

The Week of Millenniums



Lesson Eight

Daniel 9 and the Seventy Sevens

With the bride of Christ safely tucked away in heaven, God's focus turns to his chosen people left on earth. The nation of Israel experiences what Jeremiah called "the time of Jacob's trouble" – a time of fear and trembling that ultimately leads to her salvation.

Jeremiah 30:6-7

- ⁶ Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?
- ⁷ Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: **it is even the time of Jacob's trouble**; but he shall be saved out of it.



This “time of Jacob’s trouble” is also known as “the great tribulation”.

Matthew 24:21

²¹ For then shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.



“Jacob” is a biblical term for Israel as a nation; Israel according to the flesh.
“The house of Jacob” are the natural children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Isaiah 58:1

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.



The antithesis to the house of Jacob is spiritual Israel, “the Israel of God.”
This is the congregation of new creatures in Christ – Jews (and saved Gentiles) whose sins were washed away by the blood of the Lamb.

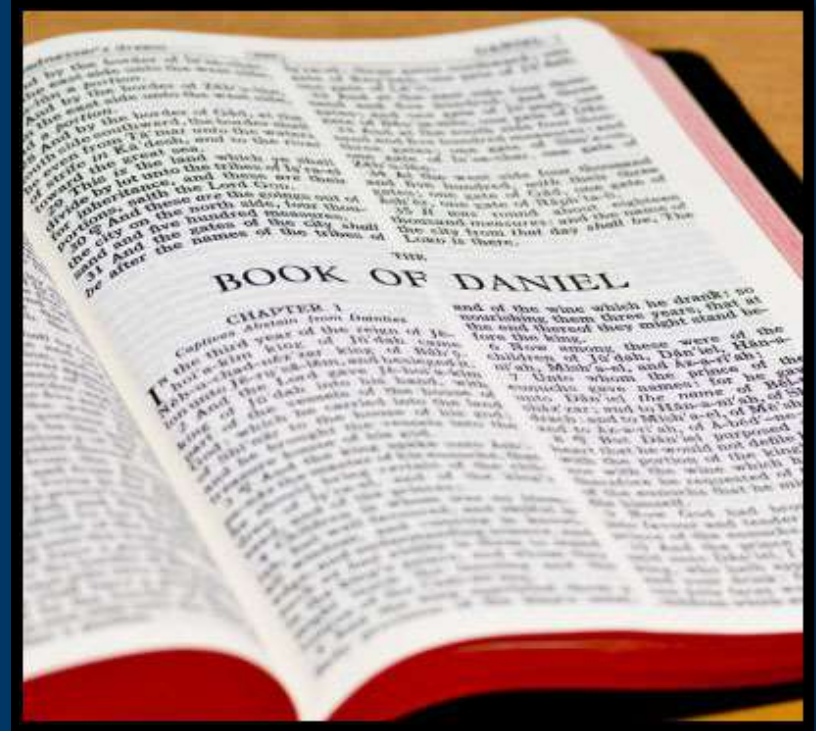
Galatians 6:15-16

- ¹⁵ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.
- ¹⁶ And as many as walk according to this rule, peace *be* on them, and mercy, and upon **the Israel of God.**



What is the great tribulation?
What is the purpose of it?
Who is involved?
How long will it last?
Will it happen before or after the Rapture
of the Church?

The answers to all these questions are
found in the book of Daniel.



Historians estimate that Daniel lived from 606 BC to 535 BC. He was born a prince in Judah shortly before the Babylonian invasion.



