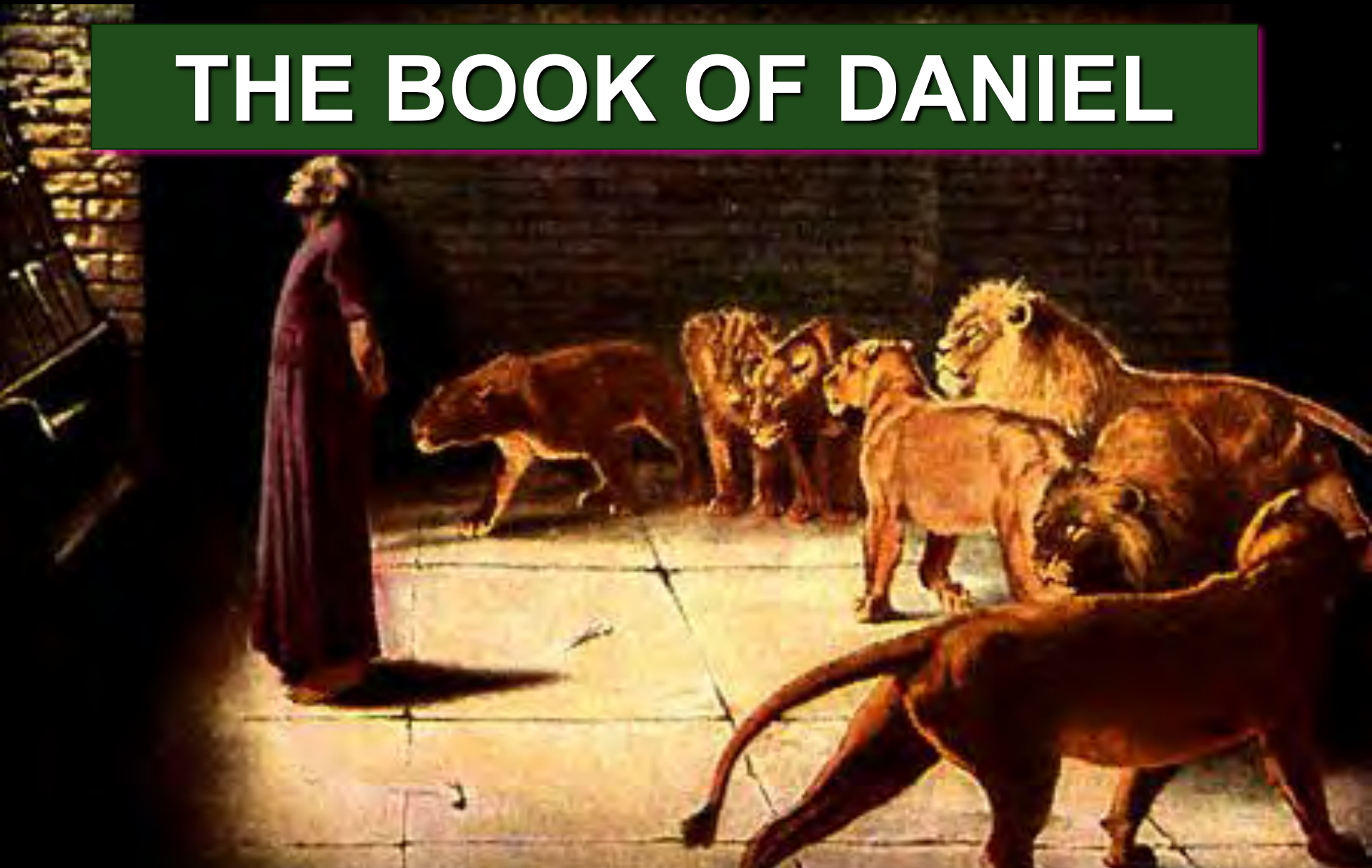


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Key Word

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Sovereignty

Daniel

Theme

Universal Sovereignty in Times of the Gentiles

Daniel

Key Verse

**(Daniel to God) "...Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them..."
(2:20-21a).**

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Kingdom Statement

God's sovereignty remains steadfast despite the rise and fall of many nations until the establishment of kingdom blessing under His Messianic Ruler (9:24-27).

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Summary Statement

The Judean exiles should be encouraged of God's **sovereign control over all nations to preserve Israel between Nebuchadnezzar's invasion of Jerusalem (605 BC) and the establishment of the Kingdom blessings under the Messiah.**

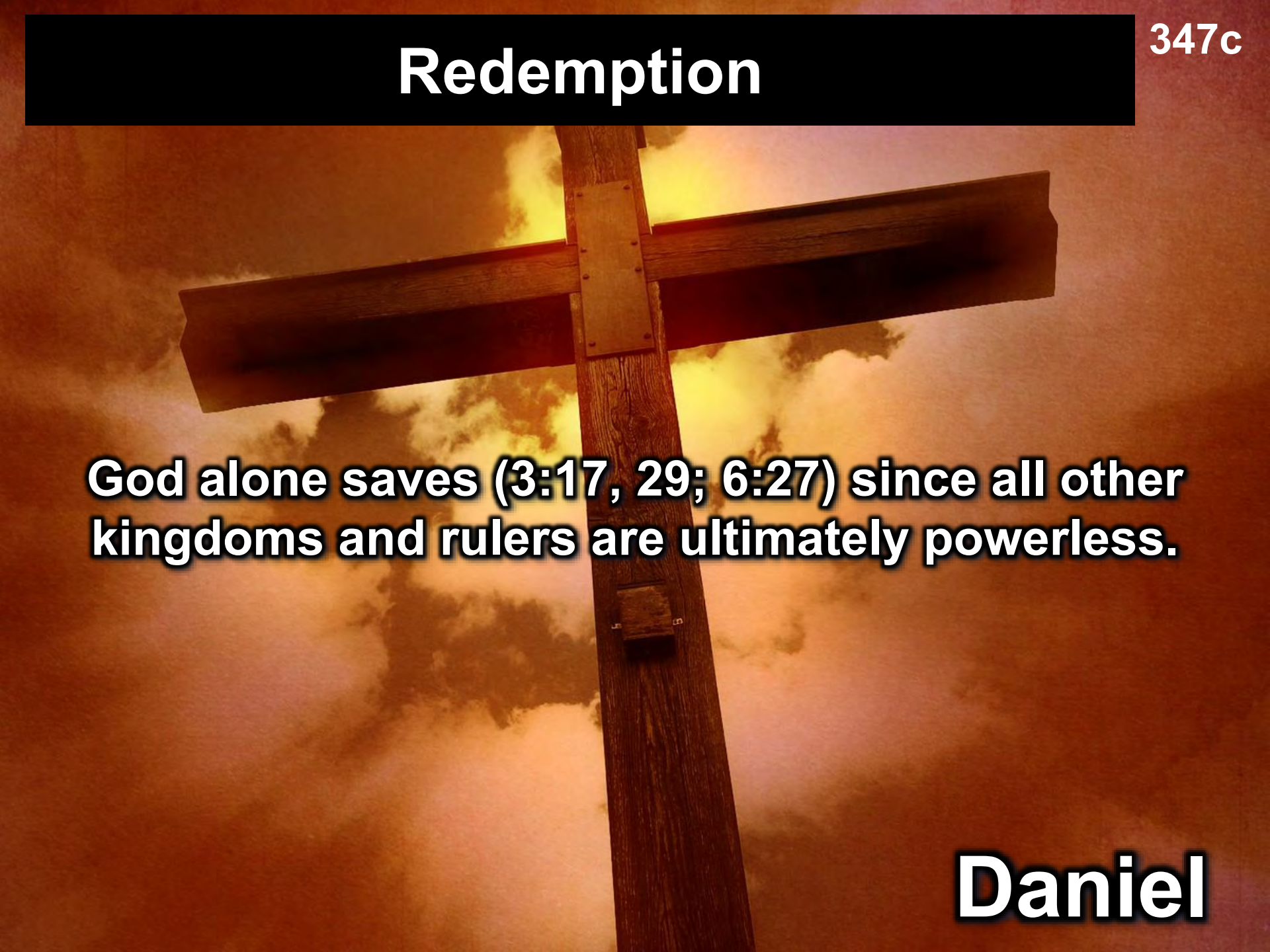
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The covenant of an imposter Messiah (9:27) in the mold of Antiochus (Dan. 11:22-32) will be squelched (11:36-45) and replaced with the True Messiah who alone keeps his covenants (9:4).

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Redemption

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A large wooden cross is the central focus, set against a dramatic sky with warm, orange and yellow hues, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The cross is made of thick, dark wood and is positioned diagonally across the frame. The background is filled with soft, billowing clouds that catch the low light of the sun.

God alone saves (3:17, 29; 6:27) since all other kingdoms and rulers are ultimately powerless.

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Messiah

Predicting the date of the triumphal entry and later death (9:25-26) proves Christ will also defeat the world's kingdoms (2:34-35, 44) to rule (7:13-14) as King (10:5-9; cf. Rev. 1:12-16).

Daniel

UNIVERSAL SOVEREIGNTY IN TIMES OF THE GENTILES

Sovereignty over Daniel			Sovereignty over Gentiles						Sovereignty over Jews		
Chapter 1			Chapters 2–7						Chapters 8–12		
Narrative			Visions in Narrative						Vision		
Hebrew			Aramaic						Hebrew		
Gentile Names for God			Gentile Names for God						Jewish Names for God		
Third person ("Daniel")			Third person ("Daniel")						First person ("I")		
Daniel's Example			Daniel Interprets King's Dreams						Angel Interprets Daniel's Dreams		
The Man Daniel			Images		Kings				Israel's Future		
Exile	Food	Exalted	Varied	Gold	Neb.	Bel.	Dar.	All	Medo-Persia To Greece	Return to Seventy "7s"	Intertest-ament Period to Tribulation
2	3	4	5	6	7						
1:1-7	1:8-16	1:17-21	Promoted	Furnace	Exile	Party	Lions	Beasts	8	9	10–12
Babylon											
605-536 BC											

Daniel



- 1 **D**aniel favored by Nebuchadnezzar
- 2 **A**nswer to king's dream
- 3 **N**ebuchadnezzar's furnace of fire
- 4 **I**nterpretation of tree vision
- 5 **E**vents at Belshazzar's feast
- 6 **L**ion's den of Darius
- 7 **S**cenescenes of coming kingdom
- 8 **F**eatures of four beasts
- 9 **A**ppointing the seventy weeks
- 10 **I**nterpreting the final vision
- 11 **T**error of the king
- 12 **H**orror of end times

Be Confident



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Three truths...



What do you need to know
to be *truly* **confident**?

I. God rules over **you** (Dan 1).



II. God rules over all **nations** (Dan 2–7).



III. God rules over **Israel's** future (Dan 8–12).

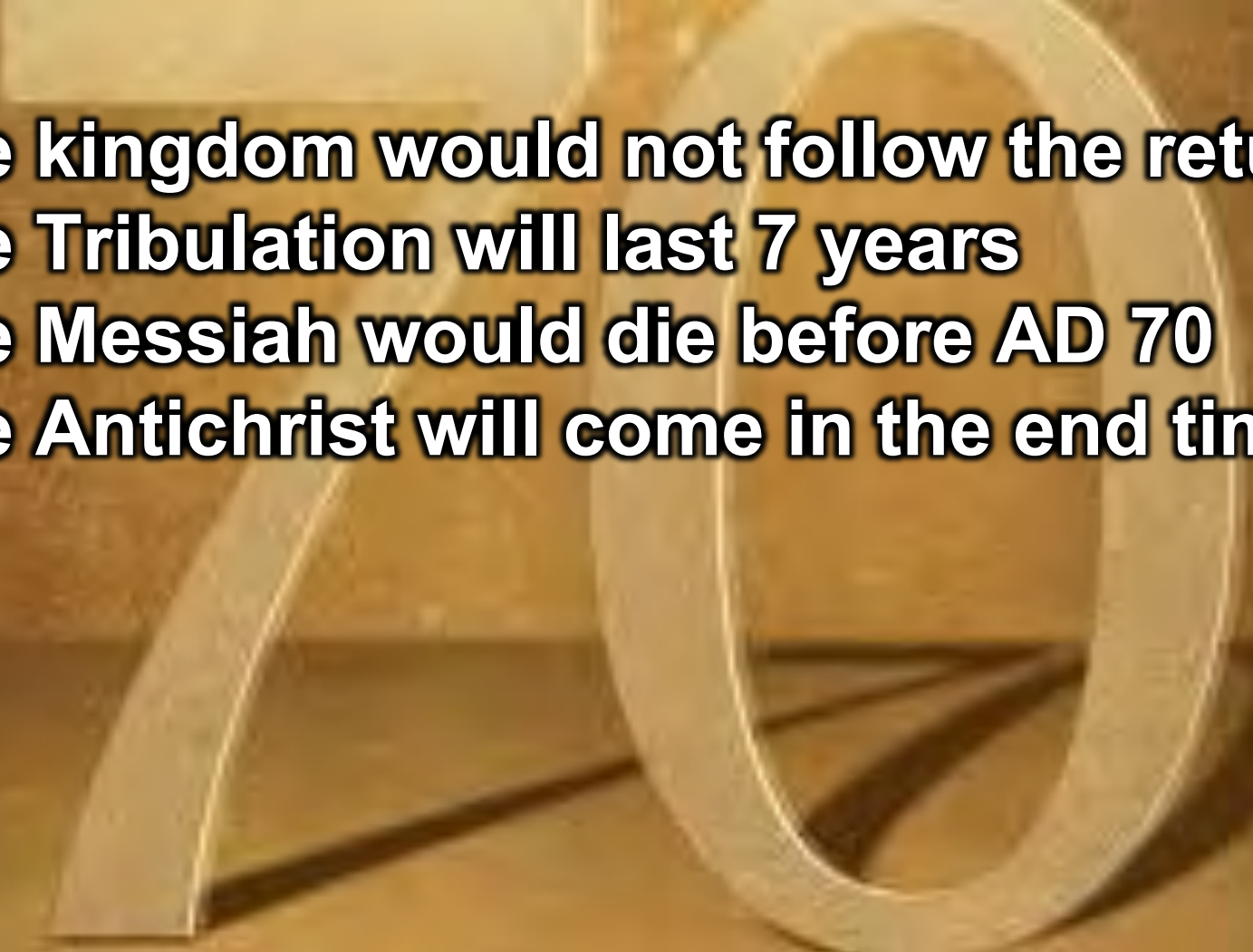




God **controls** each level.

——Main Idea of Daniel——

70 Weeks Implications

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1. The kingdom would not follow the return
 2. The Tribulation will last 7 years
 3. The Messiah would die before AD 70
 4. The Antichrist will come in the end times

Daniel 9:24-27

Application

- Recognize God's sovereignty over all authority in history
- Resist evil without compromising
- Trust God for your ultimate salvation so that you can endure to the end (12:2, 3, 12; cf. Rev. 12:11)
- Seek God in prayer and intercession
- Live a godly life

Daniel 8

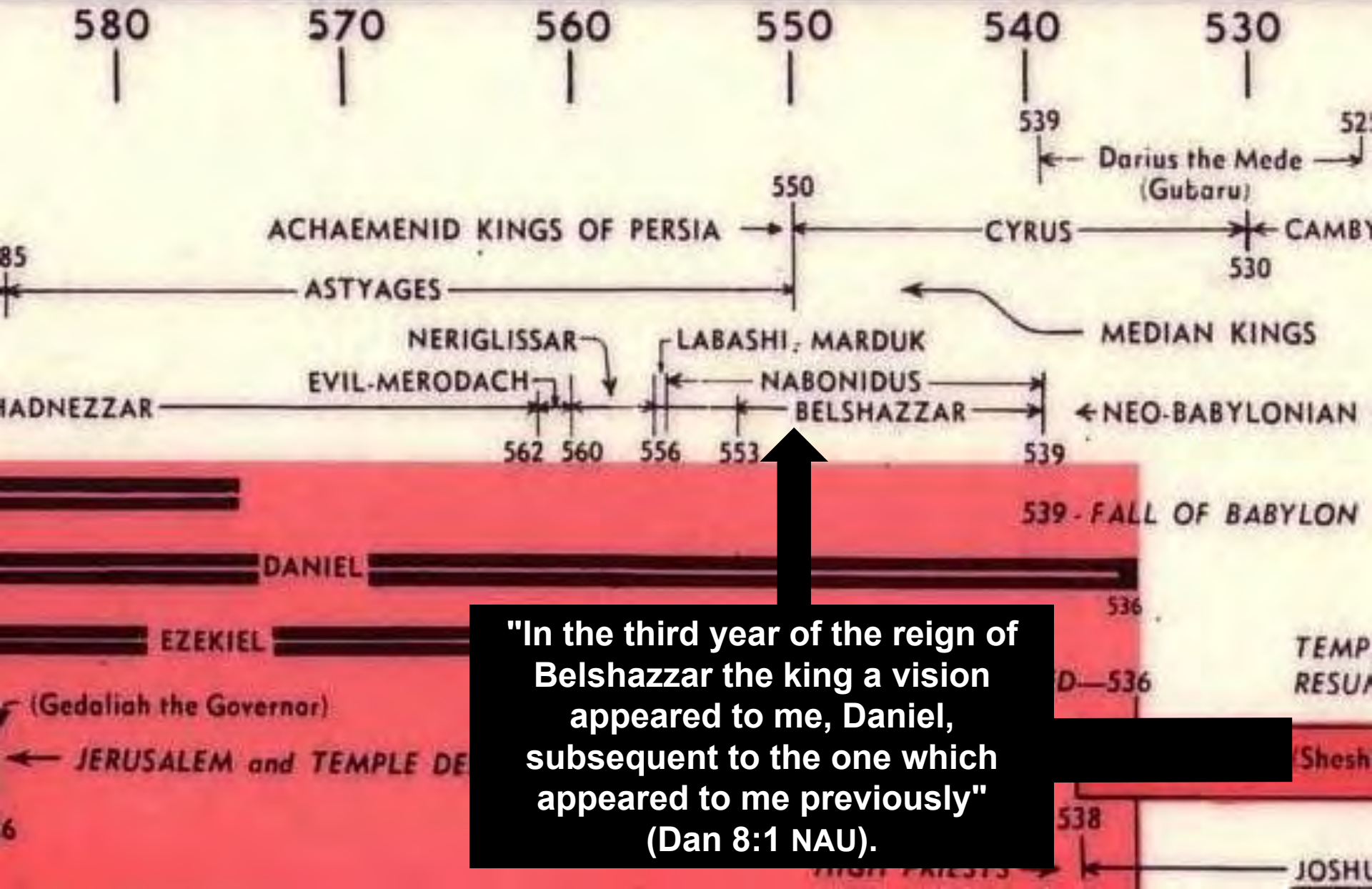


**"During the third
year of King
Belshazzar's reign,
I, Daniel, saw
another vision,
following the one
that had already
appeared to me"
(NLT).**

Daniel 8:1 is 1st Person

Chart of the Exile

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"In the third year of the reign of Belshazzar the king a vision appeared to me, Daniel, subsequent to the one which appeared to me previously" (Dan 8:1 NAU).

Map of the Persian Empire

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Barry J. Beitzel, *Moody Atlas of Bible Lands*, 150-51



*The Persian Empire in the 5th century BC
extended "from India and Ethiopia" (Esther 1:1)*

**The boundaries of the empire that Cyrus II initiated
and Darius I consolidated stretched from Greece to India**

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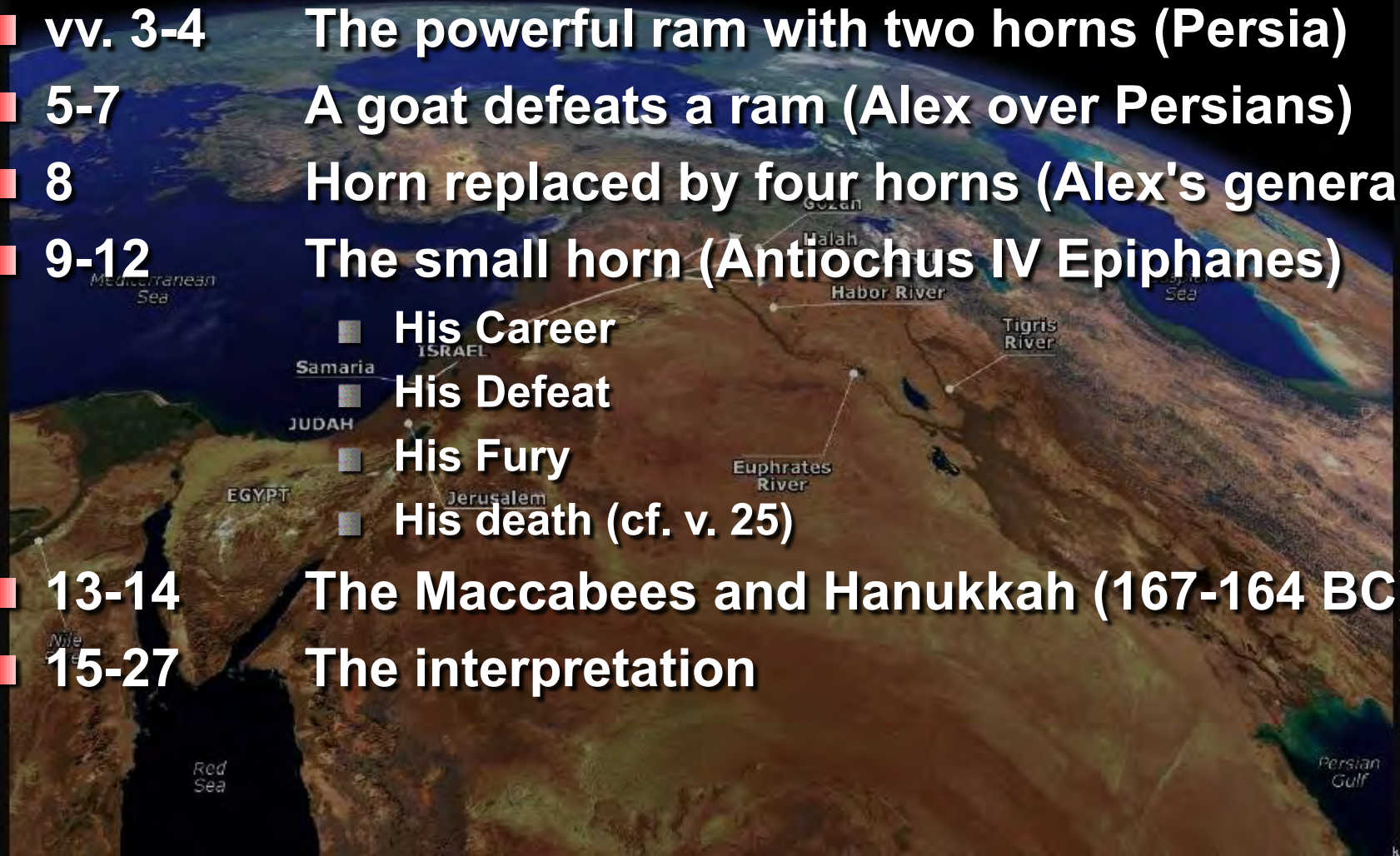
*Can God know
the future
almost 300
years in
advance?*

*Well, of course
He can!*

Flow of Daniel 8

Chapter 8

- vv. 3-4 The powerful ram with two horns (Persia)
- 5-7 A goat defeats a ram (Alex over Persians)
- 8 Horn replaced by four horns (Alex's generals)
- 9-12 The small horn (Antiochus IV Epiphanes)
 - His Career
 - His Defeat
 - His Fury
 - His death (cf. v. 25)
- 13-14 The Maccabees and Hanukkah (167-164 BC)
- 15-27 The interpretation



Which is stronger & faster?



Goat?



Ram?

**A goat never touching the
ground (Dan. 8:5)?**

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Goat Beats Ram (Dan. 8:7)?



