

## NEHEMIAH 2: 1-8

And it came about in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, that wine was before him, and I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence. So the king said to me, "Why is your face sad though you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of heart." Then I was very much afraid. I said to the king, "Let the king live forever. Why should my face not be sad when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies desolate and its gates have been consumed by fire?" Then the king said to me, "What would you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. I said to the king, "If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor before you, send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it." Then the king said to me, the queen sitting beside him, "How long will your journey be, and when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me, and I gave him a definite time. And I said to the king, "If it please the king, let letters be given me for the governors of the provinces beyond the River, that they may allow me to pass through until I come to Judah, and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress which is by the temple, for the wall of the city and for the house to which I will go." And the king granted them to me because the good hand of my God was on me.

A decree  
to restore  
and rebuild  
Jerusalem  
until Messiah  
the Prince

Daniel  
9:25

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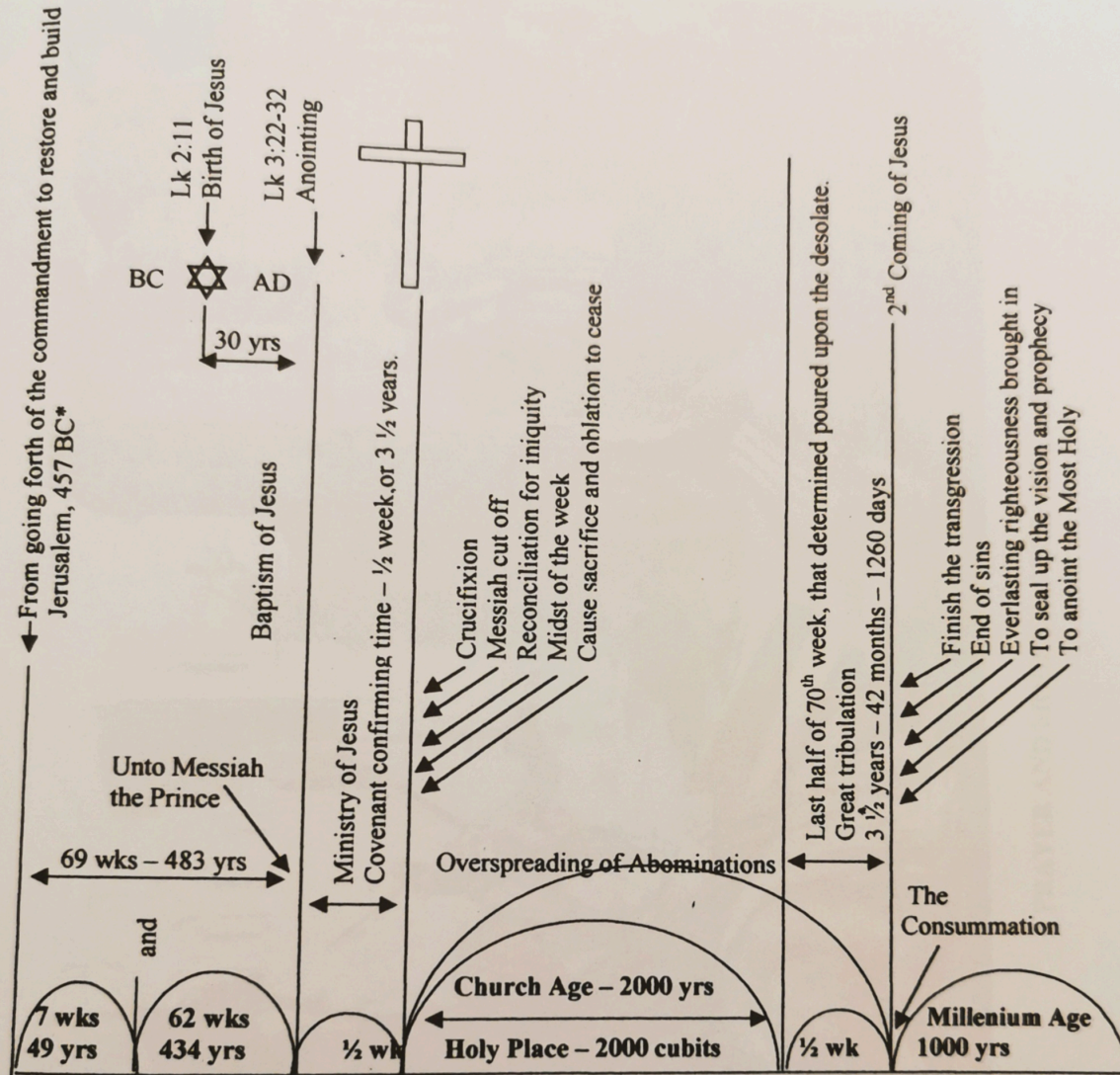
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# The Seventy Week Timeline by Kevin Conner



