

# The keys to understand Time Prophecy

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"Thy word is truth" ...John 17:17

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**PLEASE NOTE: Kindly refer to your Bibles for every scripture reference and read thoroughly.**

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Today we will take up the study of what is called....  
"time prophecy".



**WHAT IS MEANT BY "time prophecy" ?**

We know that prophecy consists of God's revelations of future events and happenings **before they happen** for we read **THIS** of God in -

**Isaiah 46:10**

**".....declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are NOT YET DONE....."**

But "time prophecy" consists of an **EXTRA** feature of revealing



.....the **"DATE"** or the **"PERIOD OF TIME"**

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in the flow of God's great Divine Plan of the Ages for again  
we read **THIS** of **GOD** in -

### **Job 24 :1**

**“Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that  
know him NOT SEE HIS DAYS.”**



Yes ! There are **PRE-APPOINTED** fixed dates and periods of  
time in God's plan and the study of “time prophecy” will  
greatly help us **IN FINDING OUT** and **UNDERSTANDING**  
this matter.

**“TIME PROPHECY” IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE  
STUDENTS OF THE BIBLE !!**

There are many examples of 'time prophecy" in the  
scriptures like -



**1. REVELATION 12:6 and 14 and 13:5**

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2. DANIEL 12:11 and 12



3. DANIEL 8:14...and many more.

These "time prophecies" are revealed in **PROPHETIC LANGUAGE** and are subject to the laws of "prophetic" **CALCULATIONS**.

Today we will study and **ALSO UNDERSTAND** some of the "keys" to unlock **TIME PROPHECY** by the study of **TWO** "time prophecies" -



1. The "seventy weeks" of Daniel 9:25-27



2. The "times of the Gentiles" as seen in Luke 21:24.

Let us make it clear to the brethren and the **READERS** of this lesson that the **FOCUS** of this lesson is **NOT** on the study of these prophecies.....

.....but rather on **THE KEYS TO UNDERSTAND ALL TIME PROPHECIES**.....

that will be manifested in the study of these prophecies.

So, for those who find it hard to understand the **INTRICACIES** and the **SYMBOLIC LANGUAGE** of these prophecies **IMMEDIATELY**, our word of **ADVICE** is.....

that understanding can come **BY and BY**....but the **REAL FOCUS** for us today is to **FIND THOSE KEYS!!**

Having made the point clear let us begin -

# 1. THE "SEVENTY WEEKS" PROPHECY

This is the only time prophecy referring to Our Lord's  
FIRST ADVENT and its details.

Let us now study it as we read from -

**Daniel 9:25-27**

**“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. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for Himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. 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 oblations 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.”**

In this scripture we see....



**“....From the going forth of the commandment to restore and to BUILD Jerusalem unto the Messiah....”**

shall be SEVEN WEEKS and THREE SCORE AND TWO WEEKS (69 weeks)



**“....And after three score and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off... (After 69 weeks)**

**“...And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week,  
and in the MIDST of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and  
oblations to cease...”**



**WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN ?**

It is a **“TIME PROPHECY” OF THE LORD'S FIRST  
ADVENT AND.... THE ONLY ONE !!**

It gives us many **IMPORTANT DATES** such as.....the  
year of the Lord's **BAPTISM,**

His death,...and **THE PERIOD** of His ministry, which is **NOT**  
found anywhere else in the Bible - **NOT EVEN IN THE  
GOSPELS OF THE WHOLE NEW TESTAMENT!!**

Let us now try to **UNDERSTAND** this prophecy...step by step-



Let us first **NOTE** carefully where the “time prophecy”  
**BEGINS -**

**“From the GOING FORTH of the commandment (decree -NIV)  
to restore and to build Jerusalem...”**

Some are likely to think this to be a reference to.... **THE  
REBUILDING OF.....THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM !**


**BUT THIS IS NOT SO !**

For we note the matter in vs -25-

**“...The STREET shall be built again and the WALL even in  
troubles times.”**

**DID YOU SEE THAT?!**

Yes ! This decree refers to the **REBUILDING** of  
.....“the walls and streets” of **JERUSALEM !**

 Having understood that, now **WHAT** is the  
"commandment" or "decree"

being referred to **HERE** and.....**WHEN** was the year of  
its issue ?

We begin our search first with the "decree" that was sent  
forth for the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem  
as we read now from -

### **II Chronicles 36:23**

**"Thus saith Cyrus King of Persia, all the kingdoms of the earth hath  
the Lord God of Heaven given me; and he hath charged me to BUILD  
HIM AN HOUSE IN JERUSALEM...."**

**BABYLON**

**CYRUS**

**B.C. 536**



Yes ! This was in....**THE YEAR 536 B.C** - the very year that  
the Israelite exiles in Babylon were freed and allowed to  
return home !



But this decree to rebuild the temple was **NOT** executed then **BUT...MUCH LATER !!**

It got lost and much later **AND....AFTER** the reign of Cyrus, while searching in the “**treasury of the scrolls**” it was discovered and **ONLY THEN** was **THE ORDER FORMALLY** sent forth as we read in -

### **Ezra 6:1-3**

**“And search was made in the house of the scrolls...and there was found at Achmetha in the palace that is in the province of the Medes a roll and therein was a record thus written Cyrus the king made a decree....let the house be builded...”**

Yes! And finally it was built and completed a little later by **TAT'NAI** then governor of Trans - Euphrates and his associates as we read in -

### **Ezra 6:12,15**

**“.....I, Darius have made a decree; let it be done with speed. Then Tat'nai, governor on this side the river...and this house was finished on the third day of the month, Adar... which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.”**

But it was **MUCH LATER** in time (after **KINGS CYRUS** and **DARIUS**) and specifically in the

**“twentieth year of king Artaxerxes the king” (Nehemiah 2:1)** that Nehemiah received the “**decree**” to go to Jerusalem and then it was that he **BEGAN** to rebuild **the broken walls of Jerusalem.**