The Ram and Goat (Daniel 8:1-8)



Alexander's Conquests





His Downfall

Due to Pride:

- **Desire for worship**
- **Wine**
- **Women**
- **Song**



800 B.C.-300 B.C. THE 800 B.C.-300 C.

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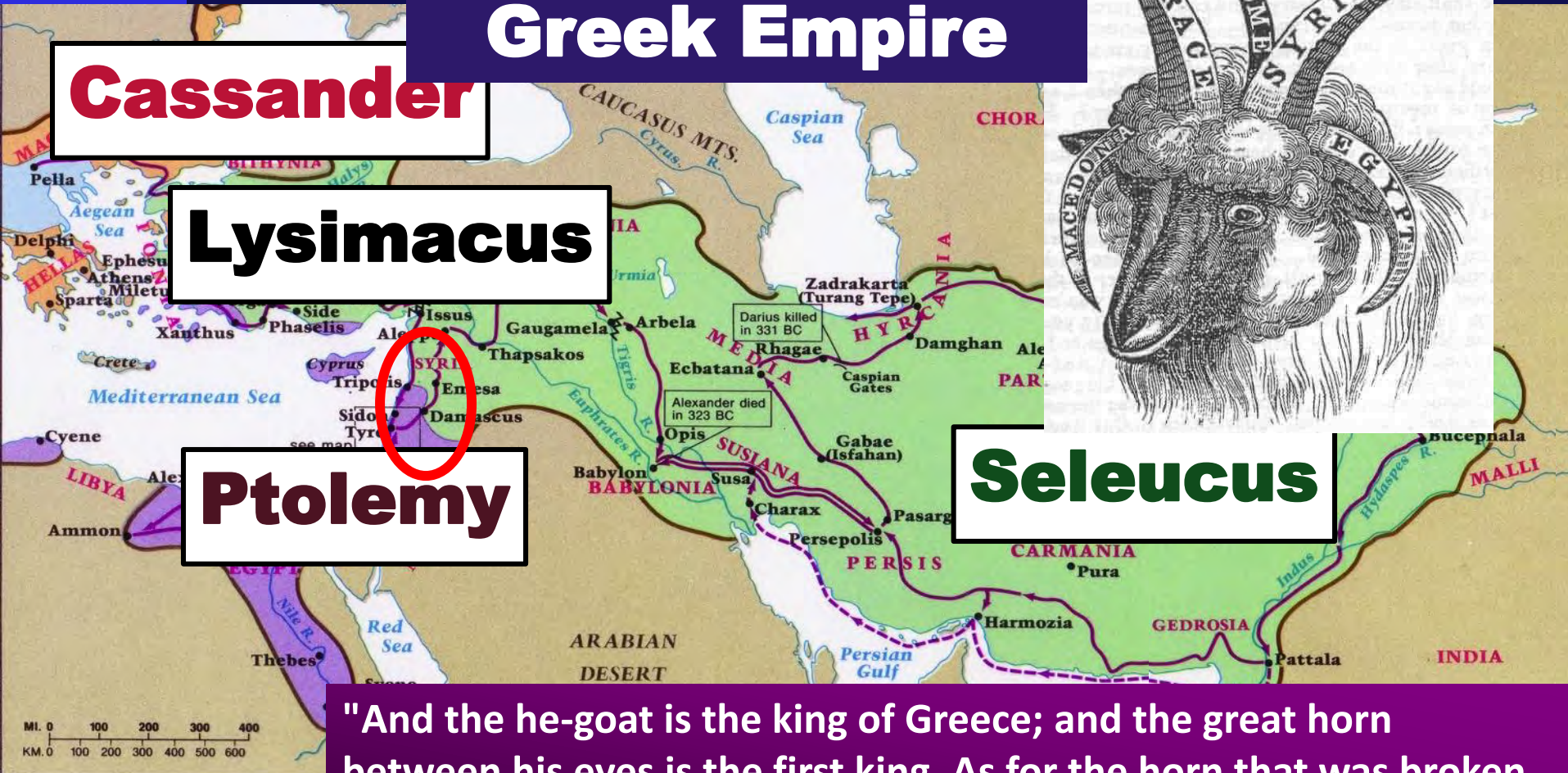
Greek Empire

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Lysimachus

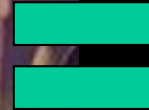
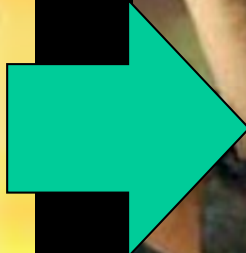
Ptolemy

Seleucus



"And the he-goat is the king of Greece; and the great horn between his eyes is the first king. As for the horn that was broken, in place of which four others arose, four kingdoms shall arise from his nation but not with his power" (Daniel 8:21-22 RSV)

The Little Horn (Daniel 8:9)



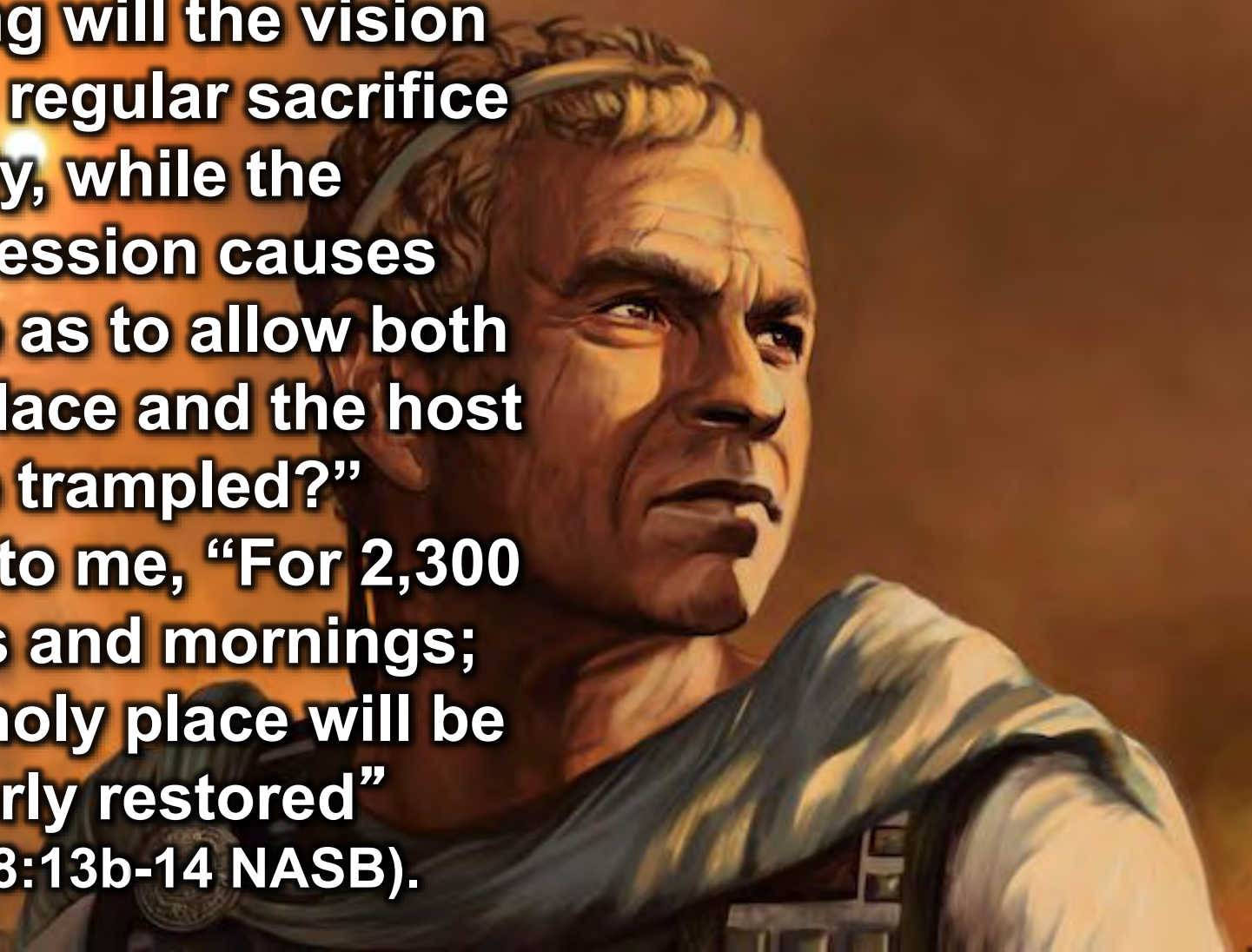
**Antiochus IV
Epiphanes
(170-164 BC)**

“Out of one of them came forth a rather small horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land” (NAU).

Antiochus IV Epiphanes (170-164 BC) will harm the Jerusalem sacrifice for 2300 evenings and mornings

“How long will the vision about the regular sacrifice apply, while the transgression causes horror, so as to allow both the holy place and the host to be trampled?”

**¹⁴ He said to me, “For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored”
(Daniel 8:13b-14 NASB).**

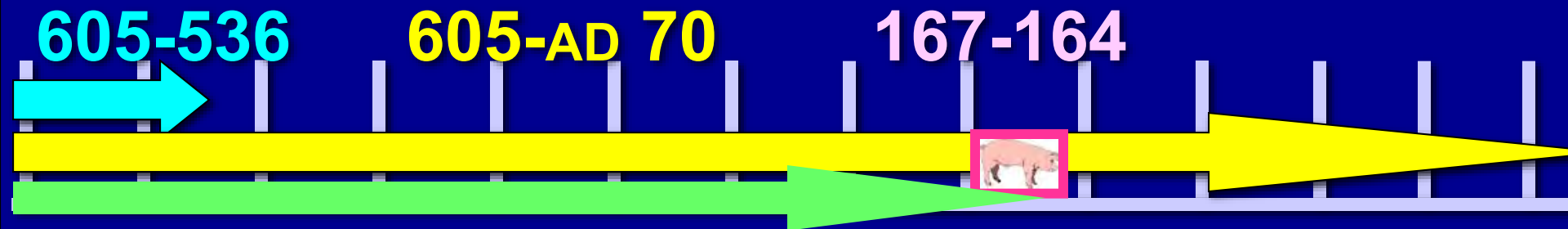


The Date of Daniel

Daniel's Ministry
(1:1; 10:1)

Daniel's Prophecies
(Dan 2–11)

Antiochus Desecrates Temple



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Critics see historical events recorded as "prophecies"

Critics Date Daniel after 164

What is meant by the 2300?

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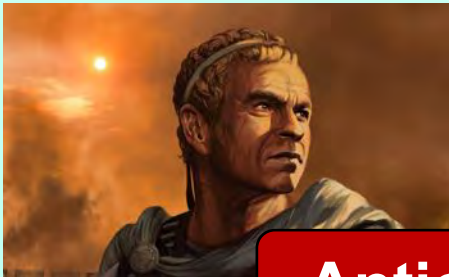
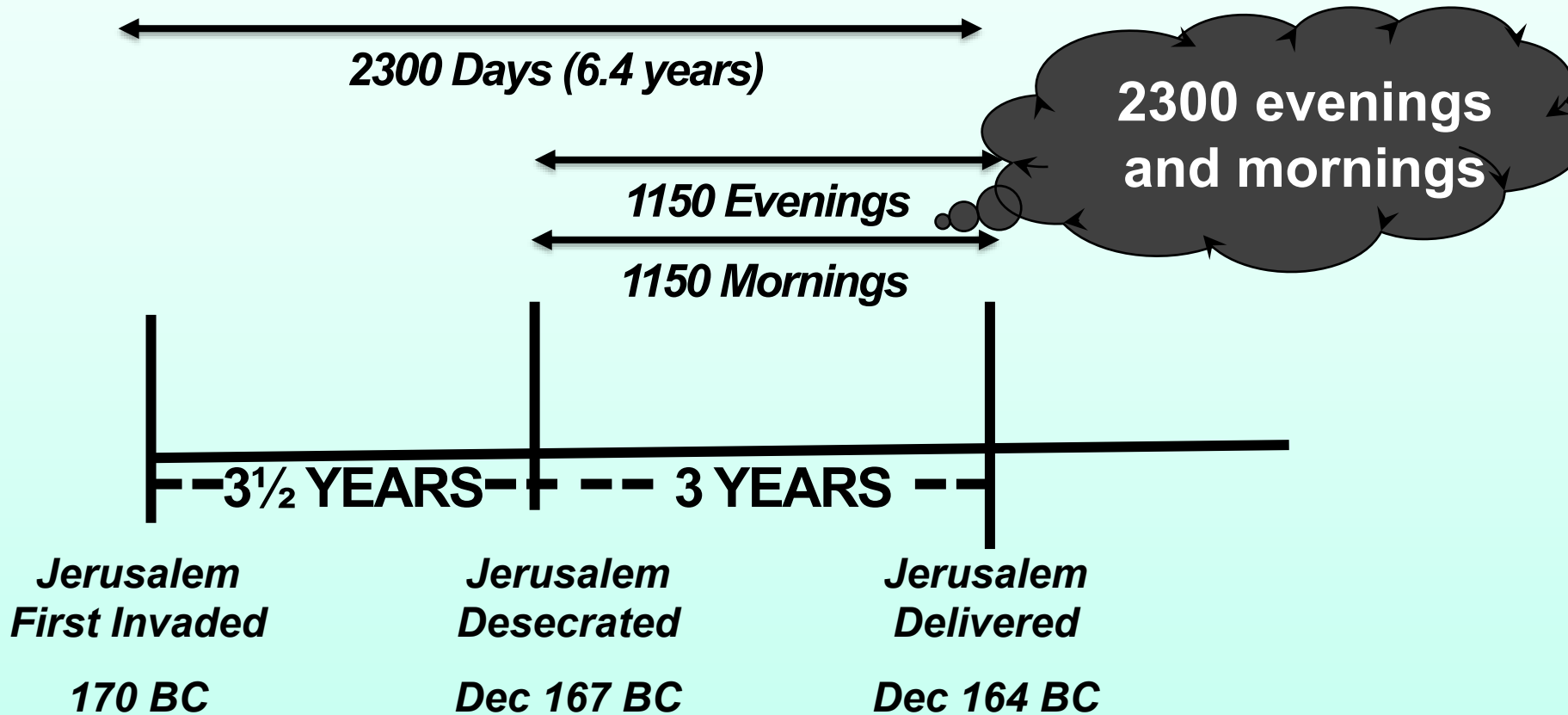
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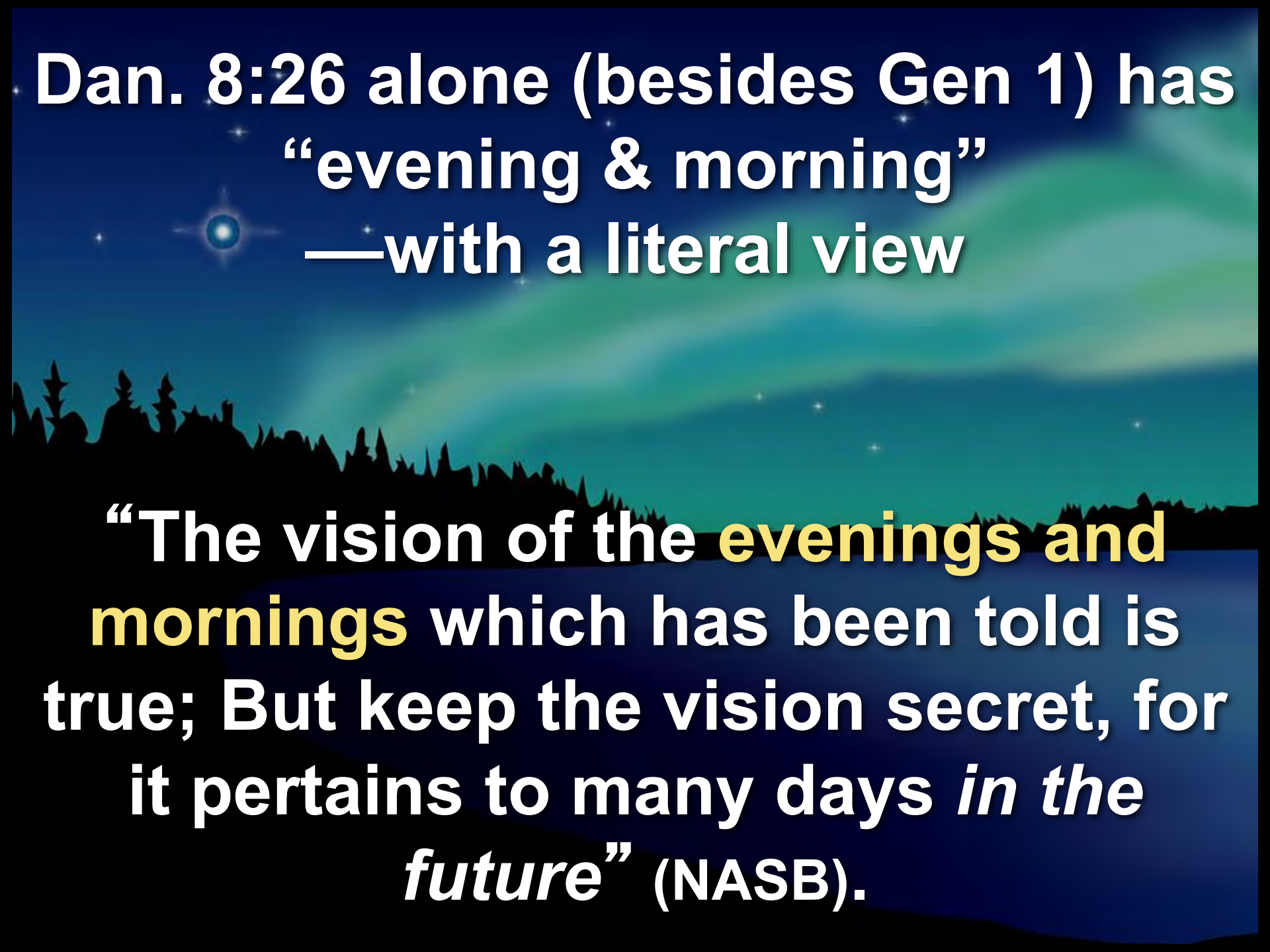
- **2300 years?**
- **2300 days?**
- **2300 evenings and mornings?**

2300 Evenings & Mornings

(Two options in Daniel 8:14, 26)



Antiochus Against Jerusalem



Dan. 8:26 alone (besides Gen 1) has
“evening & morning”
—with a literal view

“The vision of the **evenings and mornings** which has been told is true; But keep the vision secret, for it pertains to many days *in the future*” (NASB).

Daniel 9

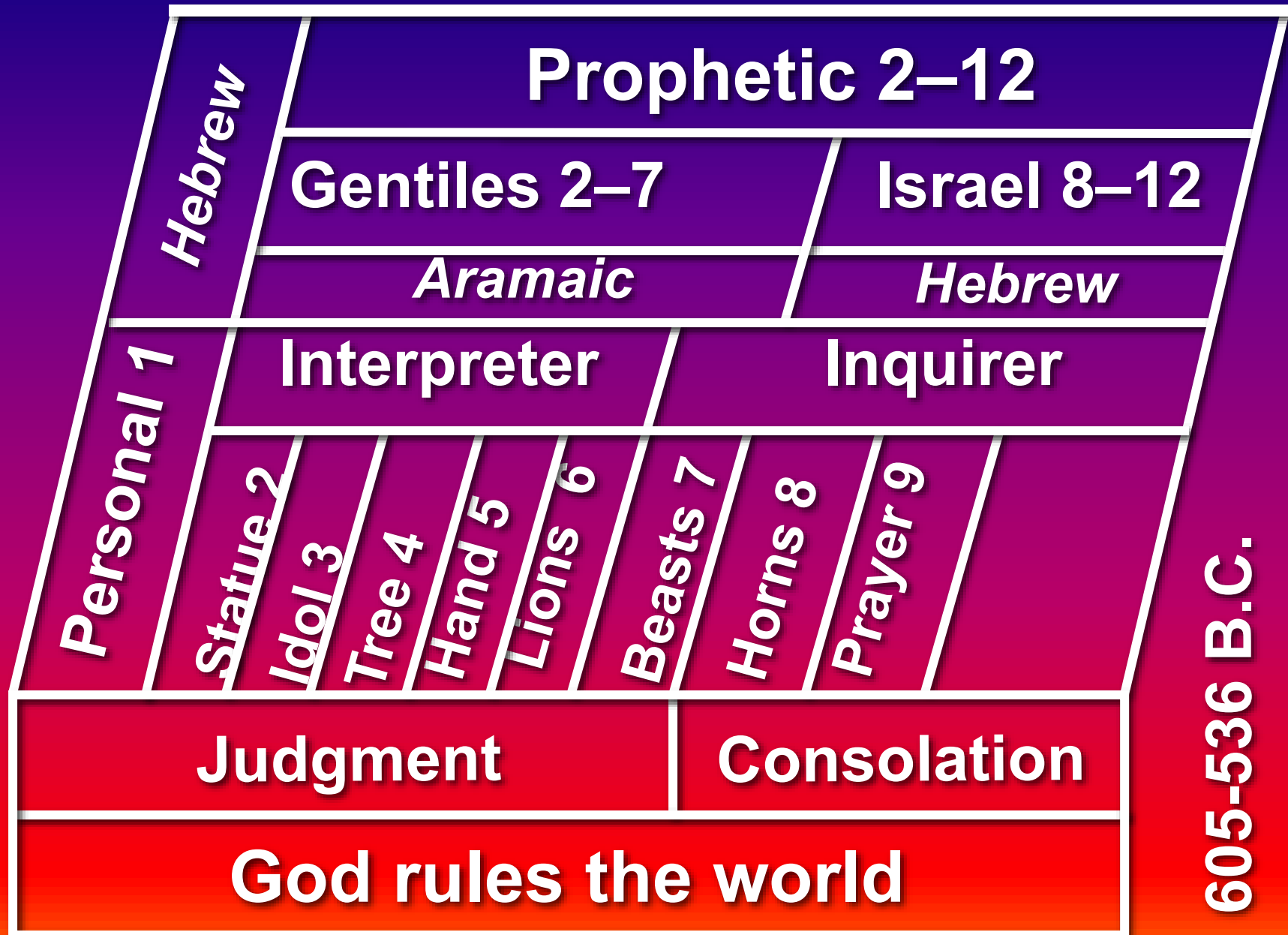
**"During the first year
of [Darius's] reign,
I, Daniel, learned
from reading the
word of the LORD, as
revealed to Jeremiah
the prophet, that
Jerusalem must lie
desolate for 70
years" (NLT).**

Daniel 9:2 is 1st Person



Daniel

Chapter 9



Two 70-Year Exiles



"This entire land will become a desolate wasteland. Israel and her neighboring lands will serve the king of Babylon for **seventy years**. ¹²Then, after the **seventy years** of captivity are over, I will punish the king of Babylon and his people for their sins," says the Lord. I will make the country of the Babylonians a wasteland forever"
(Jeremiah 25:11-12).

Chapter 9 Outline

■ Daniel's prayer: How long? (9:1-19)



The 70-Year Exile

People
Exile



605

586

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536

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**Daniel
taken
captive**

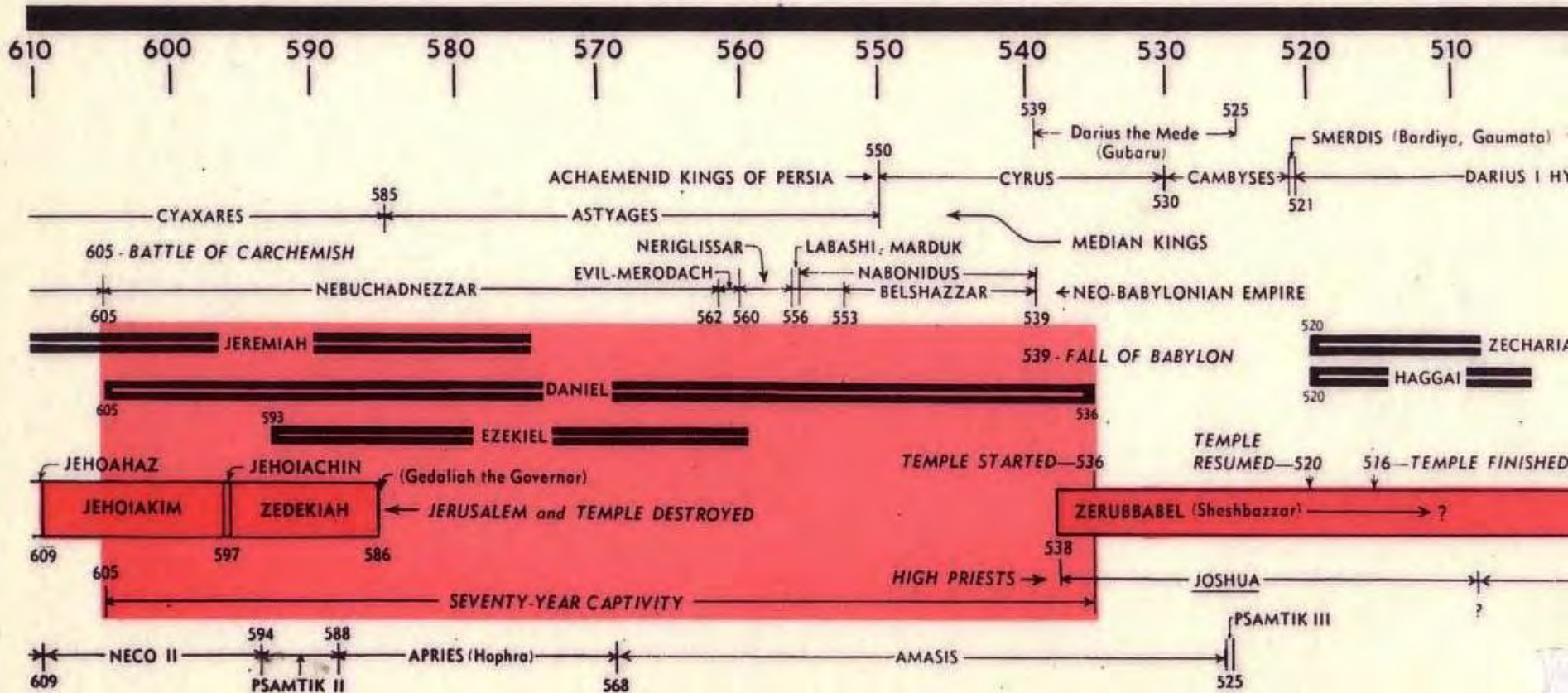
(Dan. 1:1-6)

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**1st year
of Darius
the Mede**

(Dan. 9:1)

Chart of the Exile

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The Babylonian Exile

John C. Whitcomb, 4th rev. ed., Winona Lake, IN: BMH Books, 1962, 1968

Chapter 9 Outline

- Daniel's prayer: How long? (9:1-19)
- God's reply: 70 x 7 (9:20-27)

There exist 4
major views on
the 70 weeks



The Number of Completion

- **Creation** Gen. 2:2
- **Rain** Gen. 7:4
- **Sabbath** Ex. 20:10
- **Jericho** Josh. 6:4
- **Sons** Job 1:2; Ruth 4:15
- **Prophecy** Dan. 9:24
- **Forgive** Matt. 18:21



Before the Curtain Closes (9:24 NLT)

“A period of seventy sets of seven has been decreed for your people and your holy city

Tribulation

1. to finish their rebellion,
2. to put an end to their sin,
3. to atone for their guilt,

Millennium

4. to bring in everlasting righteousness,
5. to confirm the prophetic vision, and
6. to anoint the Most Holy Place.”

These were NOT fulfilled in the first century—
so the 70th week must have a future fulfillment

Jews will be sought (Zech. 8:23)

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"This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: In those days ten men from different nations and languages of the world will clutch at the sleeve of one Jew. And they will say, 'Please let us walk with you, for we have heard that God is with you'" (NLT).



"All Israel will be saved" (Rom. 11:25-27)

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²⁵I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

²⁶And so **all Israel will be saved**, as it is written:

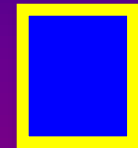
"The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.

²⁷And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."



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Anointed One



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**1 seven
= 7 years**

"Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. ²⁶After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed" (Dan. 9:25-26 NIV).

