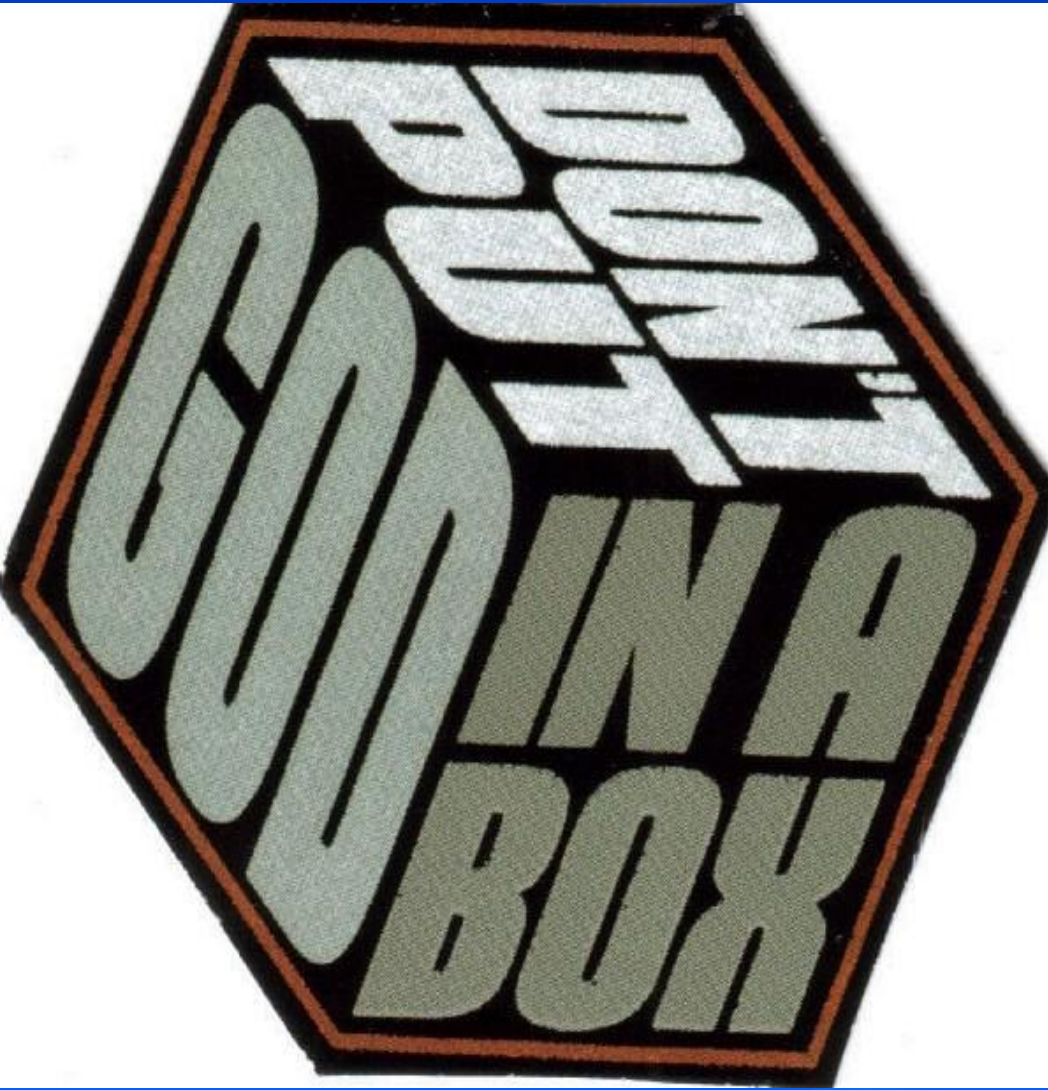


JOHN'S ENCOUNTER WITH...WHO?