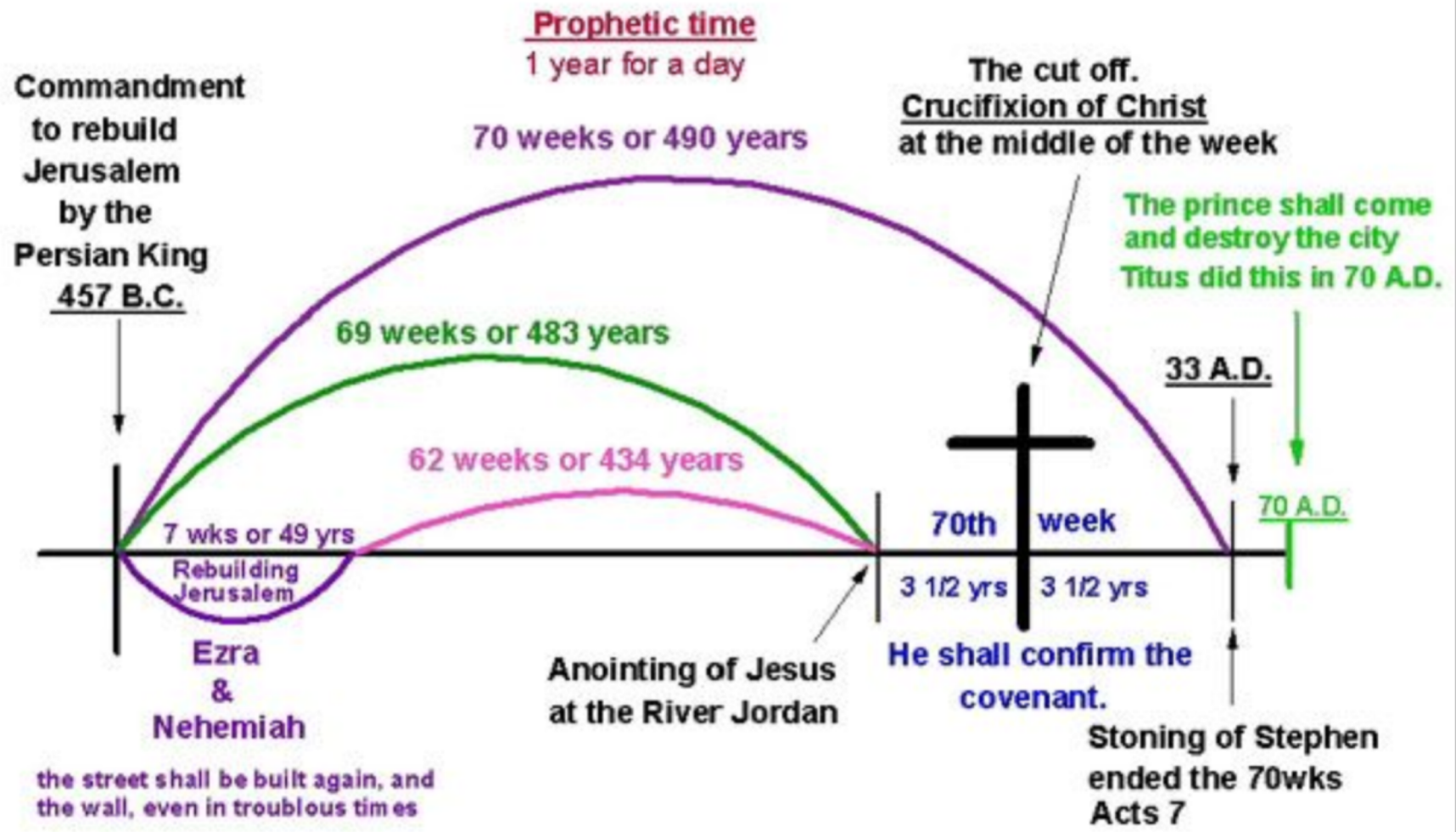




# 70 weeks of Daniel

Daniel 9:24-27

490 Years

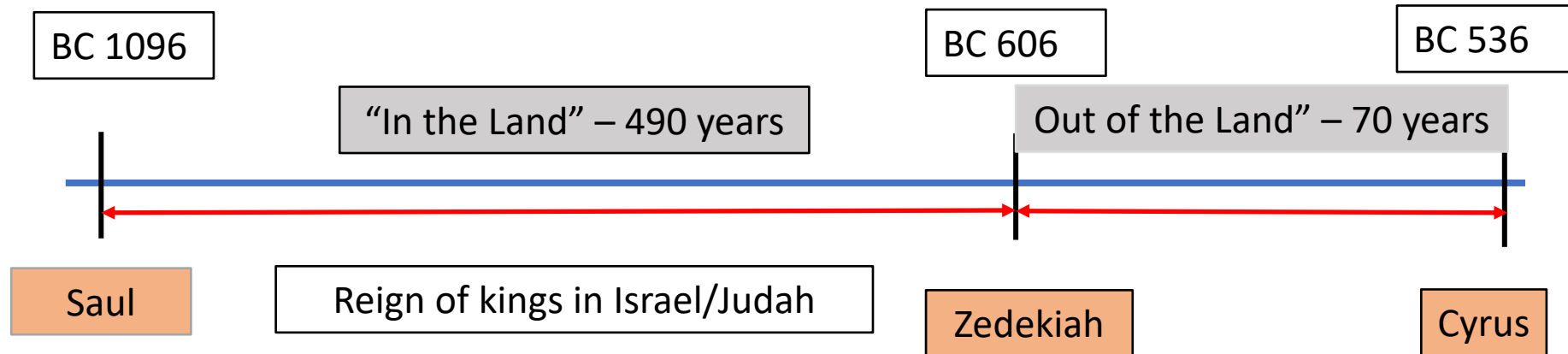




# The Prophetic Time Element – Dan 9:1-2

- The first year of Darius, son of Ahasuerus of the Medes
- His reign over Babylon was only 2 years (BC 537-338)
- Babylon had just fallen, Belshazzar was killed (Dan 5:30-31)
- 70 years of captivity was ending
- BC 538 was a very important year for Daniel
  - Babylon fell
  - Daniel was cast into the lion's den (Dan 6)
  - The Seventy Weeks prophecy was given to him
- Daniel was a reader of prophetic books
  - Book of Jeremiah, Book of Isaiah, Book of Moses, Deuteronomy, Exodus, Leviticus

# Time Line for the 70 years of Captivity



# The Preparation by Prayer - Dan 9:3-19

1. Daniel begins his prayer and confession on the basis of the Covenant
  - God remembers His covenants with us
2. Daniel pray the prophetic word back to God
  1. Prayer – that is asking or petitioning God
  2. Supplications – strong entreaty
  3. Fasting – denial of the normal appetites of the flesh, the body
  4. Sackcloth and ashes – humiliation and repentance
  5. Confession – open acknowledgement of sin, transgression and iniquity of the heart
3. Daniel's prayer exemplifies our Messiah



# The Visitation of Gabriel – Dan 9:20-23

- Gabriel means “God is Mighty” or “The strength of God”
- Scriptures recorded 4 incidences of Gabriel’s visitation
  - Dan 8:16-19 – Concerning the Vision of the Cleansing of the Sanctuary
  - Dan 9:20-27 – Revelation of the Seventy Week Prophecy
  - Luke 1:1-26 – Concerning the birth of John the Baptist
  - Luke 1:26-28 – Concerning the birth of our Messiah
- It is significance Scripture recorded that Gabriel appeared at the “time of the evening sacrifice”
  - It shows Daniel observe the order of worship despite there was no physical Temple

# The Seventy Weeks Prophecy – Dan 9:24-27

- Important Background to various meanings of weeks
  1. Week of Creation – God created the heavens and the earth in six days and rested the seventh day (Gen 1;1-2:4)
  2. Week of days or seven days – God commanded Israel to work six days and take a sabbatical rest on the seventh day (Lev 23:1-3; 12:5; Ezek 45:21...)
  3. Week o that is seven by seven = 49 years and the seventh-seventh was a Sabbatical year also f Weeks or seven by seven = 49 days or seven weeks. This brings Israel to the Feast of Weeks (Feast of Pentecost) (Lev 23:9-16; Ex 34:22...)
  4. Week of Months that is seven months – Lev 23. The seven months covered the seven Feasts of the Lord from Passover (1st) to Pentecost (3rd) to Tabernacles (7th)
  5. Week of Years or seven years – Lev 25:1-8. The seventh year was a Sabbath year. Also Jacob worked a “week of years” for his wife Leah and again another “Week of Years for Rachael (Gen 29:18,27-28). A slave also worked six years and then was free in the seventh year if he so desired. (Ex 21:2)

# The Seventy Weeks Prophecy – Dan 9:24-27

- Important Background to various meanings of weeks
  6. A Week of Weeks of years, that is seven by seven = 49 years, and this seventh-seventh was a Sabbatical year also (Lev 25)
  7. A Week of Millennium, or seven thousand years. The whole plan of redemption points to this. A day to the Lord is 1,000 years and 1,000 years as one day (Psa 90:4; 2 Pet3:8).