It all happened as revealed in detail in -

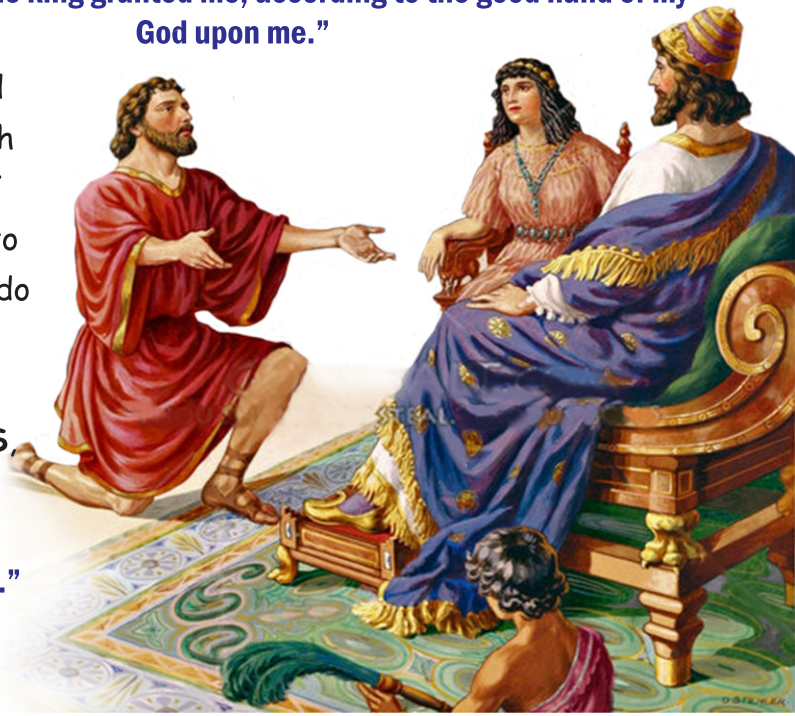
### **Nehemiah 2:1-8**

**“And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of**



Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence. Wherefore the king said unto to me, why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick ? This is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid, and said unto the king, let the king live forever: Why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my father's sepulchers, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire ? Then the king said unto me, for what dost thou make request ? So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said unto the king, if it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers sepulchres, that I may build it. And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him) for how long shall thy journey be ? And when wilt thou return ? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time. Moreover I said unto the king, if it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.”

Here we read that Nehemiah who was **THE CUPBEARER** to the king of Medo Persia - **KING ARTAXERXES**, was thus “always in the King's presence.”



One day it so happened that the King noted Nehemiah's "sad face" and enquired the reason and Nehemiah revealed the reason (vs - 3) as being the hearing about the ruined condition of the Holy City of Jerusalem which Nehemiah had come to understand of through visitors who had come to see him with the news as we read in -

### NEHEMIAH 1:2-4

**“that Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. And they said unto me, the remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burnt with fire. And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven.”**



The King on hearing of the matter asks Nehemiah of  
 ....WHAT HE WISHES TO REQUEST !!

**Vs -4- “then the king said unto me, for what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of Heaven.”**

Yes ! Nehemiah after praying the “shortest prayer” of a few seconds perhaps makes a request to the king for permission to go and **REBUILD THE WALLS** of Jerusalem.



The request is granted and all **NECESSARY DOCUMENTS** and **MATERIALS** are arranged for before Nehemiah leaves for the task.

**THIS.....IS THE DECREE REFERRED TO IN DANIEL 9:25**

We note that this was in the "twentieth year" of King Artaxerxes whose rule in secular history (refer to any encyclopedia) is said **TO HAVE BEGUN IN 474 B.C**



**.....AND HIS "TWENTIETH YEAR" WOULD BE - 454 B.C**

(Because **ADDING** is actually **MISUSING** in the period of B.C because time calculation goes **BACKWARDS** ! )

This is the **BEGINNING DATE** of this "time prophecy" !

Having learnt this matter, now let us return to the prophecy and read from -

**Daniel 9:25**

**"That from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks and three score and two weeks..."**



What does "...unto Messiah" mean ?



Does it refer **TO THE BIRTH** of Jesus ?

Please **NOTE** that the words are **NOT** .....**"unto Jesus"** but rather is "...unto Messiah"



**SO WHAT WOULD THAT MEAN?**

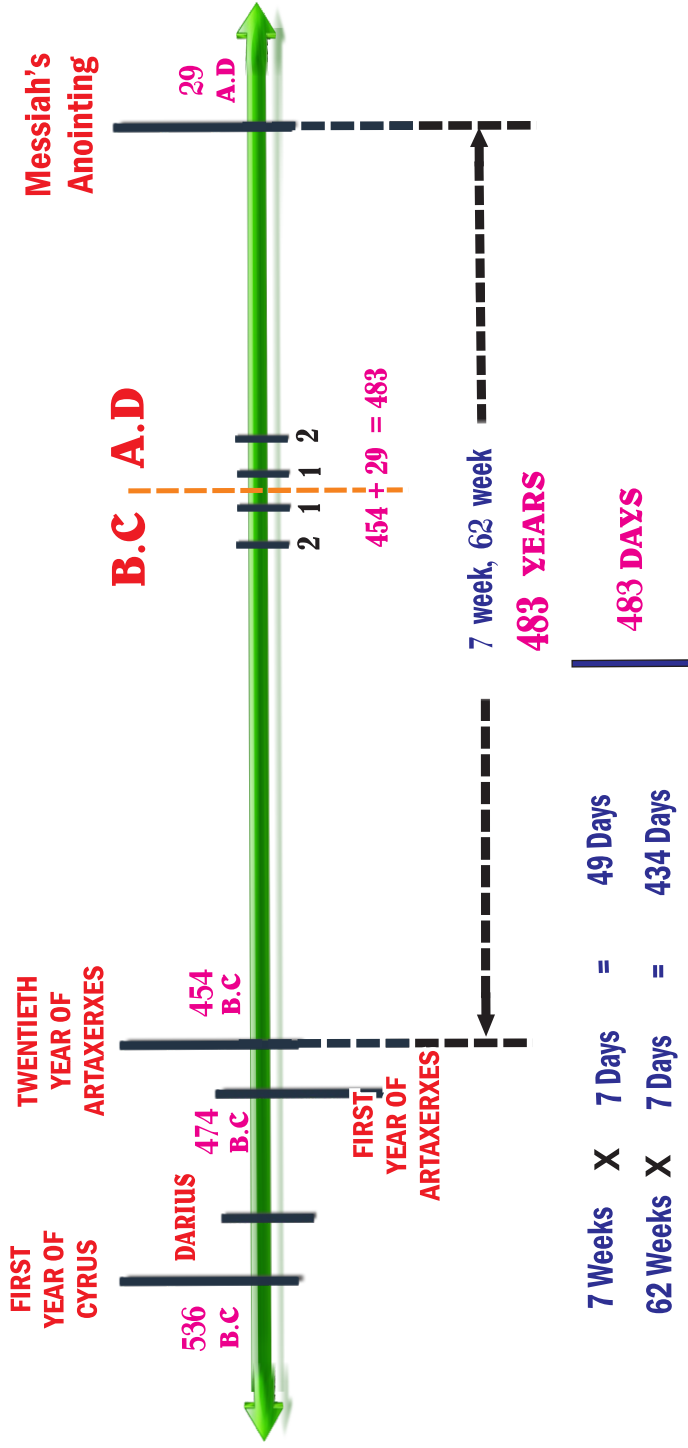
Jesus became the "**Messiah**" or the "**Anointed one**" at his anointing or **AT HIS BAPTISM** when the Holy Spirit "without measure" was given unto him as we read in -