- Divine Being said “Don’t be afraid” because John was petrified!
- The right hand is the hand of authority and favor
- “I am the First and the Last”..... “I was dead but look I’m alive”
- Conflation of attributes of the Father with the Son
- NO mention of who this Divine Being is
- ONLY Christian doctrine insist this is Christ...not the passage itself





- How God's attributes mesh together are not so cut and dried in the Holy Scriptures
- What the Bible clearly tells us is:
 - 1) The Father is preeminent
 - 2) The Son saves
 - 3) The Holy Spirit empowers
- John sees a vision of one form or another of the God of Israel



DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD

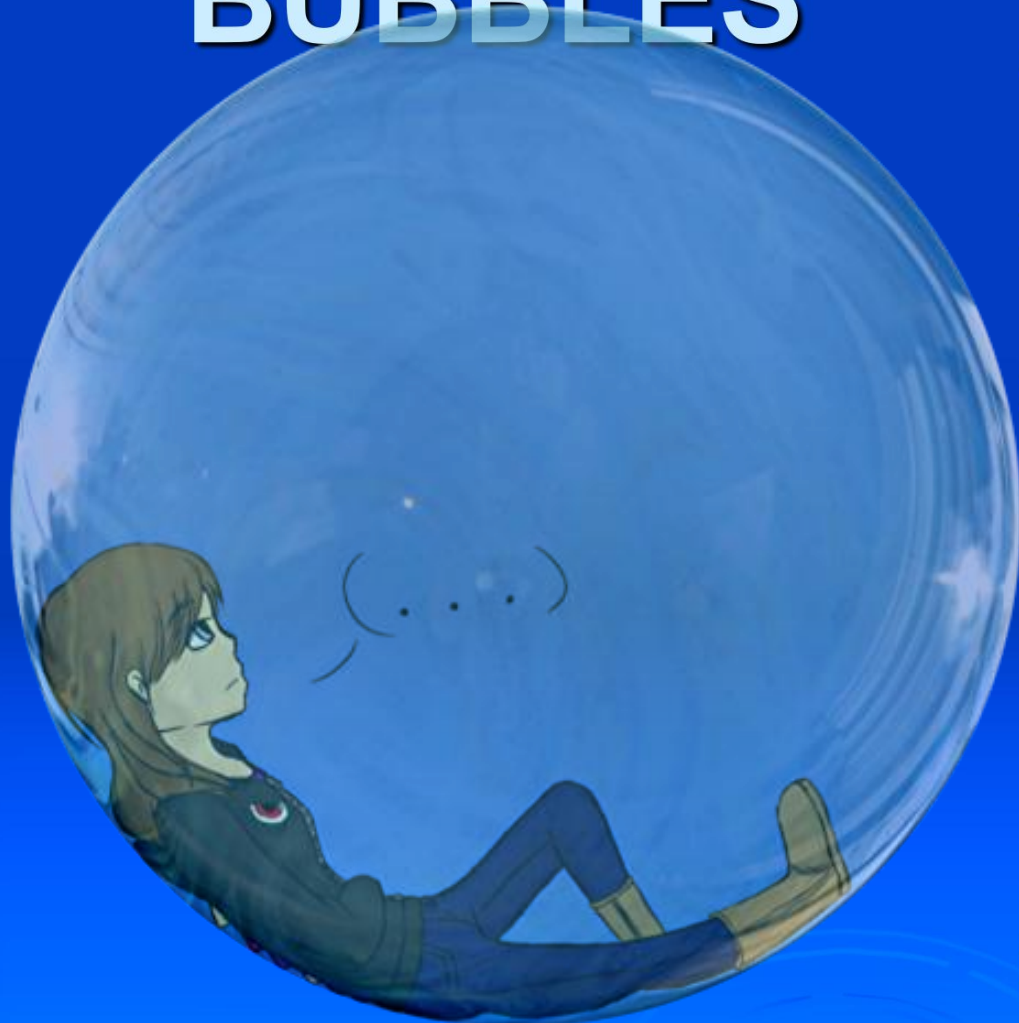
- Vs. 19 John's vision is both for now and the future
- 2 edged sword symbol is unique to John
- 2 very early Church Fathers had this take:
 - Victorinus of Petovium
“...the Law and the Gospel...”
 - Jerome “...The Letter and the Spirit...”
- Meaning: judgment is coming via the Law together with the Gospel of Christ

