

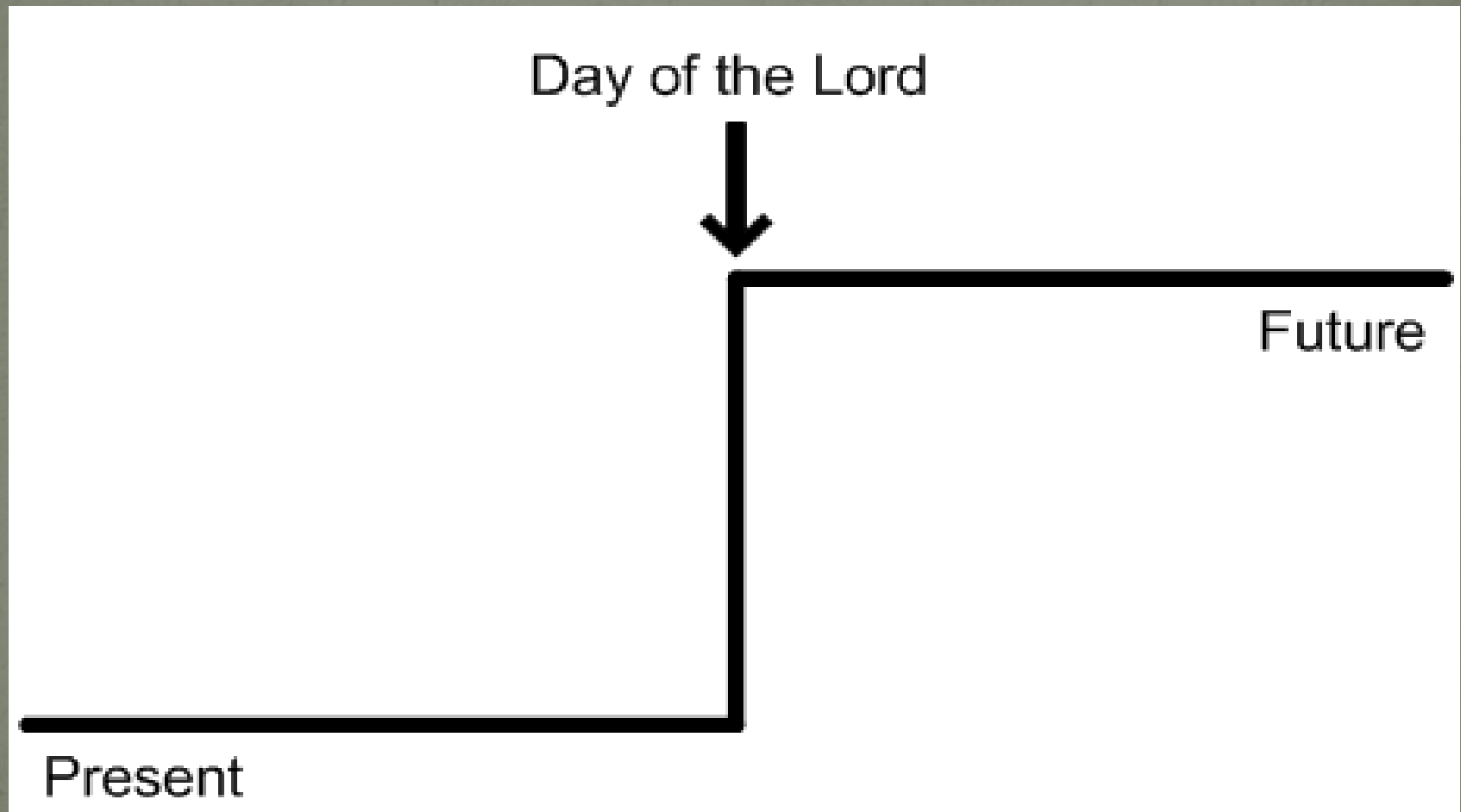
Marantha!—Lord Come Quickly?