**Zech. 9:9
Dan. 9:25**

**Triumphal Entry:
"Anointed One
comes"**

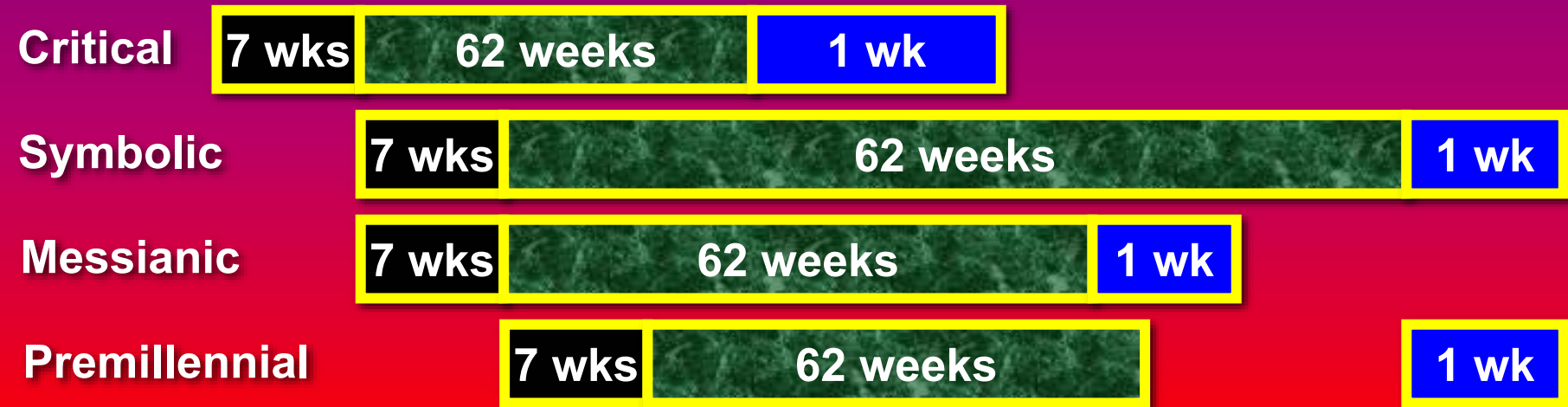


30 March AD 33

4 Views on the 70 "Weeks"

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Jer. 25:11- 12	Cy- rus	Art. 2 nd	Jeru- sa- lem	Mur- der	Anti- och us	Tem- ple	Christ Death	Titus	Church Age	7 Yr.	Mil- len- nial
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				171 BC	167 BC	164 BC		AD 70			



1. Critical View

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Critical

7 wks

62 weeks

1 wk

Critique of Critical View:

- Weeks add up to 422 or 441 years (not 490)
- Antiochus was hardly a Messianic figure!
- Antiochus IV made no covenant with Israel
- Prophecy seen only as imaginative prediction

2. Amillennial Symbolic View⁵⁵⁵

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538 444
BC BC

Symbolic

7 wks

62 weeks

1 wk

- 70 seen as indefinite era to lead people to salvation
- 7 as a mark of divine work, symbolizing completion
 - First 7 years begins with the Cyrus decree (538 BC)
 - The 62 weeks = the gospel is preached
 - The final week = Antichrist rule, Christ lost influence
 - 70 years end in Christ's second coming

2. Amillennial Symbolic View⁵⁵⁵

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Symbolic

7 wks

62 weeks

1 wk

Critique of the Symbolic View

- 70x7 seen as for all people, not exclusive to Israel
- Glosses over details of prophetic elements
- Cyrus's decree was closest to the time Daniel's prayer but did not restore Jerusalem but only the temple

3. Messianic/Historic View

Cy- rus	Art. 2 nd	Christ Titus Death
De- cree	De- cree	AD 33 De- stroy
538 BC	444 BC	Jeru- sa- lem
		AD 70

Messianic

7 wks

62 weeks

1 wk

- 7 wks starts from Cyrus decree
- 62 wks ends at Christ's first advent (9:26 occurs after this)
- Final week – Death of Christ abolished sacrifice
- Destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70
- Rejects the gap theory
- The final prince not seen as the Antichrist but as Christ
- Sees Abomination of Desolation (Matt 24:15) as fulfilled in AD 70 (then Matthew wrote about it)

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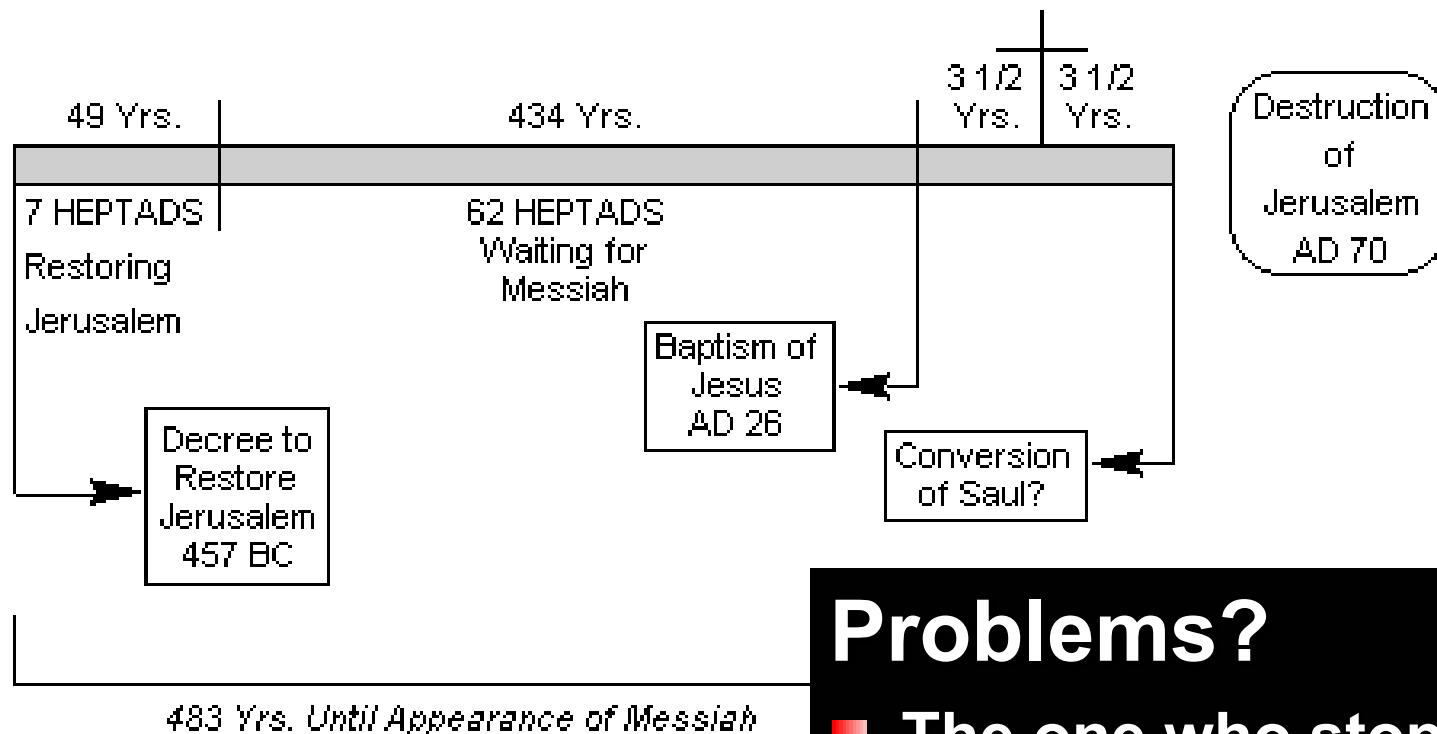
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Critique of the Messianic View

- Interpretation as new covenant (Heb. 8:13) and desolation (Dan. 9:25-26) lacking
- Does not account for Antichrist in Rev 13:5 who will rule 42 months.
- 2 Thess. 2:4 says Antichrist (not Christ) will claim deity in temple
- However, Young does see 11:40-44 as referring to Antichrist (Young, 248, 251)

Messianic View of James E. Smith

DANIEL'S SEVENTY HEPTADS Dan 9:24-27



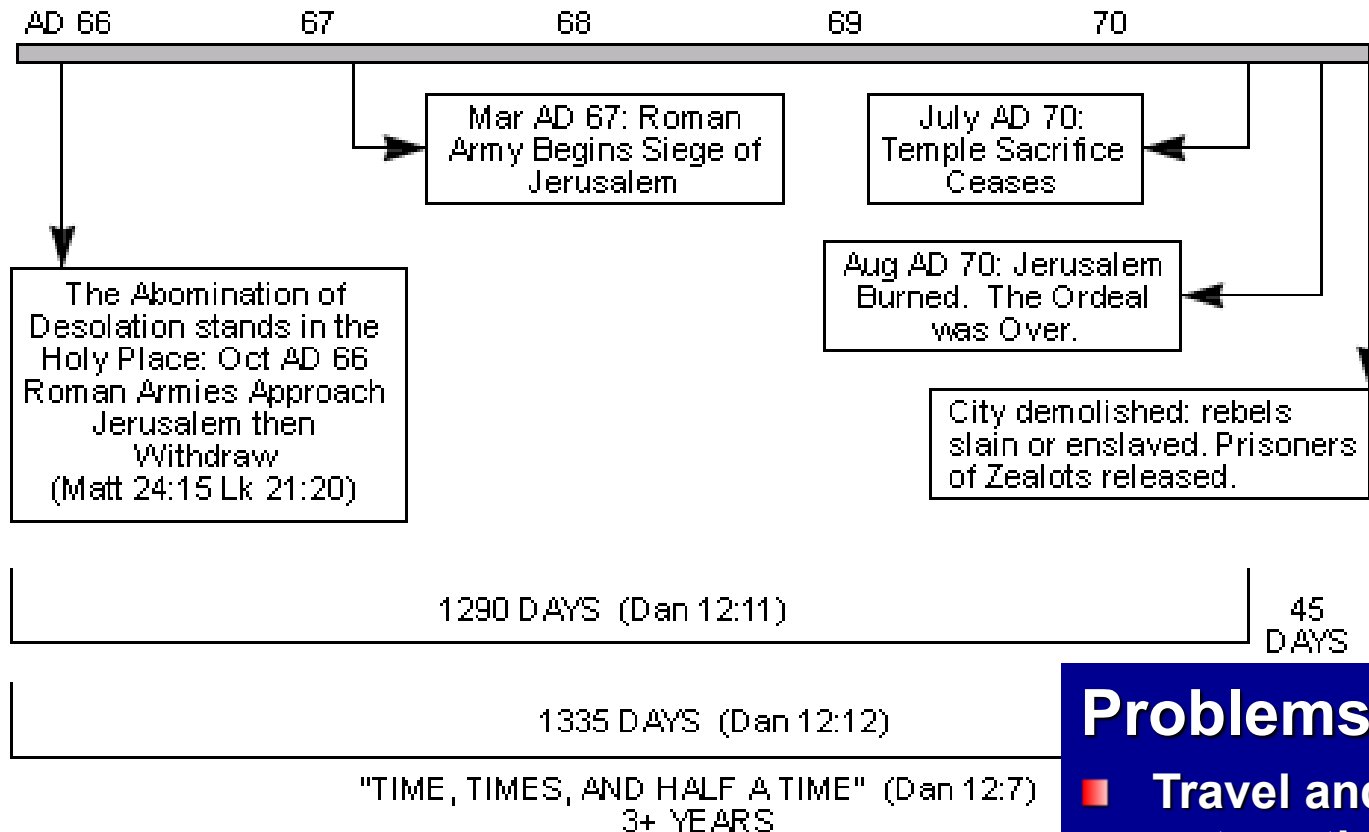
Problems?

- The one who stops the sacrifice (Dan. 9:27) also desecrates the temple (cf. 2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 13:5)

The Major Prophets (Joplin, MO: College Press, 1995), LOGOS electronic version chart 22

Messianic View of James E. Smith

DURATION OF THE TIME OF TROUBLE Daniel 12:4-12



Problems?

- Travel and knowledge did not vastly increase in AD 60s (Dan. 12:2)
- No abomination stood in the temple in AD 66

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4. Premillennial View

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Premillennial

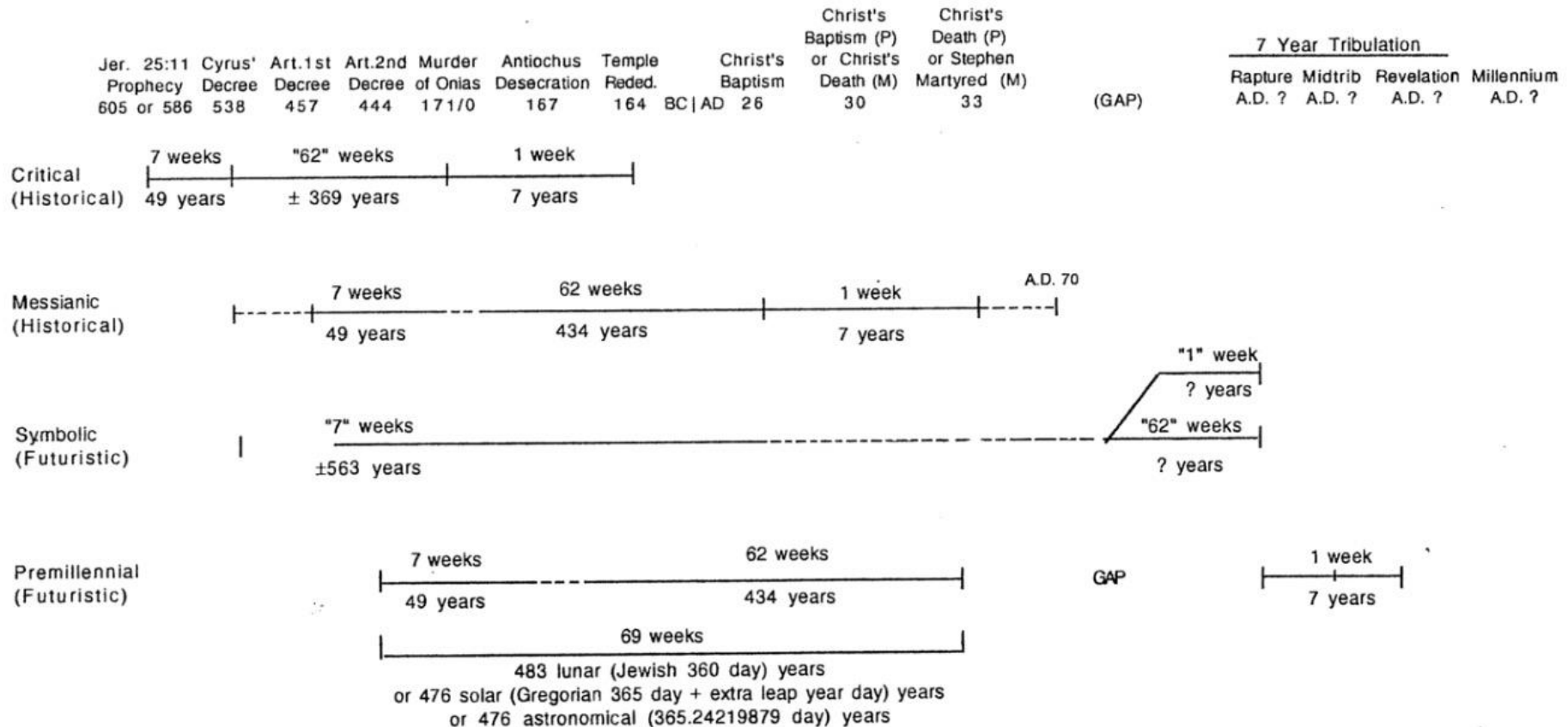
7 wks

62 weeks

1 wk

- 7 weeks began at Artaxerxes's 444 BC decree to Nehemiah
- 62 weeks end with Christ's Triumphal Entry
- Gap = the church age = times of Gentiles (note Jesus' prophecy in Luke 21:24)
- The final week = 7 year Tribulation

Summary of Views on Daniel 9:24-27



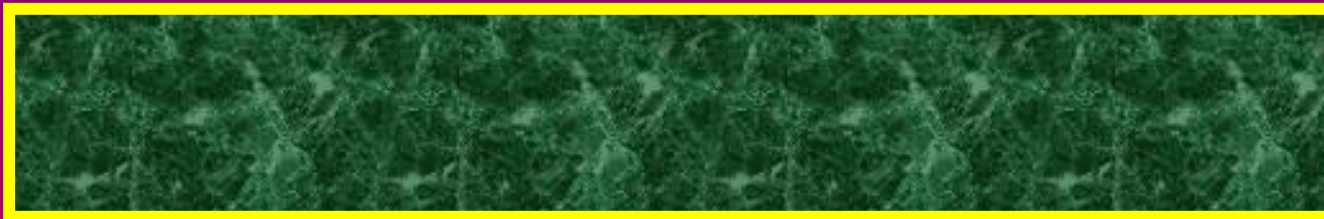
Key

Art. = Artaxerxes
P = Premillennial view dating
M = Messianic view dating

One

Decree

69 sevens = 483 years



7 sevens

62 sevens

**1 seven
= 7 years**

444 BC

395 BC

- 395 BC

– AD 33

Questions on the Premillennial View

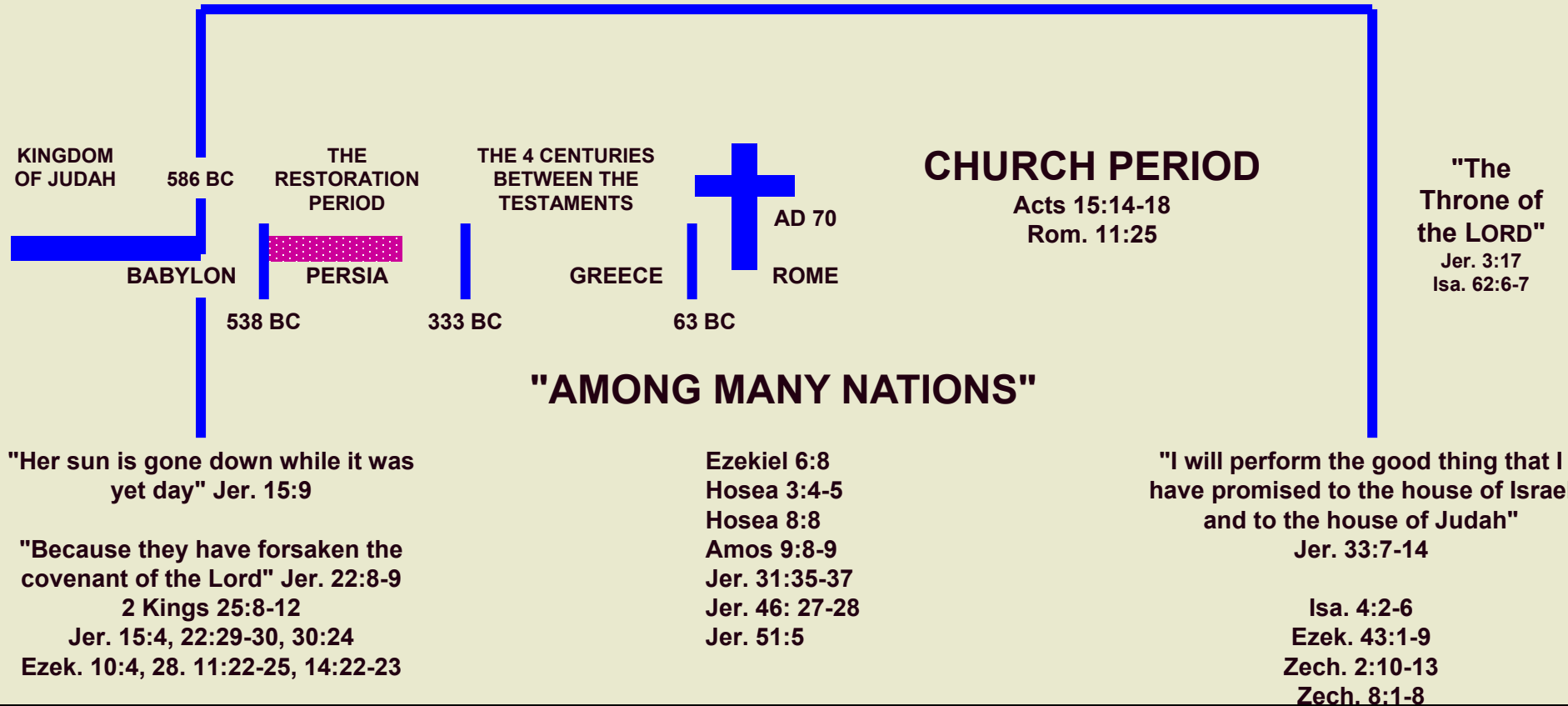
- Which decree is in 9:25? Four options:
 - (1) Cyrus decree to rebuild the temple (2 Chron. 36: 22-23; Ezra 1:1-4; 6:1-5);
 - (2) Darius decree confirming the decree of Cyrus (Ezra 6:6-12);
 - (3) Artaxerxes decree #1 (Ezra 7:11-26);
 - (4) Artaxerxes decree #2 given to Nehemiah authorizing the rebuilding of the city (Neh. 2:1-8).

- Why do we hold that the decree is Artaxerxes #2 in his 20th year (444 BC)? This is because Neh. 2:12-17 pictures Jerusalem in ruins at this time.

Times of the Gentiles (Luke 21:24)

"TIMES OF THE GENTILES"

Luke 21:24



"Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled" (Jesus in Luke 21:24 NIV)

Daniel 9:25-27 (NLT)

²⁵ Now listen and understand! Seven sets of seven plus sixty-two sets of seven will pass from the time the command is given to **rebuild Jerusalem** until a ruler—the **Anointed One—comes**. Jerusalem will be rebuilt with streets and strong defenses, despite the perilous times.

²⁶ "After this period of sixty-two sets of seven, the **Anointed One will be killed**, appearing to have accomplished nothing, and **a ruler** will arise whose armies **will destroy the city and the Temple**. The end will come with a flood, and war and its miseries are decreed from that time to the very end. ²⁷ The **ruler will make a treaty** with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an **end to the sacrifices** and offerings. And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious **object that causes desecration**, until the **fate** decreed for this defiler is **finally poured out on him**."



An Astonishing Prediction!

- The Jewish calendar has 360 days per year
- 69 Jewish "weeks" of 483 years = 476 solar years
- Issue of the decree on 5 March 444 BC after 476 solar years ends on 30 March 33. This is the exact date of Christ's Triumphant Entry!
- Compare Daniel 9:27 with Revelation 13:5, 14-15 where half of a "7" is 3 and ½ years or 42 months

Determinations of the Seventy Weeks

The 483 Years in the Jewish and Gregorian Calendars

Jewish Calendar
(360 days per year*)

$$(7 \times 7) + (62 \times 7) \text{ years} = 483 \text{ years}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 483 \text{ years} \\ \times 360 \text{ days} \\ \hline 173,880 \text{ days} \end{array}$$

Gregorian Calendar
(365 days a year)

$$444 \text{ B.C. to A.D. 33} = 476 \text{ years}^\dagger$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 476 \text{ years} \\ \times 365 \text{ days} \\ \hline 173,740 \text{ days} \\ + 116 \text{ days in leap years}^\ddagger \\ + 24 \text{ days (March 5-March 30)} \\ \hline 173,880 \text{ days} \end{array}$$

*See comments on Daniel 9:27b for confirmation of this 360-day year.

†Since only one year expired between 1 B.C. and A.D. 1, the total is 476, not 477.

‡A total of 476 years divided by four (a leap year every four years) gives 119 additional days. But three days must be subtracted from 119 because centennial years are not leap years, though every 400th year is a leap year.

Determinations of the Seventy Weeks

March 5, 444 B.C.

Nisan 1 of Artaxerxes' 20th Year
Nehemiah 2:1-8

March 30, A.D. 33

Triumphal Entry on Nisan 10 A.D. 33
Luke 19:28-40

69 WEEKS

*** CHURCH
AGE**

70th WEEK

$69 \times 7 \times 360 = 173,880 \text{ days}$
March 5, 444 B.C. + 173,880 days = March 30, A.D. 33

1/2 Week

1/2 Week

Verification

444 B.C. to A.D. 33 = 476 years

$476 \text{ years} \times 365.24219879 \text{ days} = 173,855 \text{ days}$
+ days between March 5 & March 30 = 25 days
173,880 days

*Messiah cut off after 69 weeks—April 3, A.D. 33.

Rationale for 360-Day Years

1/2 week—Dan. 9:27

Time, times, 1/2 time—Dan. 7:25, 12:7;
Rev. 12:14

1,260 days—Rev. 12:6, 11:3

42 months—Rev. 11:2, 13:5

Thus: 42 months = 1,260 days = time,
times, 1/2 time = 1/2 week

Therefore: month = 30 days; year = 360 days

"When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, ⁴²saying, 'If you had known in **this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes.'"**

**An Ominous Day:
Luke 19:41-42 NAU**

"For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, ⁴⁴and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because **you did not recognize the time of your visitation."**

**An Ominous Day:
Luke 10:43-44 NAU**



Why the Gap?

Six Reasons

Why must there be a **gap**
between the end of the 69th week
and the beginning of the 70th week?

Anointed
One

Decree

69 sevens = 483 years



7 sevens

62 sevens

444 BC

– 395 BC

395 BC

– AD 33



1 seven
= 7 years

The six prophecies in Daniel 9:24 could not have been fulfilled at Christ's first advent.

- These prophecies relate not to the church but to Israel.
- Has Israel finished sinning (24a)? No.
- Has Israel had atonement for her sins (24b-c)? No.
- Has Israel seen everlasting righteousness (24d)? No.
- Paul still saw this as future for Israel (Rom. 11:25-27).
- Has vision and prophecy culminated (24e)? No.
- Has the holy of holies* been anointed yet (24f)? No.

* Although the phrase "most holy" has been sometimes interpreted to mean Christ's anointing (e.g., Young, *The Prophecy of Daniel*, 201), these are technical words always translated in the Old Testament as "holy of holies." The clear referent is the consecration of the millennial temple (cf. Ezek. 40–46).

Before the Curtain Closes (9:24 NLT)

“A period of seventy sets of seven has been decreed for your people and your holy city

Tribulation

1. to finish their rebellion,
2. to put an end to their sin,
3. to atone for their guilt,

Millennium

4. to bring in everlasting righteousness,
5. to confirm the prophetic vision, and
6. to anoint the Most Holy Place.”