**John 3:34 - "for he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him."**

So the words "**unto Messiah**" refer **NOT** to Jesus **BIRTH** but....to **JESUS BAPTISM**, when He was 30 years of age (Luke 3:23)

Thus, dear brethren, we have **IDENTIFIED** the two ends of this "time prophecy" !!

Now let us study the matter of the numbers -



Now we must keep in mind that these are **NOT** natural 24 hour days but rather are what are called "prophetic" days.

One prophetic day is equal to one literal year.

Just as for Jesus.....A DAY IS EQUAL TO A THOUSAND OF OUR YEARS. (II Peter 3:8) or 365,000 of our days so too in "prophetic days" too **THERE IS A CALCULATION** - which we read about in -

**Ezekiel 4:6**

**"...I have appointed thee each day for a year..."**

Yes! And again we read the same principle in -

**Numbers 14:34**

**"...Even forty days, each day for a year..."**

**There ! Each "prophetic" day is equal to....ONE LITERAL YEAR.**

Thus 483 prophetic "days" unto Messiah must then be equal to



**.....A LITERAL PERIOD OF 483 YEARS !!**

Thus the date of Jesus "baptism" can be calculated as -

**483**



**454 B.C**



**29 A.D**

**"...Unto Messiah" The literal years calculation of the "sixty nine weeks"**

**Beginning Point of the prophecy**



**THUS 29 A.D IS...THE YEAR OF JESUS BAPTISM !**

So the "sixty nine weeks" prophecy period **BEGINS...in 454 B.C** and goes on until **29 A.D**



**THE YEAR OF JESUS BAPTISM - "unto Messiah".**

Now to the study of **THE LAST WEEK** or the "seventieth week" of the prophecy which we read of in -

**Daniel 9:27**

**“And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week, and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease...”**

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?**

This refers to Jesus **OFFERING UP HIMSELF** as the -  
**“.....Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world” - John 1:29**

This was at Calvary which was the  
 “ransom for ALL” ( I Timothy 2:6)

This was the TRUE SACRIFICE FOR SIN and that  
 having been given and **COMPLETED**

...the **TYPICAL “sacrifices”** and “oblations” or **OFFERINGS**  
 of the Jews ceased to be recognized by God as we read in -

**Hebrews 10:11,12**

**“And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes, the same sacrifices which can never take away sins; but this man after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God.”**

(THESE TYPICAL JEWISH SACRIFICES WILL BE STUDIED IN  
 GREAT DETAIL  
 IN THE SUBJECT #32 - “THE ATONEMENT DAY SACRIFICES”)

Before we go on further in the understanding of this verse,  
 let us understand the beginning words of -



**“And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week....”**

**WHICH COVENANT DOES THIS REFER TO?**

It refers to the “secret....covenant” of the Gospel Age, which would open the doors to “so great salvation” of becoming a part of the **GLORIOUS BODY OF CHRIST** and the **ROYAL PRIESTHOOD**. That covenant we read in -

**Psalms 25:14**

**“The secret of the LORD is with them that fear Him; and He will show them His covenant.”**

Yes! This “**secret covenant**” is described in -

**Psalms 50:5**

**“Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.”**

Yes! Jesus was the **FIRST** to make this “**COVENANT**” with the Heavenly father and He **INVITED** His disciples to do likewise and to follow....**HIS FOOTSTEPS** into glory with Him.

Yes! This was “**the covenant**” of .....the “**so great salvation**” that Jesus **CONFIRMED** “....with many (**JEWS**) for one week”.

This matter is conformed by the **APOSTLE PAUL** in His letter to the Jewish (Hebrew) Christians in

**Hebrews 2:3**

**“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him;”**

Yes! Notice the words....“**was confirmed unto us by them that heard him**”. Now to another **IMPORTANT POINT** -