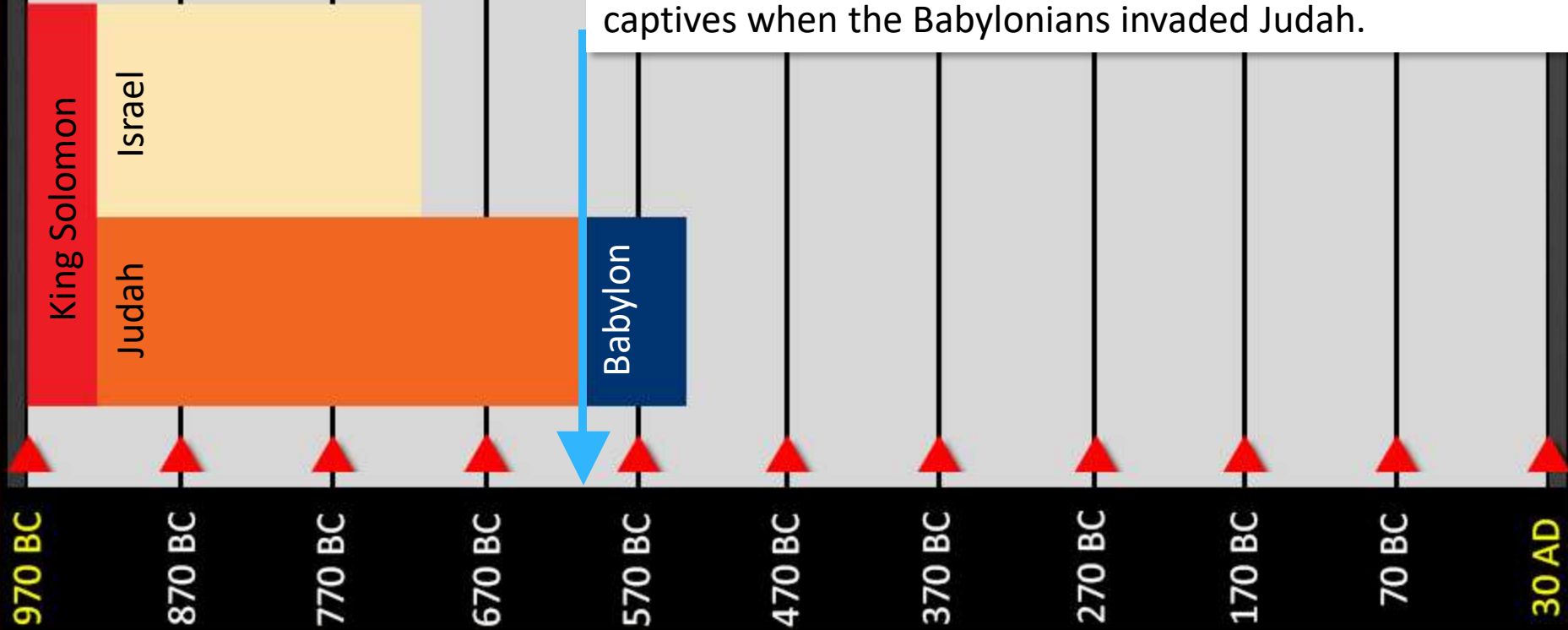
It was Daniel who received the revelation that God “removeth kings, and setteth up kings.” His writings refer to the many monarchs under whom he served:

Jehoiakim, king of Judah,
Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon,
Belshazzar, king of Babylon,
Darius, king of Medes, and
Cyrus, king of Persia.