These were NOT fulfilled in the first century—
so the 70 weeks must have a future fulfillment

Why the Gap?

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Six Reasons

The first word of verse 26, "after" (ἔκτῃ), indicates a gap. This gap occurs after the culmination of the sixty-ninth week at the cutting off of Messiah at Christ's crucifixion after the Triumphal Entry.

Church Age:

"The end will come with a flood, and war and its miseries are decreed from that time to the very end" (9:26b)

Christ's
Death
AD 33

Titus
Destroys
Jerusalem
AD 70

7 Yr.
Tribulation

7 wks

62 weeks

1 wk

The traditional-historical school sees Christ's baptism ending the 69 weeks and His death at the middle of the 70th week. If this were so, the text would read that the cutting off of Messiah would occur "during" or "in the midst of" the seventieth week. However, verse 26 says that several events must occur before the beginning of the 70th week, such as Jerusalem's destruction and many wars.

Daniel 9:25-27 (NLT)

²⁵ Now listen and understand! Seven sets of seven plus sixty-two sets of seven will pass from the time the command is given to **rebuild Jerusalem** until a ruler—the **Anointed One—comes**. Jerusalem will be rebuilt with streets and strong defenses, despite the perilous times.

²⁶ "After this period of sixty-two sets of seven, the **Anointed One will be killed**, appearing to have accomplished nothing, and **a ruler** will arise whose armies **will destroy the city and the Temple**. The end will come with a flood, and war and its miseries are decreed from that time to the very end. ²⁷ The **ruler will make a treaty** with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an **end to the sacrifices** and offerings. And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious **object that causes desecration**, until the **fate** decreed for this defiler is **finally poured out on him**."

Why the Gap?

The idea of gaps may seem strange to the 21st century mind, but this was not true of the Jewish mindset.

- **For example, Isaiah 61:1-2 records the two advents of Christ in a single context. Christ quoted the portion of this passage relating to His first advent in Luke 4:18-19, thus revealing that a separation of many years appears.**
- **Concerning the Jewish mindset, Gundry notes, "The possibility of a gap between the sixty-ninth and seventieth weeks is established by the well-accepted OT phenomenon of prophetic perspective, in which gaps such as that between the first and second advents were not perceived" (Robert H. Gundry, *The Church and the Tribulation* [Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1973], 190).**

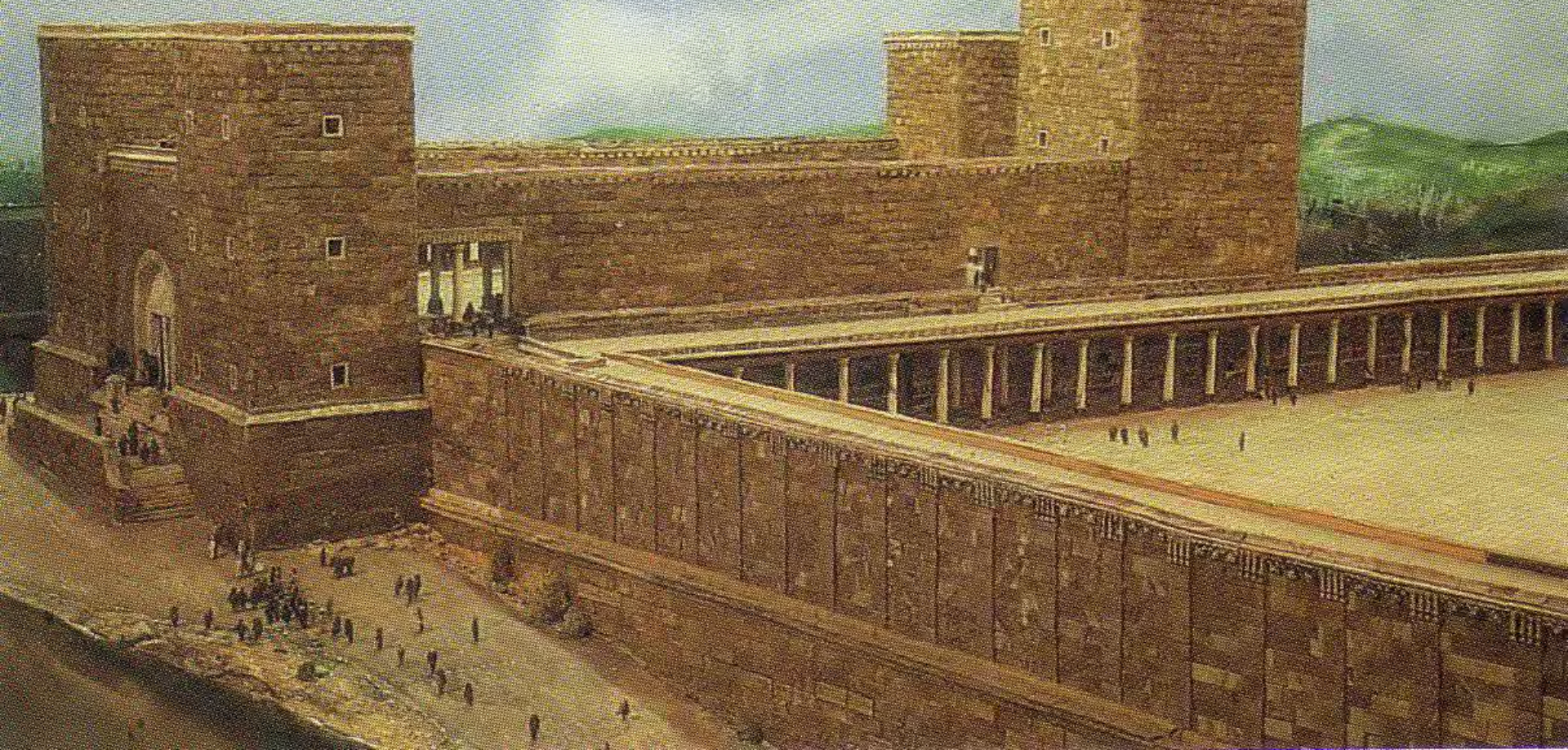
The person who confirms the covenant in Daniel 9:27 cannot be Christ.

- **The "He" in this verse looks back at "the prince who is to come" in the previous verse (Titus in AD 70) as its antecedent.**
- **Also, if Christ is the confirmer of the covenant, then what covenant did He confirm and then break? Certainly not the new covenant!**

The Temple Stood Until AD 70

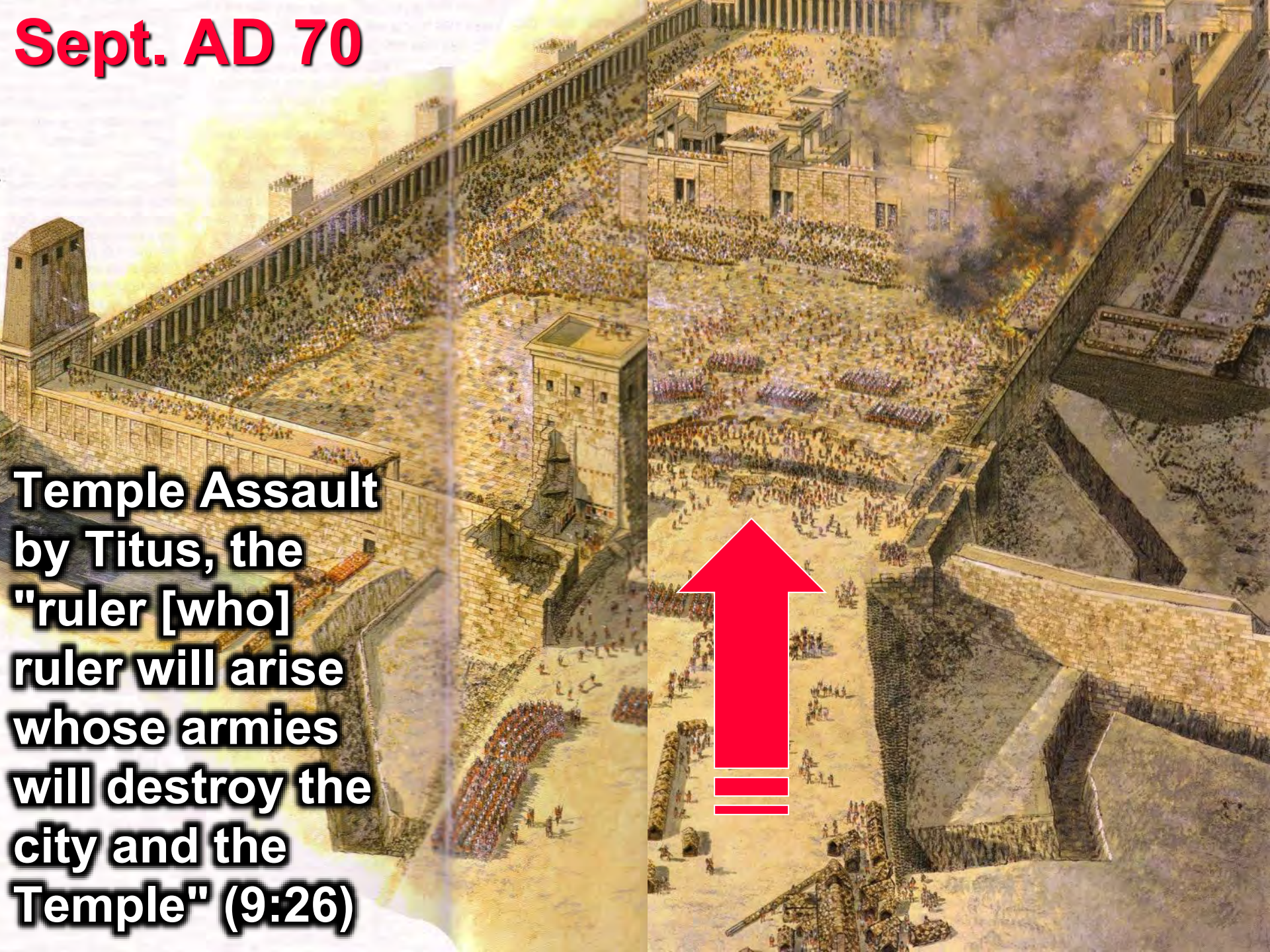


Antonia Fortress



Sept. AD 70

**Temple Assault
by Titus, the
"ruler [who]
ruler will arise
whose armies
will destroy the
city and the
Temple" (9:26)**



Why the Gap?

- **Since Christ's death did not "put an end to sacrifice and offering" (Dan. 9:27), a gap must exist between the 69th and 70th weeks.**
- **The Jews continued the sacrificial system until God stopped their abhorrent practice with Titus' destruction of the temple in AD 70.**

The Temple Veil



The Temple Veil Torn (Matt. 27:51)



It must have been sown up from AD 33-70

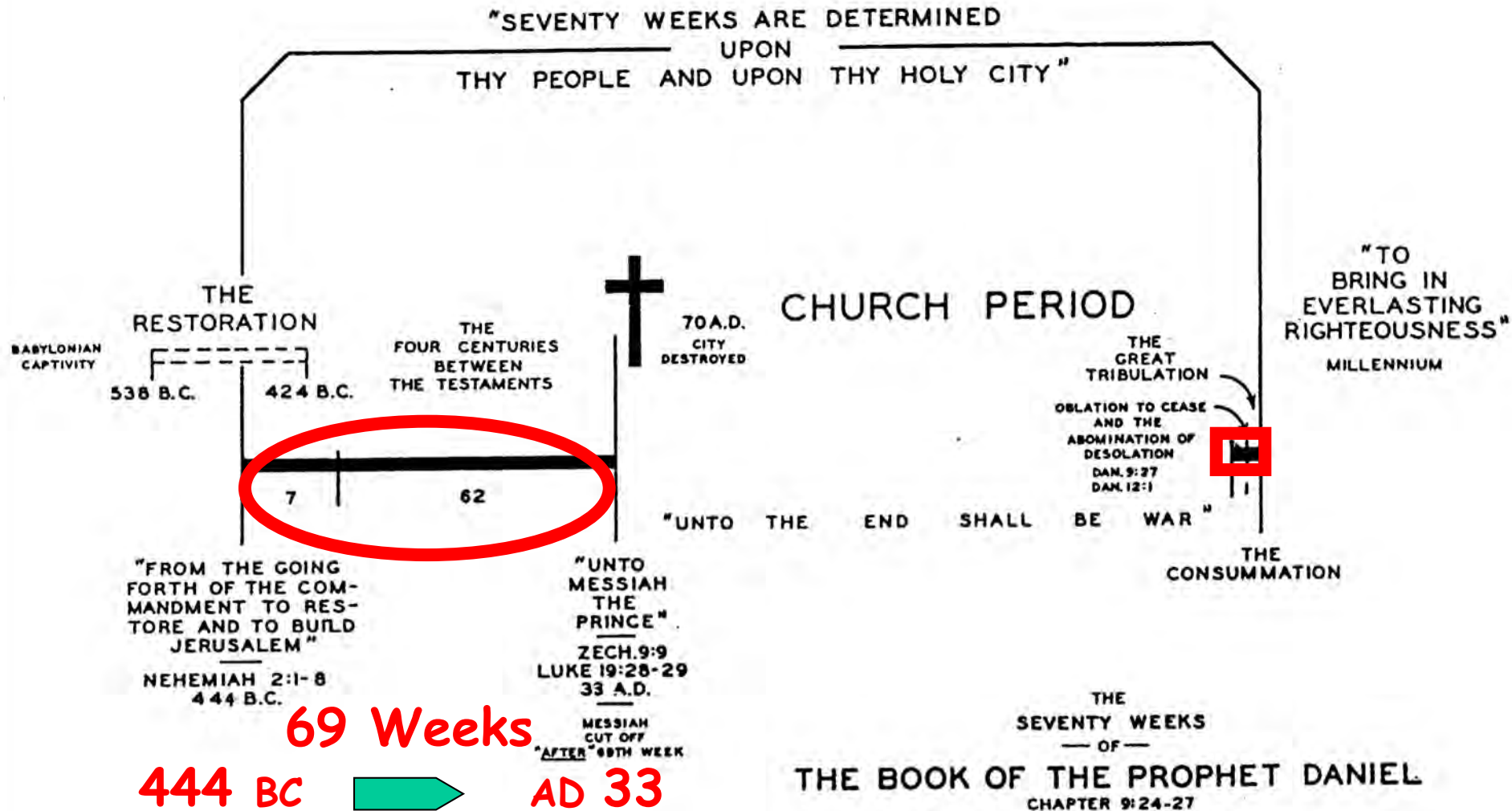
Why the Gap?

Parallel prophecies also have a gap:

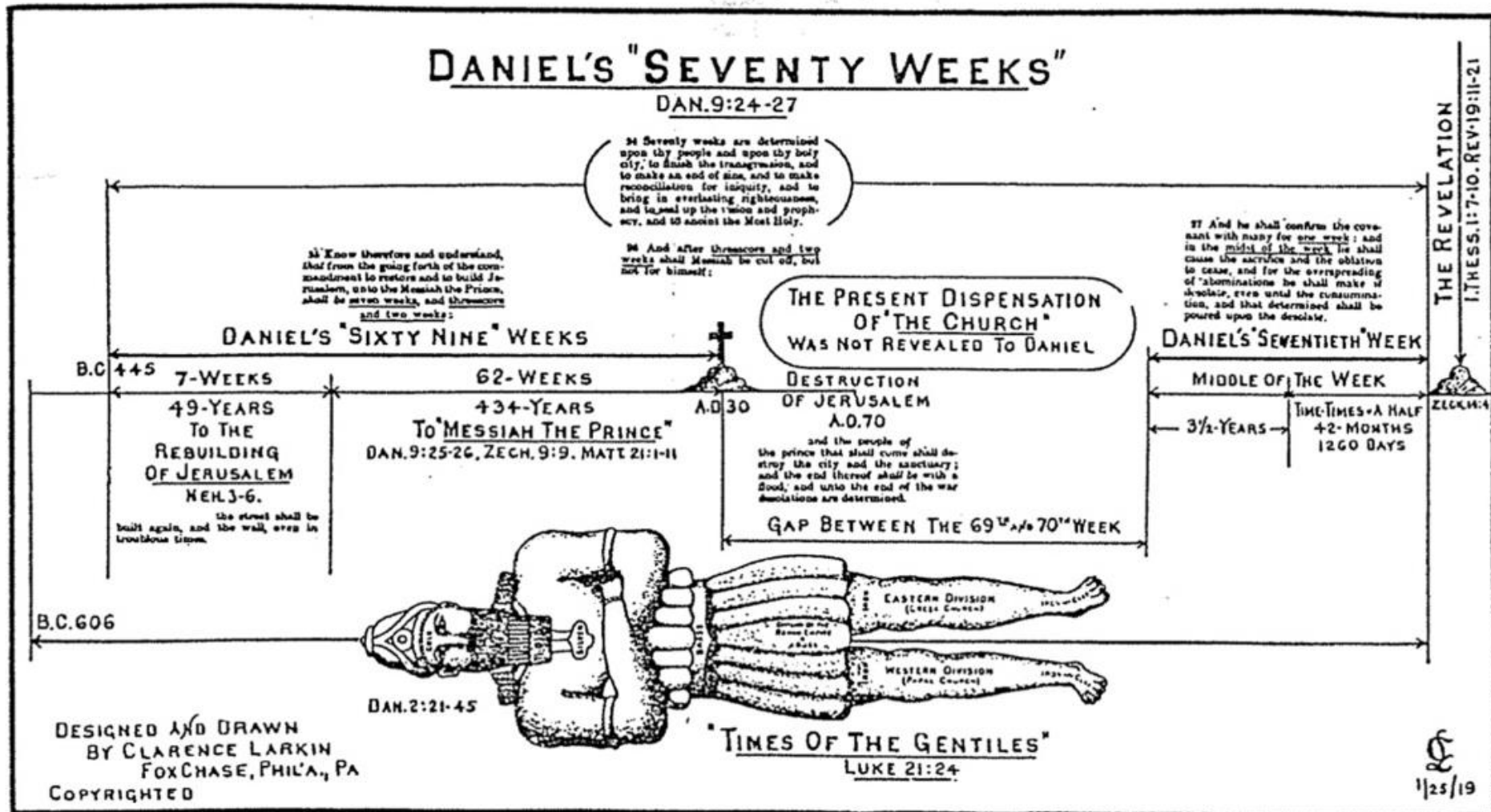
- (1) Jesus said in Matthew 24:15 that the abomination of desolation will occur after His earthly ministry.**
- (2) The wicked person of Daniel 9:27 has striking parallels with the future wicked man in Daniel 7:25; Revelation 12, 13, 19.**
- (3) The events of the second half of the 70th week (Dan. 9:27b) correlate with those of the latter half of the future Tribulation period in Rev. 13:4, 6, 12, 14-15**

Daniel's 70 Weeks

(Dan. 9:24-27)



Daniel's Seventy Weeks

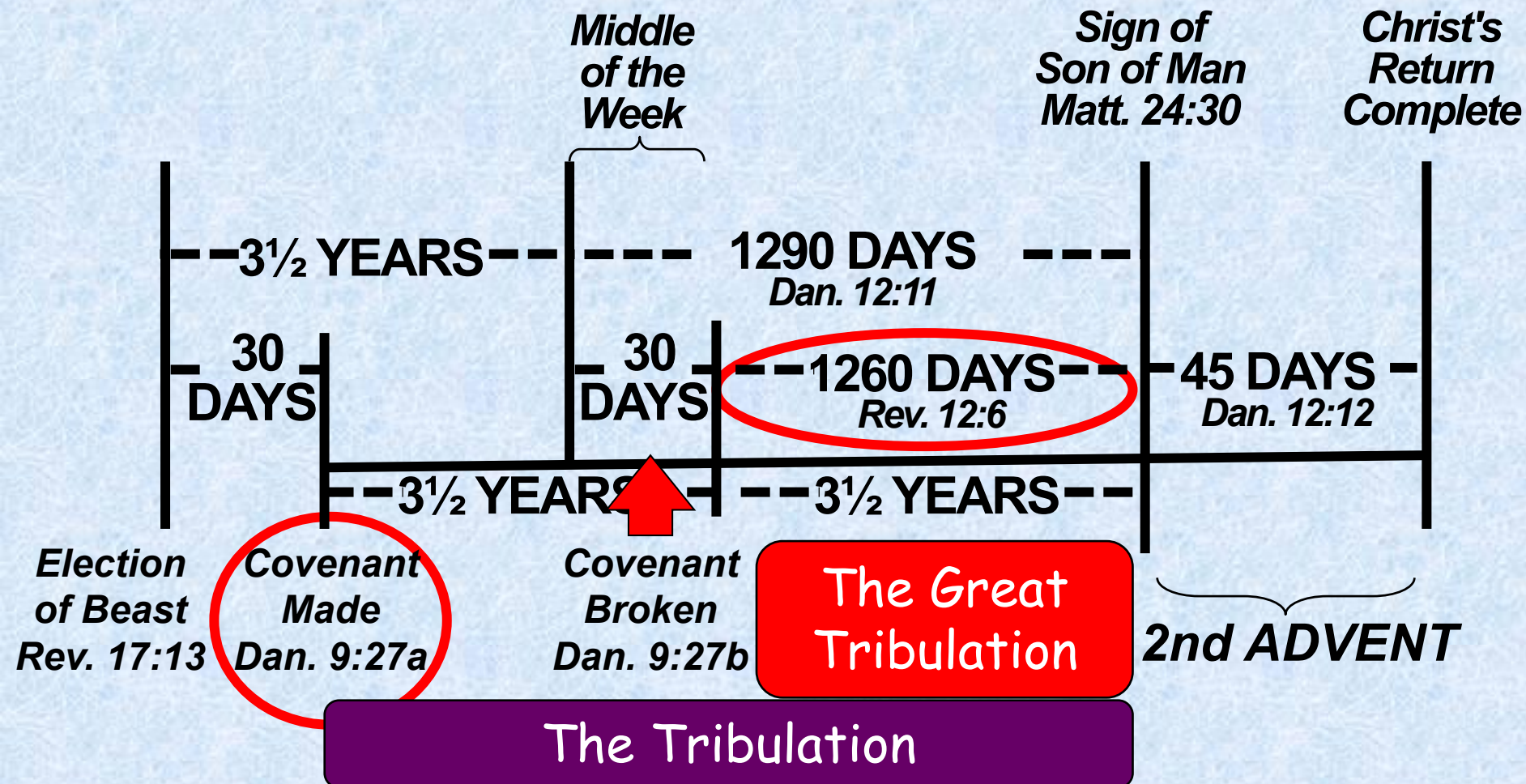




Chronology of the 70th "Week"

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Adapted from J. Dwight Pentecost, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1988



"He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him" (Daniel 9:27 NIV).