There will be a 1000 years rest when Yeshua returns and Satan is cast into the Pit (Rev 20:1-10).

This is the Week of Redemption.

God works His redemption plan in six days (6,000 years) and the seventh day (Millennium Day) is rest and the time only known to God.



# Meaning of Sevens

- Seven = Divine completeness and perfection (Gen 2:1-4)
- Seventy = the number prior to increase (Gen 46:27; Ex 1:5; 24;1; Deut 10:22; Luke 10:1,17)
- Seventy sevens speak of “days” and also “Years”

# “Are Determined” “Upon Your People”

- Determined means “decreed or marked off”
- Seventy sevens (490 years) are marked off. Set apart in which certain things are to be fulfilled
- Its decreed by God, marked off or allotted to man
- This prophecy concerns Daniel’s people – the House of Judah
- The Messiah is to come from the House of Judah
- The Lion is to come from the Tribe of Judah

# “And Upon Your Holy City”

- Holy City refers to Jerusalem
- God has chosen this City and has placed His Name there
- Mt Moriah when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son is also the place where the City of Jerusalem is
- This is the most holy of all cities and the Messiah would come and fulfill the plan of redemption by dying on the cross
- This prophecy concerns Jerusalem and Judah
- Jerusalem is the City of the Great King and from this City, the Gospel would go to all the earth



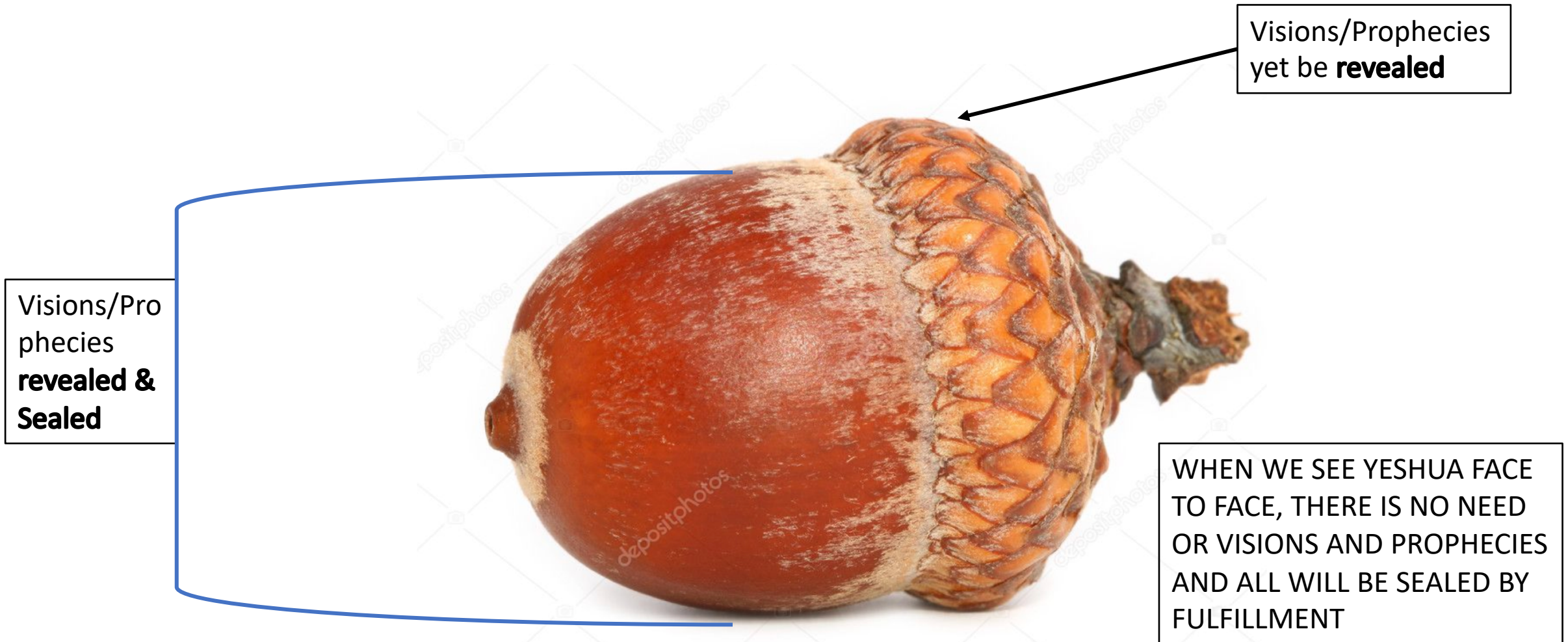
# Six Things Must Take Place within the 490 yrs

- The Angel Gabriel told Daniel six things that are to take place *within this 490 years* and be fulfilled in this time period
  1. To finish the **transgression** (rebellion, lawlessness, revolt, refusing to submit to rightful authority)
  2. And to make the end of **sins** (miss the mark, to go astray, to fall)
  3. And to make reconciliation for **iniquity** (involves atonement, the shedding of blood, the appeasement)
  4. And to bring in everlasting righteousness (eternal uprightness, justice and righteousness)
  5. And to seal up the vision and prophecy (sealing until the time of the end)
  6. And to anoint the Most Holy ( In Daniel's mind must be the Holy of Holies)