The Perseverance of the Patient Church
Revelation 20:1-20

Five Big Questions

1. When is Satan bound up and thrown into the Abyss? (1-3)
2. Why is Satan bound? (3)
3. Who are those who were beheaded and who reign with Christ for a thousand years? (4-6)
4. What battle are we talking about? (7-10)
5. What is the meaning of the thousand year reign? (1-10)

John the Baptist's View of the Future



Jesus' View of the Future (Matt. 24)

First Coming



Second Coming



Now

Not Yet

Future

"Mystery"

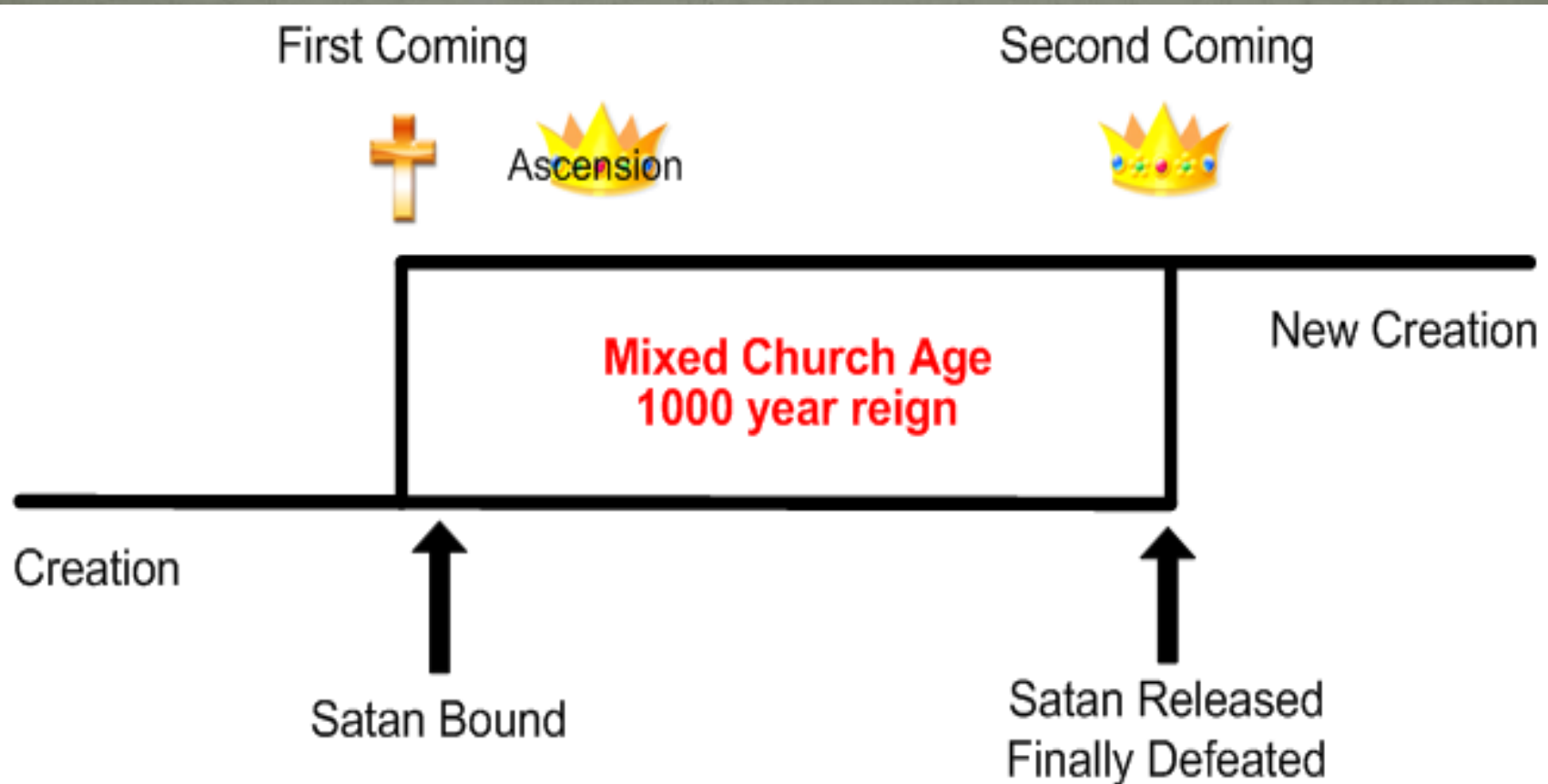
Present

Revelation introduces the 1000 year reign

- 1000 years used Six times in Revelation 20:1-7 (2;3;4;5;6;7)
- This is the only place in the Bible where Jesus is said to reign 1000 years.
- Question: When does this 1000 year reign happen?