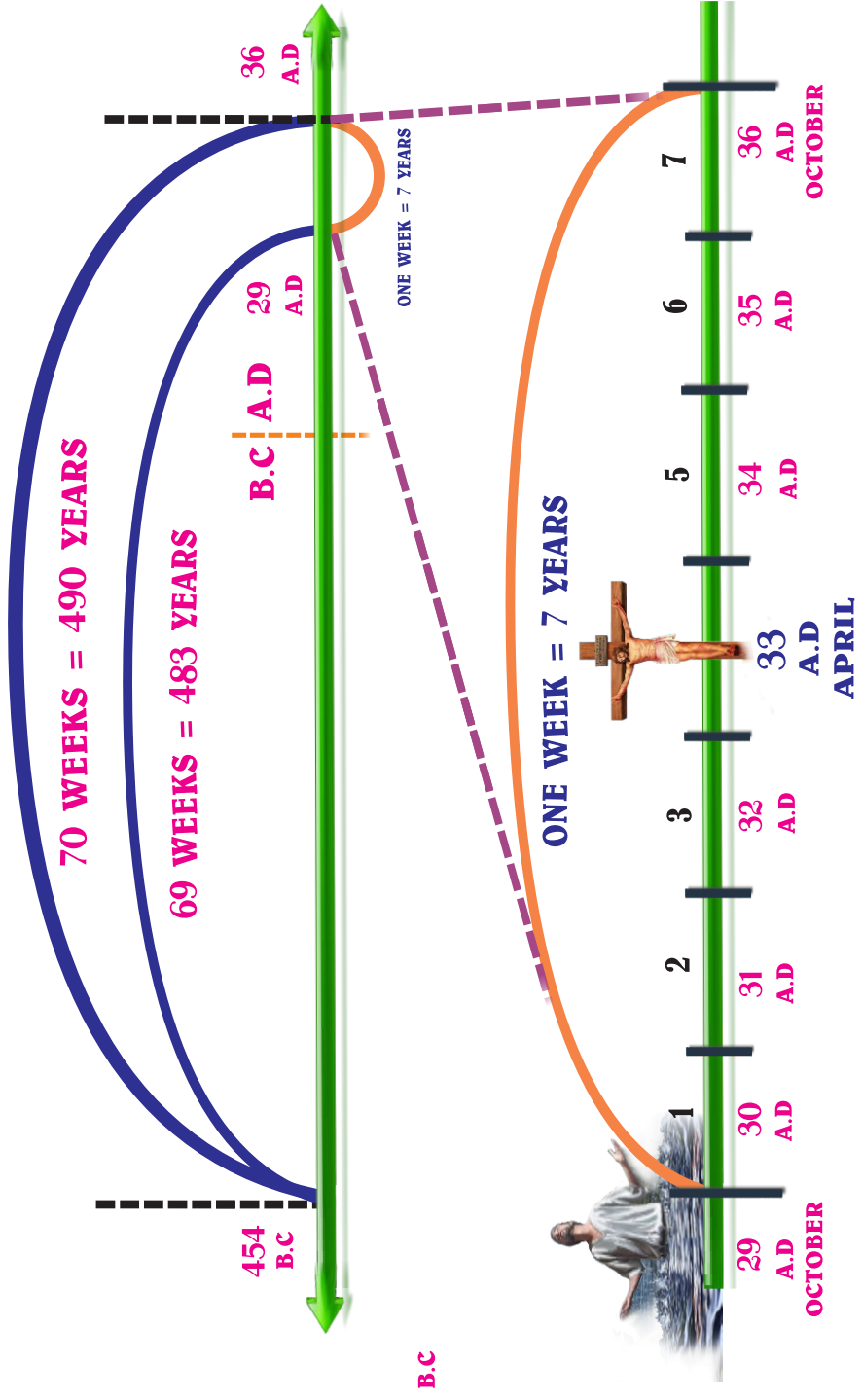
This scripture is **ALSO THAT THE ONLY SCRIPTURE IN THE WHOLE BIBLE** supplies the number of years of Jesus ministry from Jordan to Calvary.

 “....in the midst of the week....”

 Yes! This refers to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  prophetic “days” or  $3\frac{1}{2}$  **LITERAL YEARS!**

Through this we calculate here below the year Jesus died.

$$\text{A.D } 29 + 3\frac{1}{2} = 33 \text{ A.D}$$



B.C



**YES ! IN FACT JESUS DIED ON...FRIDAY,  
APRIL 3RD, 33 A.D**

He was  $33\frac{1}{2}$  years old when he died !

**So when was the BIRTHDAY of Jesus ?**

**IT IS VERY SIMPLE TO CALCULATE !**



We know that Jesus was 30 when he was baptised and went on with his ministry for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years.

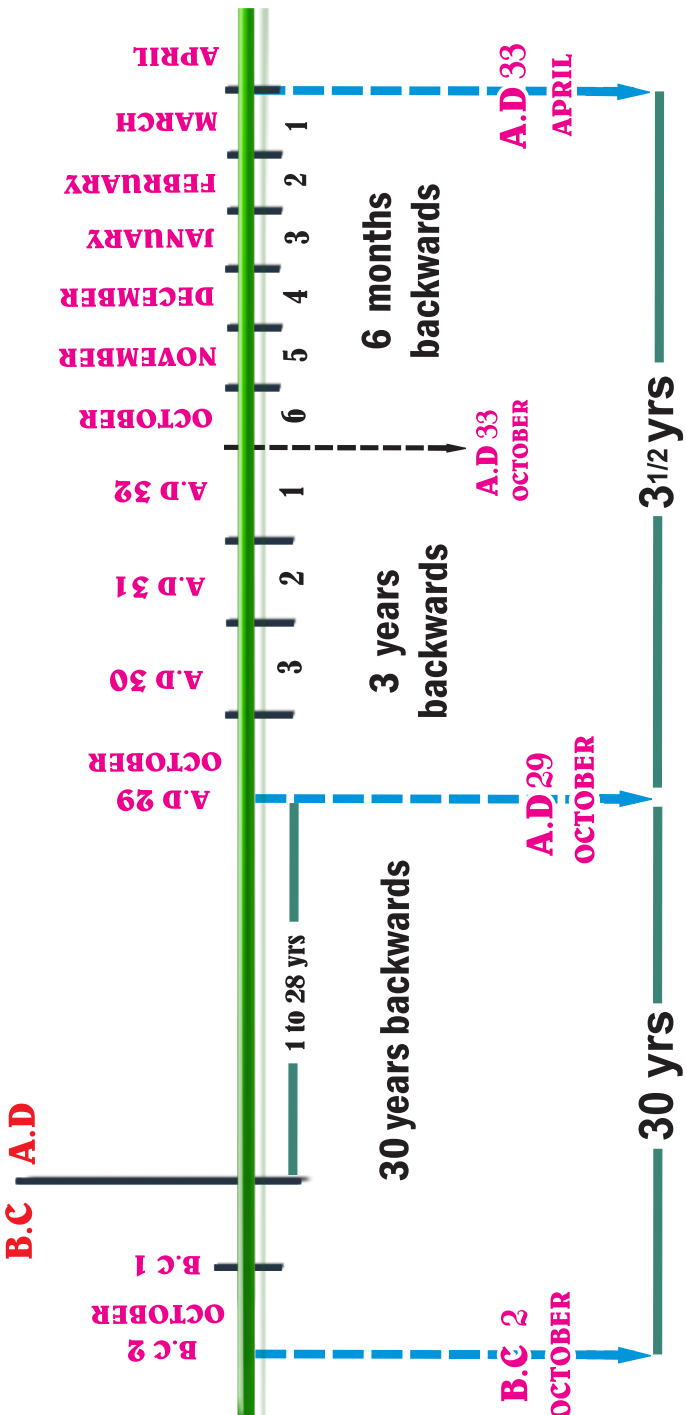
Going  $33\frac{1}{2}$  years(33years+6months) backwards from the time he was crucified would give us Jesus's birthday!



