

Look-Back Review Daniel – Revelation Part 1



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When we began



- ❧ Hard to believe we started our study almost 2 years to the day
 - ❧ September 10, 2021 – Intro to Revelation
- ❧ In that very 1st study, I told us way in advance that this was not only an advanced study, but we're going to spend quite of bit of time laying the groundwork before even opening the book of Revelation
 - ❧ You can't say I didn't warn you of our snail pace! 🤪

Where we began: ROEs



- ❧ It was also in our very 1st study, that I first introduced to us our 10 ROEs (or 10 Guiding Principles we will abide by and follow)
 - ❧ If we didn't have rules or principles to abide by, we could unintentionally add/take away from Scripture
 - ❧ Add alternative theories to what's already out there
 - ❧ Our ROEs have kept us grounded, on firm foundation
- ❧ Our ROEs have gone through some refinements over the 2 years, but here is the latest...

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

2.0

I

You shall interpret Scripture with Scripture

VI

You shall not over spiritualize and explain away Scripture

II

You shall not add or take away from Scripture

VII

*You shall not make church tradition,
Creeds or Doctrines on par with Scripture*

III

You shall not take Scripture out of context

VIII

You shall not elevate man's teachings with Scripture

IV

You shall not cancel Scripture with Scripture

IX

You shall not impose personal bias

V

You shall interpret Scripture with a literal fulfillment

X

You shall be corrected by and obey Scripture

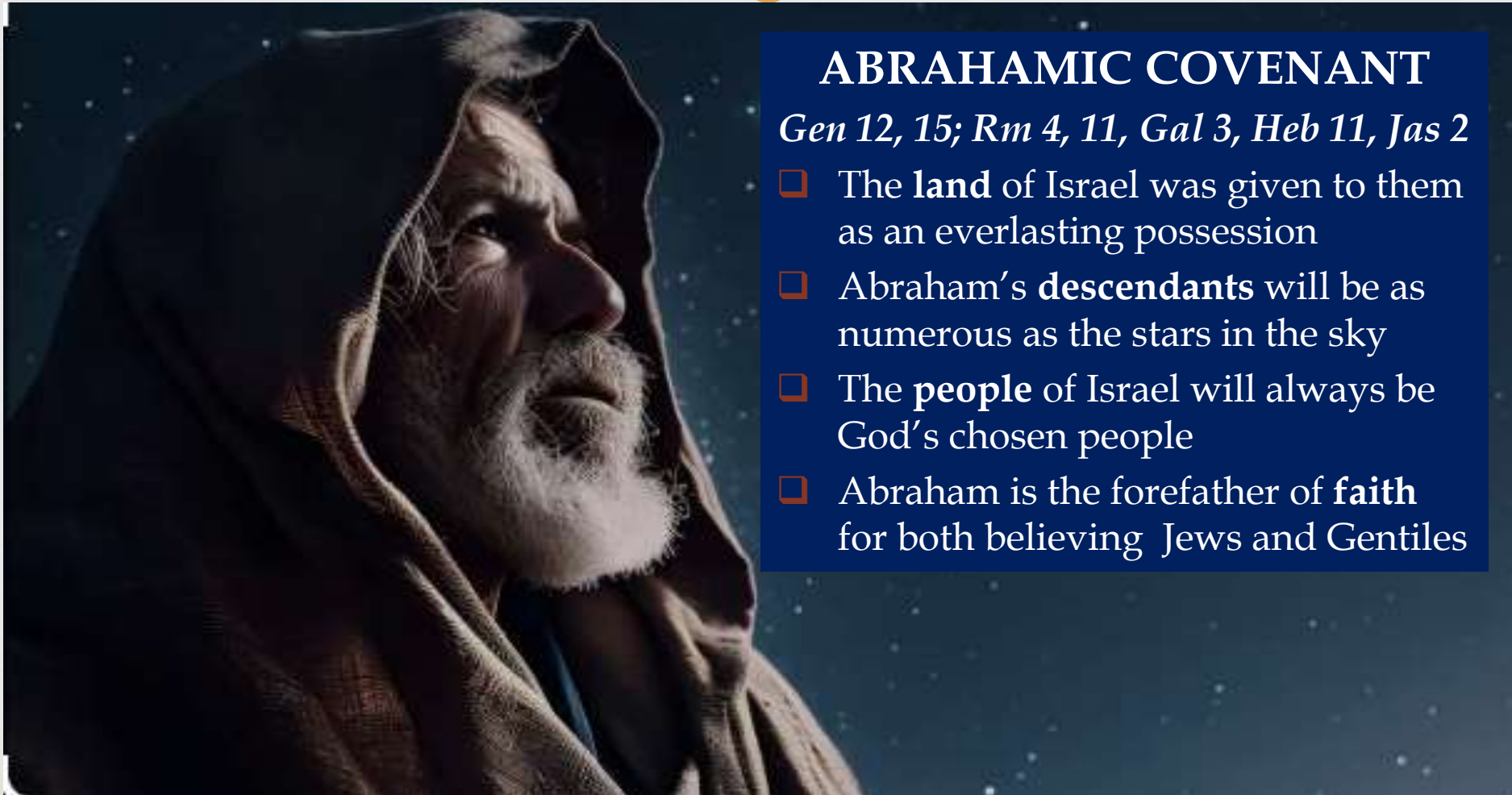
Where we began: The Basics



- ❧ We started this journey by covering the basics:
 - ❧ Q1: What is the book of Revelation about?
 - ❧ Q2: Who wrote it, when, and to whom was it written to?
 - ❧ Q3: What was its intended purpose?
 - ❧ Q4: How is it to be interpreted?
 - ❧ Q5: What do I need to know to understand it?

- ❧ As for Q5, we covered important topics we need to know at a minimum when studying end times including...

Where we began: Covenants

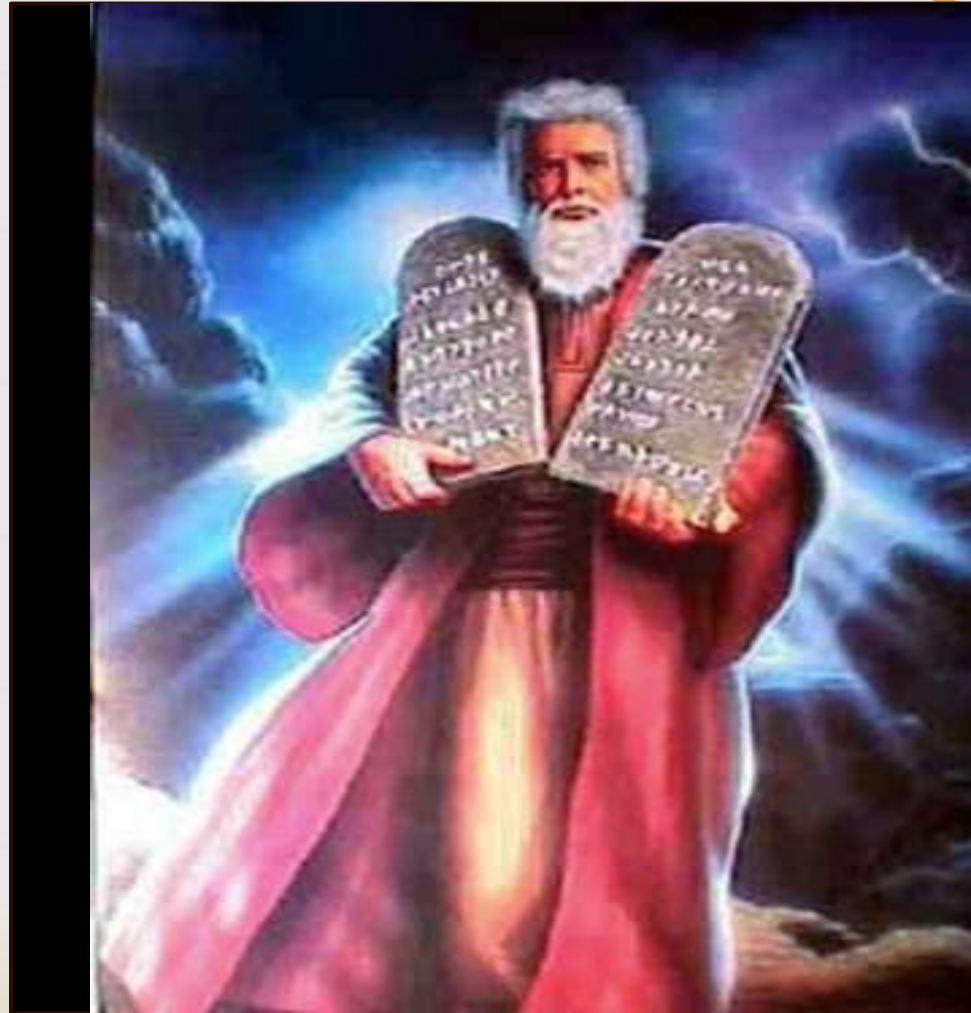


ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Gen 12, 15; Rm 4, 11, Gal 3, Heb 11, Jas 2

