



# RESOLVED

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL



But Daniel **made up his mind**  
**[resolved in his heart]** that he  
would not defile himself with the  
king's choice food or with the wine  
which he drank; so he sought  
permission from the commander of  
the officials that he might not defile  
himself. Daniel 1:8

# THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL

A **historical-chronological** look at the book of Daniel illustrates that chapters 5-6 are flip-flopped with chapters 7-8.

**602 B.C.**

## Daniel 2

King Nebuchadnezzar's forgotten dream—a great statue – revealed & interpreted by Daniel.

## Daniel 3

Daniel's three friends refuse to worship the Great Image the King had built, are thrown into the fiery furnace & delivered by God.

## Daniel 4

King Nebuchadnezzar's vision of a Great Tree, Daniel gives the interpretation, & the King is given over to judgment & then delivered.

**551 B.C.**

## Daniel 8

Daniel has a vision of a Ram, a Goat, and a Little Horn with the interpretation.

**605 B.C.**

## Daniel 1

Daniel and his three friends taken captive to Babylon.

**553 B.C.**

## Daniel 7

Daniel is given a dream about Four Great Beasts & God's Greater and Final Kingdom.

**539 B.C.**

## Daniel 5

King Belshazzar's Great Feast, vision of Man's Hand writing on the wall, Daniel's interpretation & King Belshazzar is conquered that very night by Darius the Mede.

## Daniel 6

King Darius appoints Daniel as one of three commissioners over his kingdom. Daniel is "entrapped" and refuses order for worship of the King. Daniel is thrown into the Lion's Den but is delivered by God.

**538 B.C.**

## Daniel 9

Daniel reads Jeremiah's prophecy regarding Israel's captivity and confesses in prayer and supplication before God. Gabriel reveals to him Seventy Weeks for God's people.



**536 B.C.**

## Daniel 10

Daniel hears a word and has a "trembling" vision of a Great Man. A Man/Angel comes to him and comforts him, reassuring him of things regarding God's people for still future days.

## Daniel 11

The Angel conveys to Daniel the coming reigns and conflicts in regards to the Medo-Persian Empire and the Greek Empire. Then verse 36 shifts to a final self-exalting king.

**FUTURE**

## Daniel 12

Daniel is given a message/vision concerning the end of the world and a coming eternal kingdom for God's people.

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# ***Daniel 8***



“In the latter period of their rule, when the transgressors have run their course, a king will arise, insolent and skilled in intrigue. His power will be mighty, but not by his own power, and he will destroy to an extraordinary degree and prosper and perform his will; he will destroy mighty men and the holy people.”

Daniel 8:23-24



“And through his shrewdness he [Antichrist] will cause deceit to succeed by his influence; and he will magnify himself in his heart, and he will destroy many while they are at ease. He will even oppose the Prince of princes [Messiah Jesus], but he will be broken without human agency. The vision of the evenings and mornings which has been told is true; but keep the vision secret [preserve it] , for it pertains to many days in the future.” Daniel 8:25-26



# Daniel 8 gives hints about the coming Antichrist

1. He will achieve great power by subduing others (v. 24).
2. He will rise to power by promising false security (v. 25).
3. He will be intelligent and persuasive (v. 23).
4. He will be controlled by another (v. 24), that is, Satan.
5. He will be an adversary of Israel and subjugate Israel to his authority (v. 24-25).
6. He will rise up in opposition to the Prince of princes, the Lord Jesus Christ (v. 25).
7. His rule will be terminated by divine judgment (v. 25).



**Near-term fulfillment  
of prophecy**

**Antiochus IV Epiphanes**

**Ruled 175-163 BC**





# ***Daniel 9***



“In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans— in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.” Daniel 9:1-2

The year was 539 BC (same as chapter 6), 66 years after Daniel had been exiled to Babylon as a teenager. Exile began in 605 BC when Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians invaded Jerusalem.