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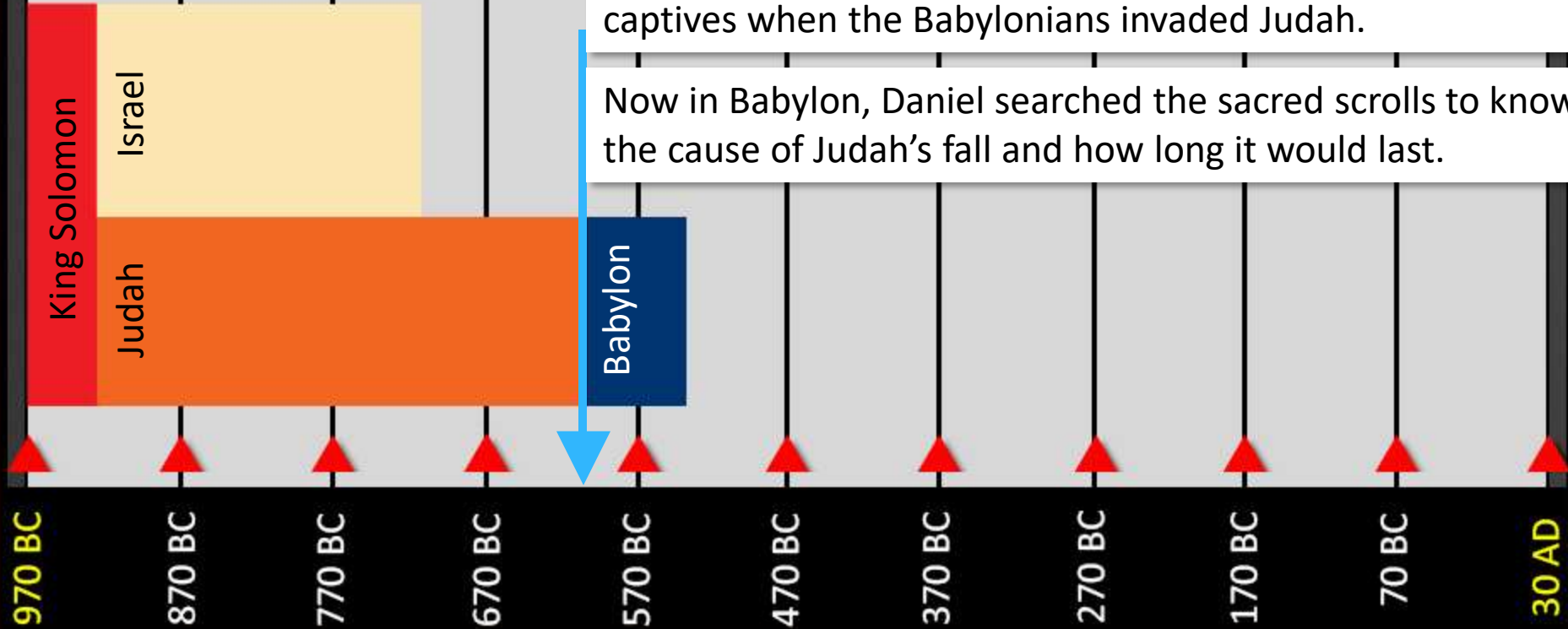
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Now in Babylon, Daniel searched the sacred scrolls to know the cause of Judah's fall and how long it would last.



Daniel 9:1-2

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This is recorded in Jeremiah 25 and 29.





Jeremiah 25:11-12

- ¹¹ And this whole land shall be a desolation, *and* an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon **seventy years**.
- ¹² And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, *that* I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.



Jeremiah wrote that after the seventy years were complete, the Jews would be allowed to return to their homeland:



Jeremiah 29:10-11

- ¹⁰ For thus saith the LORD,
That after **seventy years** be accomplished at
Babylon I will visit you, and perform my
good word toward you, in causing you to
return to this place.
- ¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward
you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and
not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Daniel learned that the Babylonian captivity would last 70 years.

But Daniel also wanted to know how long it would take for the **complete** restoration of God's chosen people – that is, the fulfillment of the covenants of promise.



After a prolonged season of prayer and fasting, the angel Gabriel came to him with a mysterious message:




Daniel 9:24-27

- ²⁴ Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.
- ²⁵ Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.
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- ²⁷ And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

All the answers we are looking for are in this passage!

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It helps to look at it a bit at a time.

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3) The last week

This prophecy has three sections:

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First, Gabriel revealed the TIME needed for God’s plan to unfold, and the PURPOSE of it.

2) The first 69 “weeks”

3) The last “week”

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The Hebrew word for “weeks” is שָׁבוּעַ (shabuwa), meaning seven, or a period of seven.

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The Revised Standard Version says it best: **Seventy weeks of years.**

A week of years is **seven years.**

Seventy “weeks of years” (70×7) are **490 years.**

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God’s plan would be fulfilled over a span of 490 years.


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Who?

Next, Gabriel revealed who this plan was for:
“Thy people” Israel and “thy holy city” Jerusalem.