# The First vs The Second Coming

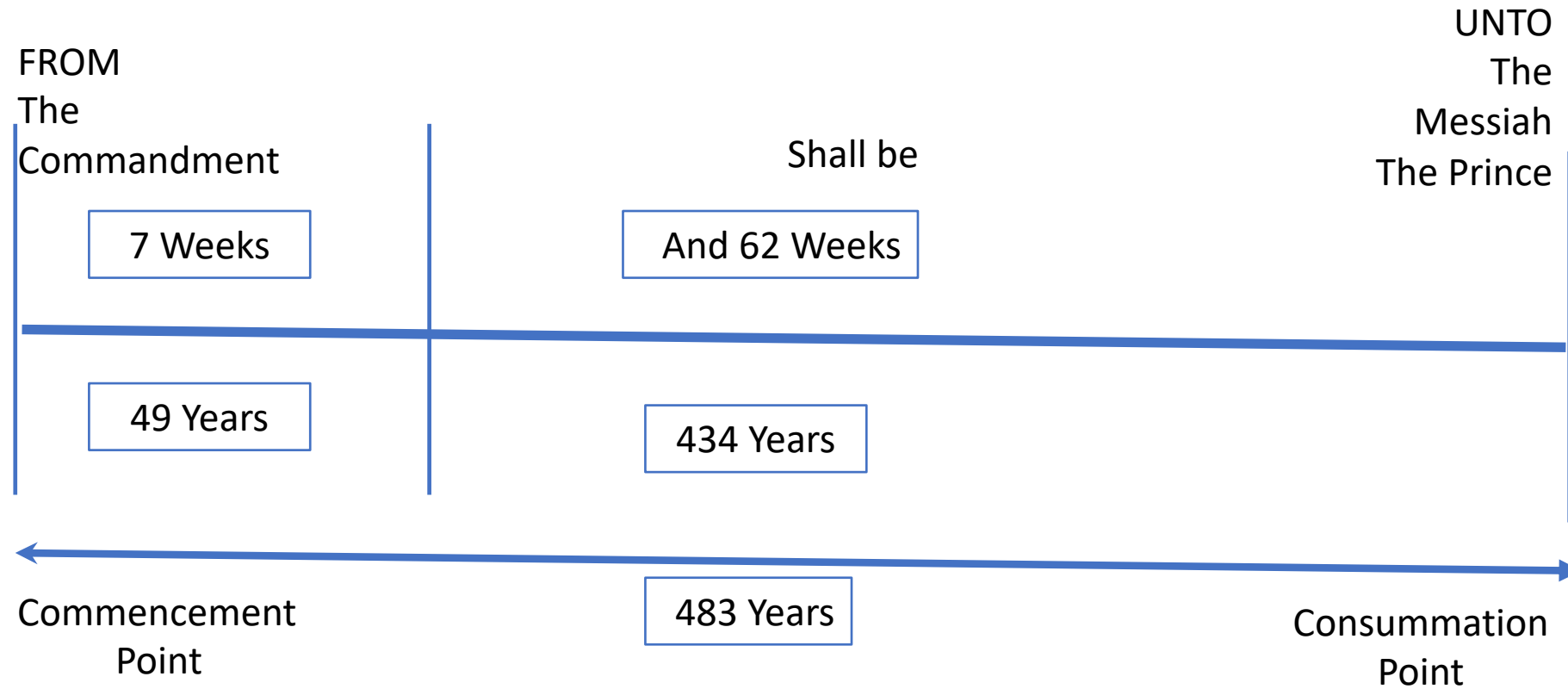
The First Coming	The Second Coming
The Inauguration	The Consummation
The Cross – Christ’s work for us	The Throne – Christ’s work in us
Redemption Purchased (ROM 3:24-25; eph 1:7; Col 1:14)	Redemption Completed (Luke 21:28; Rom 8:23; Eph 1:14; 4:30)
Death Conquered (2 Tim 1:10) by His death	Death Destroyed (Heb 9:28; 1Pet 1:5; 1Cor 15:26)
Immortality Provided	Immortality Possessed
Fruitfruits of our salvation	The Full Inheritance
We are saved Present	Salvation - Phil 2:12. We shall be saved

# To Seal both vision and prophecy



# Timeline

- When was the Commandment given? – Commencement Point
- When was the Messiah manifested to Judah? – Consummation Point



# Isaiah 44:26-28

- Who confirms the word of His servant,  
And performs the counsel of His messengers;  
Who says to Jerusalem, *'You shall be inhabited,'*  
To the cities of Judah, *'You shall be built,'*  
And I will raise up her waste places;  
Who says to the deep, 'Be dry!  
And I will dry up your rivers';  
Who says of **Cyrus**, ***'He is My shepherd,***  
And he shall perform all My pleasure,  
Saying to **Jerusalem**, *"You shall be built,"*  
And to **the temple**, *"Your foundation shall be laid."*

# Isaiah 45:1-13

- “Thus says the LORD to His anointed,  
**To Cyrus**, whose right hand I have held—To subdue nations  
before him And loose the armor of kings, To open before him  
the double doors, So that the gates will not be shut:  
<sup>2</sup> ‘I will go before you And make the crooked places straight;  
I will break in pieces the gates of bronze And cut the bars of iron.  
<sup>3</sup> I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden riches of  
secret places,  
That you may know that I, the LORD, Who call *you* by your name,  
*Am* the God of Israel. <sup>4</sup> For Jacob My servant’s sake,  
And Israel My elect, I have even ***called you by your name***; I have  
named you, though you have not known Me.



# Isaiah 45:1-13

- <sup>5</sup> I *am* the LORD, and *there is* no other; *There is* no God besides Me.  
I will gird you, though you have not known Me,  
<sup>6</sup> That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting  
That *there is* none besides Me. **I *am* the LORD, and *there is* no other;**  
<sup>7</sup> I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create  
calamity;  
I, the LORD, do all these *things*.’
- <sup>8</sup> “Rain down, you heavens, from above, And let the skies pour down  
righteousness;  
Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, And let  
righteousness spring up together.  
I, the LORD, have created it.

# Isaiah 45:1-13

- <sup>9</sup> “Woe to him who strives with his Maker!  
*Let* the potsherd *strive* with the potsherds of the earth!  
Shall the clay say to him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’  
Or shall your handiwork *say*, ‘He has no hands’?  
<sup>10</sup> Woe to him who says to *his* father, ‘What are you begetting?’  
Or to the woman, ‘What have you brought forth?’ ”
- <sup>11</sup> Thus says the LORD, The Holy One of Israel, and his Maker:  
“Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons;  
And concerning the work of My hands, you command Me.  
<sup>12</sup> I have made the earth, And created man on it.  
***I—My hands***—stretched out the heavens, And all their host I have commanded.

# Isaiah 45:1-13

- <sup>13</sup> I have raised him up in righteousness,  
And I will direct all his ways; He shall build My city  
And let My exiles go free, Not for price nor reward,”  
Says the LORD of hosts.