Daniel was reading this passage...

“This whole land will be a desolation and a horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years. Then it will be **when seventy years are completed** I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation,” declares the Lord, “for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it an everlasting desolation.” Jeremiah 25:11-12

\*Prophet Jeremiah wrote in Judah from ca. 627-582 BC

\*Daniel chapter 9 occurred in 539 BC



Daniel was also reading this passage...

“For thus says the Lord, ‘When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place. Jeremiah 29:10


- \*Daniel chapter 9 occurred in 539 BC, 66 years after the Jews were taken into exile in 605 BC.
- \*After studying, Daniel wanted to know what would happen to the Jewish people in 4 more years.



## Why Did God Choose 70 Years?

The Jewish nation had inhabited the land of Israel for 490 years. The people of Israel were told to allow the land to rest every 7 years, it was to be a Sabbatical year of rest for the land (Leviticus 25:1-7). Israel disobeyed and Prophet Jeremiah told them God would take them out of the land and He would give the land the rest He had decreed. Judah went into captivity in Babylon for 70 years and the land rested.

-Source: Gary Frazier



“So I gave my attention to the Lord  
God to seek Him by prayer and  
supplications, with fasting,  
sackcloth and ashes.” Daniel 9:3

What do we do when we need answers?

What should we do when we need answers?



“I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed and said, ‘Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments, we have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly and rebelled, even turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances. Moreover, we have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes, our fathers and all the people of the land.’” Daniel 9:3-6



“Righteousness belongs to You, O Lord, but to us open shame, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those who are nearby and those who are far away in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against You. Open shame belongs to us, O Lord, to our kings, our princes and our fathers, because we have sinned against You.” Daniel 9:7-8





“To the Lord our God belong compassion and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against Him; nor have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His teachings which He set before us through His servants the prophets. Indeed all Israel has transgressed Your law and turned aside, not obeying Your voice; so the curse has been poured out on us, along with the oath which is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, for we have sinned against Him.” Daniel 9:9-11



“Thus He has confirmed His words which He had spoken against us and against our rulers who ruled us, to bring on us great calamity; for under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what was done to Jerusalem. As it is written in the law of Moses, all this calamity has come on us; yet we have not sought the favor of the Lord our God by turning from our iniquity and giving attention to Your truth.”

Daniel 9:12-13



“Therefore the Lord has kept the calamity in store and brought it on us; for the Lord our God is righteous with respect to all His deeds which He has done, but we have not obeyed His voice.” Daniel 9:14

\*Like individuals... nations who honor the Lord receive spiritual blessing and provision.

\*Nations who reject and dishonor the Lord will experience judgment and discipline.



“And now, O Lord our God, who have brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and have made a name for Yourself, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have been wicked. O Lord, in accordance with all Your righteous acts, let now Your anger and Your wrath turn away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; for because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people have become a reproach to all those around us.” Daniel 9:15-16




“So now, our God, listen to the prayer of Your servant and to his supplications, and for Your sake, O Lord, let Your face shine on Your desolate sanctuary. O my God, incline Your ear and hear! Open Your eyes and see our desolations and the city which is called by Your name; for we are not presenting our supplications before You on account of any merits of our own, but on account of Your great compassion. O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action! For Your own sake, O my God, do not delay, because Your city and Your people are called by Your name.” Daniel 9:17-19



“Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God, while I was still speaking in prayer, then the man [angel] Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to me in my extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering [3 pm].” Daniel 9:20-21



“He gave me instruction and talked with me and said, ‘O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding. At the beginning of your supplications the command was issued, and I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed; so give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision.’” Daniel 9:22-23



“Seventy weeks [שִׁבְעִים sevens] have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place.”

Daniel 9:24

Whereas people today think in units of tens (decades), Daniel’s people thought in terms of sevens (heptads). Seven days are in one week. Every seventh year was a sabbath rest year (Lev. 25:1-7). Seven “sevens” brought them to the Year of Jubilee (Lev. 25:8-12). Seventy “sevens,” then, is a span of 490 years.