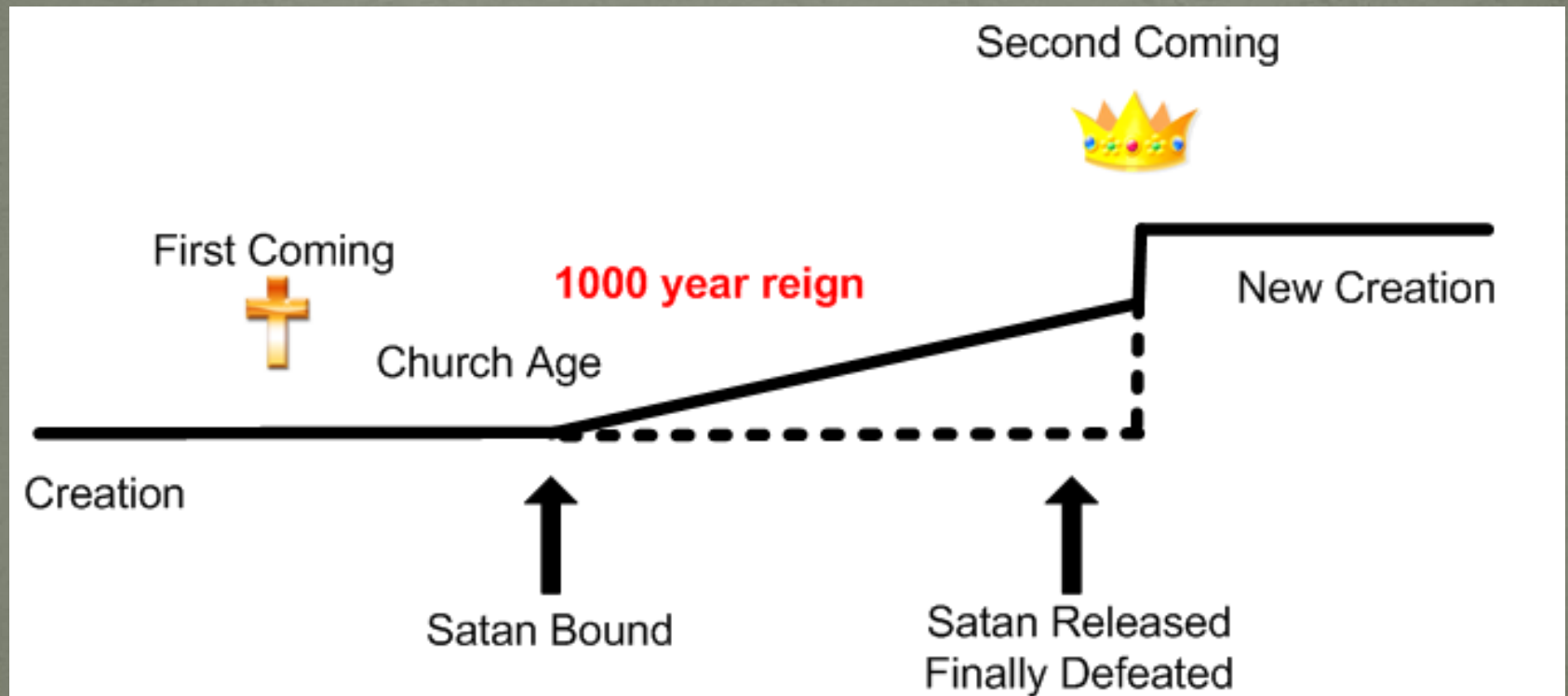
A Millennial

The 1000 years are **symbolic** of present Church between the first and second coming