Thus the reverse calculation begins from 33 A.D, April.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years backwards would leave us with October, 2 B.C which is likely the birthday of Jesus.

**Yes Jesus was born in the 1st week  
of October.**

(Note: Read from right to left.)



-“when shepherds watched their flocks by night” ( Luke 2:8)

In Bethlehem in December it snows, so the flocks of sheep cannot be outside !

 **THAT IS POSSIBLE ONLY IN OCTOBER !**

So then what is **CHRISTMAS** - December 25th ??

It certainly has nothing to do with Jesus or the scriptures !

Neither has Santa Claus **NOR**...the Christmas tree !!

Thus the “last week” or “seventieth week” of this time prophecy point to the following dates -

 Jesus **BAPTISM**  **29 A.D**

 Jesus being “cut off” or His **DEATH**  **33 A.D**

End of the **EXCLUSIVE FAVOUR** to the Jews -  
the Gospel call goes to the gentiles

 (at Cornelius house - Acts 10 : 1-6)  **36 A.D**

Even Jesus birth place was prophesied in the scriptures as we read from -

**Micah 5:2**

**“But thou Bethlehem, ephrathah.....out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel...”**

Yes ! In order for this prophecy to be fulfilled Mary and Joseph who were natives of Nazareth in Galilee **DID TRAVEL A GREAT DISTANCE** to Bethlehem in Judea to their native place to be **REGISTERED FOR TAXES**  
(Refer Luke 2:1-6)

**LUKE 2:1 & 4,5**

**“And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed..... And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.”**



.....just when **MARY'S PREGNANCY PERIOD** was ending !!

Now to the completion of the details of this prophecy,  
as we read in -

**Daniel 9:27**

**“And for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”**

This is the **REAL TRANSLATION** of the passage but **IT IS IMPROPERLY TRANSLATED** in the NIV and regular Tamil and other language Bibles as hereunder -

**“And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”**

A footnote in the NIV further adds -

**“And one who causes desolation will come upon the pinnacle of the**

**abominable temple until the end that is decreed is poured out on the desolate city.”**

These translations have become **THE BASIS OF THE BELIEF** that is very popular today  
 ....of the “seven year tribulation period” of the **ANTICHRIST !!**  
**BUT WE REALISE AS WE UNDERSTAND THE REAL MEANING & CONTEXT OF THIS SCRIPTURE!**

The real meaning and correct translation is found in the **King James Version. (KJV) ( Read Daniel 9 : 27 again! )**

Yes! Please **NOTE** the words -

**“And for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate....”**

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN ?** Let us see -

 **“the desolate”**

This is a reference to the nation of Israel who Jesus declared in **Matthew 23:38 - “behold your house is left unto you DESOLATE !”**

Yes! “He” (Jesus) made..... “it” (the nation of Israel) **DESOLATE !**

**WHY WAS THIS ?**

We read the reason as -

**“For the overspreading of abominations”**

Yes! The wickedness of Israel was manifest in finally **REJECTING** their Messiah.....



itself and the unfruitfulness they showed as represented in the parable in Luke 13:6-9.

Thus "it" (ISRAEL) was REJECTED and....MADE DESOLATE !!

How was it made desolate ?

It is explained in detail in this prophecy in.....

### Daniel 9:26

**".....and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined."**

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?

This is a prophetic picture of the destruction of

→ "the city".....of JERUSALEM and

→ ..... "the sanctuary" ...THE TEMPLE in the year 69-70 A.D.

Yes ! Now let us see some of the details of this scripture and the meanings -

**"the prince"** → Here is a reference to THE ROMAN GENERAL TITUS.



 **“the people of the prince”**

This is a reference to **THE ROMAN ARMY**.

 **“with a flood”**

This represents the **GREAT DESTRUCTION** and violence of the siege and the war.

**.....UNTIL WHEN AND.....HOW MUCH WOULD THIS PUNISHMENT BE FOR ISRAEL ?**

Let us read of that answer in -

**Daniel 9:27**

**“And for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”**

Yes ! There is a **‘determined’** or **A PERIOD FIXED** for this punishment !

What is this “that determined” **PERIOD** of **PUNISHMENT** for Israel ?

We read of it in -

**Jeremiah 16:18**

**“And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin **DOUBLE**; because they have defiled my land...”**



Yes ! The punishment was to be.....a **“double”** !

**WHAT DOES THAT MEAN ?**

It means that the punishment period would be for **THE EXACT PERIOD** of the number of years of **FAVOR** that Israel had received **SINCE THE DEATH OF JACOB UNTIL THE COMING OF JESUS**.

Thus in this **TIME PROPHECY** we have learnt some important **KEYS** to understand **TIME PROPHECY**

## Key # 1

That prophetic time calculations in the Bible have **CERTAIN PRINCIPLES** of **CALCULATION**.

## Key # 2

That each "**prophetic day**" is equal to.....**ONE LITERAL YEAR**.