“So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks [sevens] and sixty-two weeks [sevens]; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.” Daniel 9:25



## When was the decree issued "to restore and rebuild Jerusalem"? Possible dates:

- 538 BC — Cyrus, King of Persia, issued a decree to Zerubbabel to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 36:22-23; Ezra 1:1-3; and Ezra 6:1-5).
- 457 BC — Artaxerxes, King of Persia, issued a decree to Ezra authorizing him to reinstitute the Temple services, appoint judges and magistrates, and teach the Law (Ezra 7:11-26).
- 445 BC — Artaxerxes issued a decree to Nehemiah to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem (Nehemiah 2:1-8).

- Gabriel said, “Seventy weeks (sevens) have been decreed for your people and your holy city” Daniel 9:24
- 70 sevens = 490 years
- 7 sevens + 62 sevens + 1 seven = 70 sevens
  - 7 sevens = 49 years = time to rebuild the Temple after decree of Artaxerxes, ruler of Persia
  - 62 sevens = 434 years = time from decree of Artaxerxes until Triumphant Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday
  - 49 years + 434 years = 483 years = 69 sevens (Gabriel said “seven weeks AND sixty-two weeks” in Daniel 9:25)
  - 1 seven remaining = 7 years = **Great Tribulation**, which will begin with the signing of a peace treaty between Israel and the Antichrist; will end with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ



“Then after the sixty-two weeks [which are after the seven weeks] the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come [Antichrist] will destroy the city [Jerusalem] and the sanctuary [Temple]. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.” Daniel 9:26



# Jewish Temple was destroyed in 70 AD

On the 10th of August, in AD 70 – on the 9th of Av --the very day when the King of Babylon burned the Temple in 586 BC, the Second Temple was burned. Titus and the Roman Legion took the city and put it to the torch, burning the Temple.