Events of the 70th "Week"

70th "Week"

*All Israel
shall be saved*



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**Antichrist will make a 7-year treaty
with Israel**



**This will likely enable the rebuilding of the
Jerusalem temple**

In 2017, Israel Commemorated President Trump's Efforts to Rebuild the Temple



This ½ shekel preparation for the Third Temple is compared to Cyrus Helping Build the Second Temple in 539 BC

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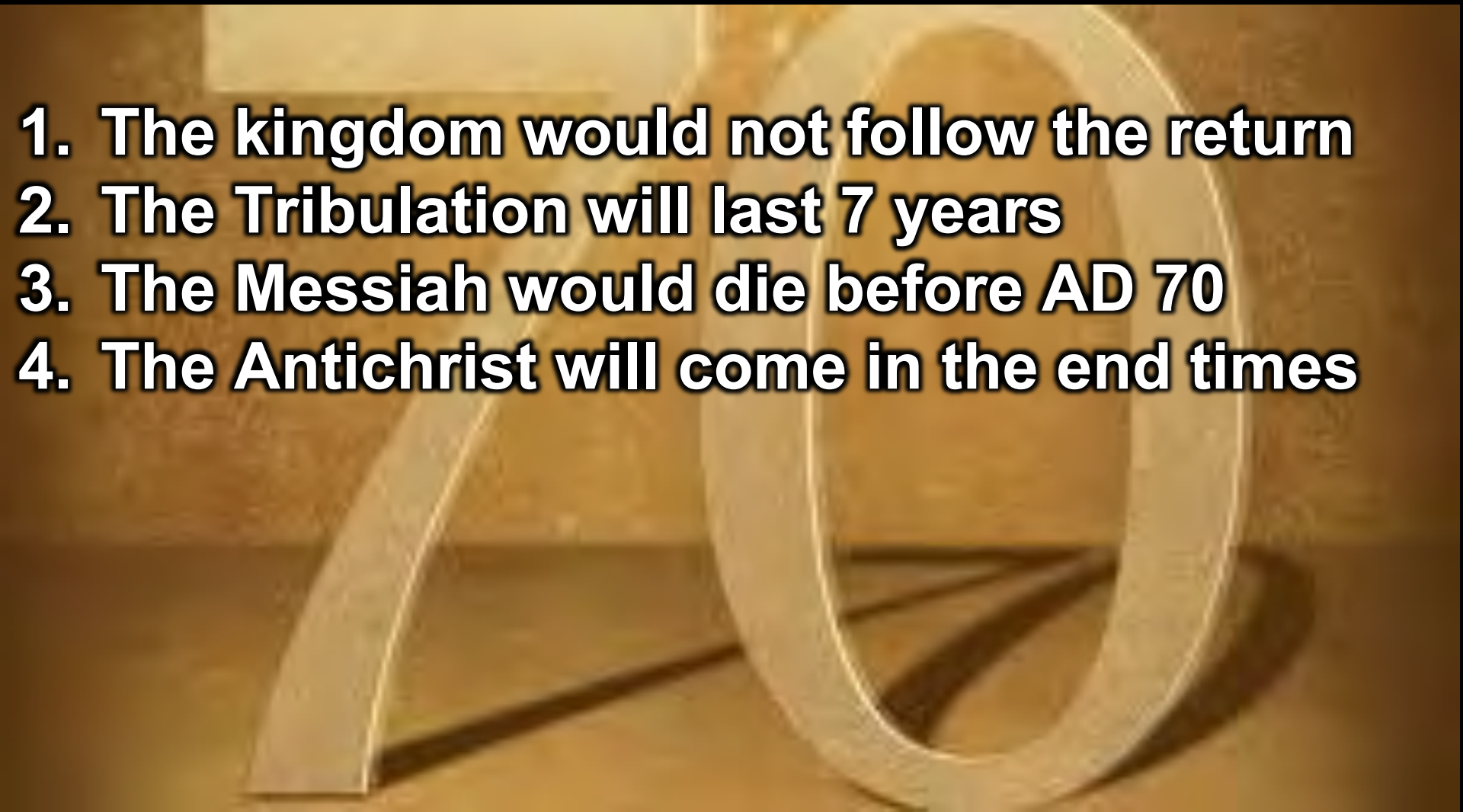
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70 Weeks Implications

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1. The kingdom would not follow the return
 2. The Tribulation will last 7 years
 3. The Messiah would die before AD 70
 4. The Antichrist will come in the end times

Daniel 9:25-27

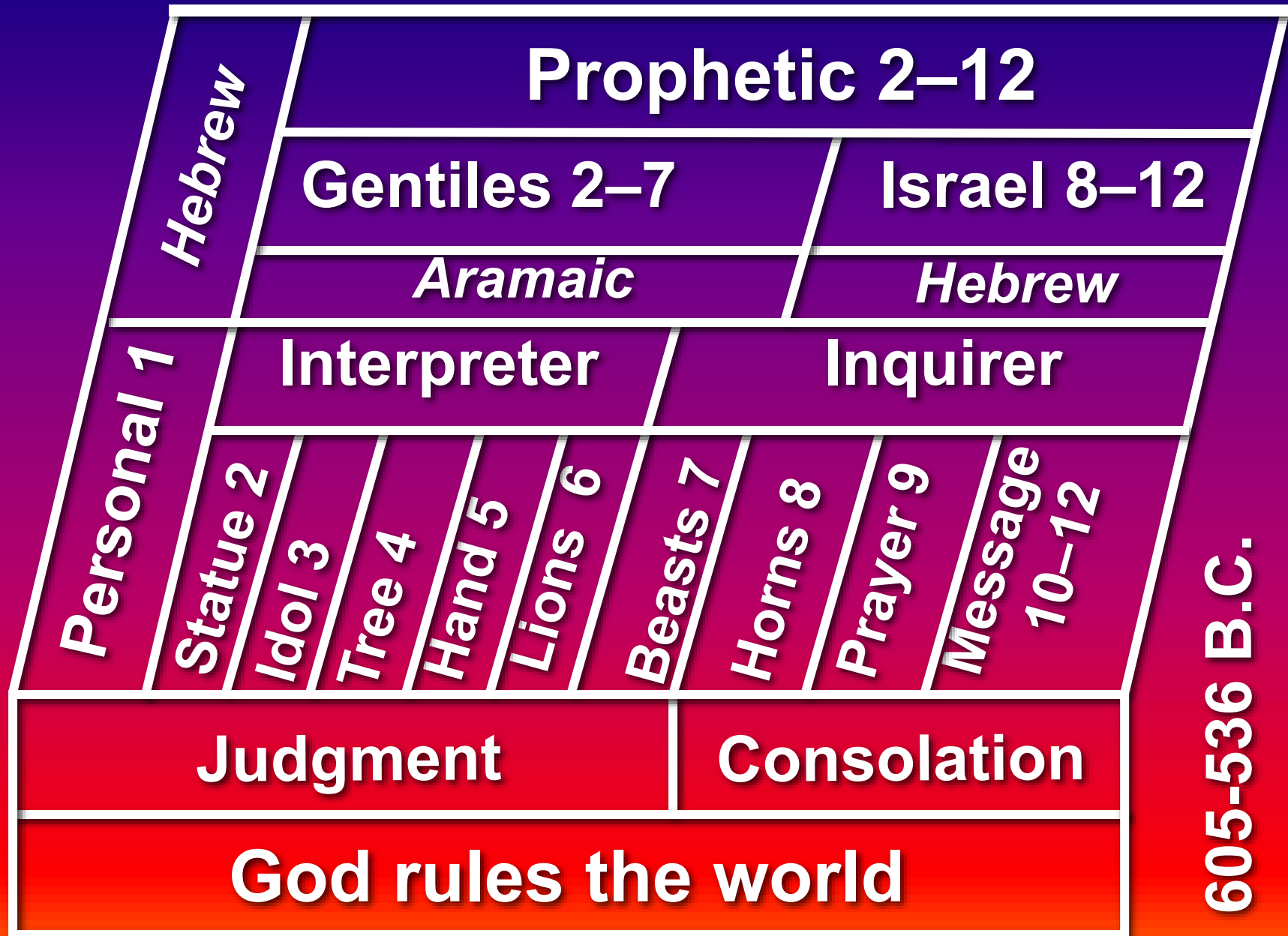
Millennial Jerusalem



**"The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem"
—Isaiah 2:3**

Daniel

Chapters 10–12



Daniel 10

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■ Daniel's prayer and fasting for 21 days (10:1-13a)



The Postexilic Era

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 Temple work

Prophets:

Haggai
Zechariah

Malachi

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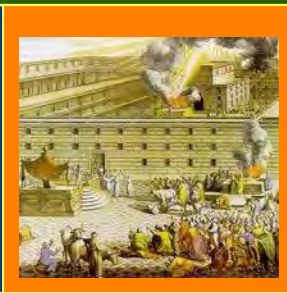
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Others:

Zerubbabel

Esther

Ezra

Nehemiah

Persian Kings:

Cyrus

Darius

Xerxes

Artaxerxes



Daniel 10:4



Daniel 10:5

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Gabriel? (Daniel 10:4-12)



The Prince of Persia (Daniel 10:13a)

The Persian Era





Michael (Daniel 10:13b)



Angels

- Daniel's prayer and fasting for 21 days (10:1-13a)
- Victory Over Satan's opposition to Israel's restoration (10:13b-20)
 - Persia, Samaritans (book of Ezra)
 - Haman (book of Esther)
 - Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Hitler, UN, etc.
- The certainty of the prophecies = God prevails (10:21)



**Do satanic angels exercise
powerful authority over cities
today also?**



Daniel 11

Daniel 11 Prophecies

Between the Old and New Testaments



King of the NORTH
SYRIA

(Seleucid Empire)

Jerusalem

King of the SOUTH
EGYPT

**ALEXANDER'S
EMPIRE
DIVIDED:**

1. Macedon
2. Pergama
3. Seleucus
4. Ptolemy

Chapter 11

Previews intertestamental & end times history

- Intertestamental History—11:1-35 has over 100 prophecies of the Persian and Greek Empires from Alexander the Great to Antiochus IV fighting over the land of Israel
- End Times History—11:36-45 prophesies the Antichrist's final assault on Israel

Intertestamental History (11:1-35)



■ The Persian Empire (11:1-2)

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The Postexilic Era

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(Daniel 11:1-2 NLT).**

Others:

Zerubbabel

Esther

Ezra

Nehemiah

Cambyases
Pseudo-Smerdis

***Persian
Kings:***

Cyrus/Darius
the Mede

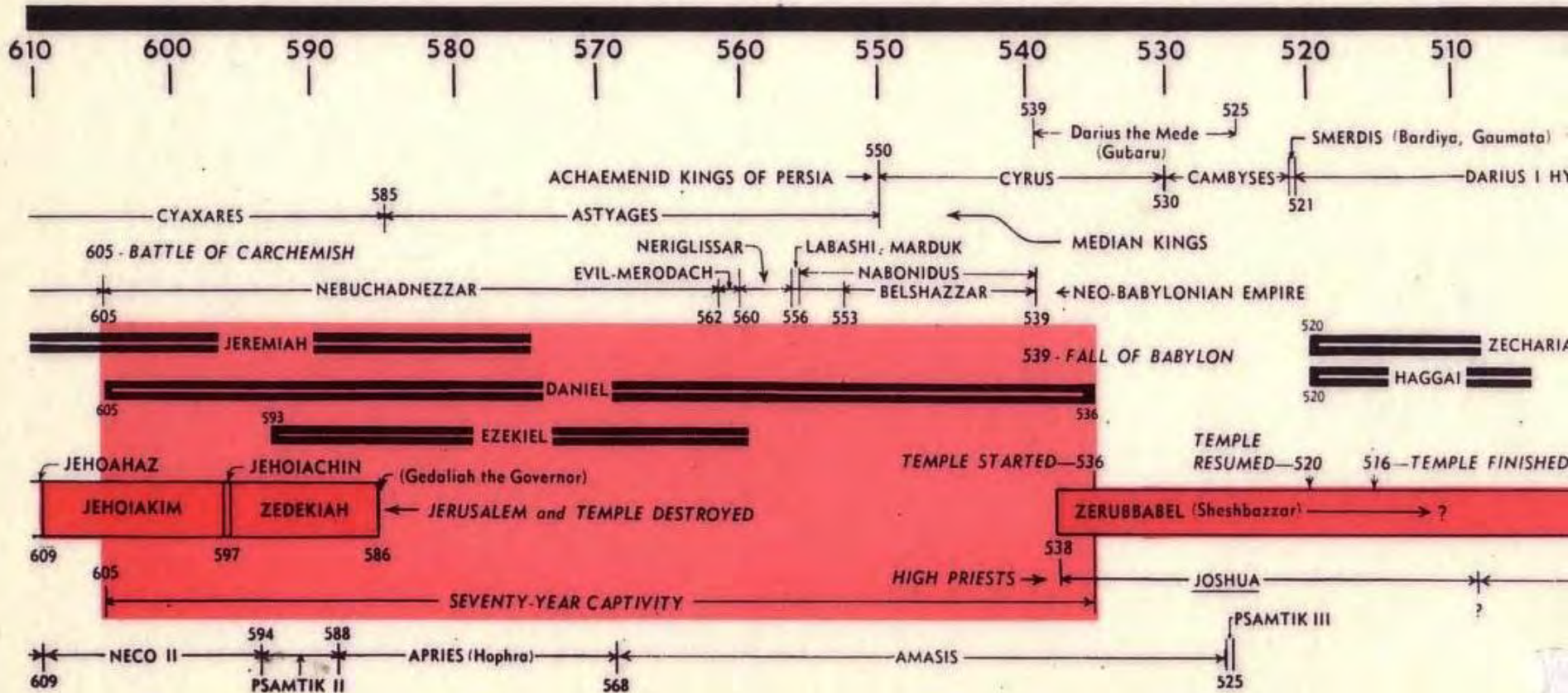
Darius I

Xerxes I

Artaxerxes

Chart of the Exile

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The Babylonian Exile

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OT Pre-exilic Prophets on Chart

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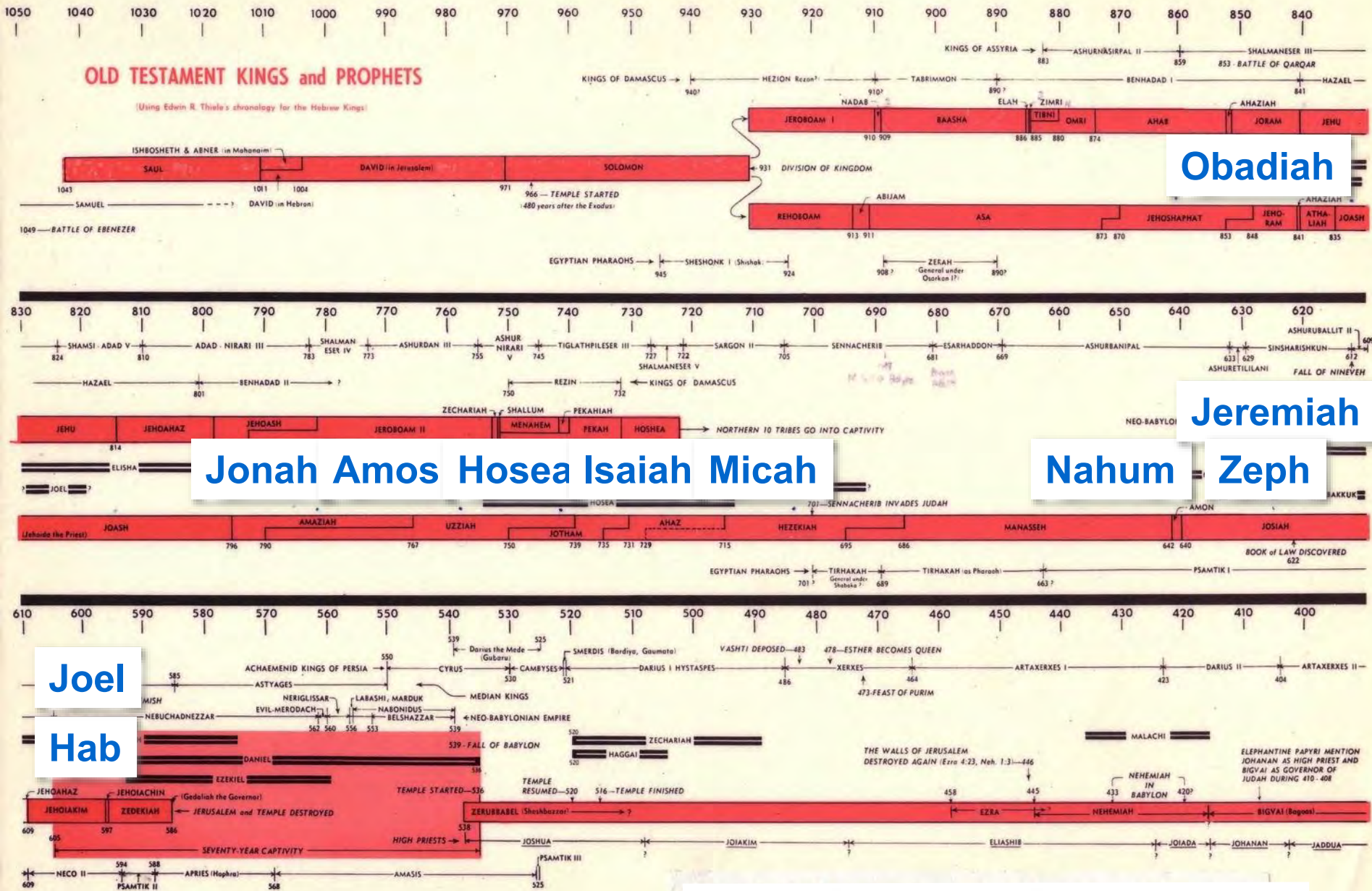


Chart of Old Testament Kings and Prophets

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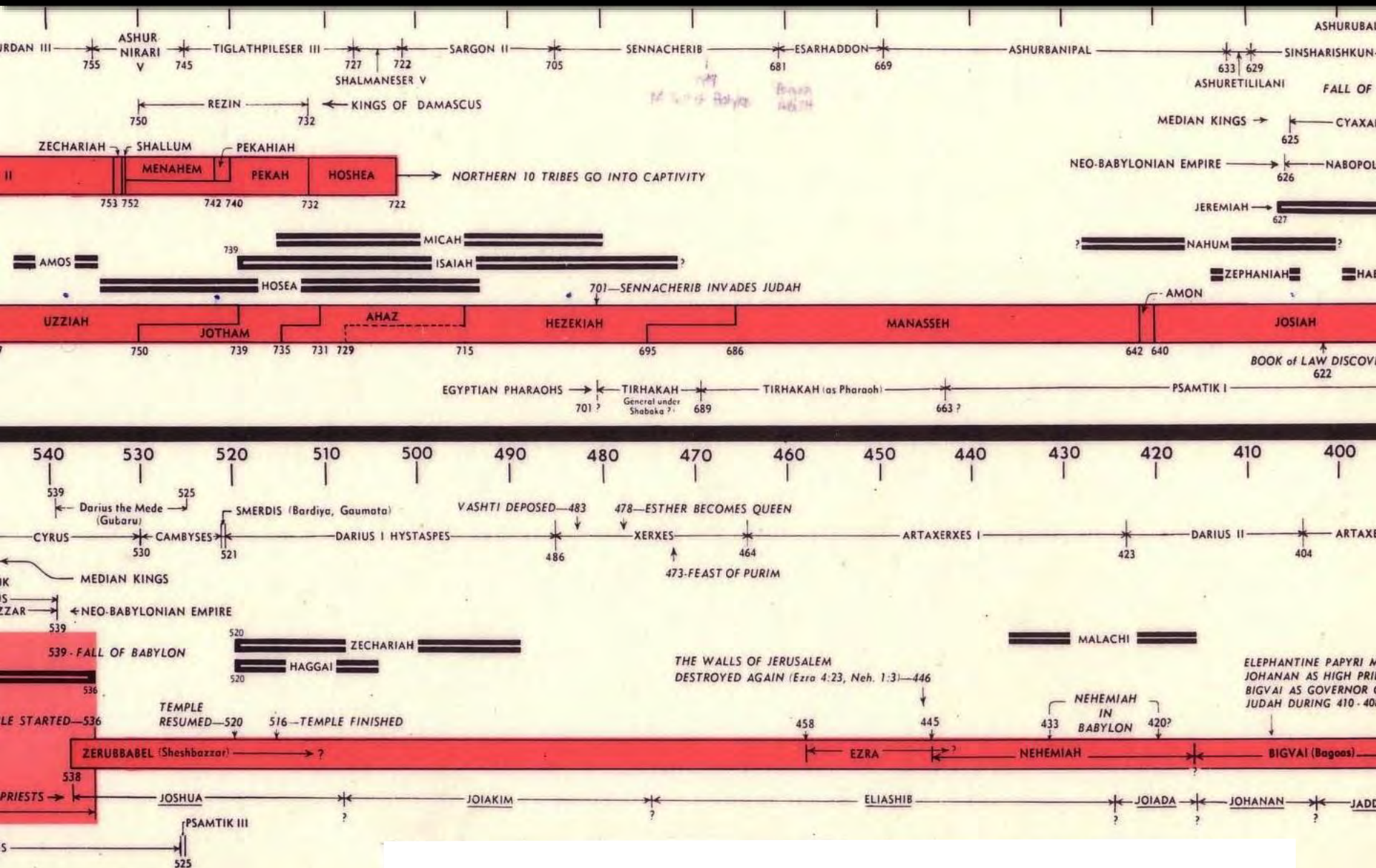
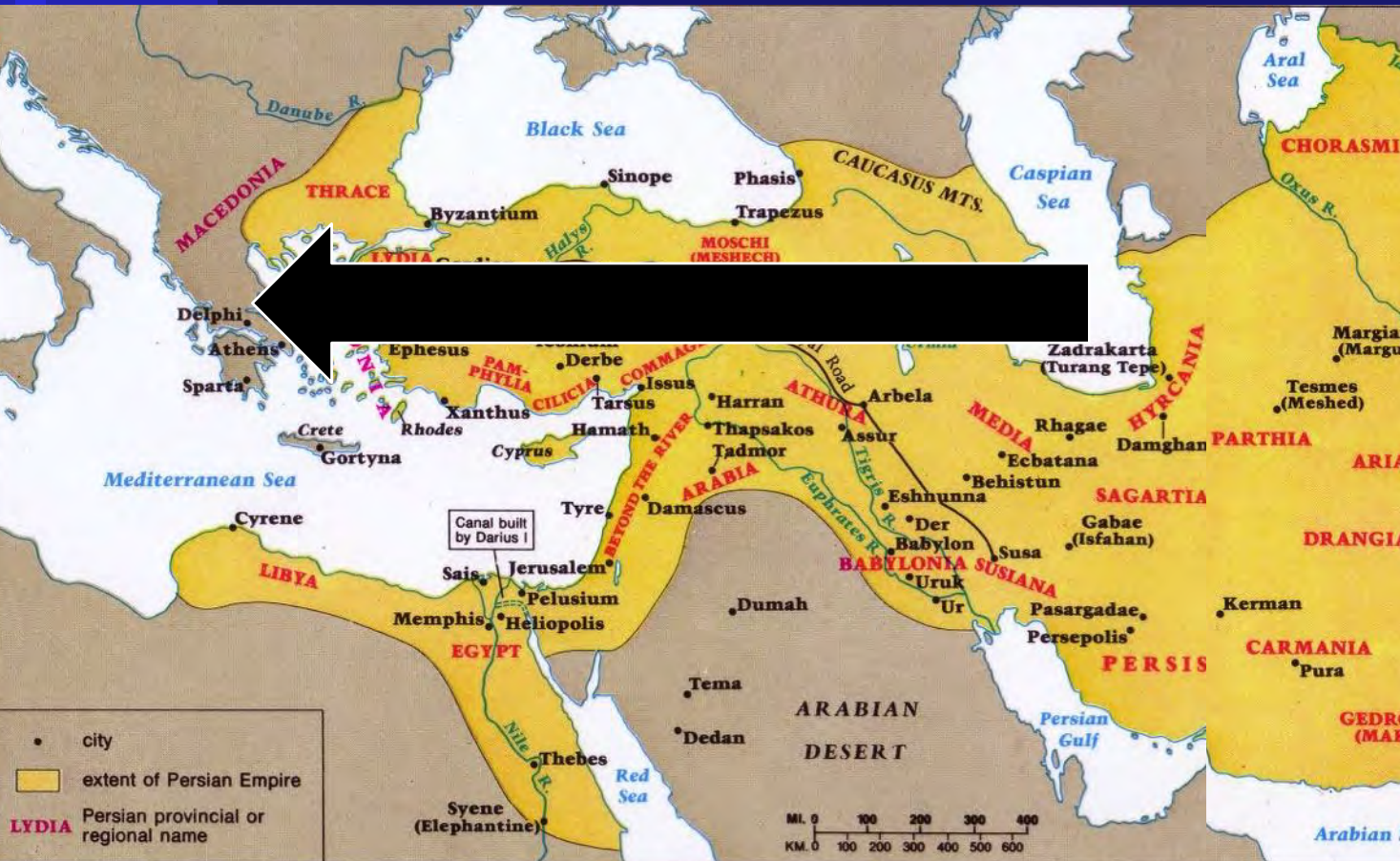


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The Persian Era

■ Xerxes tried to conquer Greece (Dan. 11:2)



Chronology of the Persian Period

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John H. Walton, Chronological and Background Charts of the OT, 2d ed., 70

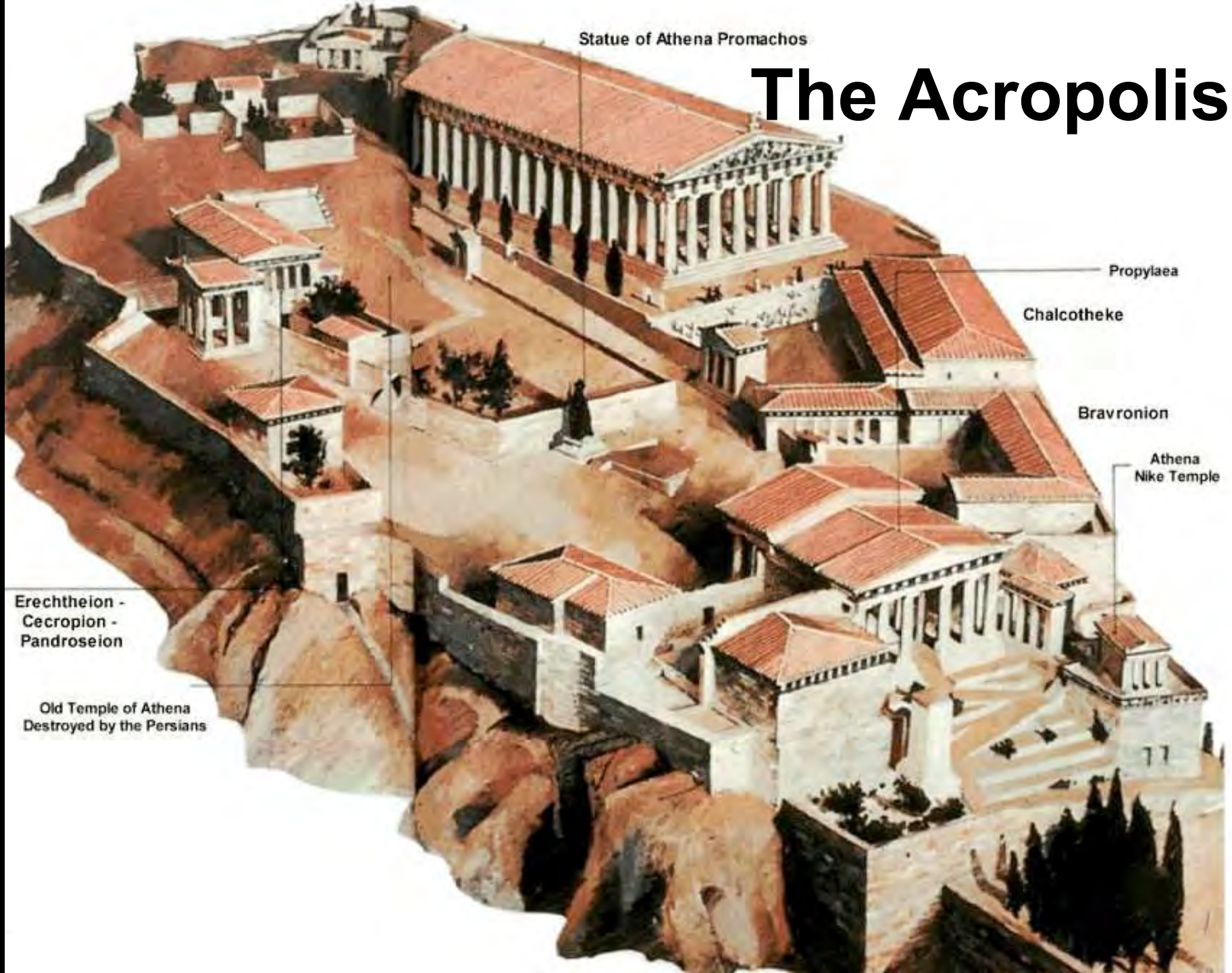
PERSIAN KING	DATES	BIBLICAL CORRELATION	GREEK CORRELATION
CYRUS	539-530	Return of Zerubbabel & Jeshua (Ezra 1–3)	
CAMBYSES	530-522	Rebuilding at Jerusalem stopped (Ezra 4)	
DARIUS I	522-486	Haggai & Zechariah prophecy (520) Temple completed (516) (Ezra 5–6)	Greeks defeat Persians at Marathon (490)
XERXES	486-464	Story of Esther (Esther 1–9)	Persians defeat Greeks at Thermopylae (480) but reversed at Salamis (480), Herodotus 485-425
ARTAXERXES I	464-423	Return of Ezra (458) (Ezra 7–10) Return of Nehemiah (445) (Nehemiah 1–2) Prophecy of Malachi (433)	Golden Age (461-431) Pericles (460-429) Athens rules

The Pinnacle of Greek History



**Democracy & Building the
Parthenon**

The Acropolis



Statue of Athena Promachos

Propylaea

Chalcotheke

Bravronion

Athena
Nike Temple

Erechtheion -
Cecropion -
Pandroseion

Old Temple of Athena
Destroyed by the Persians

A Target for Persia...