Now let us study **FURTHER KEYS** to understand **TIME PROPHECIES** in our second "time prophecy" of study for today -

# 1. THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES

This is a "**time prophecy**" mentioned by Our Lord Himself in -

**Luke 21:24**

**"And they shall fall by the edge of the sword , and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be TRODDEN DOWN of the Gentiles until the TIMES OF THE GENTILES be fulfilled."**

There ! The prophetic period called - "**the times of the gentiles**" !

We read that during this period **JERUSALEM**





(here a **SYMBOL** of Israel - **Matthew 23:37**)



was to be "trodden down" or **RULED** by the gentiles until this period of prophecy was fulfilled.



**WHAT** does this prophetic period of the "the times of gentiles" mean ?



And **WHAT ARE THE DATES** or the time period for this prophecy ?

Here the word - "times" is from the Greek word "**Kairos**" (**Strong's # 2540**) which means "**set or proper time**" or....."**a while**" - denoting **A PERIOD OF TIME**.

This "times of the gentiles" which would "trodden down" or **DOMINATE** "Jerusalem" or the nation of Israel would have to have -



**A BEGINNING** and....an **ENDING** !

When was that ? Let us see....

We see that God had for a time established **HIS TYPICAL KINGDOM** in Israel.

This we read from -

**I Chronicles 29:23**

**"Then Solomon sat on the THRONE OF THE LORD as king instead of David his father..."**

Yes ! Thus **THE KINGS OF ISRAEL** and after King Solomon





.....the kings of **THE NATION OF JUDAH**

sat upon the throne of God's **TYPICAL KINGDOM** for a time until the great wickedness of the last king of Judah - **ZEDEKIAH** caused God to say the words we read about in -

**Ezekiel 21:25-27**

**“And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come....remove the diadem and take off the crown....I will overturn , overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is...”**

Yes! Here “he” refers to.....**THE MESSIAH !!**

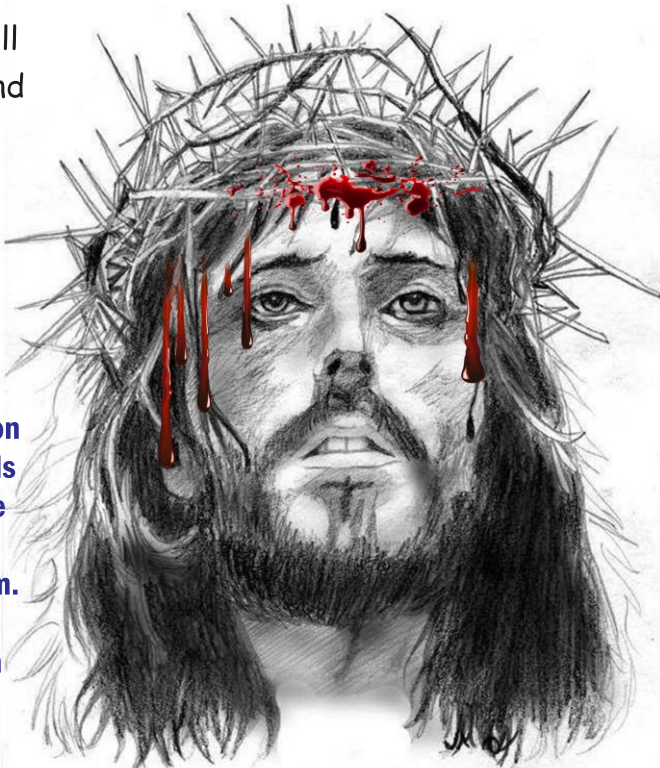
Yes ! It is Jesus who will receive the authority and dominion of **GOD'S REAL KINGDOM** to come as we read very clearly in -

**Daniel 7:13,14**

**“I saw in the night visions, and, behold , one like the son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.**

**And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages,**

**should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.”**



But in the intervening period Israel would be handed over to the “**gentiles**” to be “**trodden down**”.

Yes ! Gentiles or **NON JEW** powers would **BE GIVEN THE AUTHORITY** to rule over.



**BUT THE QUESTION IS WHY AND....FOR HOW LONG ?**

God had **REPEATEDLY** warned the nation of Israel through His messengers about their behavior but their **REACTION** to those **WARNINGS** were as we read in -

### **II Chronicles 36:16**

**“They mocked the messengers of God and despised his words....till there was no remedy.”**

Yes ! Thus the **FINAL PUNISHMENT** to this nation of Israel would be as recorded in -

 **Leviticus 26:18**

**“Then I will punish you **SEVEN TIMES** more for your sins...”**

And again we seen the same in -

 **Leviticus 26:21**

**“I will bring **SEVEN TIMES** more plagues upon you according to your sins...”**

And again the same matter we read in -

 **Leviticus 26:24**

**“....And I will punish you yet **SEVEN TIMES** for your sins...”**

And finally again in -

**Leviticus 26:28**

**“Then I will walk contrary unto you in fury: and I, even I, will chastise you SEVEN TIMES for your sins...”**

**NOW WHAT DOES THIS “SEVEN TIMES” MEAN ?**

The word “times” comes from the Hebrew word - “paamah” -  
(Strong's Hebrew # 6471) which means -

**“a stroke” or “times” as in STRIKING SOMETHING SEVEN TIMES !**



**PLEASE NOTICE the mentioning of this “seven times” PUNISHMENT for Israel was made FOUR TIMES !!**

So, how was this “seven times” punishment applied to the nation of Israel ?

How is it possible to **LITERALLY** strike the whole nation of Israel “seven times” as while disciplining a child with a rod....and that too **FOUR TIMES ??**

**SO HOW ARE WE TO UNDERSTAND THIS PUNISHMENT ON ISRAEL ??**

Jesus supplies the answer when in **Luke 21:24**. He speaks of Jerusalem being “trodden down” of the gentiles till



**“The times of the gentiles be fulfilled.”**

**HE TELLS US THAT THIS PUNISHMENT IS TO BE A PERIOD OF TIME !**

**YES ! THIS IS THE FINAL PUNISHMENT OF GOD TO ISRAEL WHEN HE FORSAKES THEM INTO THE HANDS OF THE GENTILES AND INTO .....GENTILES NATIONS - THE "SEVEN TIMES" !**

Thus it is **NOT** a literal striking of seven times but the "seven times" has a **FIGURATIVE MEANING !!**



**IT IS A "TIME PROPHECY" !**

Yes! The "times of the gentiles" to "trodden down" Jerusalem is clearly a reference to the **GENTILE DOMINATION OF ISRAEL**

.....a most **HUMILIATING CONDITION** for God's people!