<http://www.templemount.org/destruct2.html>

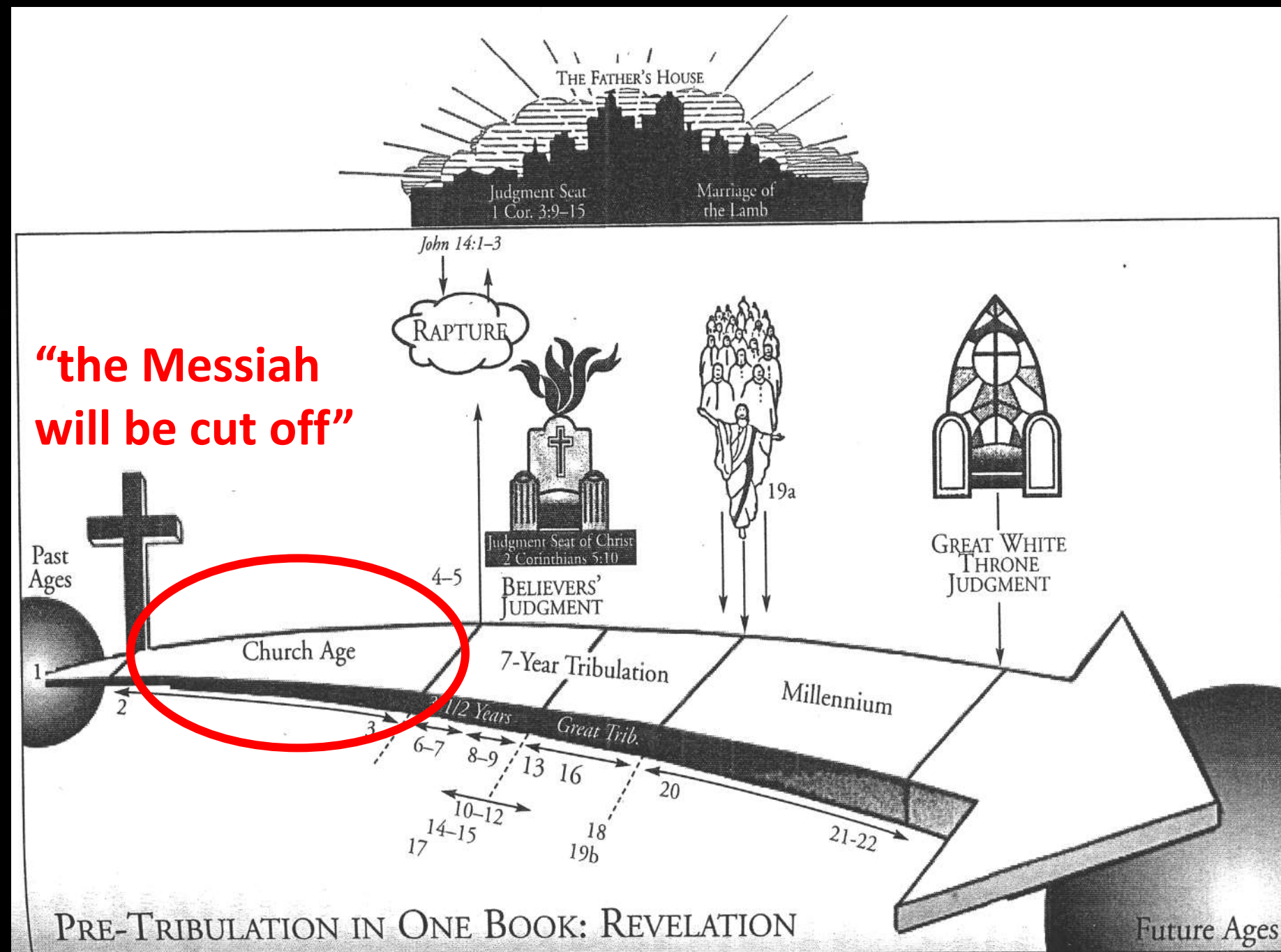
- The Siege of Jerusalem in 70 AD was the decisive event of the First Jewish–Roman War. The Roman army, led by the future Emperor Titus, with Tiberius Julius Alexander as his second-in-command, besieged and conquered the city of Jerusalem, which had been occupied by its Jewish defenders in 66 AD.
- The siege ended with the sacking of the city and the destruction of its famous Second Temple. The destruction of both the first and second temples is still mourned annually as the Jewish fast Tisha B'Av.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege\\_of\\_Jerusalem\\_\(AD\\_70\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege_of_Jerusalem_(AD_70))

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of the  
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and the  
sanctuary  
Daniel 9:26



We presently live in the **Church Age**, a gap between the **69<sup>th</sup>** and **70<sup>th</sup>** weeks (sevens) of Daniel's vision in Daniel 9. The 70<sup>th</sup> and final week (7 years) will begin with the Great Tribulation. The Great Tribulation begins after the Church of Jesus Christ exits the earth at the Rapture.