**Democracy & Building the
Parthenon**

The Acropolis Today



The Pinnacle of Greek History



**Athena (goddess of wisdom) inside
the Parthenon**

The Pinnacle of Greek History

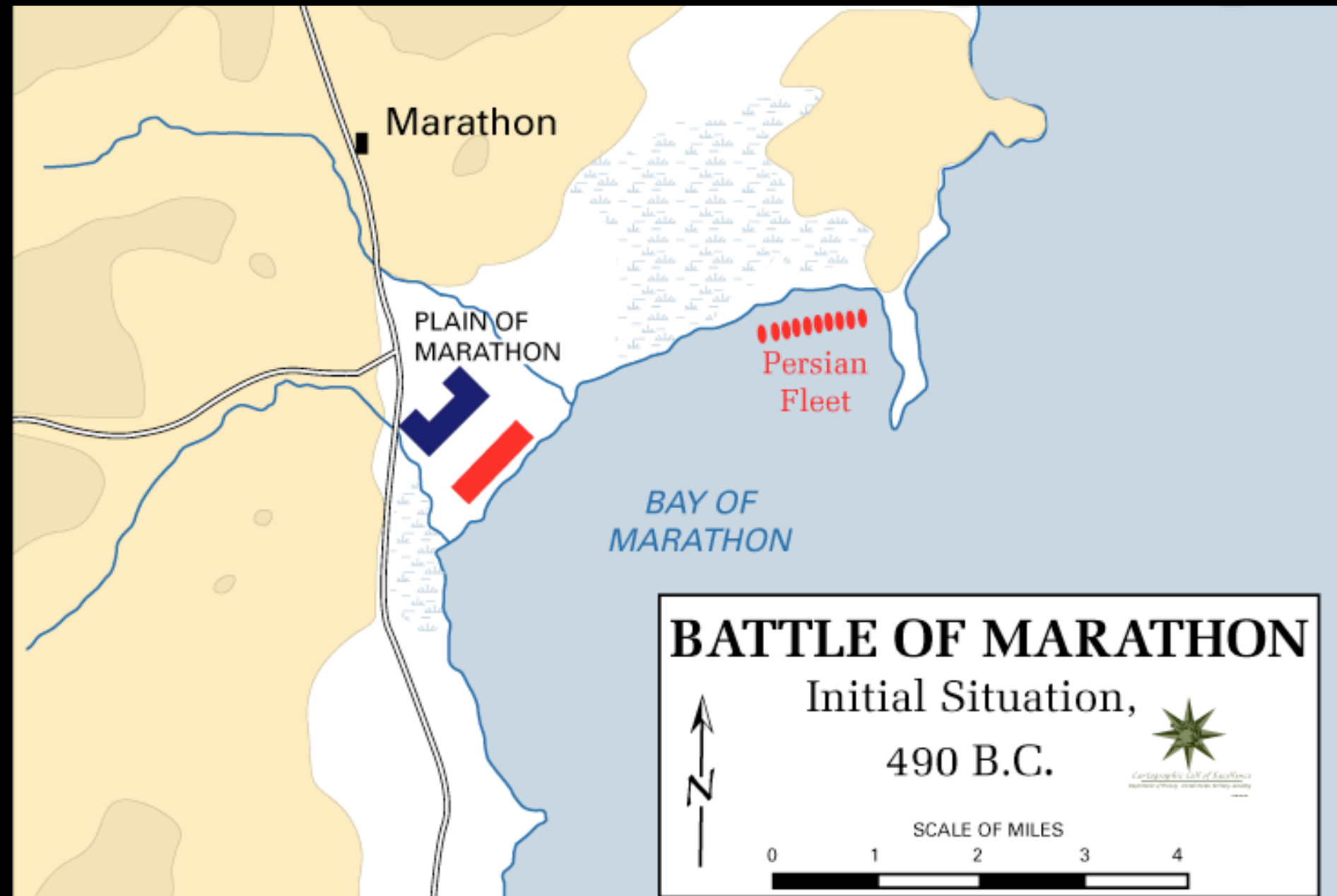


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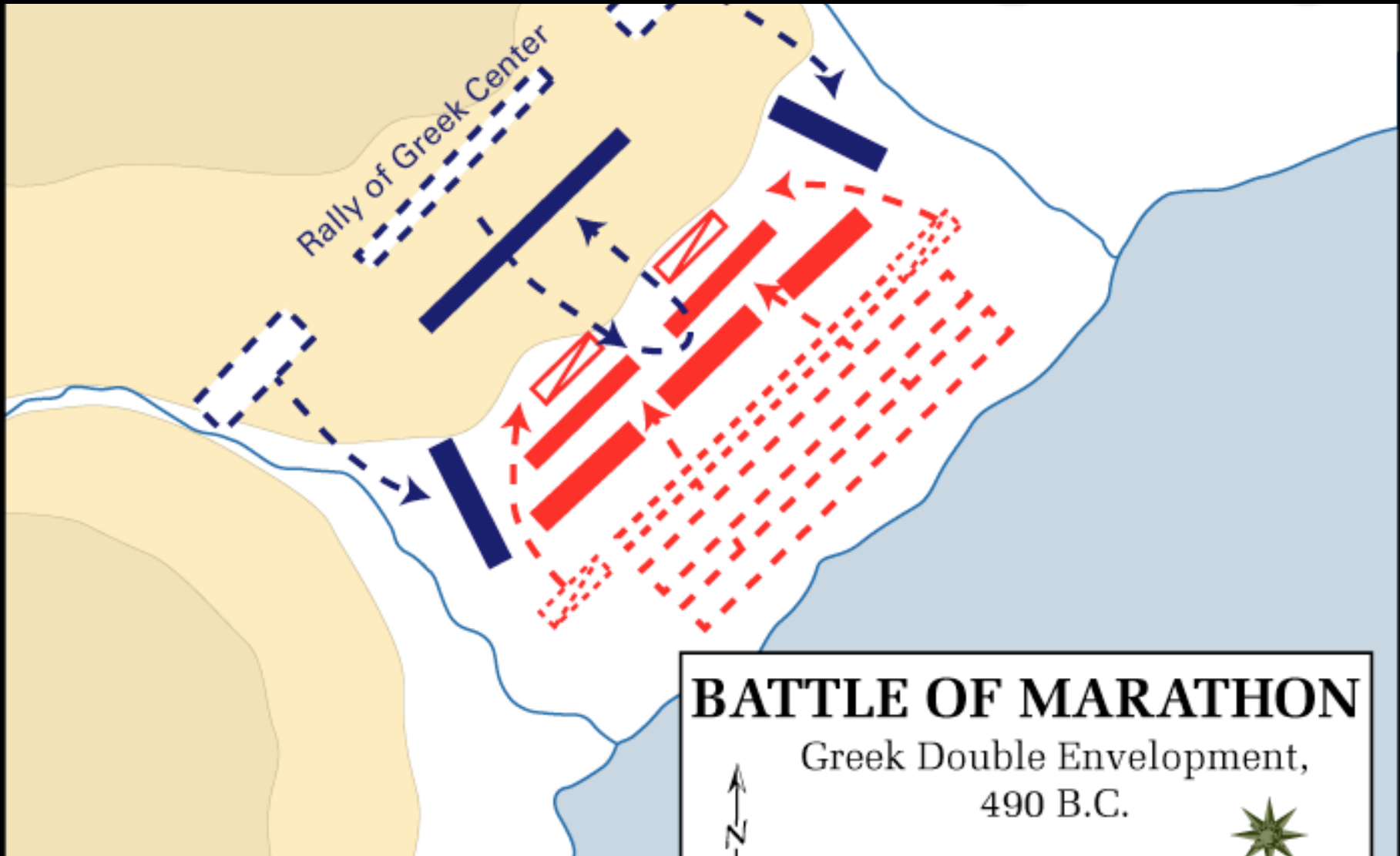
Persian Invasions of Greece (500-479 BC)



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Persian Invasions of Greece = Frustrated Xerxes

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Book of Esther 483-473

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Darius
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Xerxes
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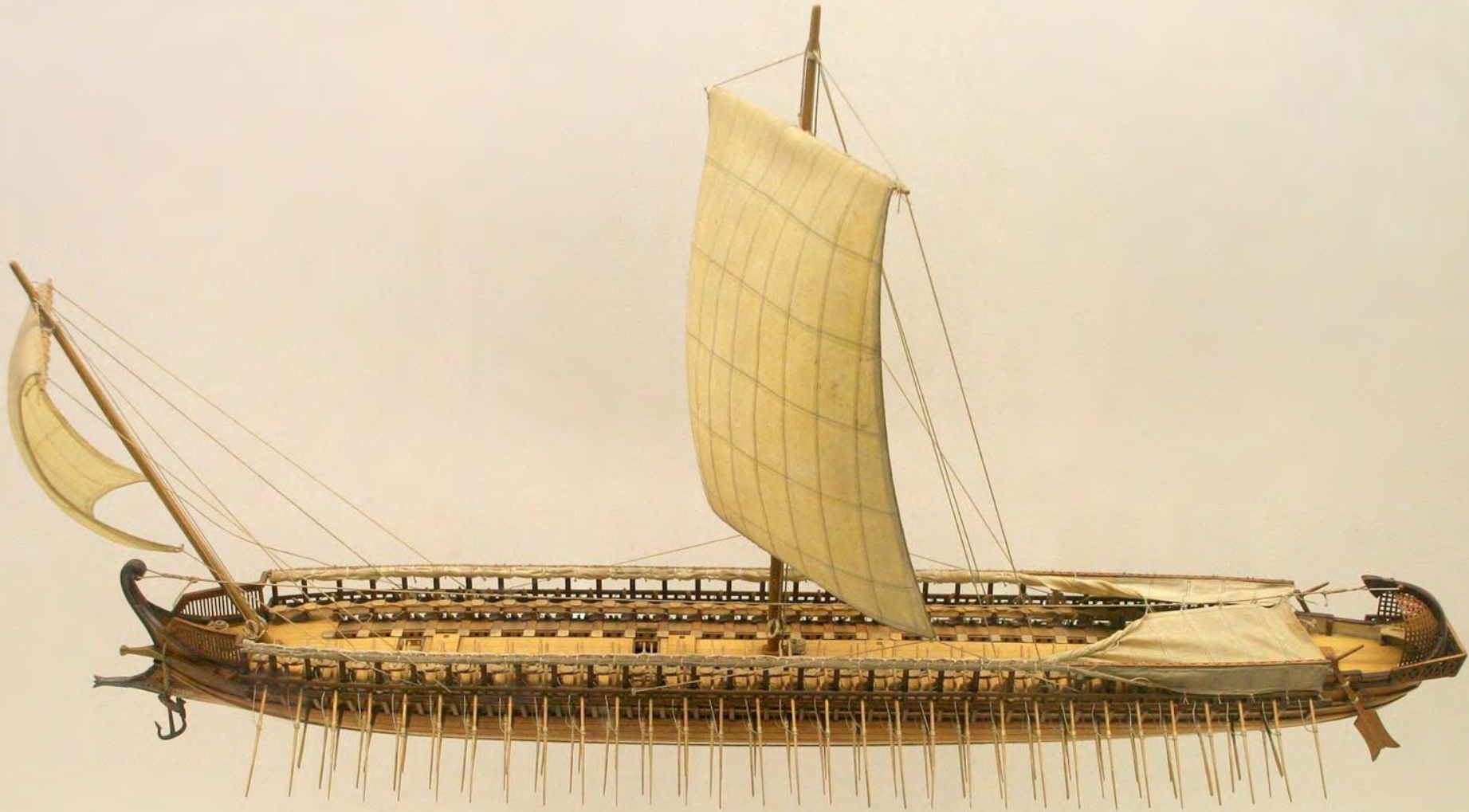
The Battle of Thermopylae (480 BC)

Thermopylae

Bay of Salamis



The Greek Trireme



Small but fast and deadly

The Battle of Salamis (480 BC)





The Battle of Salamis (480 BC)



**Casualties: Greeks lost 40 ships
Persians: 200-300. Victory at Salamis
ended Xerxes' invasion and preserved
Greek freedom**

Persian Invasions of Greece = Frustrated Xerxes

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Esther
became
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4-year beauty
contest
(Dec 480 or
Jan 479)

Book of Esther 483-473

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Key Dates Related to the Book of Esther

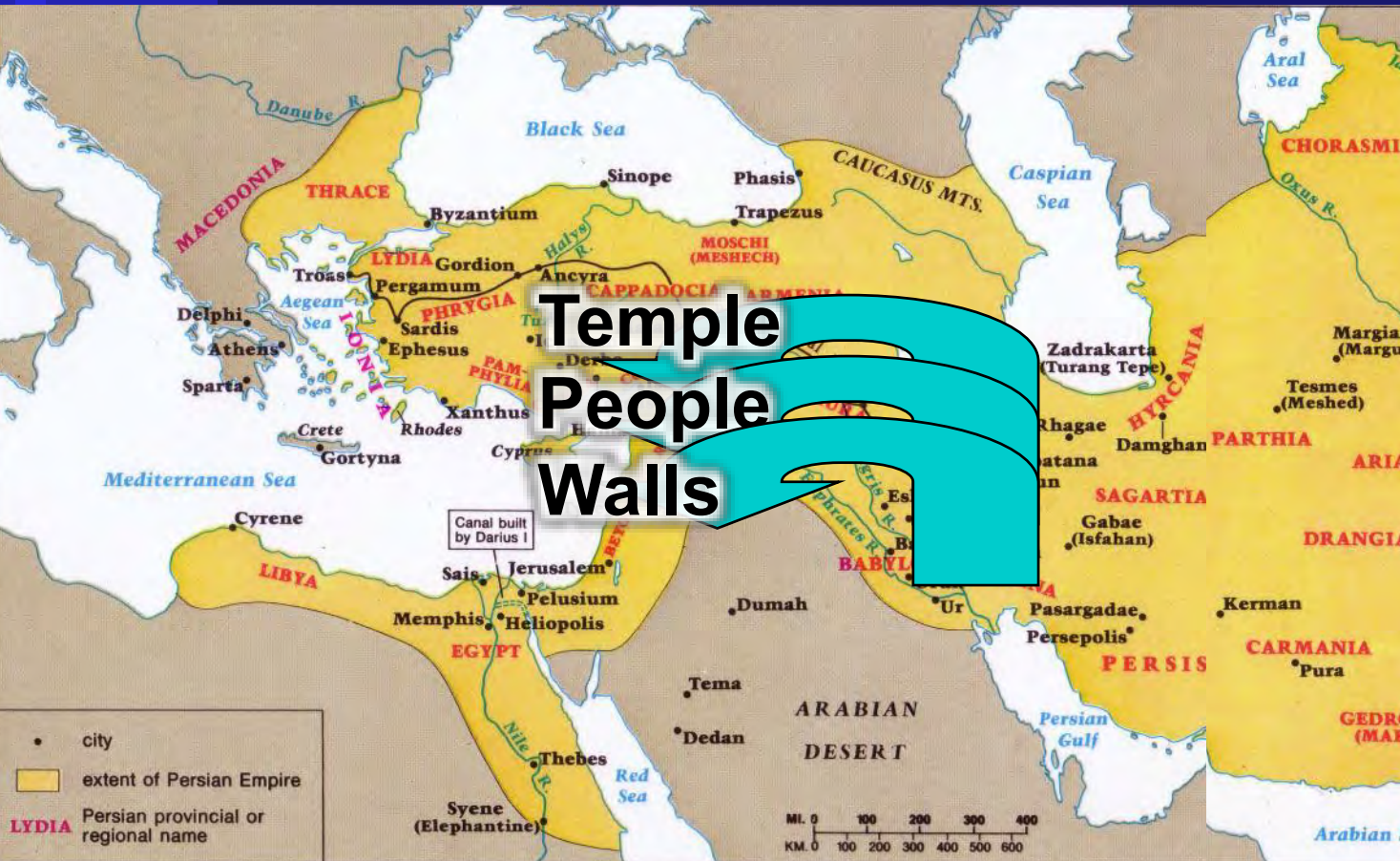
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Reference	Date	Event
—	486	<i>Xerxes' reign began</i>
1:3	483 (3rd year of Xerxes)	<i>Xerxes 7-day banquet for his nobles & officials where Queen Vashti was deposed</i>
—	482-479	<i>Xerxes led disastrous campaigns against Greece, esp. at navy Battle of Salamis (480); recorded by Greek historian Herodotus (7.8)</i>
2:16	Dec 479 or Jan 478	<i>Esther became queen after a 4-year beauty contest</i>
3:7	Early April 474	<i>In the 5th year of Esther's reign, Haman & the astrologers (5:10, 14; 6:12-13) cast the pur (lot) to determine the day to exterminate the Jews 11 months later (7 March 473)</i>
3:12	April 17, 474 (13th of Nisan)	<i>Xerxes' 1st edict (to destroy the Jews) informed everyone of the fateful day, royal secretaries wrote it out in the various languages of the empire</i>

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The Persian Era

- Returns
- Developments



Temple
People
Walls



Alexander's Conquests (11:3)





His Downfall

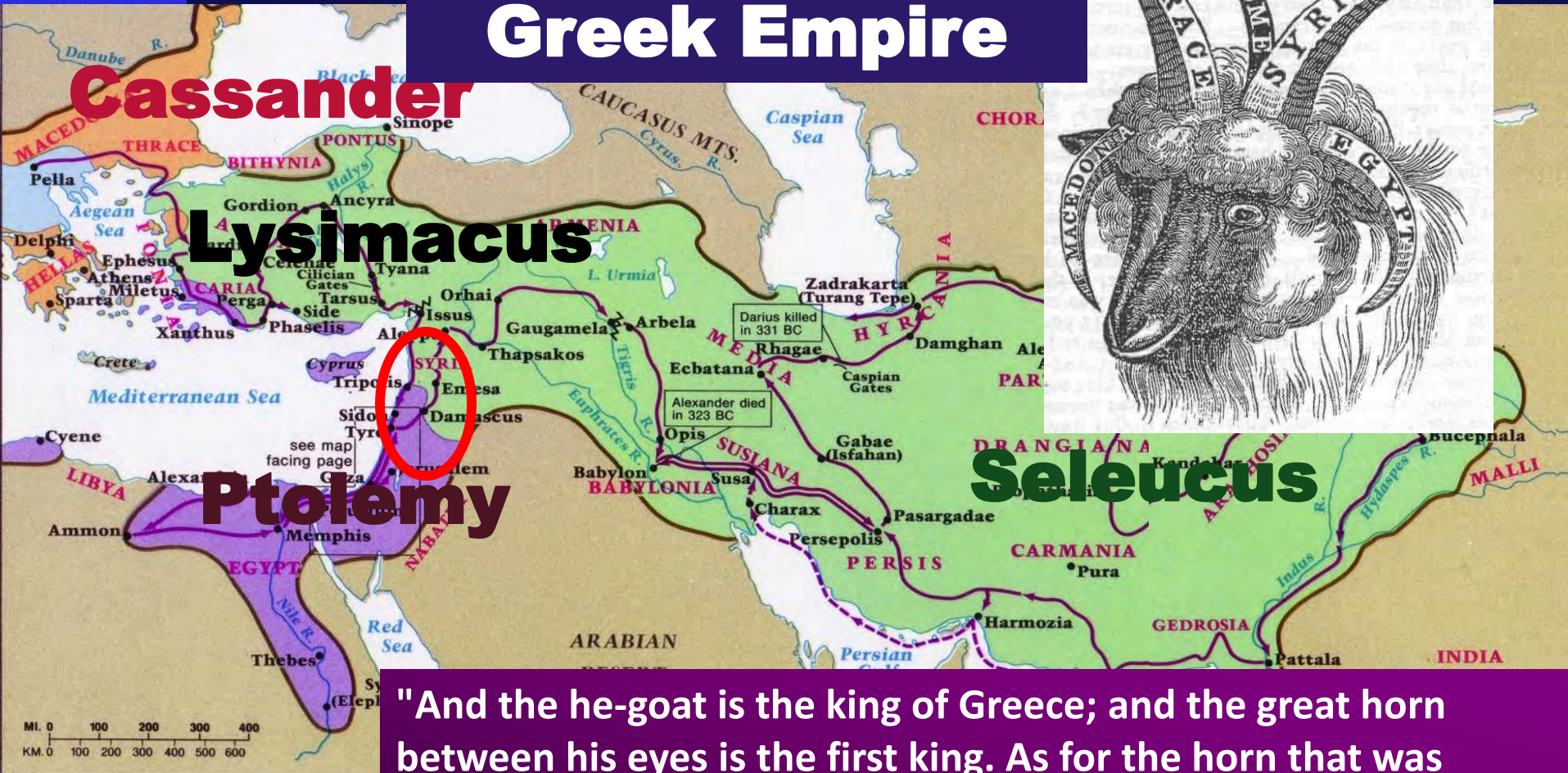
**Due to Pride Shown
in Desire for:**

- Worship
- Wine
- Women
- Song



After Alexander...

Greek Empire



"And the he-goat is the king of Greece; and the great horn between his eyes is the first king. As for the horn that was broken, in place of which four others arose, four kingdoms shall arise from his nation but not with his power" (Daniel 8:21-22 RSV; cf. 11:4)

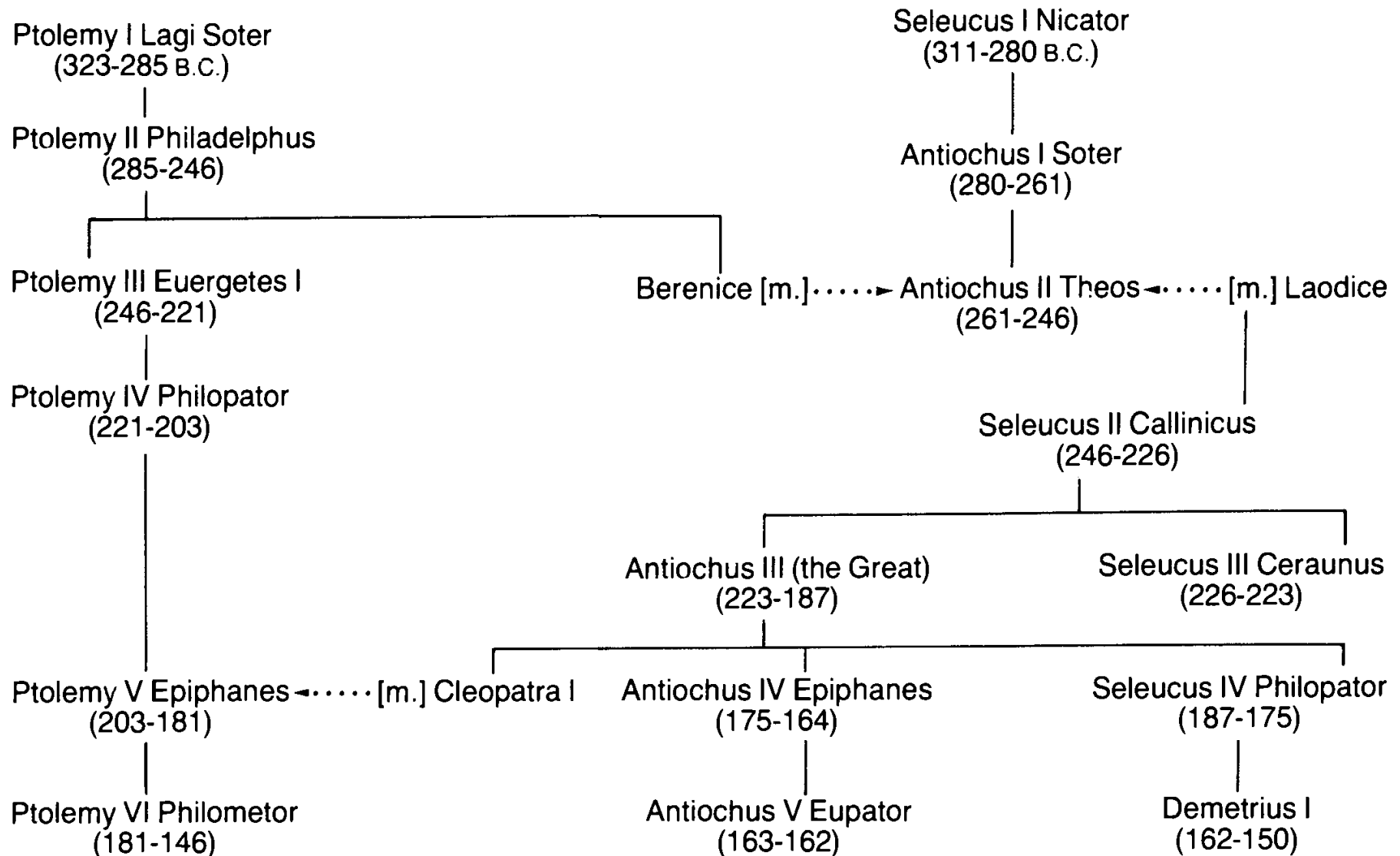
Intertestamental History (11:1-35)



- The Persian Empire (11:1-2)
- The Greek Empire from Alexander the Great to Antiochus IV (11:3-35)
 - Alexander the Great until after his death, his empire is divided among the four generals: Cassander, Lysimachus, Ptolemy and Seleucus (11:3-4)
 - Ptolemies and the Seleucids battle (11:5-20)
 - Antiochus IV forces Jews to be Greeks (11:21-32a)
 - Mattathias and his sons, the Maccabees, revolt against Antiochus IV (11:32b-35)

