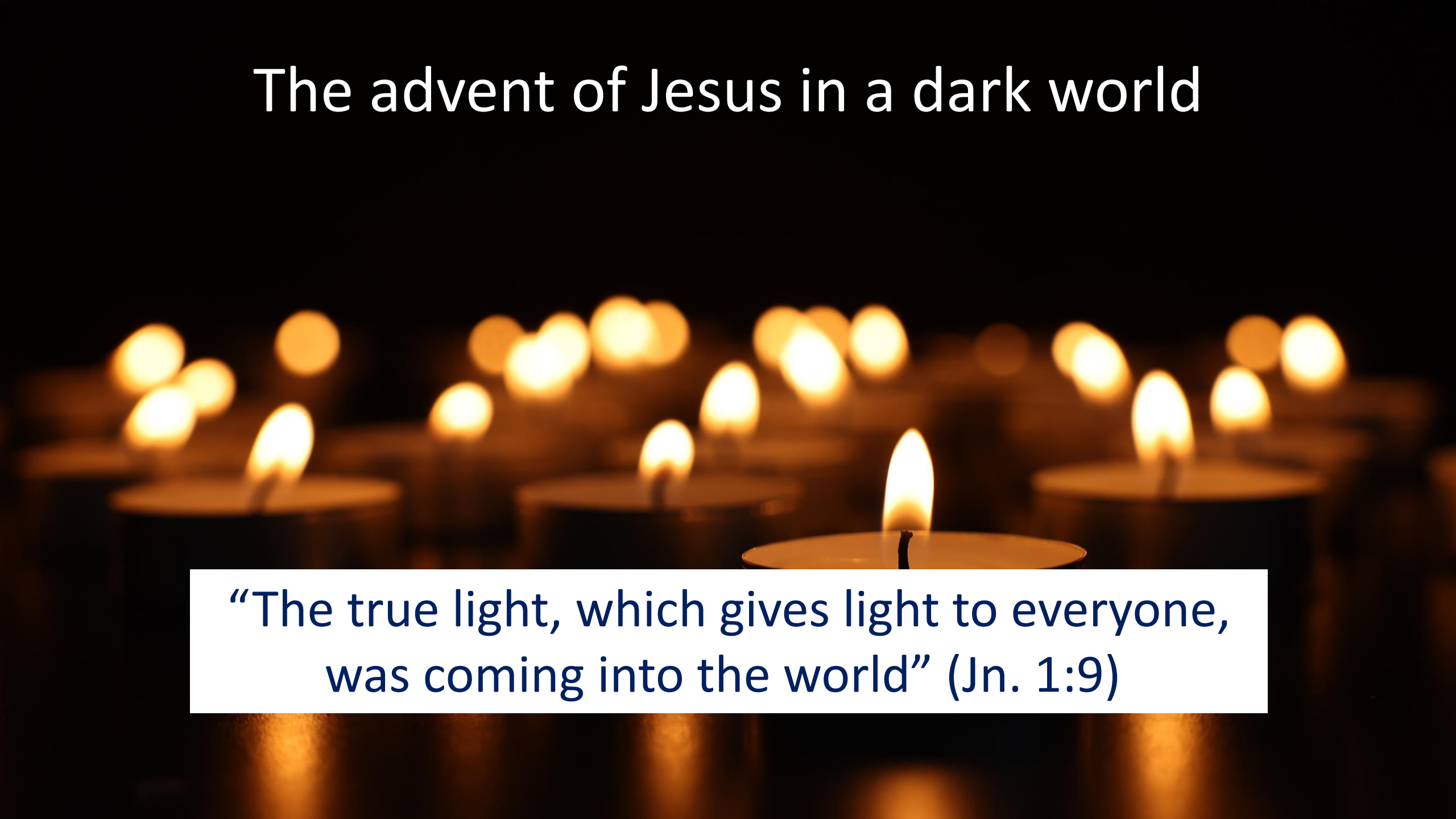




## Colossians 2:13-15

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

# The advent of Jesus in a dark world

A photograph of numerous lit candles in a dark environment. The candles are of various heights and are all lit, creating a warm, golden glow. The background is dark, and the light from the candles creates a bokeh effect with soft, out-of-focus circles of light. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful, symbolizing light in a dark world.

“The true light, which gives light to everyone,  
was coming into the world” (Jn. 1:9)

The Bible (in whole or part)  
has been translated into  
3,500 languages!





Satan still works,  
but he can never  
destroy the church





Meanwhile back  
at the ranch...





Age of the church



2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

Rev. 20-22



- Start the victory song...  
(the binding of Satan)
- The dead in Christ *know* the victory song...



The early  
church knew  
martyrdom





## Rev. 20:4-6

Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection.

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# Scripture teaches two deaths and two resurrections

1

Death in this life –

- A soul resurrection for those in Christ
- No second death, but a second resurrection of body and soul

2

Death in this life –

- A death for those not in Christ
- A second death after judgment. No second resurrection.

## Rev. 20:4-6

Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection!  
Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests  
of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand  
years.

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## Rev. 20:7-10

And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. And he marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

2 Thess. 2:1-4



Rev.  
16:12-16

performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. (“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”) And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.



Rev.  
16:12-16



Rev.  
19:19-20

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was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those



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- But it's not over yet...
- With the end, comes a new beginning!



# Vignette 7



# The End

Rev. 20:11-15

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.

2 Pet. 3:9-10



## Rev. 20:11-15

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.

## Rev. 20:11-15

And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.



# God fixes the Genesis curse

Creates heaven and earth

Creates the luminaries

Paradise is lost

Satan's power is cunning

Man hides from God

Angel guards the tree of life

Creates new heaven/earth

No luminaries needed

Paradise is found

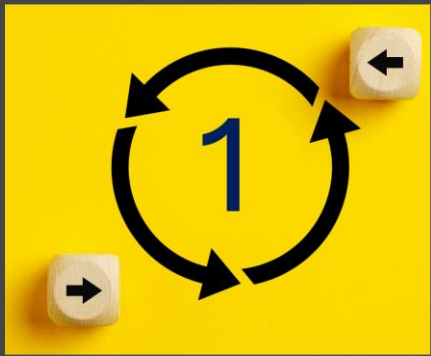
Satan is gone

God dwells with his people

Access to the tree of life







Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, “Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.” So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.



Rev.  
16:17-18

The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, “It is done!” And there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a great earthquake such as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake.



Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and his Bride has made herself ready;  
it was granted her to clothe herself  
with fine linen, bright and pure”—





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# **Take home**



Symbolism

An Age to  
Come

Peculiar  
use of  
numbers

Visions  
and  
Dreams

Coming  
Cataclysm

Angels and  
Demons



“These words are trustworthy  
and true. And the Lord, the  
God of the spirits of the  
prophets, has sent his angel  
to show his servants what  
must soon take place.”  
(Rev. 22:6)

Revelation  
speaks to us!





““And behold, I am  
coming soon. Blessed is  
the one who keeps the  
words of the prophecy of  
this book.”  
(Rev. 22:7)

Live in  
faith!



“He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.”  
(Rev. 22:20-21)

What a  
great  
ending!





A view of the Earth from space, showing the horizon and a blue glow.

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