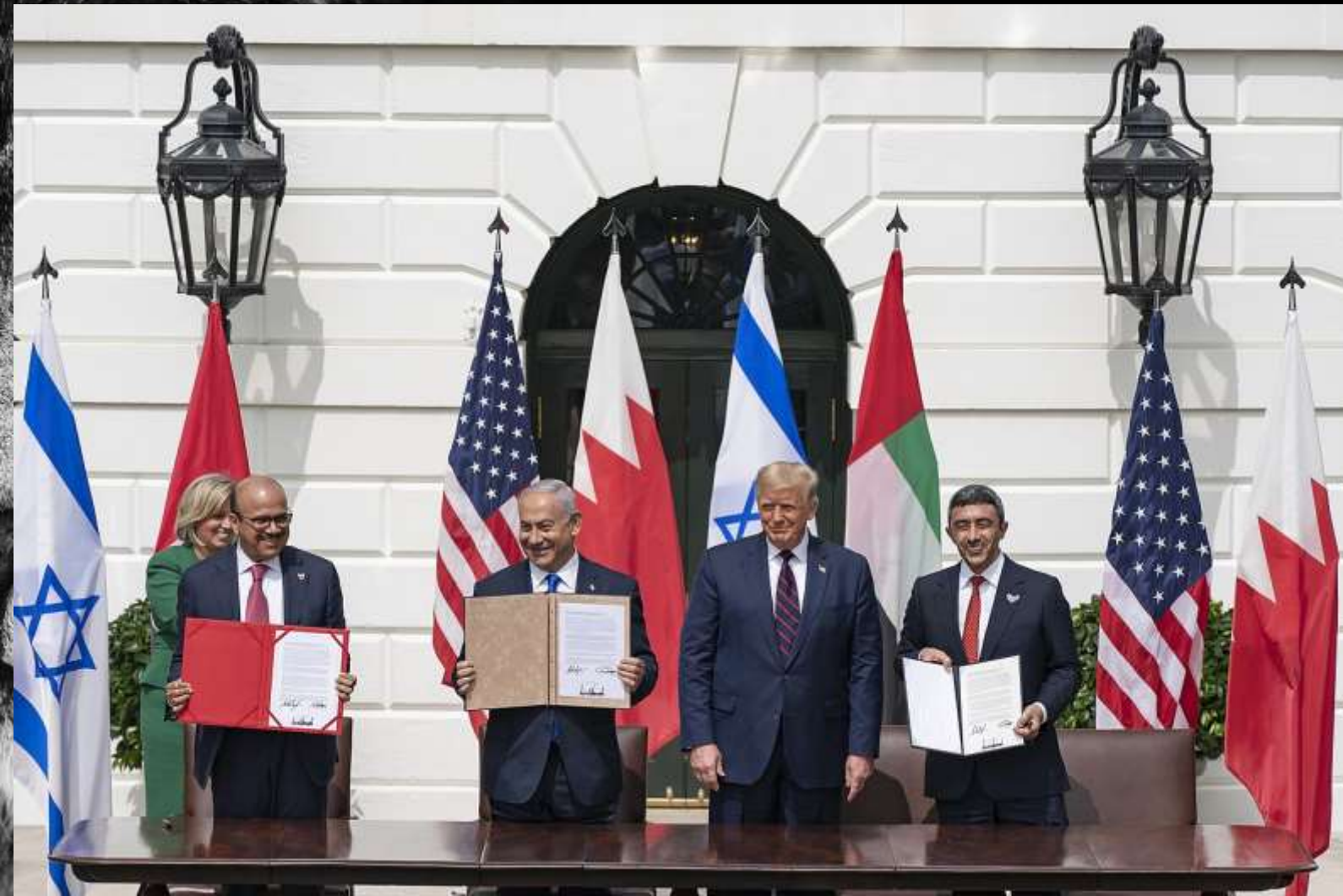




“And he [Antichrist] will make a firm covenant with the many [Israel and nations] for one week [“seven”, the 7 year Tribulation], but in the middle of the week [after 3.5 years] he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.” Daniel 9:27