And this was a domination that would be repeated....**FOUR TIMES** as represented in the mention of the "seven times" punishment four times in Leviticus 26th chapter vs 18, 21, 24 and 28.

Now what would these "seven times" represent as a **TIME PROPHECY?**

These "times" must be understood in prophetic language as seen in

**Revelation 12:14**

**"...where she is nourished for a time, and times and half a time."**

Here this "time prophecy" speaks of **1 + 2 +  $\frac{1}{2}$**  times

It is a **TOTAL** of **3  $\frac{1}{2}$**  "times".

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?**

The deeper details of this verse we will take up in the future classes but the corresponding value to this  $3\frac{1}{2}$  "times" is found in the same chapter in -

**Revelation 12:6**

**"...that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and three score days."**

There ! Both vs 14 and vs 6 refer to the same matter but have a different way of expressing the same period of time -

  **$3\frac{1}{2}$  times = 1260 DAYS**

Now this **SAME PROPHETIC TIME PERIOD** is referred to again in -

**Revelation 13:5**

**".....and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months."**

Now these "forty two onths" would be equal to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years as we calculate hereunder -

  **$12 + 12 + 12 + 6 = 42$  months**

**Thus we understand in "prophetic language" A TIME MEANS...A YEAR.**

But we are **NOT TO SUPPOSE** that this is **A SOLAR YEAR** of  $365\frac{1}{4}$  days duration !

or....even a **LUNAR YEAR** which is a period of  $354\frac{1}{2}$  day

(Refer **EXPANDED BIBLICAL COMMENTS** - Pg 326 for Daniel 4:16)



## THEN HOW MUCH IS THE PERIOD OF A...."PROPHETIC YEAR" ?

To understand this we must **DIVIDE** the period of 1260  
"days" by the 42 "months" to get the value of how many  
days are to a month

### IN PROPHETIC CALCULATIONS

Thus doing this we see -

$$\frac{1260}{42} = 30$$

**Yes ! Each "prophetic" month is calculated  
AT 30 DAYS**

Thus a year will be calculated as -

$$30 \times 12 = 360 \text{ "days"}$$

**Yes ! A "time" or PROPHETIC YEAR is equal to  
360 "days"**

But we see that this "time prophecy" is not **ONE** time but  
"seven times" !

**THUS THE PROPHETIC TIME PERIOD IS -**

$$\rightarrow 360 \times 7 = 2520 \text{ "days"}$$

So this prophecy is to last a period of.....2520  
"prophetic days".

Now let us remember **THAT THESE ARE NOT** literal 24  
hour days but as we have already seen in **EZEKIEL 4:6** and  
**NUMBERS 14:34** the calculation is -

“Each day for a year....”

So 2520 “prophetic days” = 2520 LITERAL YEARS

THESE 2520 DAYS LITERAL YEARS or “seven times” would be the period of gentile rule that is permitted of God upon Israel and began in as we read in -

**II Chronicles 36:17**

**“Therefore HE (God) brought upon them the kings of the Chaldees....he gave them ALL into his hand...”**

Yes ! The Chaldean or Babylonian King was **KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR** who became **THE FIRST GENTILE POWER** to rule Israel and the world.

This was in the year - 606 B.C



The Babylonian empire was followed up by **THREE** other gentile powers.

These were the **FOUR** gentile powers that would rule over Israel and the world and that is the meaning of the “seven times” punishment being mentioned **FOUR TIMES** in **Leviticus 26th chapter.**



The list of these "gentiles" powers and their time period of ruling is as follows -



### 1. THE BABYLONIAN (CHALDEAN) EMPIRE

- ruled from 606 B.C till 538 B.C



### 2. THE MEDO PERSIAN EMPIRE

- ruled from 538 B.C till 331 B.C



### 3. THE GREEK (GRECIAN) EMPIRE

- ruled from 331 B.C till 160 B.C



### 4. THE ROMAN EMPIRE

- ruled from 160 B.C till 476 A.D

This last Roman empire is peculiarly described in -

**Daniel 2:33 - "his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay."**

These symbols of "iron" mixed with "clay" represents

....THE NEW FORM that the "iron" -

**THE ROMAN EMPIRE** took....AFTER 476 A.D from being a

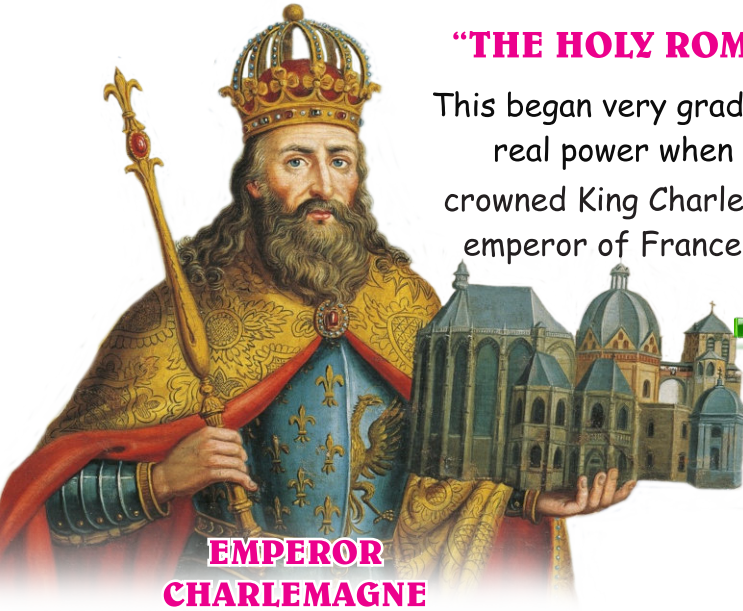
Pagan Civil rulership to becoming a **CHURCH - STATE** rulership or



## “THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE”



This began very gradually but attained real power when **Pope Leo III** crowned King Charlemagne as the first emperor of France with the Pope as



**EMPEROR  
CHARLEMAGNE**



**....THE  
SUPREME  
HEAD AND  
POWER ABOVE  
THE EMPEROR.**

This great power was then exercised till 1799 A.D when from the same **FRANCE** itself arose **NAPOLEAN BONAPARTE** who ended the papal rulership by putting the pope (Pope **PIUS VI**) in jail where he later died.