- ❑ The **land** of Israel was given to them as an everlasting possession
- ❑ Abraham's **descendants** will be as numerous as the stars in the sky
- ❑ The **people** of Israel will always be God's chosen people
- ❑ Abraham is the forefather of **faith** for both believing Jews and Gentiles

Where we began: Covenants



MOSAIC COVENANT

- ❑ Came with blessing and cursing
- ❑ If the people of Israel **obey** the Law: they will be blessed
- ❑ If the people of Israel **disobey** the Law: they will be cursed

Where we began: Covenants



DAVIDIC COVENANT

- ❑ God promised to make David's name great, cut off all his enemies
- ❑ God promised to plant Israel in peace and safety
- ❑ God will make a house for him and raise up his descendant after him
- ❑ David's son (Messiah) will build a house for God's Name and God will establish the throne of His kingdom forever



IMPORTANT NOTE



- ❧ Concerning those 3 covenants, a couple of things
- ❧ We cannot know and understand the Bible apart from these covenants in the OT
 - ❧ In fact, Old Testament = Old Covenant
- ❧ How can we tell someone Jesus loves them and died for them, apart from showing the promises in these covenants from the OT?
- ❧ How can we learn and study the end times apart from the OT?
- ❧ Jesus is the fulfillment of the blessings and promises in these covenants that God has made with His people in the OT!
- ❧ The book of Revelation is the fulfillment of what was spoken in the OT and the teachings of Christ in the NT!

IMPORTANT NOTE



☞ Secondly, God Himself (not man) initiated the covenants and the terms and conditions of the covenants

☞ Paul alludes to this in Romans chapter 9:

Romans 9:11-16 (concerning the Abrahamic Covenant)

11 for though the twins {Jacob and Esau} were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls, 12 it was said to her, "THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER." 13 Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED." 14 What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! 15 For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION." 16 So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

Where we began: Daniel



- ❧ Then, we spent several months studying Daniel's visions w/end times implications
 - ❧ The Great Statue
 - ❧ The Four Beasts
 - ❧ The Ram and the Goat
 - ❧ The Little Horn
 - ❧ 70 Weeks Prophecy
- ❧ Why Daniel?
- ❧ I'd like to make a parallel by reading an account recorded by Luke...

Luke: Road to Emmaus



CONTEXT:

- ✧ After Jesus rose from the dead, there was a lot of commotion
- ✧ The women came to Jesus's tomb bringing the spices they prepared
- ✧ They found the tomb empty
- ✧ They were met by angels declaring to them that Jesus has risen
- ✧ The women reported it to the apostles
- ✧ The apostles didn't believe their testimony, but Peter ran to the tomb and found it empty and was marveling as to what happened
- ✧ I'd like for us to pick up now Luke's account on the Road to Emmaus where 2 of the apostles company was met by Jesus...

Luke: Road to Emmaus



Luke 24:13-27

13 And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and began traveling with them. 16 But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. 17 And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?" And they stood still, looking sad. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?" 19 And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him. 21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened.

Luke: Road to Emmaus



22 But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see.” 25 And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” 27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

Where we began: Daniel



- ❧ So why did we start with Daniel?
- ❧ It can be said, that “beginning with Daniel, I’m trying to explain to us the things concerning end times prophecy in the book of Revelation”
- ❧ As I mentioned before
 - ❧ The Scripture said Daniel understood all kinds of visions and dreams (Dan 1:17)
 - ❧ Our Lord Jesus singled out Daniel in His Great Olivet Discourse (Mt 24, Mk 13)
 - ❧ And I argued the book of Daniel
 - ❧ is **the cornerstone** of all end times prophecy
 - ❧ gives us **the most comprehensive** end times prophecy in the OT
 - ❧ gives us **a timeline** of end times prophecy and the end of the age

The Great Statue

Represents historical and end times super world powers (kingdoms and kings) who Israel's Messiah will crush and put to an end and set up an everlasting kingdom on earth

The Great Statue

Middle East:

- Afghanistan
- Armenia
- Egypt
- Iran
- Iraq
- Israel
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Pakistan
- Syria
- Turkey

European:

- France
- Great Britain
- Greece
- Italy (Rome)
- Spain

Wild Card:

- India
- Saudi Arabia

Added:

- Algeria
- Belgium
- Georgia
- Morocco
- Portugal
- Romania
- UK

Dan 2:

feet of iron and clay and crushed them. 35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed **all at the same time** and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