# Isaiah 45:1-13

- CYRUS is named by the Lord years before his birth
- CYRUS is called “My Shepherd” A shepherd looks after the sheep
- CYRUS is called “My anointed” This title applies only those who are specially called by God to do a particular thing for Him
- CYRUS is called to do God’s pleasure. This was ***threefold***. Concerned the city (Jerusalem), the Temple and the captives of Judah.
  - To restore and rebuild Jerusalem
  - As prophesized by the prophet Isaiah
- CYRUS was given the power by God to subdue nations
- CYRUS would capture Jerusalem through the two leaved bronze gates that were providentially left unguard and unlocked

# The Decree of Cyrus

- From the above verses, it is clear that the Decree of Cyrus was “The Command” – in Dan 9:25a
- Josephus, the Jewish historian cites a copy of Cyrus’ letter. It was the Lord who stirred the spirit of Cyrus at the close of the Captivity for the Jews in Babylon to leave and return to their country **and rebuild their city of Jerusalem and the Temple of God**
- This places the date of the command going forth at BC 457
- There is some confusion over this date as Cyrus reign is from BC 590-529, way before BC 457

# Unravelling the confusion

- Cyrus died in BC 530 but in BC 536 he made the decree to allow the Jews to return to Jerusalem
- There are many subsequent decrees by various Persian kings
  1. Ezra 1:1-4 In the first year of Cyrus as king of Persia, he made a decree to allow the Jew to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple
  2. There was resistance to rebuilding the Temple. A decree was issued by King Smerdis to stop the rebuild of the Temple – Ezra 4
  3. The next king is king Darius. In BC 522 he issued a decree for the continuation of rebuilding the Temple – Ezra 6
  4. In **BC 457 Ezra** in the seventh year of Artaxerxes received the decree to help the first batch of returnees led by **Zerubbabel** and to give Israel the right to self government. To set up the Law of Moses and to govern his people – Ezra 7:11-26
  5. Decree of Artaxerxes for **Nehemiah** to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem
  6. It was also in this era that opposition arose from Sanballat, Tobiah and Geshem and so the walls were built “*even in troublesome times*” – Dan 9:25b
  7. Sanballat sent a petition to king Artaxerxes accusing “the Jews plan to rebel ...rebuilding the wall’ and appointing Nehemiah as king – Nehemiah 6:6

# Argument - BC 536 as The Year of Commencement

- The decree to restore Jerusalem and to rebuild the wall has to be the decree that returns the right to self govern to the Jewish people
  - <sup>25</sup> And you, Ezra, according to your God-given wisdom, set magistrates and judges who may judge all the people who *are in the region* beyond the River, all such as know the laws of your God; and teach those who do not know *them*. <sup>26</sup> Whoever will not observe the law of your God and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily on him, whether *it be* death, or banishment, or confiscation of goods, or imprisonment. \_ Ezra 7:25-26

# Timeline



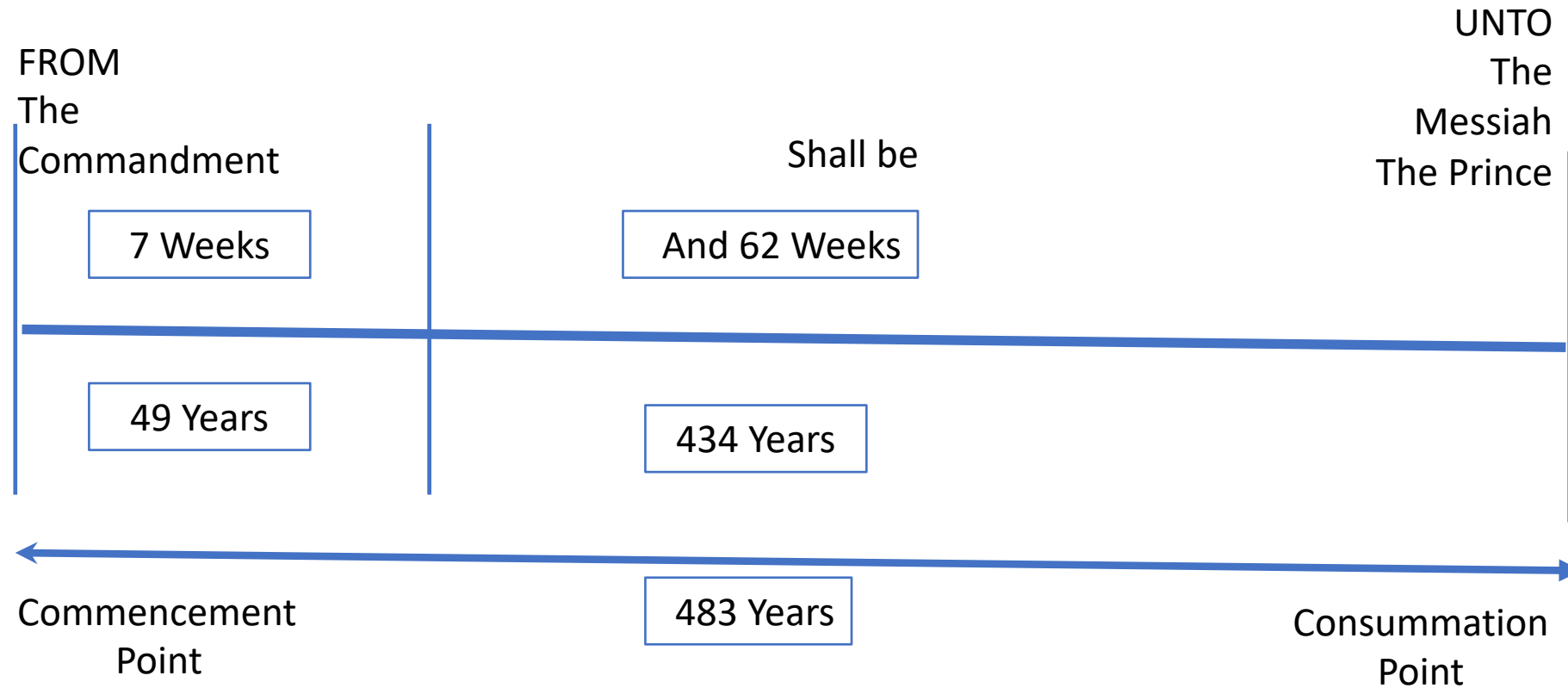


# Unto Messiah the Prince

- Jesus was manifested as the Son of God at His Baptism (Matt 3:16-17; Luke 3:22; Mark 1:11, John 1:34)

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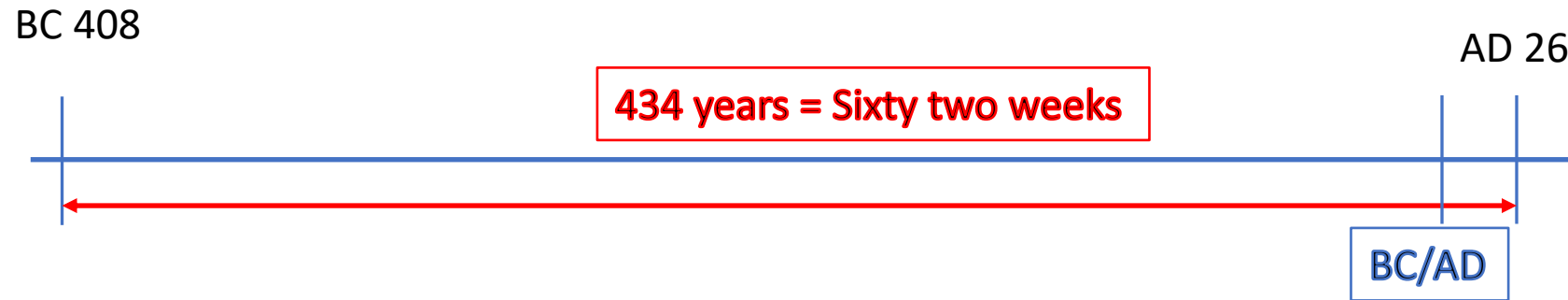
“Know therefore and understand, *That* from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, *There shall be* seven weeks and **sixty-two weeks**; - Dan 9:25

# Seven Weeks and Sixty-Two weeks

- Divided into three sections
  - Seven Weeks = 49 years
  - Sixty-two Weeks = 434 years
  - One Week = 7 years which is divided into two  $\frac{1}{2}$  week =  $3 \frac{1}{2}$  years each
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*There shall be **seven weeks*** and sixty-two weeks; - Dan 9:25a
  - From BC 457 the going forth of the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem to the first section of 7 years brings us to BC 408 (BC 457- 49)
  - This is the period we have the ministries of Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi who is the last of the OT Prophets to Judah
  - From this time no more prophetic voice from the Lord
  - Until John the Baptist and the WORD made flesh

# Sixty-two Weeks = 434 years

- From BC 408, the cessation of the Old Testament Prophets less 434 years, we come to AD 26

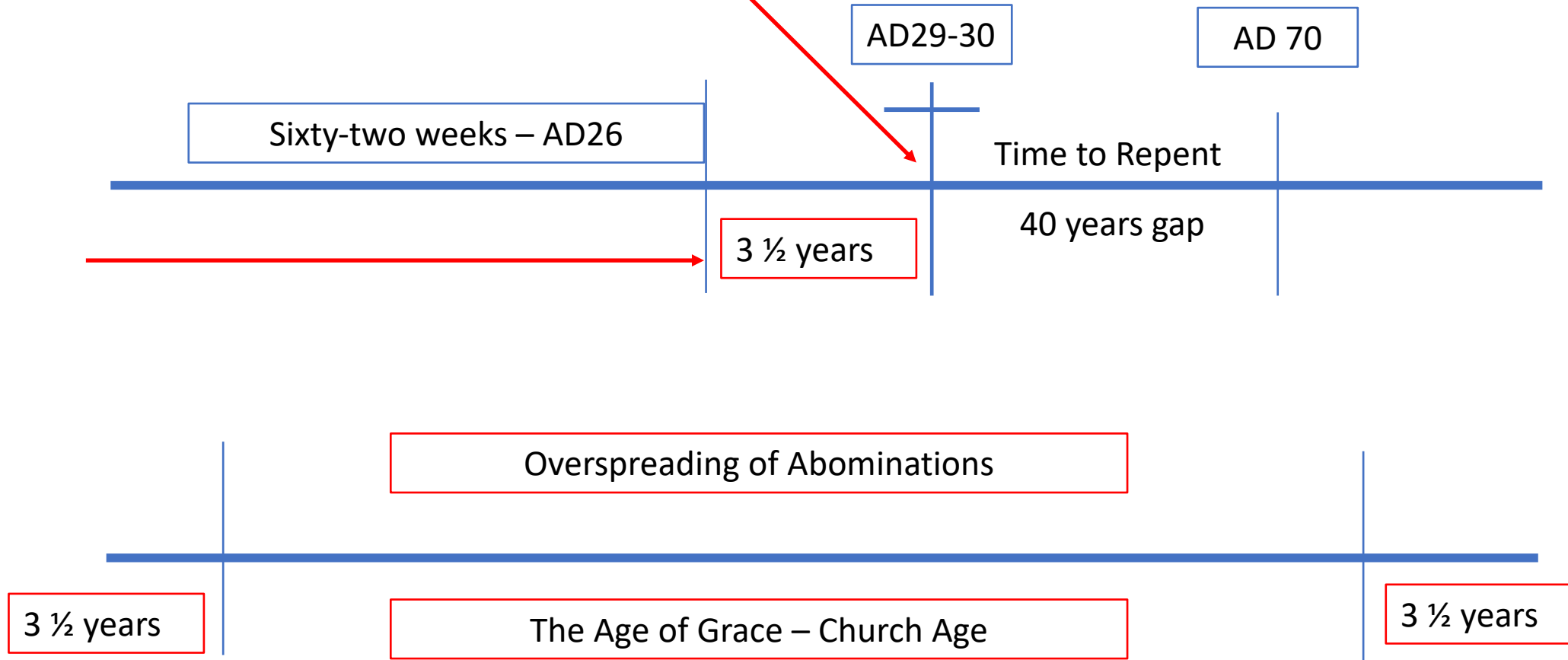


- AD 26 – Jesus Baptism in River Jordan
- God confirmed Yeshua is His Son and the Messiah
- It was Gabriel who revealed the Seventy Week to Daniel and also Gabriel who revealed to Zacharias and Mary the birth of the Messiah's forerunner, John the Baptist and the Messiah Himself
- Yeshua's birth in BC 4 and at Baptism, He was 30 years old, the age for OT Priests to be anointed for service

# And After Sixty-two Weeks

- The cutting off of the Messiah is to take place **after** 62 weeks
- This cutting off of the Messiah does not take place **at** or **during** ***BUT*** **AFTER** this period of time
- The cutting off means the cruel, agonizing death by crucifixion
- Isaiah 53:8b – “For He ***was cut off*** from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.”
- Yeshua’s crucifixion took place after the 62 week which was His Baptism in AD 26
- Yeshua’s ministry lasted 3 ½ years and then HE was “cut off”