Ptolemies and Seleucids

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Ptolemies and Seleucids

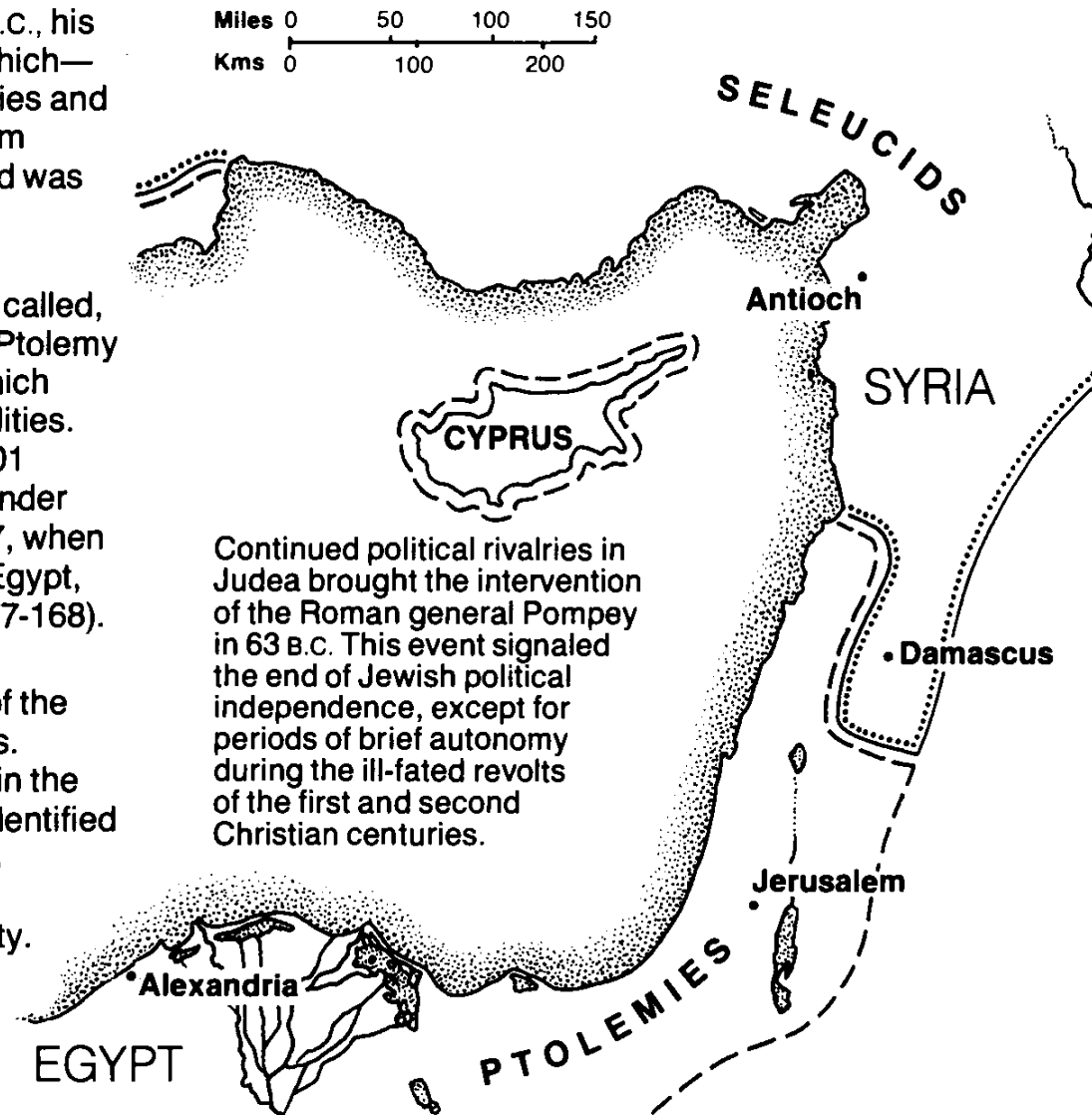
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Soon after the death of Alexander the Great in 323 B.C., his generals divided his empire into four parts, two of which—Egypt and Syria—were under the rule of the Ptolemies and Seleucids respectively. Palestine was controlled from Egypt by the Ptolemaic dynasty from 323 to 198, and was subsequently governed by the Seleucids of Syria from 198 to 142.

The Diadochi, as the successors of Alexander were called, struggled bitterly for power over his domain. At first Ptolemy I seized his own satrapy, Egypt and North Africa, which had splendid resources and natural defense capabilities. Seleucus gained Syria and Mesopotamia, and by 301 Lysimachus held Thrace and Asia Minor and Cassander ruled Macedon. The situation changed again by 277, when only three major Hellenistic kingdoms stabilized in Egypt, in Syria, and in Macedonia under the Antigonids (277-168). Each continued until the eventual triumph of Rome.

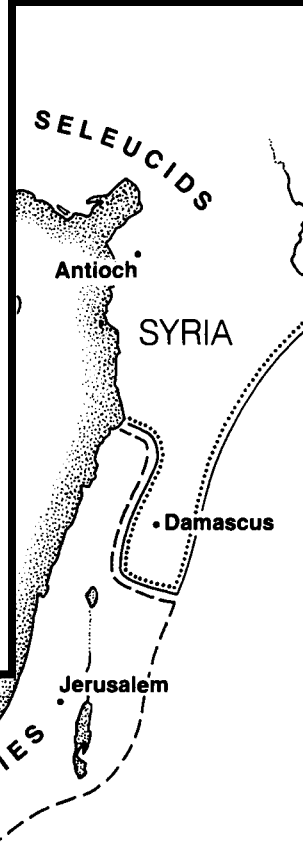
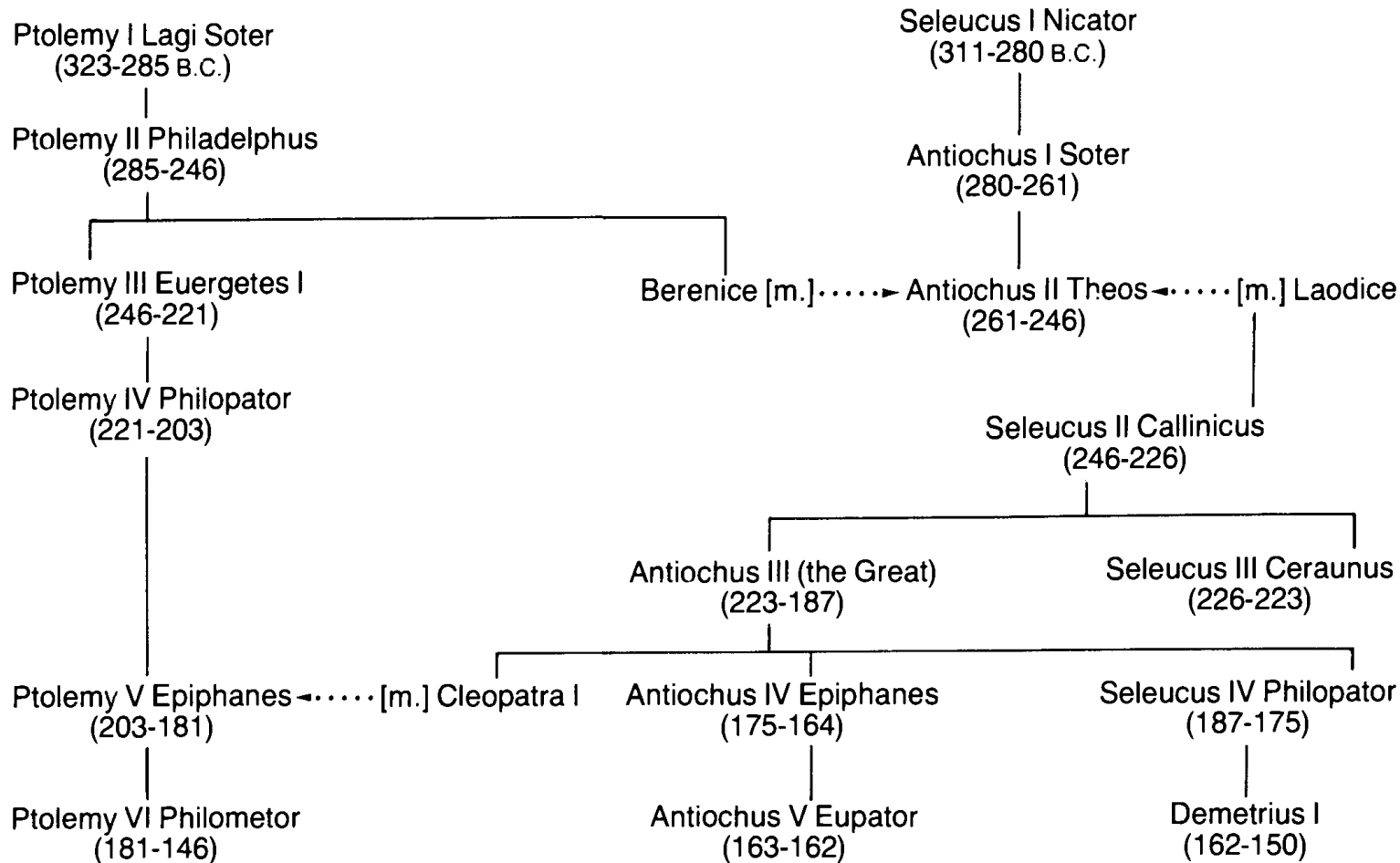
Da 11 treats the “king of the South” and the “king of the North,” describing their conflicts, wars and alliances. Their hostility toward the people of God culminated in the “abomination that causes desolation” (Da 11:31), identified historically with the reign of Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-164). The Maccabean revolt followed, leading eventually to the founding of the Hasmonean dynasty.

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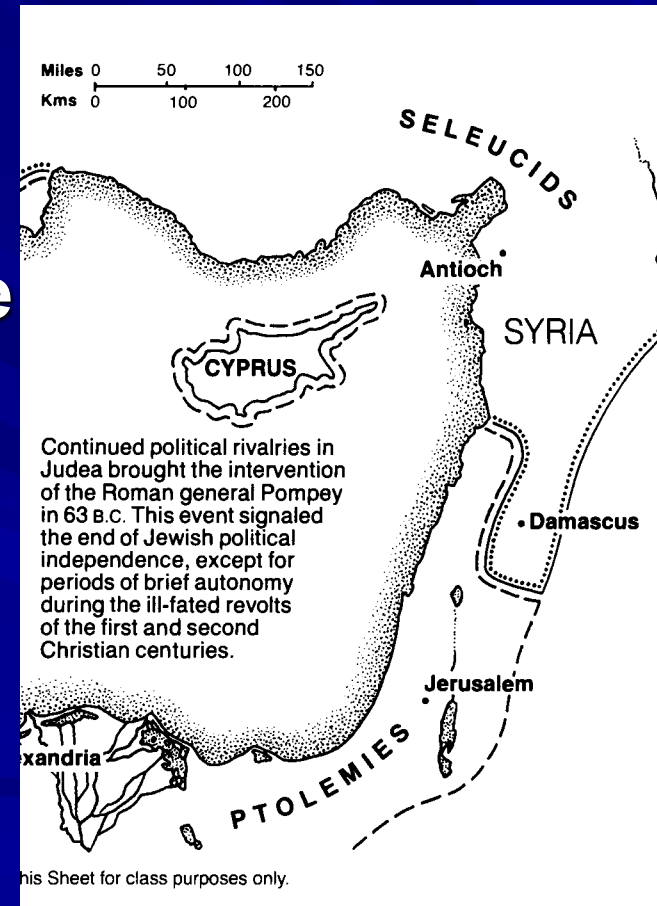
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Ptolemaic & Seleucid Kings

(11:5-35)

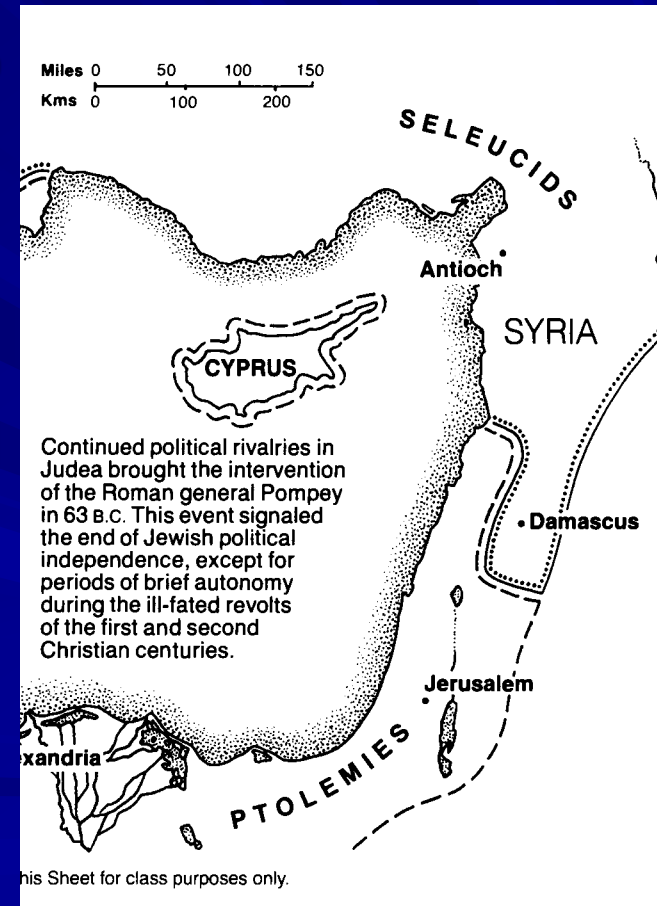
- **Ptolemies (Kings of the South)**
- **Seleucids (Kings of the North)**
- **Ptolemy II Philadelphus (285–246):** Signed treaty of peace and gave his daughter Berenice to Antiochus II. Died after his daughter's death (v. 6).
- **Antiochus II Theos (246-226):** Disposed of Laodice to marry Berenice. Laodice killed Berenice and her infant son (v. 6), and eventually poisoned Theos and put her own son Callinicus on the throne.



Ptolemaic & Seleucid Kings

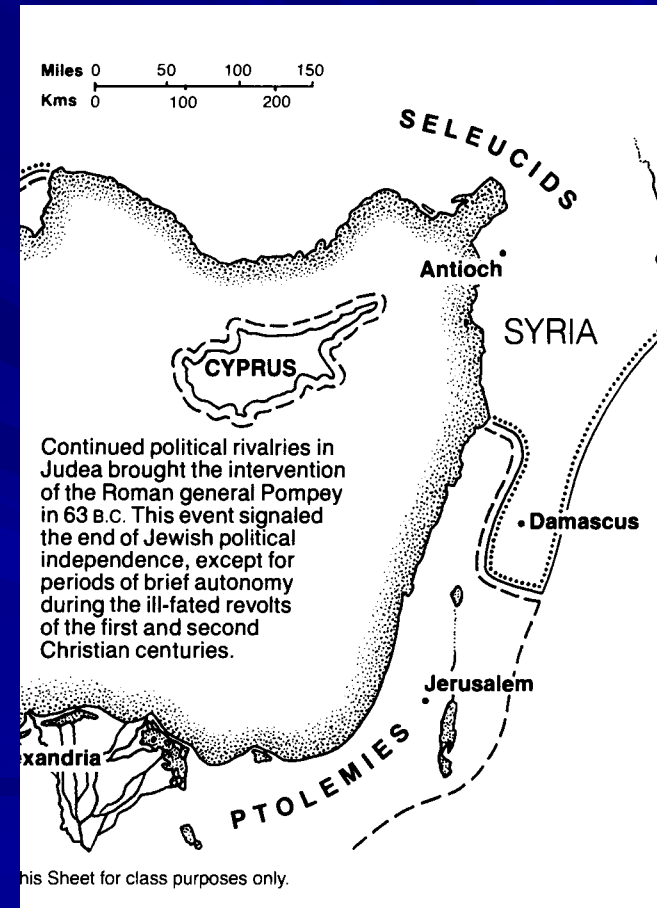
(11:5-35)

- **Ptolemy v. Epiphanes (204-181):** After Antiochus attacked, General Scopas of Egypt launched counter-offensive and punished pro-Seleucid Jews, but was later defeated (v. 14). Antiochus gave his daughter Cleopatra to Ptolemy V when she was under age 10 (v. 17) hoping to control both kingdoms. Cleopatra sided with her husband. They gave birth to Ptolemy VI.



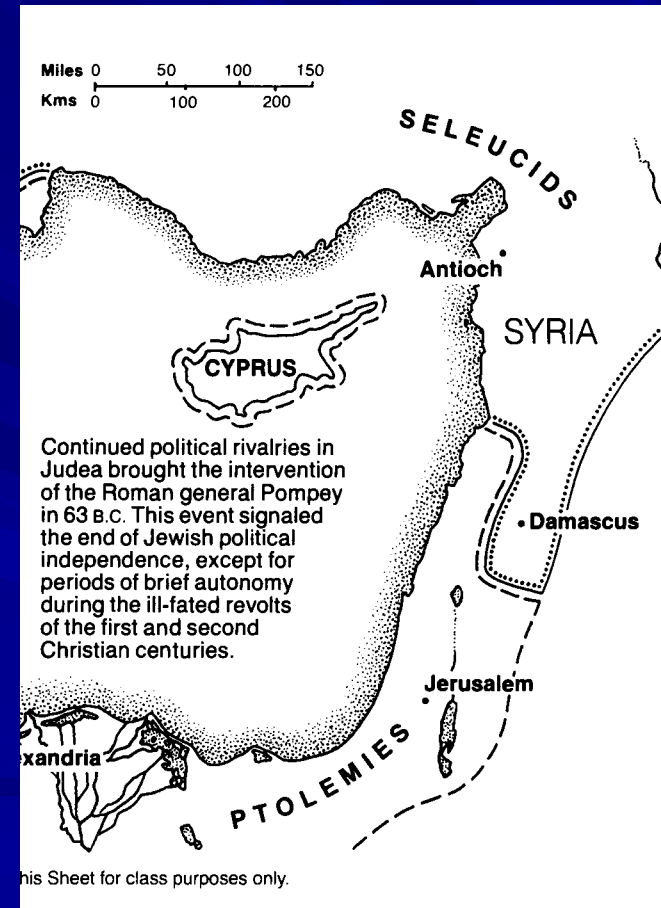
Ptolemaic & Seleucid Kings (11:5-35)

- 10-11, 13, 15-19 **Antiochus III the Great (223-187)**: Son of Callinicus. Won title "the Great" because of his military exploits. Suppressed a revolt by his governor Molon and then launched an attack on Palestine, but was beaten by the smaller army of Ptolemy IV (v. 11), which returned Palestine to Ptolemy IV.



Ptolemaic & Seleucid Kings (11:5-35)

- When Ptolemy IV died, **Antiochus III attacked his 4 yr. old son Ptolemy V and invaded Palestine.** After defeating Scopas, Antiochus conquered Thrace and its coastlands with his strong navy. But in supporting the Aetolians against the Romans, he was defeated by the Roman commander (v. 18) and compelled to pay Rome tribute annually.



Antiochus IV

Daniel 11:29-30 "At the time appointed he shall return and come into the south, but it shall not be this time as it was before. For ships of Kittim shall come against him, and he shall be afraid and withdraw, and shall turn back and be enraged and take action against the holy covenant. He shall turn back and pay attention to those who forsake the holy covenant."



**“And forces
from him will
arise, dese-
crate the
sanctuary
fortress, and
do away with
the regular
sacrifice. And
they will set
up the
Abomination
of Desolation.”**

Daniel 11:31



Jerusalem Hellenization (Daniel 11:31-35)

■ Dec 167- Dec 164



Menorah

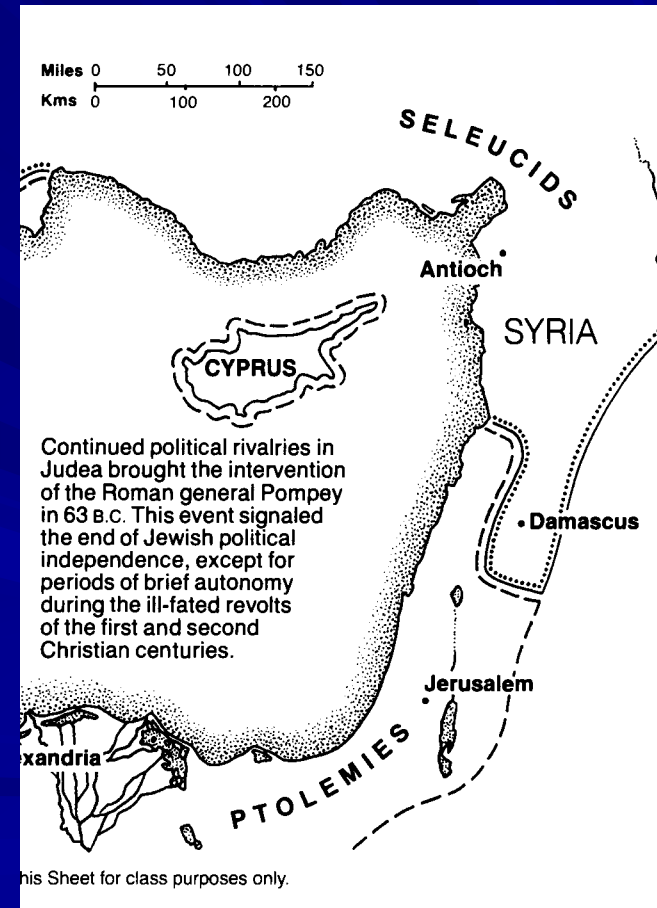


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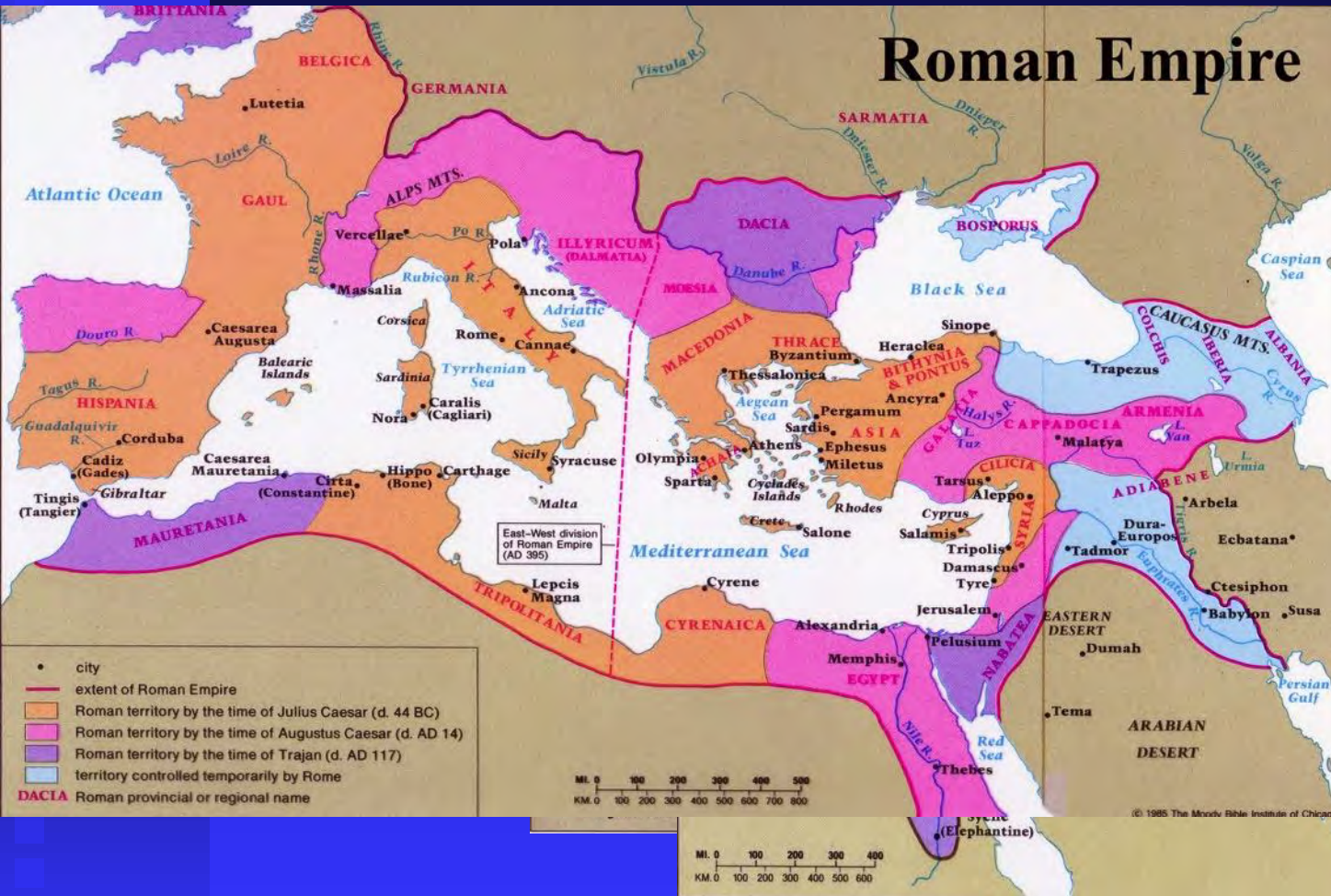
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Ptolemaic & Seleucid Kings (11:5-35)

- The second son of Antiochus III was named **Antiochus IV**. He was taken hostage to Rome. While trying to pillage the Temple in Elymais to pay his tribute to Rome, he was killed by the angry locals.



