

Glory to Glory Ministries – Minot, ND

Lesson 10: Daniel’s Future Kingdoms and 70 Weeks

1. Daniel 2 & 7: The Kingdoms to Come

- a. Daniel chapters 2 & 7 reveals the Kingdoms that would rule over Israel in the intertestamental period and the tribulation.

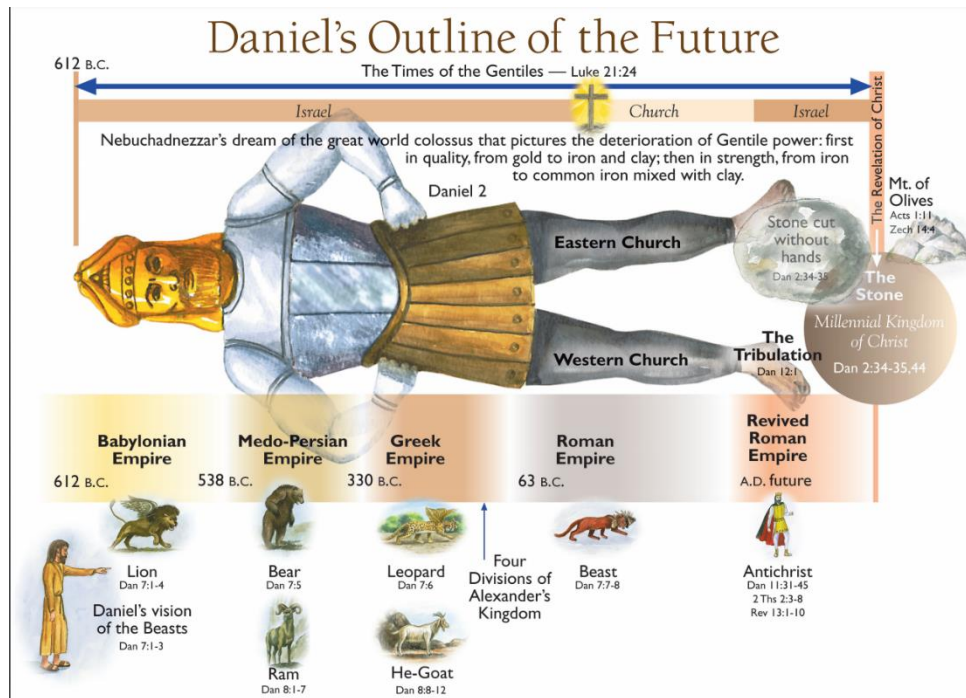
The Kingdoms	Symbols in Chapter 2 The Statue	Symbols in Chapter 7 The Beasts
Babylon 605-539 BC	Golden Head	Lion
Medo-Persia 539-331 BC	Silver Chest and Arms	Bear
Greece 331-146 BC	Bronze Belly and Thighs	Leopard
Rome 146 BC – AD 395	Iron Legs and Feet	The Terrible Beast

(Truth Seekers Fellowship, 2017)

- b. **Daniel 2:43–45 (NKJV)** As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. ⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. ⁴⁵ Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.” (Truth Seekers Fellowship, 2017)
- c. **Daniel 7:21–27 (NKJV)** “I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, ²² until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom. ²³ “Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all other kingdoms, And shall devour

the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces. ²⁴ The ten horns are ten kings Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings. ²⁵ He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time. ²⁶ 'But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy it forever. ²⁷ Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'

- i. This last section is worked out in the Book of Revelation which describes the coming of this "little horn" - the Beast, the Antichrist and his destruction at the return of Christ. (Truth Seekers Fellowship, 2017)
- d. Daniel contains graphic visions that provide an outline of what God would do from the sixth century B.C., when Daniel lived and wrote, until the coming of Messiah's kingdom in the Millennium. In Daniel 2 and 7 we see an overview of the four Gentile kingdoms that would play an important role in world history. The first of the four kingdoms was Babylon, under whose jurisdiction Daniel saw and wrote many of his prophetic visions. The other kingdoms were Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. Daniel's prophecy concludes by saying that the Roman Empire would undergo a revival into a ten-nation confederacy right before the coming of Messiah's kingdom. (LaHaye & Ice)
 - i. Refer to the full-page graphic in the appendix:



(LaHaye & Ice)

2. Daniel's Seventy Sevens

- a. **Daniel 9:20-27 (NKJV)** Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy mountain of my God, ²¹ yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. ²² And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand. ²³ At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision: ²⁴ "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy. ²⁵ "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; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times. ²⁶ "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;

And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined. ²⁷ 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. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.”

- i. (v24) “Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city.”
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 - b. To make an end of sins,
 - c. To make reconciliation for iniquity,
 - d. To bring in everlasting righteousness,
 - e. To seal up vision and prophecy,
 - f. And to anoint the Most Holy. (Truth Seekers Fellowship, 2017)
- b. (v25) “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; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.
 - i. While there is a few possibilities to when is the message was given to rebuild and restore Jerusalem and the Temple, it seems that the best fit is from Ezra given in 458/457 BC.
 - a. Stephen Miller (The New American Commentary) and Gleason L. Archer (The Expositor’s Bible Commentary) begin this dating.
 - ii. “Sevens” or $7 \times 7 = 49$ years and this would bring us to the date 409/408 BC.
 - a. The text does not tell us what would happen history shows us that this brings us to the rebuilding projects of Nehemiah and Ezra.
 - b. Miller notes that in the Elephantine Papyri another governor had replaced Nehemiah by 407 BC. This makes it possible and probable

that Nehemiah’s work was completed by 409/408 BC (Miller, Daniel, NAC).

iii. To this first set of “sevens,” we now add the other set of 62 “sevens” and come up with 69 weeks of years or 483 years. By adding this to the date 458 we come to the year AD 26/27.

a. **This is the time when Jesus would have been baptized by John at the beginning of His ministry!** (Truth Seekers Fellowship, 2017)

c. **The Big Picture of the Seventy Sevens**

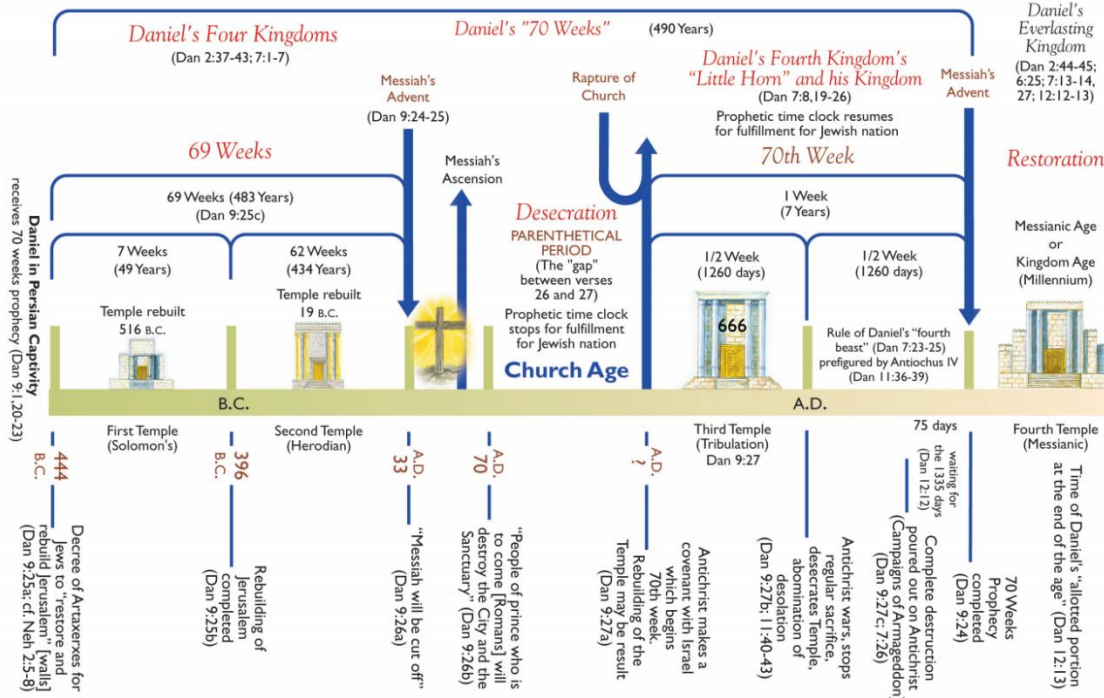
7 “Sevens” (49 years)	62 “Sevens” (434 years)	70th “Seven” (7 years)
The time in which Ezra and Nehemiah restore Jerusalem	Add to the first 7 “sevens” brings us to the beginning of Christ’s ministry	The final “seven” is the End Times in which Antichrist comes to power.
(458/457 - 409/408 BC)	(409/408BC - AD 26/27)	(Yet Future)