IMPORTANT NOTE



- ❧ Concerning the Great Statue
- ❧ It parallels the Tower of Babel account
- ❧ I'd like for us to read that account

IMPORTANT NOTE



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CONJECTURE



The Great Statue vision parallels the Tower of Babel in these ways:

- ✎ There has always been a desire by someone for world domination (beginning with Nimrod)
- ✎ Confusing the language only put a wrench in those plans

CONJECTURE



The Great Statue vision parallels the Tower of Babel in these ways:

- ✧ The Great Statue vision was given to the King of Babylon the great world power at that time
- ✧ The final world power is described with a woman sitting on a scarlet beast and on her forehead written

BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH - Rev 17:5

CONJECTURE



CASE IN POINT:

- ❧ The desire for world domination began with Nimrod and will culminate in the end times when a figure arrives on the scene and declares himself to be God – man of lawlessness
- ❧ At the Tower of Babel account the languages were confused, anyone what to venture to guess how the languages can be un-confused in the end times?

Big tech companies

From sources across the web

 **Apple**
CEO: Tim Cook (Aug 24, 20...)

 **Google**
CEO: Sundar Pichai (Oct 2, ...)

 **IBM**
CEO: Arvind Krishna (Apr 6, ...)

 **Adobe**
CEO: Shantanu Narayen (D...)

 **Nvidia**
CEO: Jensen Huang (Apr 5, ...)

 **Samsung Group**
CEO: Kyung Kye-hyun (Mar ...)

 **Broadcom**
CEO: Hock E. Tan (Mar 2006-)

 **Dell Technologies**

 **Microsoft**
CEO: Satya Nadella (Feb 4, ...)

 **Facebook**
CEO: Mark Zuckerberg (Jul ...)

 **Intel**
CEO: Patrick P. Gelsinger (F...)

 **Cisco**
CEO: Chuck Robbins (Jul 26...)

 **Tencent Holdings**

 **Tesla**
CEO: Elon Musk (Oct 2008-)

 **Sony**
CEO: Kenichiro Yoshida (Ap...)

 **Placeholder**

 **Amazon**
CEO: Andy Jassy (Jul 5, 202...)

 **Alphabet**
CEO: Sundar Pichai (Dec 3, ...)

 **Oracle**
CEO: Safra Catz (Sep 2014-)

 **Salesforce**
CEO: Marc Benioff (Nov 200...)

 **Dell**
CEO: Michael S. Dell (Jan 3...)

 **Qualcomm**
CEO: Cristiano Amon (Jun 3...)

 **Uber Technologies Inc**
CEO: Dara Khosrowshahi (A...)

 **Placeholder**

The Four Great Beasts

Are 4 kings during the end times who will arise from the Great Mediterranean Sea (Mediterranean Nations) and are God's instruments to punish Israel for their sin and rebellion. The 4th King, will be a 4th kingdom with 10 Kings, of which the little horn (Anti-God) will arise from - uprooting the first 3 Kings



IMPORTANT NOTE



- ❧ I've been arguing that the 4 Kings described in Daniel's Four Great Beasts visions are - END TIMES KINGS
- ❧ The biggest CLUE was the 1st Beast (Lion with Eagles Wings) was given a human mind
 - ❧ Potentially describing artificial intelligence
 - ❧ Or the downloading of one's conscience
- ❧ To my knowledge, no kings in history met this criteria

The Ram and Goat

Represents historical and end times kingdoms and kings who conquered and will conquer Mediterranean nations and kings (including the people, land, and temple of Israel). The Ram represents ancient Media-Persia. The Goat represents ancient Yavan. The Small Horn (False Prophet) is a descendent of the Goat and will be given authority over the regular sacrifice and Israel's last king in the end times.

The Ram's Identity



20 The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia.

Modern-day countries in play for end times:

- ☞ Iran (most likely)
- ☞ Iraq
- ☞ Afghanistan
- ☞ Pakistan
- ☞ Turkey
- ☞ Syria
- ☞ Jordan
- ☞ Israel
- ☞ India (wild card)



The Goat's Identity



21 The shaggy goat represents the kingdom of Greece [Yavan, land of Japeth], and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

Modern-day countries in play for end times:

- ☞ Turkey (most likely), Japeth also was allotted:
- ☞ Italy (Rome)
- ☞ Greece
- ☞ Syria
- ☞ Bulgaria
- ☞ Georgia
- ☞ Armenia, and others (N, NW, E, NE, of Israel)



WANTED Sketch

Beasts from the Sea



Beasts from the earth



WANTED Sketch



Anti-God
"beast from the Sea"
"the little horn"



Anti-Christ
False Prophet
"beast from the Earth"
"the small horn"



WANTED Sketch



Anti-God		Anti-Christ
"beast from the Sea"		False Prophet
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Dan 8:

Interpretation of the Vision

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WANTED Sketch



Anti-God		Anti-Christ	
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"the little horn"		"the small horn"	

SPOILER ALERT

This comes to fruition in Rev 13!