STARS AND MENORAHS

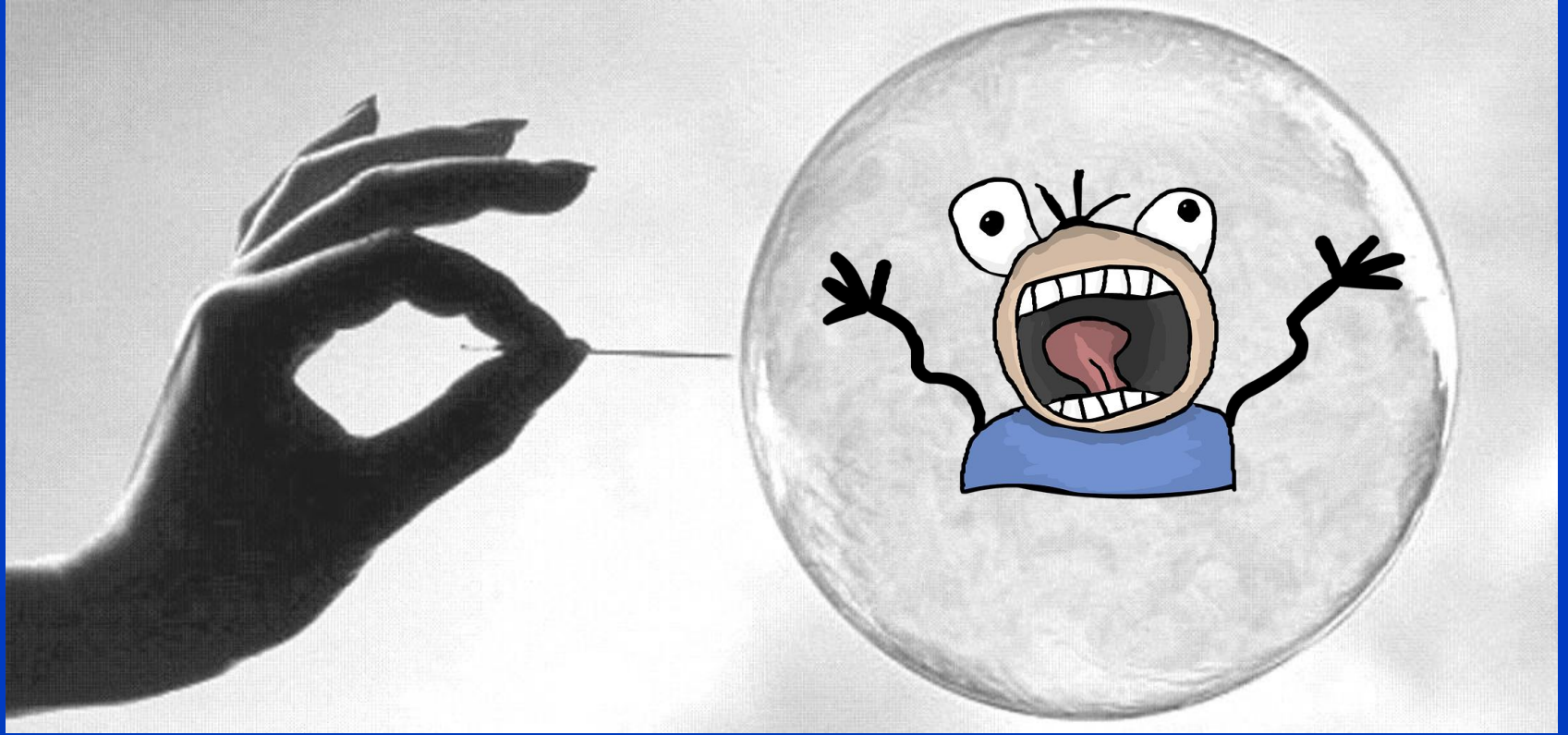
- 7 Stars = 7 Heavenly Angels
- Many commentators can't accept the ministry of angels, so they claim the angels are human messengers
- Biblically stars are Heavenly angels but never human beings
- The 7 menorahs symbolize 7 Asian Believing congregations



LIVING IN OUR BUBBLES



- What exists outside our bubbles we're only vaguely conscious of
- Western Christianity is only 1 type of many
- 1000 A.D. The Great Schism
- 1500's A.D. Luther and the Protestant Reformation
- Eastern Orthodox, Chaldean, Coptic, Ethiopian, and many more branches of Christian churches
- Most Believers unaware of our Jewish faith beginnings



- We feel that inside our comfortable bubbles are truth and right; but we hold many assumptions and stereotypes that go untested and unchallenged
- Vast complexities of Revelation not helped by the Greek NT translated to English; Jewish thought is masked

“SON OF GOD”?

- What did Daniel mean by “one like a Son of Man”?
- Son of God was not about being divine
- 1Chron.28:6 **“Shlomo your son....a son to Me..”**
- God “adopted” Israel’s kings and so called them His sons....but primarily the Line of David
- Mark 1:1 **“...Yeshua the Messiah, the Son of God..”** was meant to denote Him as a Davidic King
- Son of God from the Jewish/Biblical perspective refers to Christ’s humanity, and not to His divinity

THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN

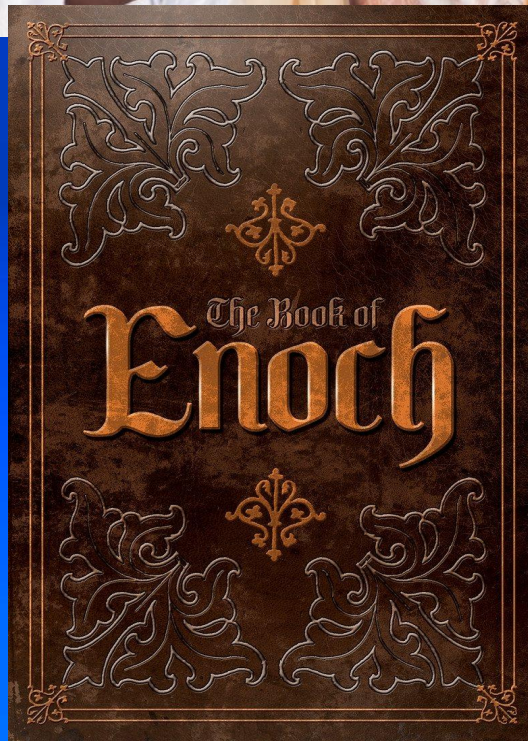
- Son of Man: Aramaic *bar-enash*, Hebrew *bene-adam*
- Simply means “human being”
- Daniel 7:13 two figures in his vision: Ancient One and One like a son of man (one like a human being)
- Attributes of Son of Man: human and divine; will come in clouds; occupies a throne next to Ancient One in Heaven: Ancient One delegates dominion over planet earth to the Son of Man
- 600 years after Daniel, Son of Man proves to be Yeshua

A DIVINE/HUMAN MESSIAH AS BLASPHEMY?

- It is a false narrative that Christ was executed due to His “Son of Man” claim
- Many Jews had believed in a divine/human Messiah for centuries
- Thousands of Jews accepted Yeshua as Messiah because they expected just such a divine/human Messiah



SON OF MAN NOT NEW TO JEWS



- Ethiopian Christianity includes the Book of 1 Enoch in their Bibles
- Consists of 5 Books, one called the Similitudes
- Chapter 46 speaks of the son of man
- Similitudes written BEFORE the Gospels
- Christianity often claims a divine/human “Son of Man” is a Christian innovation