(Truth Seekers Fellowship, 2017)

d. Daniel’s “70 weeks” prophecy, given in Daniel 9:24-27, is the framework within which the seven-year Tribulation (or the seventieth week) occurs. The prophecy of the 70 weeks was given to Daniel by God while Daniel was in Babylon (Daniel 9:1; 2 Chronicles 36:21-23; Ezra 1; 6:3-5). In the vision God gave to Daniel, the Lord assured the prophet that He had not forgotten His chosen people. The angel Gabriel told Daniel that God would bring Israel back into their land and would one day set up the Messianic kingdom. What Daniel didn’t expect was the revelation that the prophecy would not be fulfilled at the end of the 70-year captivity in Babylon, but at the end of the future 70-week period described in 9:24-27. According to Daniel 9:27, the Antichrist will come to power during the prophetic milestone known as the seventieth week. It is this seventieth week, a future seven-year period, that is the Tribulation. (LaHaye & Ice)

i. Refer to the full-page graphic in the appendix:

The 70 Weeks of Daniel



(LaHaye & Ice)

3. Deciphering the Seventy Sevens

a.

“Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city...”

Literally “Seventy sevens” that are meant as “weeks” of years:

1 week = 7 years

70 weeks = 490 years

9:25a “Know then and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be.

The word is taken as that of Artaxerxes in **458/457 BC**.

7 Sevens (49 years) + 62 Sevens (434 years) for a total of 69 Weeks or **483 years**

483 years after 458/457 BC is 26/27 AD

	<p>which is the time in which Jesus began His public ministry.</p>
<p>9:25b "...It will again be built, with plaza and moat, but in distressful times.</p>	<p>This is probably the time signified by the first period of "sevens" – 7x7 or 49 years. This would be the time between 458/457 BC till 409/408 BC the times in which Ezra and Nehemiah were rebuilding in troubled times.</p>
<p>9:26a "Now after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one will be cut off and nothing.</p> <p>As for the city and the sanctuary, the people of the coming prince will destroy them. But his end will come speedily like a flood. Until the end of the war that has been decreed there will be destruction.</p>	<p>This comes after the total 483 years.</p> <p>Jesus' have crucifixion ("being cut off") took place about 3 years after the beginning of His ministry in AD 30.</p> <p>The later half of this verse speaks to the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem by Titus in AD 70.</p>
<p>9:27 He (the prince to come) will confirm a covenant with many for one week. But in the middle of that week he will bring sacrifices and offerings to a halt. On the wing of abominations will come one who destroys, until the decreed end is poured out on the one who destroys."</p>	<p>The final period of 7 years (The Seventieth Seven) is a period yet future and foreseen in Revelation 6-19. The historical events immediately after the life of Christ do not seem to fulfill what is revealed here.</p> <p>Jesus confirms this in Matthew 24 and Mark 14.</p>
<p>(Truth Seekers Fellowship, 2017)</p>	