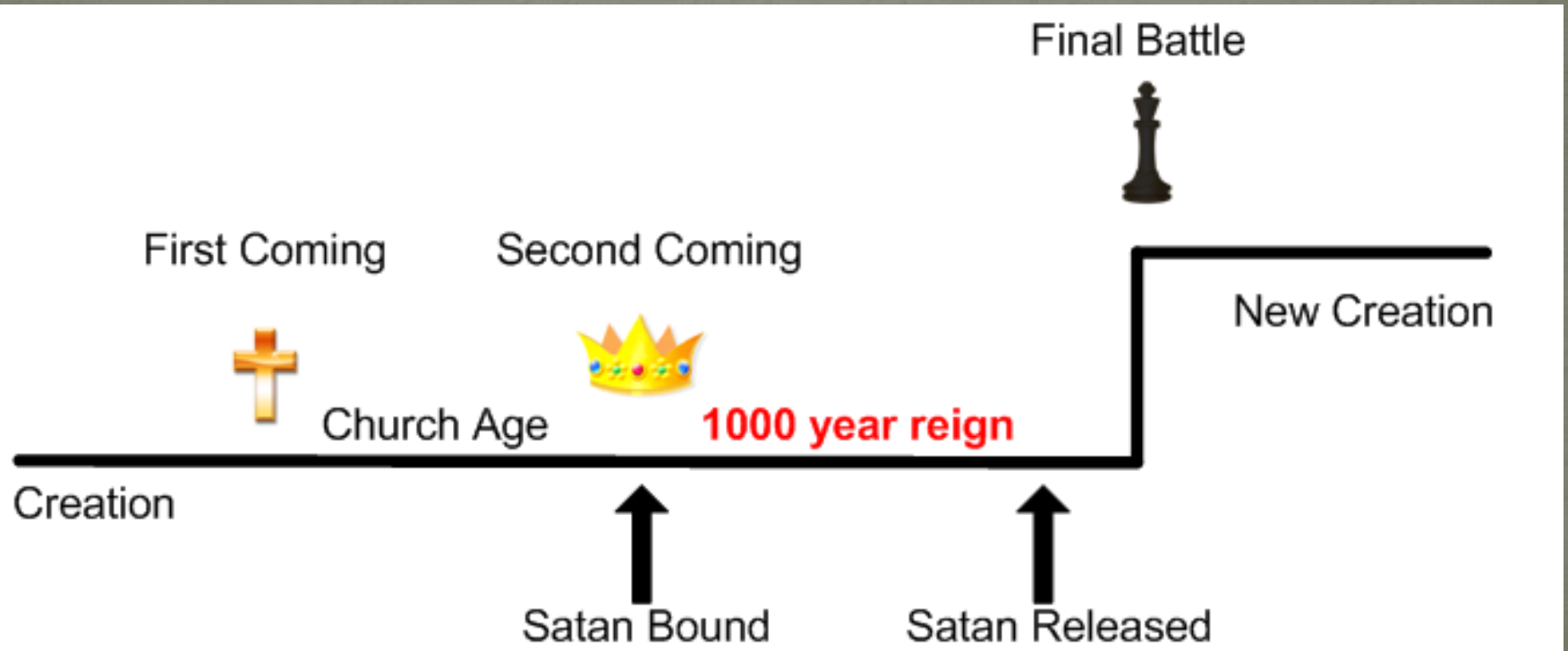
Post-Millennial

Second Coming comes **after** the 1000 years



Pre-Millennial

Second Coming comes **before** the 1000 years



Where the Three Agree

- The best is still yet to come!
- The future is not up for grabs. It is in the hands of Christ the King.
- The future is not in our hands. It ultimately breaks forth from heaven to earth.

Basic Starting Points

- 1000 years should be read as a symbol and not read literally.
- Jesus is not going to be King he is King now.
- The gospel changes things.

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(1-10)

Let's Finish Up (7-10)

- Satan will be released from the Abyss to make war one final time—TRIBULATION
- Satan will surround the people of God—
- But fire came down from heaven...

The Church's Patient Perseverance

- Sojourning—Pilgrim's in an alien world
- God's Camp—the City he loves