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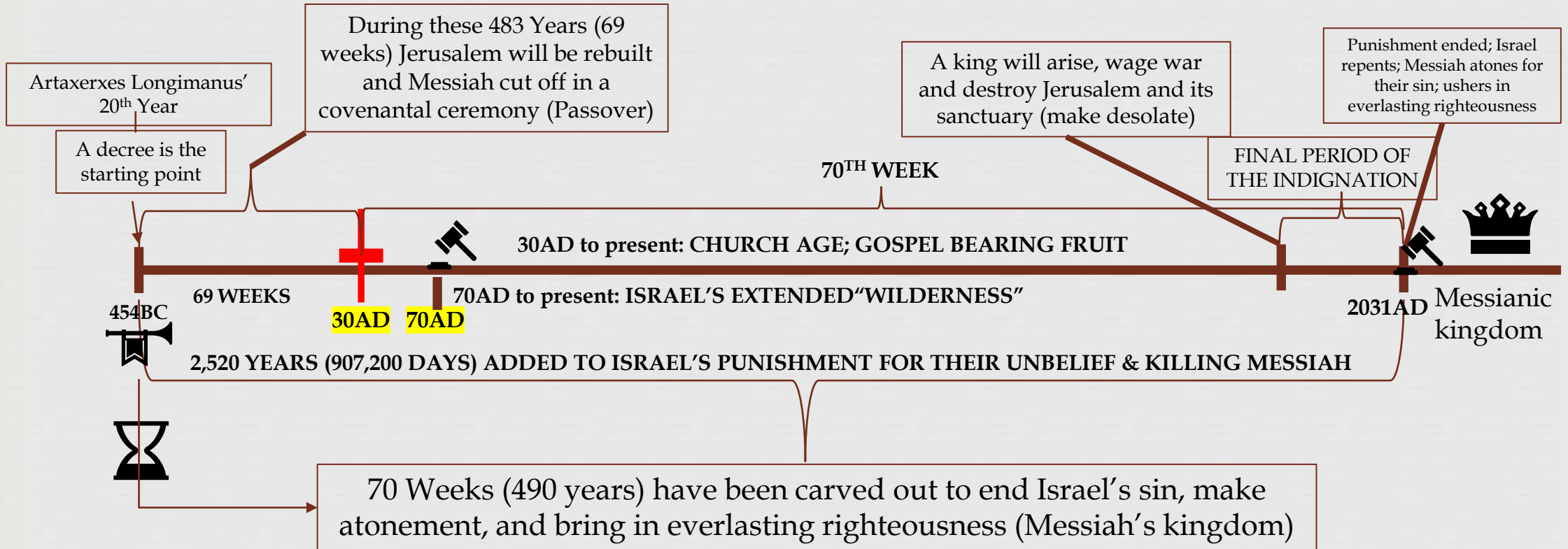
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70 Weeks Prophecy

Represents 490 years carved out in history as the total length of Israel's punishment for their sin, unfaithfulness, killing their Messiah. Once the 490 years of punishment has been fulfilled at the end times, God will rescue them, make full atonement for their sin, and establish His kingdom on earth



KEY TAKEAWAYS:

Daniel Series



- ❧ End times prophecy is centered around:
 - ❧ The people of Israel
 - ❧ The land of Israel
 - ❧ Primarily between Mediterranean nations
- ❧ What to look for:
 - ❧ A holy covenant between Mediterranean nations
 - ❧ Permission granted to the Jews to re-build 3rd Temple, reinstatement of animal sacrifices
 - ❧ False prophets and messiahs making great claims, performing signs and wonders
 - ❧ Dispute and wars between Mediterranean nations, including over the holy covenant
 - ❧ A king or world ruler “given a human mind”
 - ❧ The giving over of the animal sacrifices and Israel’s PM over to another world leader
 - ❧ Destruction of Israel and the erection of the abomination of desolation in the Temple

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

Daniel Series



∞ And last, but not least

∞ Daniel ends with the sealing of his vision:

Daniel 12:9-10

9 He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for **these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time**. 10 Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand.