

Sagecreek Bible Church

Worksheet

Daniel 9:24-27

“Vision of the Seventy Sevens”



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New King James Version

Old King James Version

<p>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.</p> <p>25 “Know therefore and understand, <i>That</i> from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, <i>There shall be</i> seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.</p> <p>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 <i>shall be</i> with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.</p> <p>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.”</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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 troublesome times.</p> <p>26 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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Personal Notes

Things to Keep in Mind When Studying Daniel 9:24-27

- 1) The entire prophesy has to do with Daniel's "people" and Daniel's "city," that is, the nation of *Israel* and the city of *Jerusalem* (V24). The New Testament Church is not a part of this prophesy, nor is it a concept Daniel would have grasped. See Ephesians 3:1-6 and Colossians 1:24-26 for further study.

See Diagram #2: PREMILLENNIAL SCHEME OF WORLD EVENTS and Diagram #6: DANIEL'S MATH to see where the church age fits into Gods master plan.

- 2) Two *different* princes are mentioned, who should not be confused with each other: the first is named *Messiah the Prince* (V25); and the second is described as the *prince that shall come* (V26).

See Diagram #6: DANIEL'S MATH to see when each prince will make a physical appearance.

- 3) The entire time-period involved is exactly specified as *Seventy Weeks* (V24); and these *Seventy Weeks* are further divided into three lesser periods: first, a period of *seven weeks*; after that a period of *three-score and two weeks*; and finally, a period of *one week* (V25, V27). To the casual reader, the word "weeks" means a period of seven days. But the Hebrew word for "weeks" is "*shabua*", which means literally a "seven." With that in mind, V24 simply asserts that "seventy sevens are determined".

See Diagram #1: SEVENTY SEVENS OF DANIEL and Diagram #4: UNITS OF SEVENTY of your worksheets to see how this timeline lays out.

- 4) The beginning of the whole period of the *Seventy Sevens* or 490 years is fixed at the specific time marker of "*the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem*" (V25).

See Diagram #6: DANIEL’S MATH for a map of this event.

- 5) The end of the *seven weeks and threescore and two weeks* (69 weeks) will be marked by the *appearance of Messiah as the “Prince” of Israel* (V25).

See Diagram #6: DANIEL’S MATH for a map of this event.

- 6) Later, that is, after 69 sevens, *Messiah the Prince will be “cut off,”* and *Jerusalem will again be destroyed* by the people of another “prince” who is yet to come (V26).

See Diagram #6: DANIEL’S MATH regarding the timing of the Messiah being cut off.

See Diagram #1: SEVENTY SEVENS OF DANIEL regarding the timing of the destruction of Jerusalem.

- 7) The beginning of the Seventieth Seven will be clearly marked by the establishment of a *firm covenant* or treaty between the Coming Prince and the Jewish nation for a period of “one week” or “one seven” (V27).

See Diagram #1: SEVENTY SEVENS OF DANIEL regarding the timing of this covenant.

- 8) In the “midst” of this Seventieth Week, evidently breaking his treaty, the prince we call “another prince” will suddenly *cause the Jewish sacrifice to cease* and initiate upon Israel a time of wrath and desolation lasting to the “full end” of the Week or to the end of the Seventieth Seven (V27).

The Math of Daniel

Math Calculation #1: What is a Week?

In Daniel 9:24, we see the phrase “seventy weeks” used to identify a specific length of time.

The term “weeks” seen in Hebrew as **שָׁבוּעַ** or **shâbûwa‘** means “a unit of seven”.

This Hebrew word is not unique to this passage and a study of its other uses in the Old Testament tells us that its definition must be determined by the specific context in which it appears.

The context of Daniel Chapter 9 leads us to conclude that the phrase “seventy weeks” means a period of “seventy sevens”, or to a group of seventy periods of 7 years, which totals 490 years.

Math Calculation #2: The Genius Behind Daniel’s Math

The Jews calendar had twelve thirty-day months making a total of 360 days for the year and they had various methods of adding days so that the year would come out correctly.

Daniel’s math has us multiplying the sixty-nine weeks by seven years for each week by 360 days and comes to the total of 173,880 days.

Daniel’s starting date for these 173,880 days is generally agreed upon as Nisan 1 in Artaxerxes’ twentieth year or March 14, 445 B.C.,

Daniel’s 173,880th day is known for the triumphal entry on Nisan 10, April 6, A.D. 32.