“And after the sixty-two weeks  
Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; - Dan 26a



# Comparison of Isaiah 53 vs Daniel 9

Isaiah 53	Daniel 9
1. Wounded for our Transgression	1. Finish the Transgression
2. Make His soul and offering for sin	2. Make an end of sins
3. Bruised for our Iniquities	3. Make reconciliation for iniquity
4. Righteous Servant	4. Bring in everlasting righteousness
5. Cut off out of the land of the living	5. After 62 weeks Messiah shall be cut off
6. For the transgression of My people	6. But not for Himself

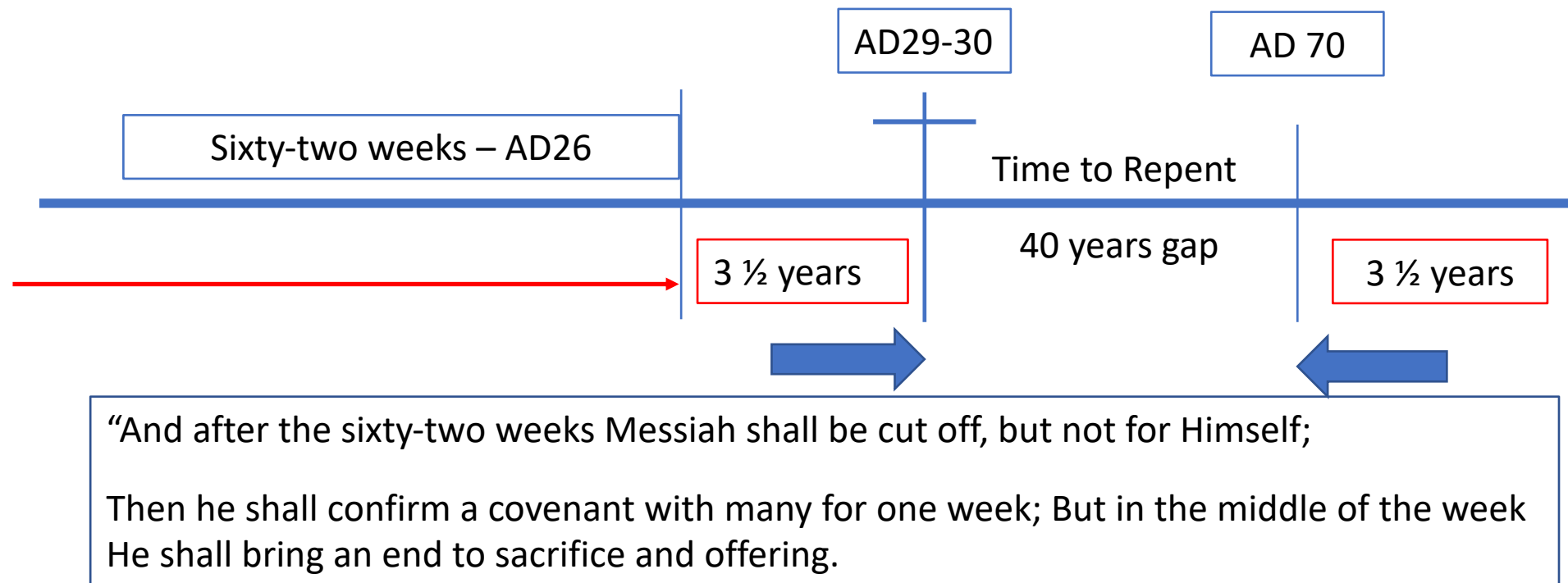
## And the *people of the* prince who is to come – Dan 9:26b

- Who is this prince?
- Notice it is not the prince but the PEOPLE of the prince to destroy the city
- Prince Vespasian came and besieged Jerusalem but with trouble back in Rome, he was recalled. At that time, the Messianic believers in Jerusalem remembered what Yeshua had warned them (Luke 21:2—24) left the City. According to Josephus, the historian, over one million believers fled and when in AD 70, prince Titus came and destroyed the City and the Temple, no one believer was known to have lost his life in the terrible siege.



# And He shall confirm the Covenant – Dan 9:27a

- He here is not the antichrist but Yeshua Himself



# Which Covenant ?

- Confirm means “to establish, to substantiate, to back up or to attest to”. Scriptures that speak of God confirming His Word with signs and wonders (Mark 16:16-20; Heb 2:3-4; Acts 15:41; Heb 6:13-18; Rom 9:4-5, Acts 10:38)
- “<sup>8</sup> Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, **to confirm the promises** *made* to the fathers,” – Rom 15:8
- The Covenant is the Promises made to the Fathers of Israel – The Abrahamic Covenant
- When Yeshua began His ministry was the beginning of the 70<sup>th</sup> Week
- A covenant confirming week of signs and wonders, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God

# With Many for One Week – Dan 9:27a

- Why is the Covenant just made with “many” for this one week?
- Was not the New Covenant made with the whole world?
- “**Many**” are to those who come to faith in God through Christ and by the New Covenant
  - “By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify *many*, For He shall bear their iniquities.” – Isaiah 53:11b
  - “And he will turn **many** of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.” – Luke 1:16
  - “just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for **many**.” – Matt 20:28
  - “For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for **many** for the remission of sins.” – Matt 26:28
- The truth is not all mankind will receive Yeshua as their Lord and Savior

# But in the middle of the week... - Dan 9:27b

- In the middle of the Seven Years, Yeshua, our Messiah will be "cut off"
- It is interesting that Yeshua's death is not only in the middle of the week of seven years, but also "in the middle of the week" of seven days
- Yeshua died on a Wednesday out of 6 days. HE did not die on Friday as many of us were taught
- Yeshua died on the Cross and this is where Gabriel left Daniel – at the cross, in the middle of the week, where Yeshua was cut off for our transgression

# He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering

- Yeshua Himself who “brings an end to sacrifice and offering and not the antichrist in a rebuilt Temple
- HE is the perfect sacrifice to end all sacrifices and offering
- When Yeshua on the cross proclaimed “It is finished” – John 19:30, the Old covenant with its priesthood and sacrifice and oblation was finished
- When John, the Baptist proclaimed “Behold the Lamb of GOD who takes away the sin of the world” then the Father expressed “This is my beloved Son, I am whom I am well pleased”.