# Could This Ever Happen?

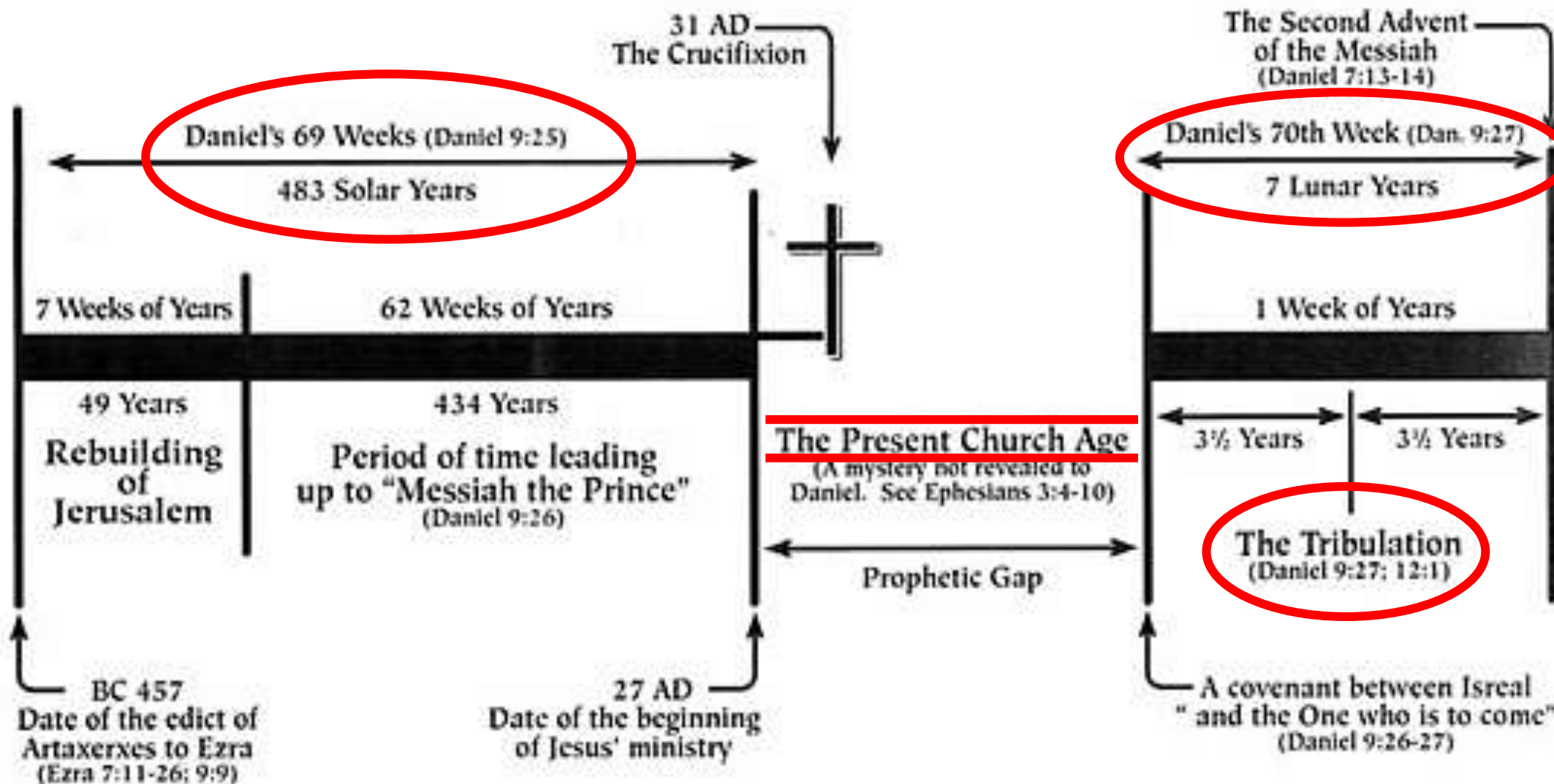


The signing of the Abraham Accords on September 15, 2020, led to a normalization of ties between Israel, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. On October 23, 2020, Israel and Sudan agreed to normalize ties. On December 10, 2020, President Donald Trump announced that Israel and the Kingdom of Morocco agreed to establish full diplomatic relations.