It would take 490 years for God’s covenant promises to the Jews and Jerusalem to be completely fulfilled.

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Why?

The FIRST THREE spoke to the debt that had to be paid for Israel's *transgressions, sins, and iniquity* in order to reconcile her to God.

These three forms of wickedness
– transgressions, sins, and iniquity –
are each named in David's famous
psalm of repentance.

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin unto thee,
and mine iniquity have I not hid.

I said,

I will confess my transgressions unto
the LORD;

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To **SIN** is to miss the mark. It is “a violation of the divine law in thought or in act.” *

*Strong's Concordance, ἁμαρτία (hamartia)



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INIQUITY is wickedness or immorality in nature or character. It is not an action, but the *character* of an action.



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A **TRANSGRESSION** is a deliberate act of rebellion against the given standard.



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Why?

The Jews had the “usual” sins of humanity to answer for, but more than any people, they also had to answer for their rebelliousness toward God. As Jesus said in Luke 12:48, “unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required.”


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The LAST THREE speak to the fulfillment of the covenant promises.

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A “score” is 20. “Threescore” is 60. Threescore + 2 = 62.

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62 weeks of years $(62 \times 7) = 434$ years

$49 + 434 = 483$ years

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Gabriel told Daniel that there would be a period of 483 years from “the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem” until the crucifixion of the Messiah.

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As 1 Corinthians 15:3 says, Jesus died for our sins and not his own.

The commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem was made by the Persian king Artaxerxes.



Ezra 7:12-13, 20-21

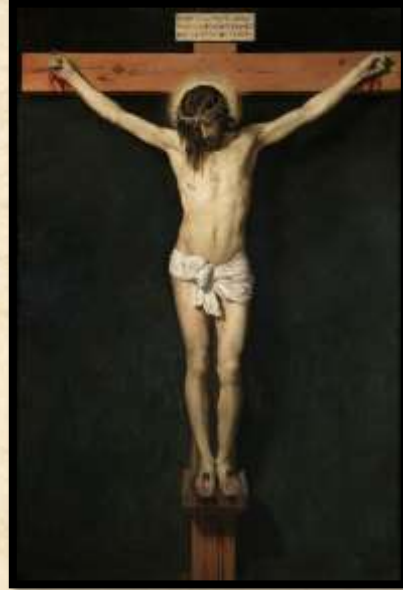
¹² Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect *peace*, and at such a time.

¹³ I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and *of* his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee.

²⁰ And whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow *it* out of the king's treasure house.

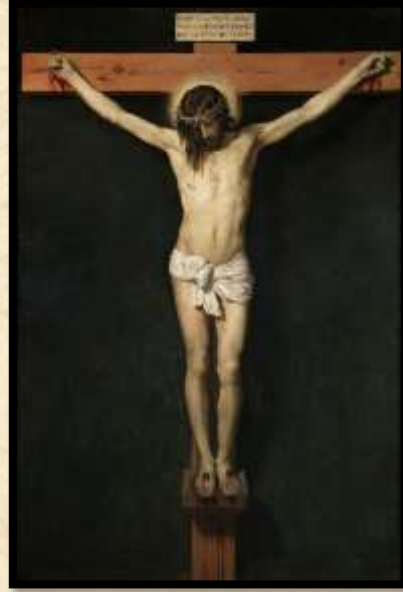
²¹ And I, *even* I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which *are* beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily,

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One prophetic year is **360 days**.