Thus ended the rulership of what was called **THE “DARK AGES”** in world history

Francis II was **THE LAST EMPEROR** in France of **THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE**



who set aside that title in the year - 1806.

Then the "gentile rule" continued in the form of the  
**COLONISATION** of the whole world by -

**"...the ten toes of the image..."**

These were the nations of Europe, formerly part of the Holy Roman empire, but now claiming themselves as  
**"CHRISTENDOM" or Christ's Kingdoms !!**

**They TOO COLONIZED and RULED OVER THE  
WHOLE WORLD**

So **WHEN** does this "times of the gentiles" end ?

Let us make the calculations as follows -



Yes ! In fact in the month of August of 1914 - **IN THAT  
VERY SAME YEAR -**

the **END** of the rule of these gentile Kings was signalled by  
the outbreak of the **FIRST WORLD WAR** in Europe -  
**ENDING**

**THE RULE OF MONARCHIES WORLDWIDE AND....  
THE DOMINION OF THESE GENTILE POWERS  
WORLDWIDE AND  
.....OVER ISRAEL.**

**THUS IN 1914 ENDED** the “times of the gentiles”

Now from this “time prophecy” we have learnt some more **KEYS** to understand “time prophecy”.

### Key # 3

➔ That a “prophetic MONTH” is a period of 30 “prophetic DAYS”

### Key # 4

➔ That a “prophetic YEAR” is a period of 360 “prophetic DAYS”

### Key # 5

➔ That the word “time” when used in time prophecy **SIGNIFIES** a “prophetic YEAR” period of 360 “prophetic DAYS”. This in turn is equal to a **LITERAL PERIOD OF 360 YEARS !!**

Yes ! Today through the study of these two “time prophecies” we have learnt some **IMPORTANT KEYS** to understand **ALL TIME PROPHECIES** which will greatly benefit us in the study of great and important time prophecies in the Bible which we will be taking up in the future classes..

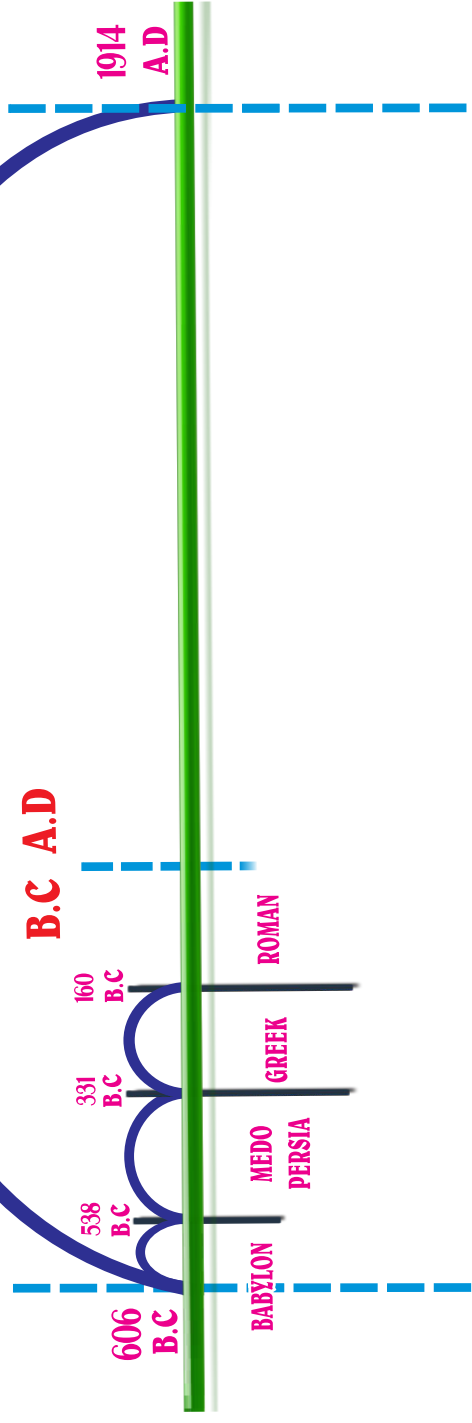
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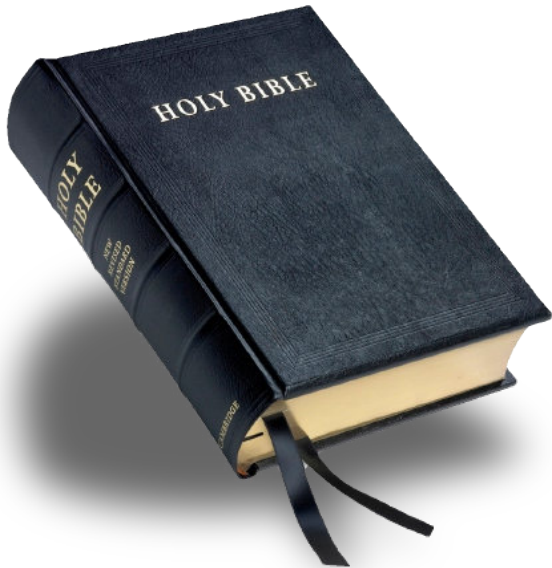
**2520 — 606 = 1914 A.D.**

**PERIOD OF "seven times" BEGINNING IN B.C.**

**TIMES OF THE GENTILES**

**2520 Years**





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