“There was given to him [Antichrist] a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months [3.5 years] was given to him. And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven. It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.” Revelation 13:5-7

# DANIEL'S SEVENTY WEEKS (Daniel 9:24-27)





# Characteristics of the Antichrist



# Arrogance

- “This little horn had eyes like human eyes and a mouth that was boasting arrogantly.” Daniel 7:8
- “The king will do as he pleases, exalting himself and claiming to be greater than every god there is, even blaspheming the God of gods.” Daniel 11:36
- The Antichrist will be so filled with self-love and arrogance that he will launch a rebellion against God Almighty. He will place himself above all others, and even set himself up in the Jewish Temple, proclaiming himself to be God.



# Demonically Empowered by Satan

- “He will become very strong, but not by his own power.”  
Daniel 8:24
- “This evil man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles. He will use every kind of wicked deception to fool those who are on their way to destruction because they refuse to believe the truth that would save them.” 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10
- “And the dragon gave him his own power and throne and great authority.” Revelation 13:2
- Following the Devil’s banishment from heaven (Revelation 12:9), he will indwell the Antichrist, making this man of lawlessness the literal embodiment of Satan.



# Beholden to Power

- “He will have no regard for the god of his ancestors, or for the god beloved of women, or for any other god, for he will boast that he is greater than them all. Instead of these, he will worship the god of fortresses – a god his ancestors never knew – and lavish on him gold, silver, precious stones, and costly gifts.” Daniel 11:37-38
- “They worshiped the dragon for giving the beast such power, and they worshiped the beast. ‘Is there anyone as great as the beast?’ they exclaimed. ‘Who is able to fight against him?’” Revelation 13:4



# Nationality

- “A ruler will arise whose armies will destroy the city and the Temple.” (Daniel 9:26) He must come from among those people who were part of the Roman Empire of that time.
- In Daniel 8, the angel Gabriel explains Daniel’s vision of a Ram and Goat as events relating to the Greek Empire of Alexander the Great. In a claim verified by history, Gabriel states that following the death of Alexander, the empire will be divided into four parts. From one of those four parts, the Antichrist will arise.
- Daniel 11 examines the breakup of Alexander’s empire, describing historical events relating to the King of the North and the King of the South. The latter part of the chapter describes the Antichrist, identifying him with other historical figures who have held the title “King of the North.” This links the Antichrist to the Northern Kingdom of the divided Greek Empire. This kingdom was ruled by one of Alexander’s generals, Seleucus, who ruled the areas of Syria, Mesopotamia (modern Iraq), and Persia (modern Iran). <http://brittgillette.com/>





Has the Antichrist  
come to power yet?

“Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him [rapture of the Church], that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things? And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed.” 2 Thessalonians 2:1-6

“For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way [rapture of the Church]. Then that lawless one [Antichrist] will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.”

2 Thessalonians 2:7-10

# How will Antichrist come to power?



Paul Henri-Spaak, president of the United Nations General Assembly (1946-1947) and Secretary General of NATO (1957-1961), prime minister of Belgium and a proponent of socialism and one-world government, said this in a General Session of the UN in 1957:

“We do not want another committee. We have too many already. What we want is a man of sufficient stature to hold the allegiance of all people, and to lift us out of the economic morass in which we are sinking. Send us such a man and, be he God or the devil, we will receive him.”



# What finally happens to the Antichrist?

- “But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever.” Daniel 7:26
- “And through his shrewdness he will cause deceit to succeed by his influence; and he will magnify himself in his heart, and he will destroy many while they are at ease. He will even oppose the Prince of princes, but he will be broken without human agency.” Daniel 8:25
- “And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. “  
Revelation 19:20



# Lessons from Daniel 9

1. God has a plan of redemption for all people.
2. God will keep His eternal covenant with the Jews.
3. Daniel learned about the divine plan of God by reading and studying the Word of God (Prophet Jeremiah).
4. We should begin praying by praising God for His attributes, His greatness and faithfulness. Let God's character provide the context for prayer. (Source: Randy Alcorn)
5. Nations, like individuals, are judged because of their humility or arrogance before God. We need to repent on behalf of America for our national sin.
6. We are living in the midst of the Last Days and should be watchful for the unfolding prophetic events.