4. Appendix:

a. **First graphic: Daniels Outline of the Future.**

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b. **Second graphic: The 70 Weeks of Daniel.**

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Daniel's Outline of the Future

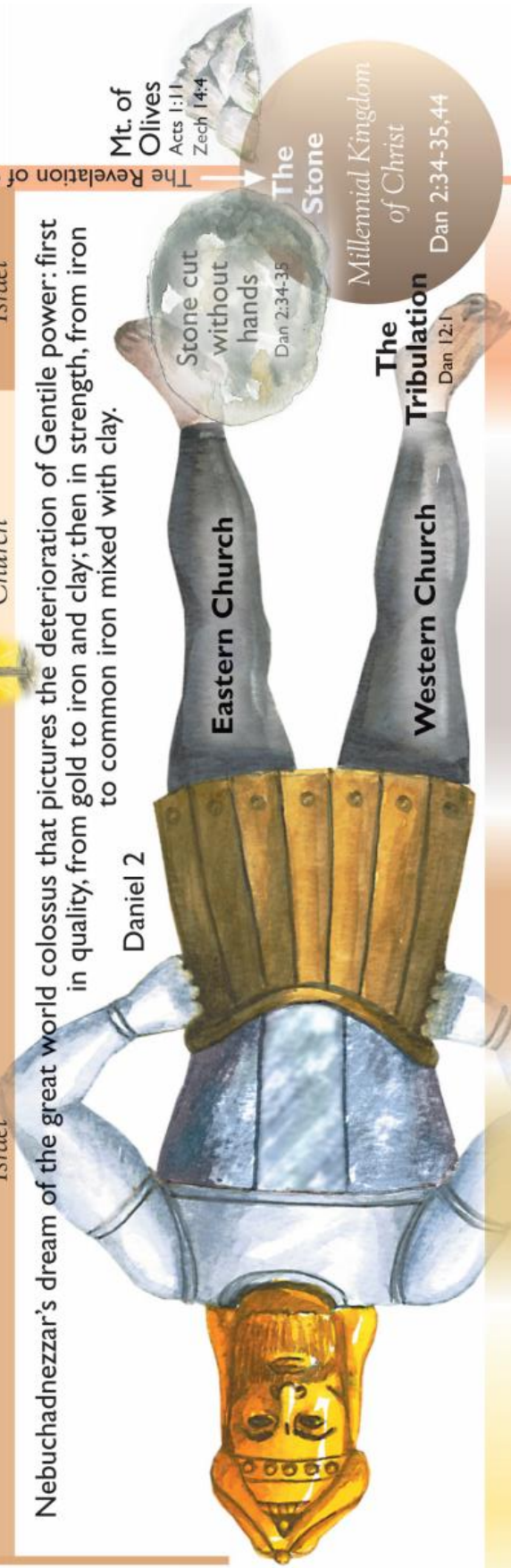
612 B.C.

The Times of the Gentiles — Luke 21:24



Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great world colossus that pictures the deterioration of Gentile power: first in quality, from gold to iron and clay; then in strength, from iron to common iron mixed with clay.

Daniel 2



Babylonian Empire

612 B.C.



Lion
Dan 7:1-4

Daniel's vision of the Beasts
Dan 7:1-3

Medo-Persian Empire

538 B.C.



Bear
Dan 7:5



Ram
Dan 8:1-7

Greek Empire

330 B.C.



Leopard
Dan 7:6



He-Goat
Dan 8:8-12

Roman Empire

63 B.C.



Beast
Dan 7:7-8

Four Divisions of Alexander's Kingdom

Revived Roman Empire

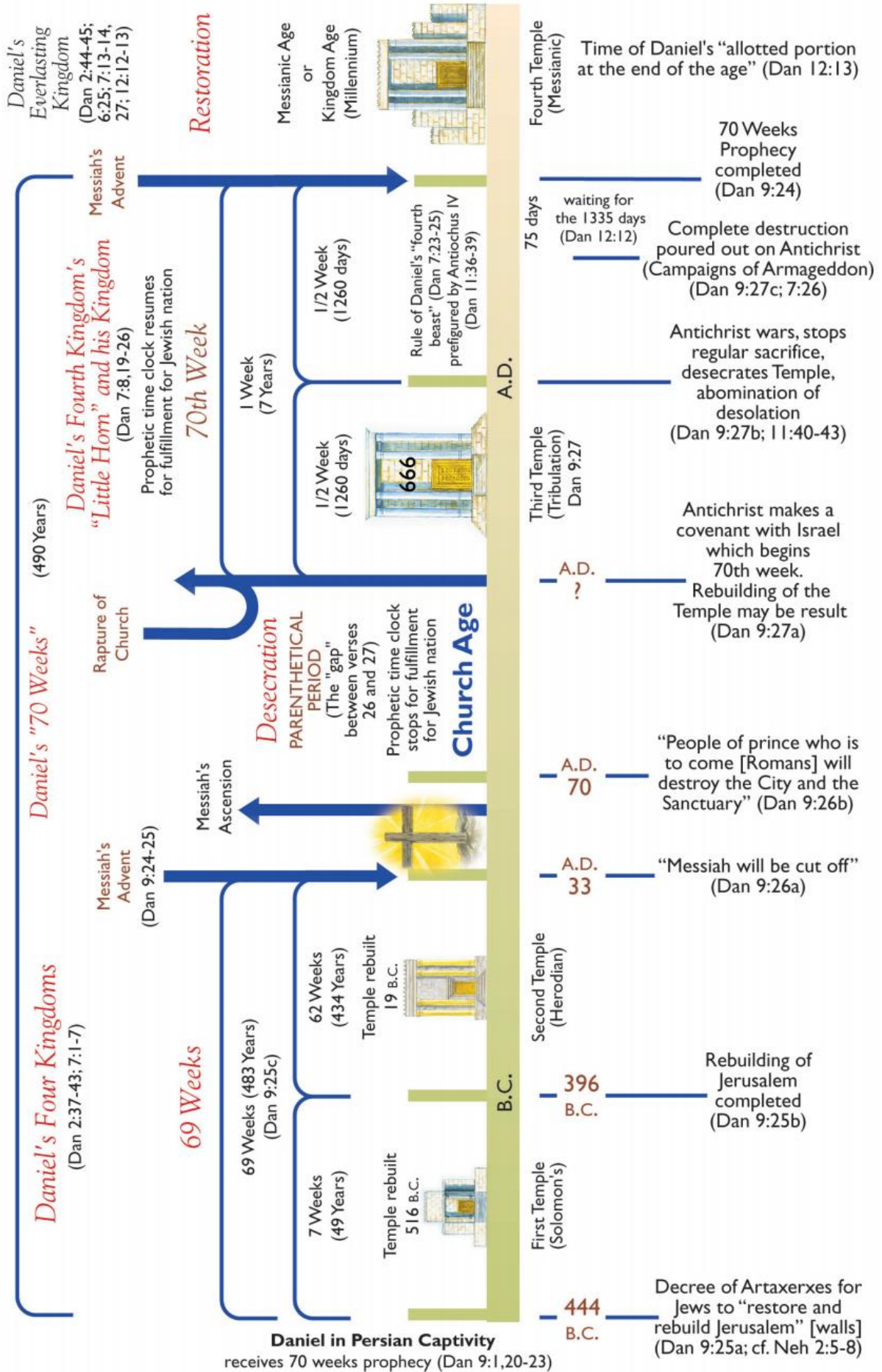
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Antichrist
Dan 11:31-45
2 Ths 2:3-8
Rev 13:1-10

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The 70 Weeks of Daniel



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