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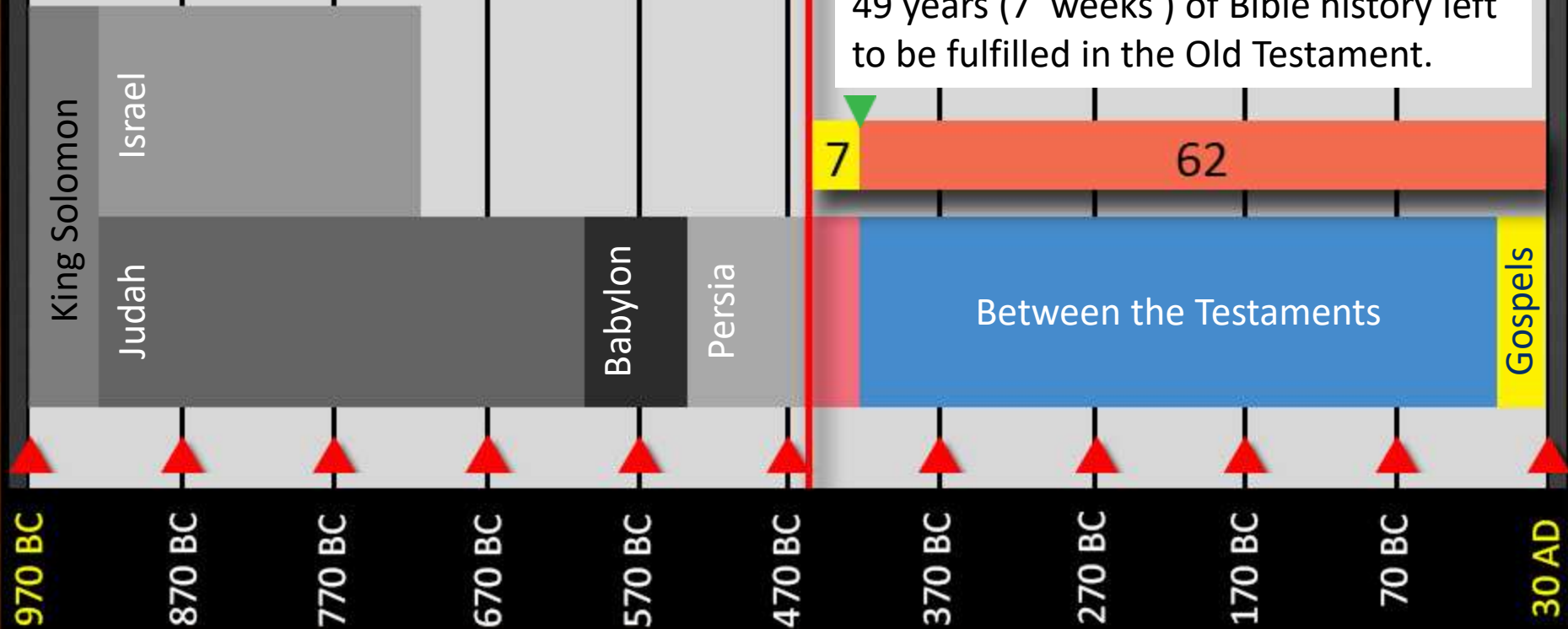
Why did Gabriel divided the 69 weeks of years into two parts?

Here is a possible explanation:



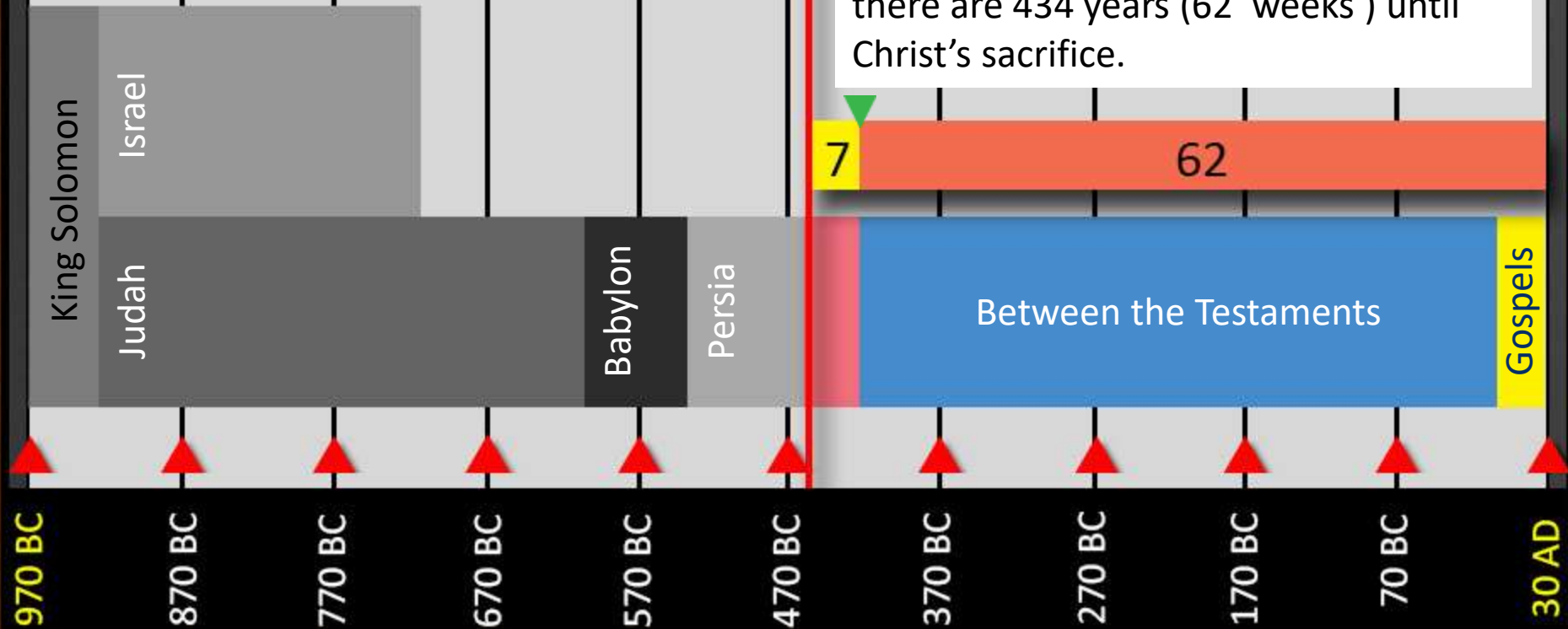
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At the time of the decree, there were 49 years (7 'weeks') of Bible history left to be fulfilled in the Old Testament.



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From the point the Old Testament ends, there are 434 years (62 'weeks') until Christ's sacrifice.



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This is what we have so far:

Daniel 9:24-26a

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The prince that shall come is the antichrist. But his time has not yet come. It is **the people of the prince** who destroy the city and sanctuary – people under the influence of the “that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world” (1 John 4:3).

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but not for himself:
- 26b and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the
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- 26b and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary;

There will be a gap of almost 2,000 years between 26a and 26c.

- 26c **and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood,**
and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

The Crucifixion



The Fall of Jerusalem



"The End"

The Crucifixion

26a

(The Church Age)

26b

The Fall of Jerusalem

26c

“The End”

God's special ministry to the Gentiles was a secret.
Even Gabriel did not know these two days!

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The end of the 69 Weeks

26a

(The Church Age)

26b

6

26c

The 70th Week

7

This prophecy concerns Israel, not the church, and so the Christian era is like a parenthesis in the count of the 490 years.

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The conclusion of verse 26 speaks of the end, the final “week” of this prophecy. This week begins after the Rapture of the Church.

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These seven years are the time of the antichrist – the subject of the next lesson.

Questions to Test Your Understanding of this Lesson

1. What was Jeremiah's name for the Great Tribulation? (10 pts)
2. What is the difference between "the house of Jacob" and "the Israel of God"? (20 pts)
3. In the prophesy of Daniel 9:24-27, each "week" represents seven _____. (10 pts)
4. In total, how many years are spoken of in this prophecy? (10 pts)
5. In Daniel 9:24, what were the six things that are needed to be accomplished to reconcile Israel to God? (20 pts)
6. The 69 "weeks" of Daniel 9:25-26a start with _____ and ends with _____. (20 pts)
7. What does it mean that the Messiah would "be cut off, but not for himself"? (10 pts)



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