Maps of Intertestamental Empires



Barry Beitzel, *The Moody Atlas of Bible Lands*, 152;
 cf. J. Dwight Pentecost, "Daniel," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, 1:1353

Intertestament Timeline

Persian
539-331

Greek
331-143

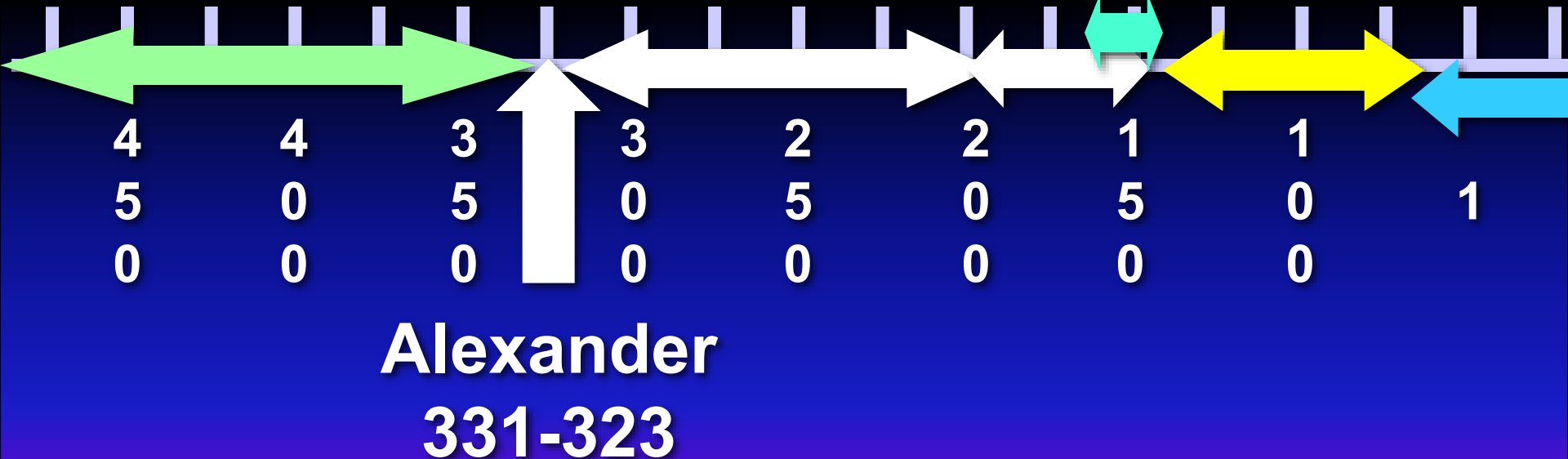
Hasmonean
143-63

Roman
63-330

Ptolemaic
323-198

Seleucid
198-143

Maccabean
167-143



Greek Rule over Israel

- Alexander
- Struggle for Supremacy
- Hellenistic Empire Developments



After Alexander... 4 Kingdoms



*Mediterranean
Sea*



Greek Cities in Israel

Beitzel, 153



NT Boundaries in Israel

Ptolemies & Seleucids Over Israel

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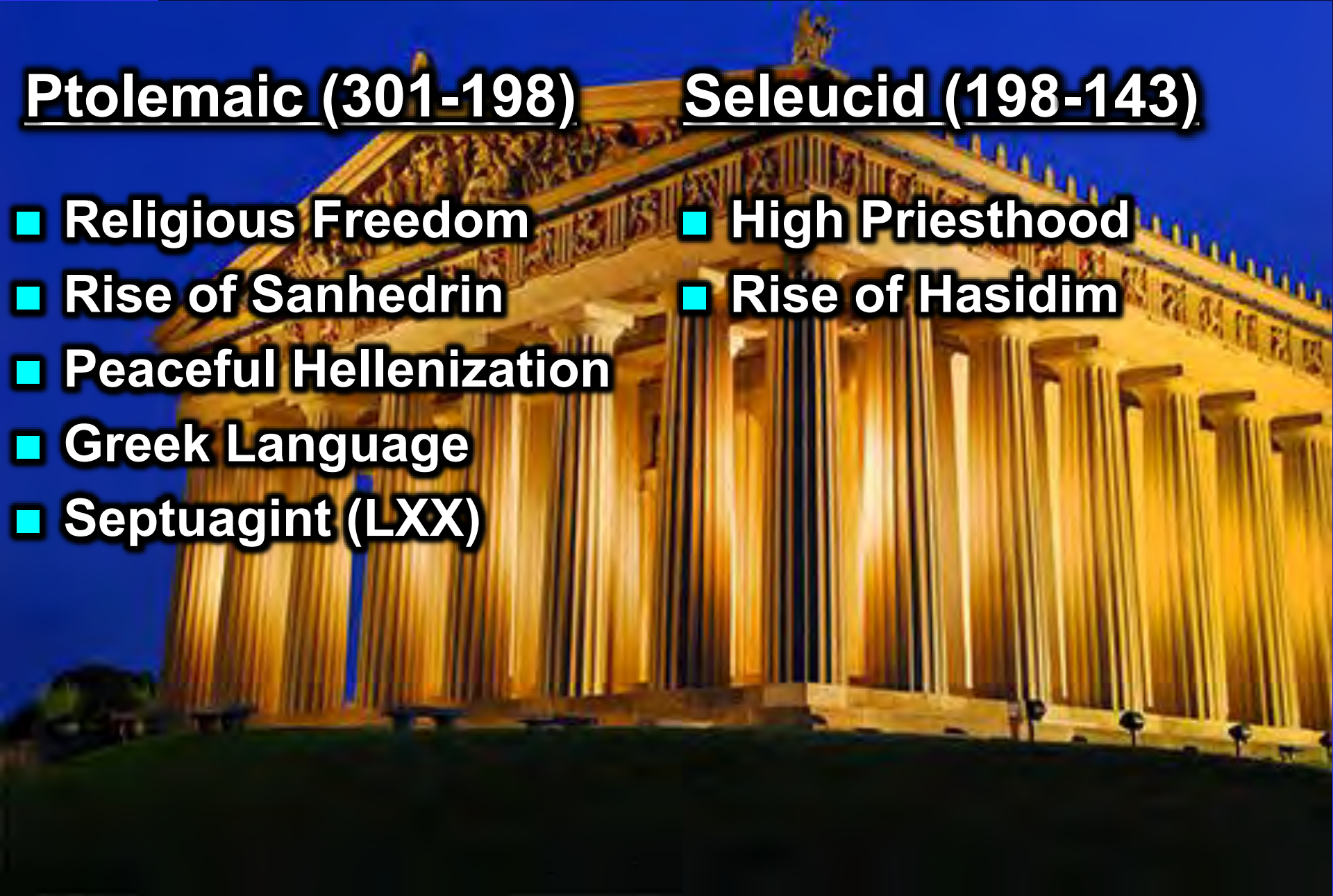
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End Times History

(11:36-45)

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- The final section (11:36-45) refers to the Antichrist. Antiochus IV is not in view because:
 - The leader in these verses is simply called "the king" (11:36), so a different leader is likely (= "little horn" of 7:28; "the ruler" of 9:26).
 - The god Antiochus set up was Zeus but 11:37 notes that this king will disregard his heritage.
 - An attack on Egypt will bring war with Rome (11:40-44), which Antiochus did not do.
 - Antiochus IV was in serious financial difficulty so the wealth of 11:43 was not true of him.
 - Antiochus IV died at Tabae in Persia, not in Israel (11:45).

Daniel 11:40

■ Israel's enemies will invade her land



Daniel 11:40-45

- Even ships in the Mediterranean will join the battle



West Meets East (Dan. 11:44)





Christ will defeat Antichrist (Dan. 11:45)

Daniel 12

Israel's Future



Michael will arise (Daniel 12:1)





Judgment of Old Testament Saints

"Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. ³Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever"
(Daniel 12:1-3 NAU).

“Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever” (Daniel 12:3 NLT).

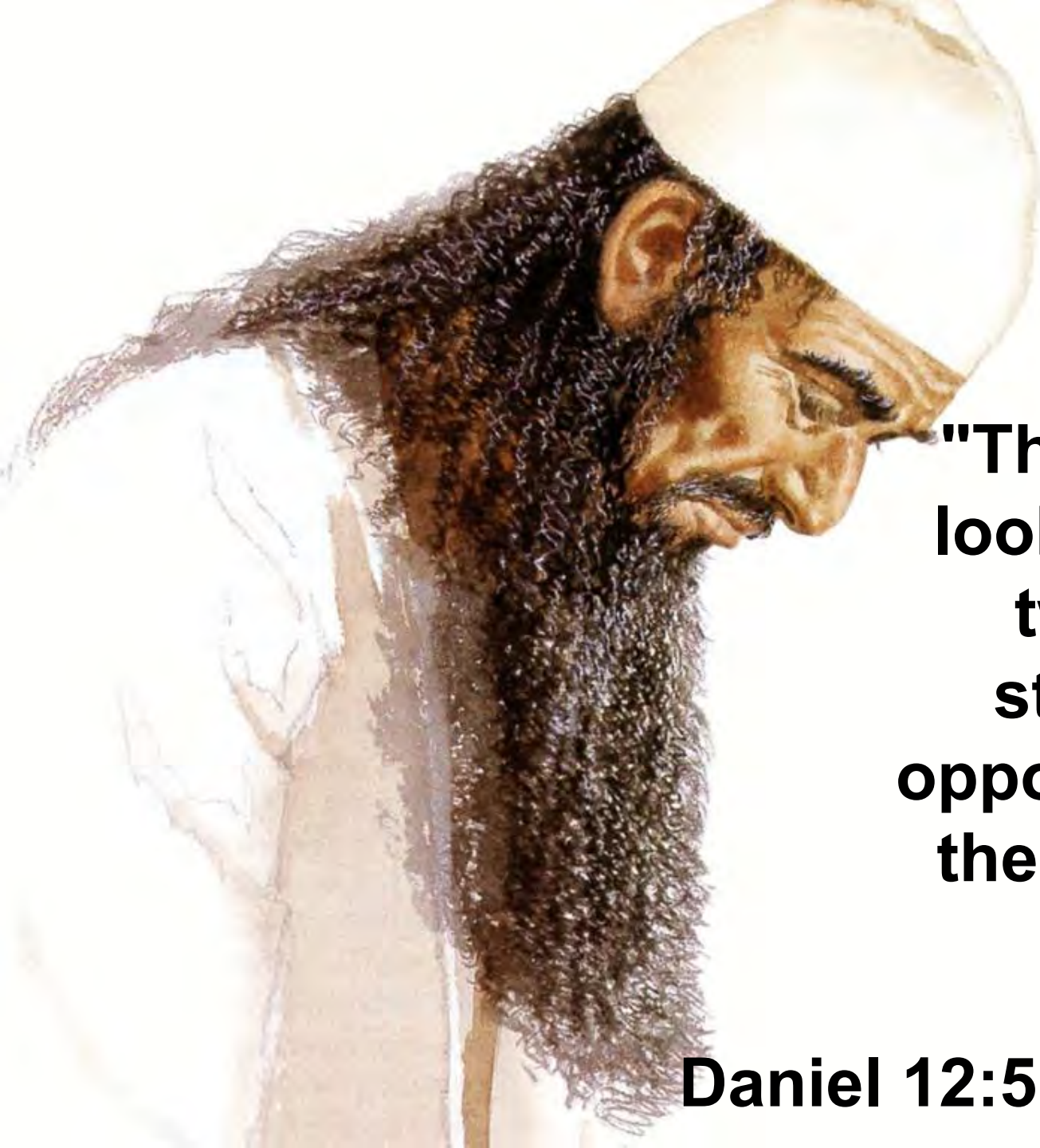


**“But you, Daniel, keep this prophecy a secret;
seal up the book until the time of the end,
when many will rush here and there, and
knowledge will increase” (Daniel 12:4 NLT)**



Daniel 12:4-16

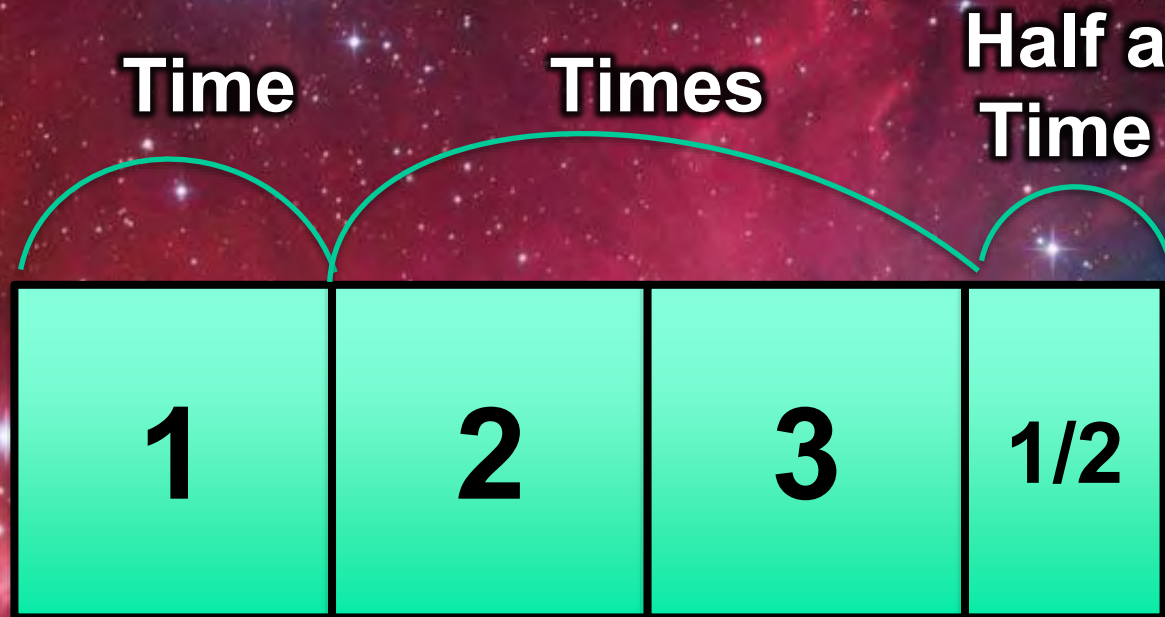
- The revelation given to Daniel is sealed up for the end time (Dan. 12:4)
- The great tribulation (Dan. 12:1; cf. Matt. 24:21)
- "After which" => the resurrection
- Endure to the end to be blessed (Matt. 24:14)
- When Daniel asked for the time of these events, the reply was:
 - The time, times, half a time (Dan. 7:25; 12:7; Rev. 11:2; 13:5; 12:6, 14) = 1 yr. + 2 yrs. + ½ yr. = 3.5 years
 - *The end*, the power of Israel broken (Dan. 12:7; Zech. 14:12-16; Rev. 19:15-19)
- What are the 1290 and 1335 days???



**"Then I, Daniel,
looked and saw
two others
standing on
opposite banks of
the river" (NLT).**

Daniel 12:5 is 1st Person

The 3.5-Year Great Tribulation



“It will go on for a **time, times, and half a time.
When the shattering of the holy people has finally come to an end,
all these things will have happened”
(Daniel 12:7b NLT; cf. Revelation 12:14).**

Equal Periods are Based on the Jewish Month of 30 Days

“time, times, & half
a time” in **years**
(Dan 7:25; 12:7;
Rev. 12:14)

=

“**42 months**”
(Rev 13:5)

=

“**1260 days**”
(Rev 12:6)

1
(12 mo.)

2
(12 mo.)

3
(12 mo.)

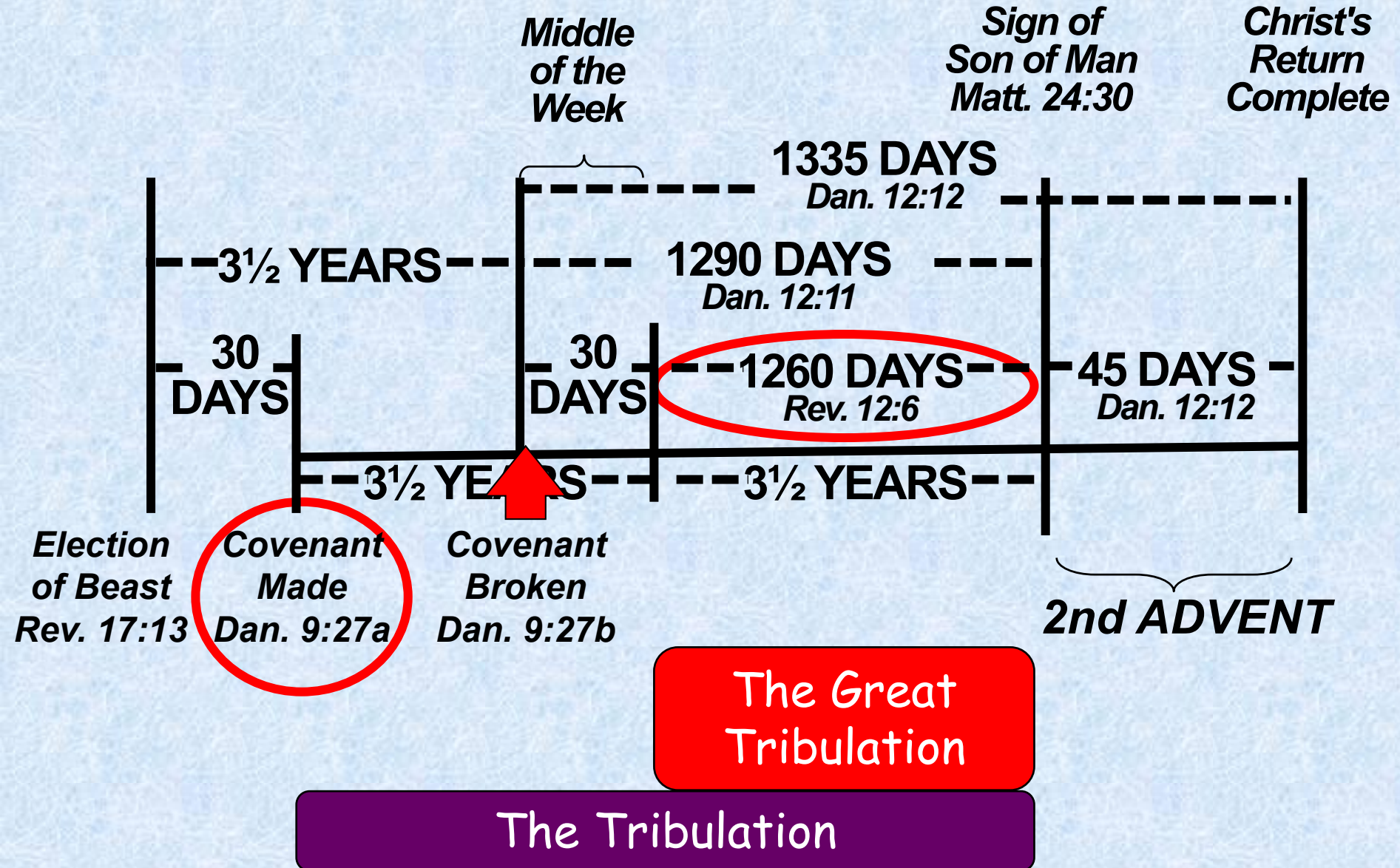
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(6 mo.)

42 months
(12 + 12 + 12 + 6 = 42 months)

1260 days
(42 mo. x 30 days = 1260 days)

Chronology of the 70th "Week"

Adapted from J. Dwight Pentecost, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1988



Theology of Daniel 8–12

- God is sovereign over history
- God sets times and boundaries for people and nations (cf. Acts 17:26-27)
- God is sovereign over all powers in the heavenly and the earthly realm (cf. Job)
- God's people are engaged in God's purposes through prayer and fasting
- Humility and concern for the glory of God and the destiny of his people (Dan. 9:18, 19, 23) is highly esteemed
- Effectual prayer is motivated by God's glory (Dan. 9:17-19) and identifies itself with God's people (Dan. 9:5, 9, 10)

Theology of Daniel 8–12 (cont'd)

- God hears the prayers of the saints (9:2,15,16,23).
- God brings down the proud and arrogant and those who oppose Him (11:18, 19, 45)
- God has a plan for his people to bless them (9:24).
- A consecrated life listens to God's voice (9:2, 23)
- God uses evil to establish His purpose for his people
- God's Kingdom is the goal of all human history
- God wants his people to persevere in hard times (11:32, 33; 12:3)
- God prepares His people for the times ahead.
- God will discipline His people (cf. Matt. 5:13)

Applying Daniel 8–12

**Be confident that God still rules
over Israel today.**





What do you need to know
to be *truly* **confident**?



God **controls** each level.

——Main Idea of Daniel——

I. God rules over **you** (Dan 1).



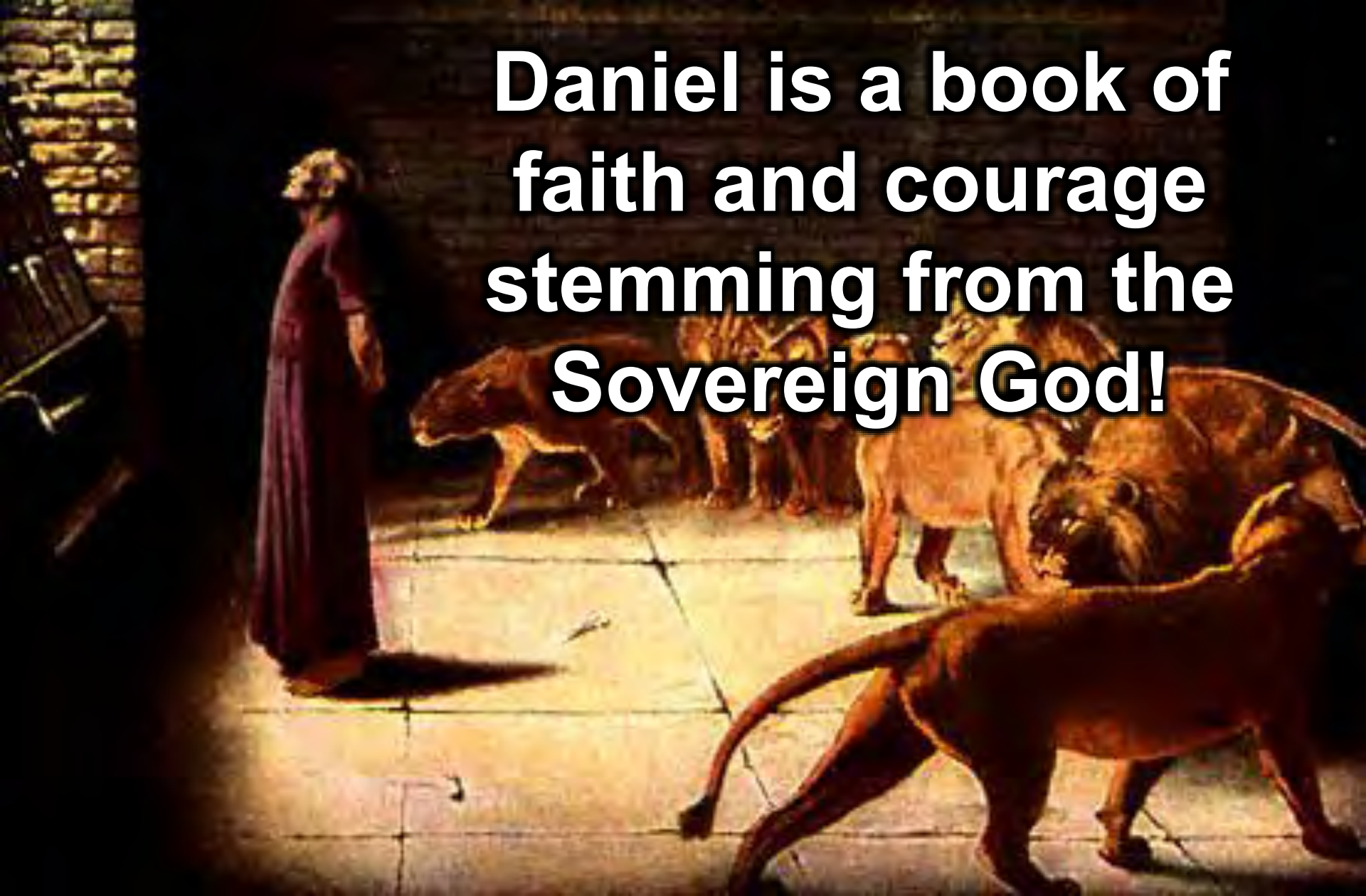
II. God rules over all **nations** (Dan 2–7).



III. God rules over **Israel's** future (Dan 8–12).



**Daniel is a book of
faith and courage
stemming from the
Sovereign God!**



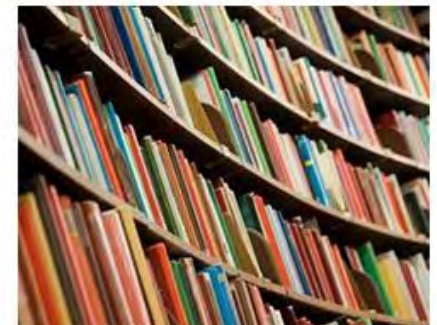
Application

- Recognize God's sovereignty over all authority in history
- Resist evil without compromising
- Trust God for your ultimate salvation so that you can endure to the end (12:2, 3, 12; cf. Rev. 12:11)
- Seek God in prayer and intercession
- Live a godly life

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Contrasting the Exilic Prophets

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	<u>Daniel</u>	<u>Ezekiel</u>
<i>Date</i>	605-536	597-570
<i>Beginning of Ministry</i>	First invasion of Nebuchadnezzar	Second invasion of Nebuchadnezzar
<i>End of Ministry</i>	After the exile	In the exile
<i>Ministry Length</i>	Longer (70 years)	Shorter (27 years)
<i>Restoration</i>	Political	Religious
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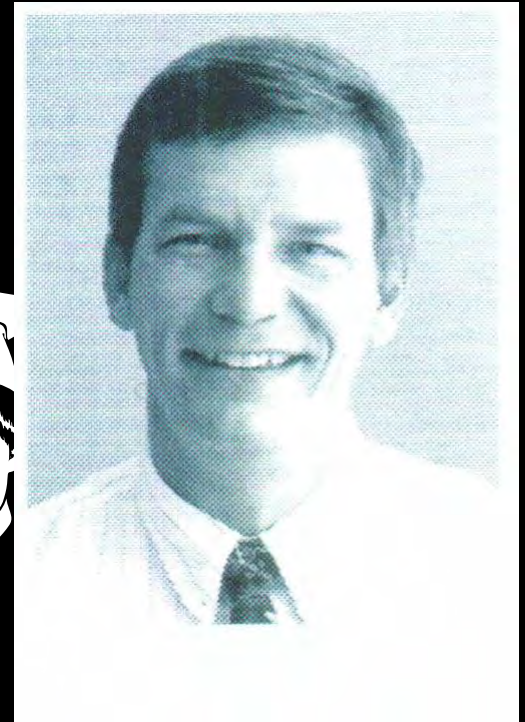
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