# “And on the wings of abominations shall be one who makes desolate” - Dan 9:27b

- Gabriel has taken Daniel through the 7 weeks (49 years), and the 62 weeks (434 years) and the ½ week (3 ½ years) and as it were, left him at the cross. This timeline is from the issue of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem to Malachi and then to John, the Baptist and then to Yeshua's baptism and finally to the cross of Calvary. Thus the 69 ½ weeks are past history – at the Cross
- Yeshua was the final and complete sacrifice
- When the priesthood continues to make sacrifices in the Temple after Yeshua's sacrifice, it represents rejection of this Final sacrifice which is an abomination to God
- The wings of abomination means the overspreading, wide spread
- The continuous and overspreading of abomination will bring desolation that will continue until the consummation, until the very END.

# Meaning of Abomination

- Means “detestable, disgusting, filthy, loathsome and idolatrous (Jer 16:18; 44:4)
  - Unclean foods (Lev 11:10-42)
  - Sexual perversions (Lev 18:22,23, 20:13, Deut 18:11-12)
  - Seven sins listed in Prov 6:16-19, Prov 21:27
  - Idolatry (1Kg 21:26; 11:7; Deut 7:25-26; 27:15; 2Kg 23:13; Ezek 18:12; 1Pet 4:3)
  - John see Mystery Babylon, the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations in the earth (Rev 17:4-5)
- Daniel saw “the abomination of desolation (Read Dan 11:31; 12:11 with Matt 24:15; Mark 13:14; and Dan 9:27)

# “the *One* who makes desolate”

- It is Yeshua, the Messiah will cause the desolation
  - He is the Messiah who confirms the Covenant
  - He is the Messiah who causes the sacrifice and oblation to cease by His own sacrifice
  - He is the Messiah who is cut off in the midst of the 70<sup>th</sup> Week
  - He is the Messiah who makes desolate
- There are four fold desolation which came to Judah under the OT Babylon and will also come on Judah under the NT Babylon which is Rome
  - The desolation of the City of Jerusalem (Luke 21:21-24; 19:41-44; Rev 11:1-2)
  - The desolation of the Temple (Matt 23:38-39; Luke 21:21-24; Matt 24:1-2; Matt 27:51)
  - The desolation of the Land (Luke 21:21-24)
  - The desolation of the people of Judah (Luke 21:21-24)



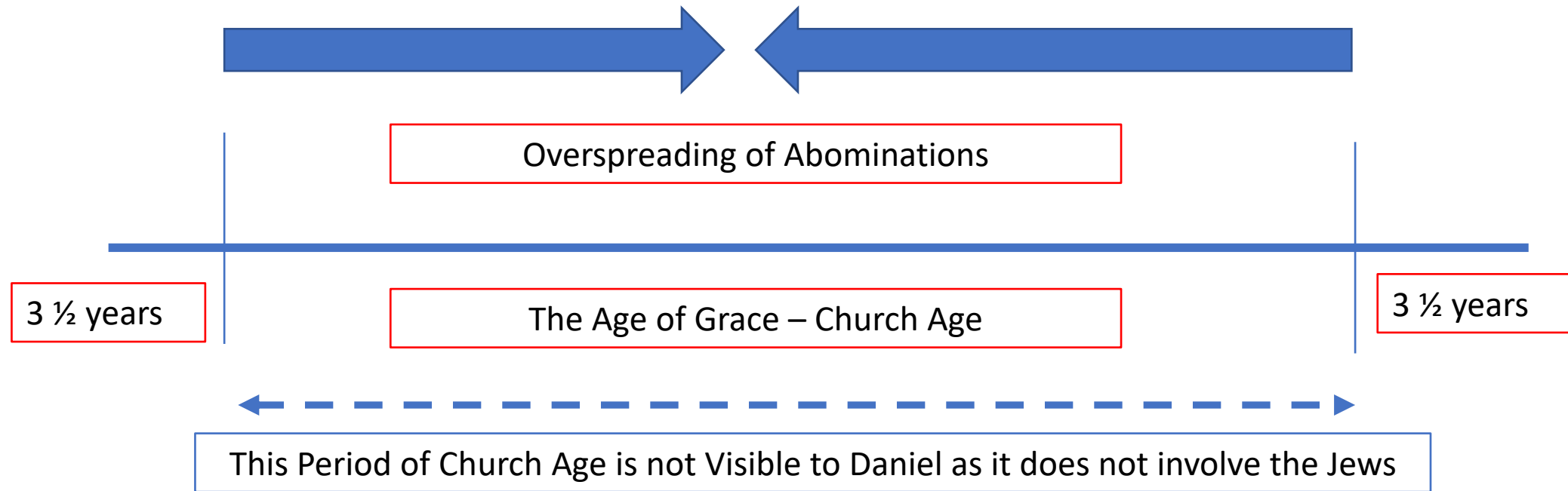
“Even until the consummation  
which is *determined* is *poured* out on the desolate”- Dan 9:27b

- **which is *determined*** – Which was declared as the beginning of the seventy weeks prophecy
- *poured out* – Scripture speaks of two aspects of “outpouring”
  - Outpouring Blessing - Isa 44:3, 45:8, Prov 1:23; Mal 3:10, Eze 39:29; Zech 12:10; Joel 2:28-29; Acts 10:45
  - Outpouring Wrath – Psa 69:24; 79:6; Jer 10:25; 14:16; 42:18; 44:6; Eze 7:8; 9:8; 14:19; 20:8,13; 21:22; 22:22; Hos 5:10; Zeph 3:8; 2 Chron 12:7; Dan 9:11;27
  - This is the period of the final Great Tribulation. The outpouring of the wrath of God in these seven bowls of wrath. It takes place at the final 3 ½ years, the close of the 70<sup>th</sup> week, bringing in the actual coming of the Messiah

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- Those who take the Mark of the Beast will take part in the divinely outpoured wrath of God
- Many will have the veil in their eyes removed under the ministry of the two witnesses and are grafted back into the faith-olive tree (Rom 11 with Rev 11)
- The Spirit of Grace and Supplication will save some to recognize Yeshua is their Messiah. Such will be martyred for their faith in the Messiah – Zech 12-13-14
- Others who reject the ministry of the Two Witnesses will suffer the outpouring of the wrath of God (Rev 13-14-15)
- Rev 11 especially concerns Judah and Jerusalem, similar to the Seventy-Week prophecy
- Yeshua, the Messiah made desolate the house of Judah. The final Desolator is the Antichrist, who causes all to take his Beastly Mark and worship his image.
- This is the ultimate manifestation of the “abomination that causes desolation and all, whether Jew or Gentile who worship the Antichrist will come under the outpouring wrath of God

# Where is the Church Age Gone to?



Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. – Dan 27