The time between 445 B.C. and A.D. 32 is 476 years; multiplying 476 by 365 days totals 173,740 days.

Add 116 days for leap years and 24 days for the difference between March 14 (of 445 B.C.) and April 6 (of A.D. 32) and it again totals 173,880 days.

The seventieth week of Daniel’s prophecy is yet to be fulfilled.

When that is accomplished, Daniel’s inquiry will be fully realized for Israel will be back in her homeland with her Messiah.

See Diagram #6: DANIEL’S MATH.

Diagram #1: SEVENTY SEVENS OF DANIEL

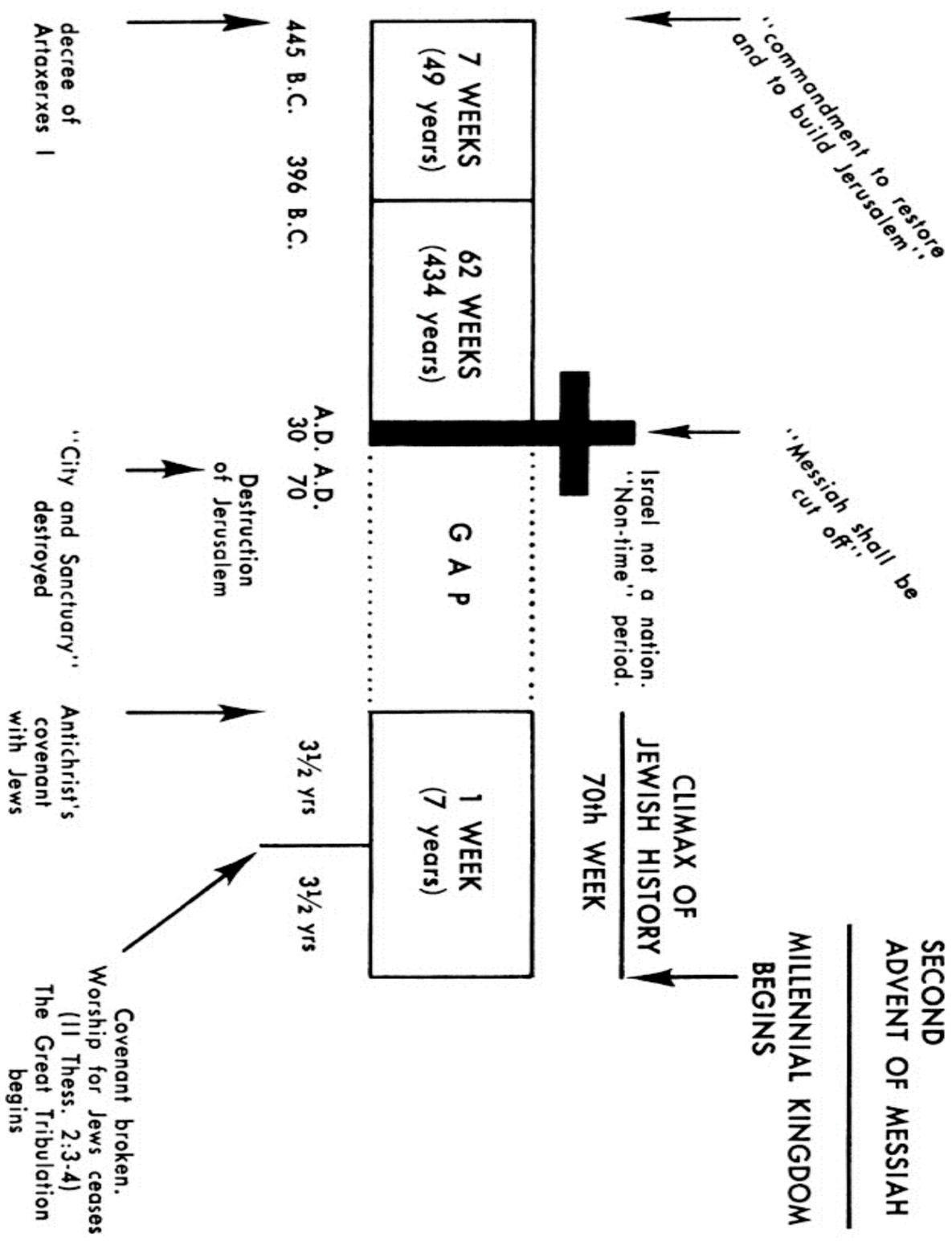


Diagram #2: PREMILLENNIAL SCHEME OF WORLD EVENTS

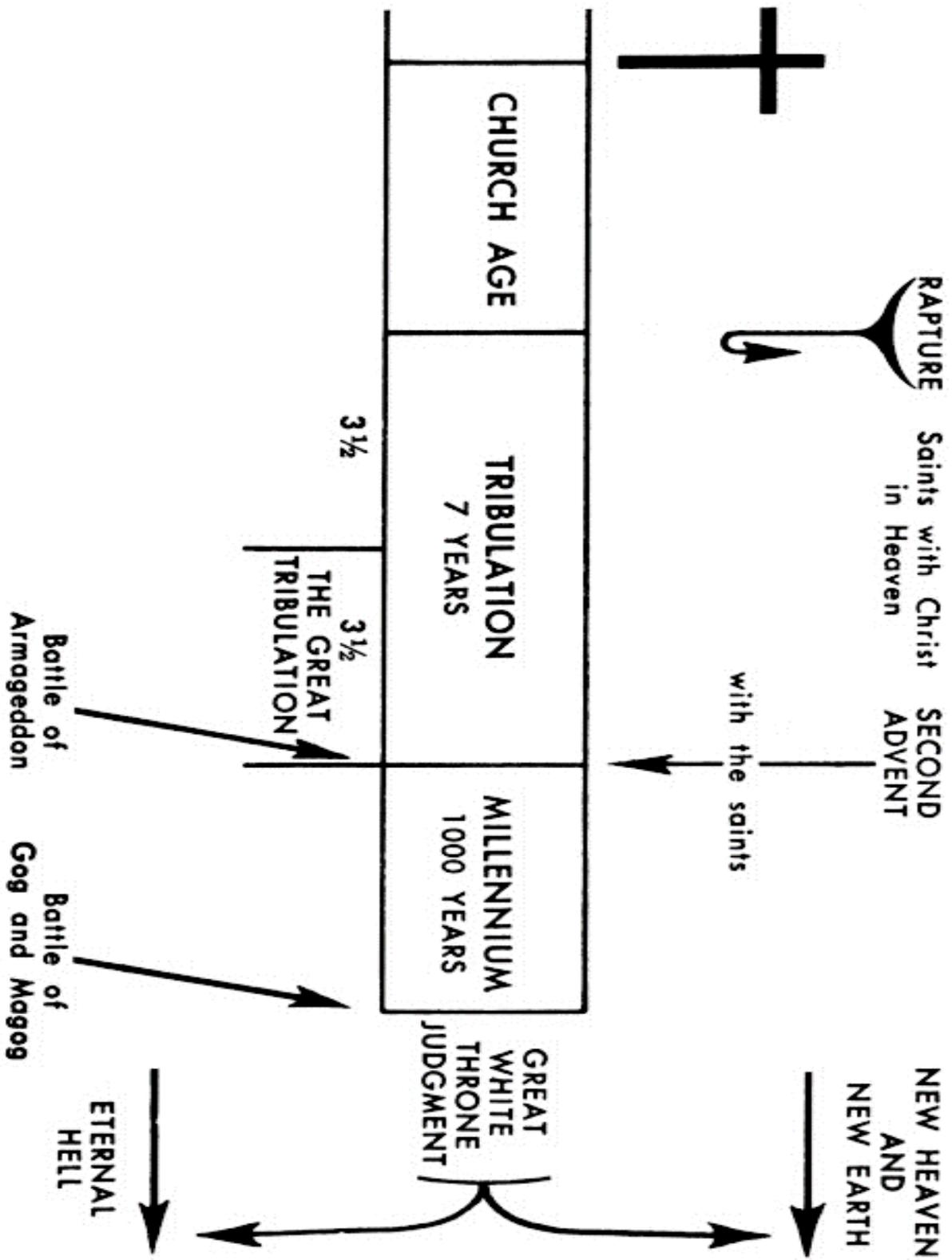


Diagram #3: DANIEL AND HIS CONTEMPORARIES

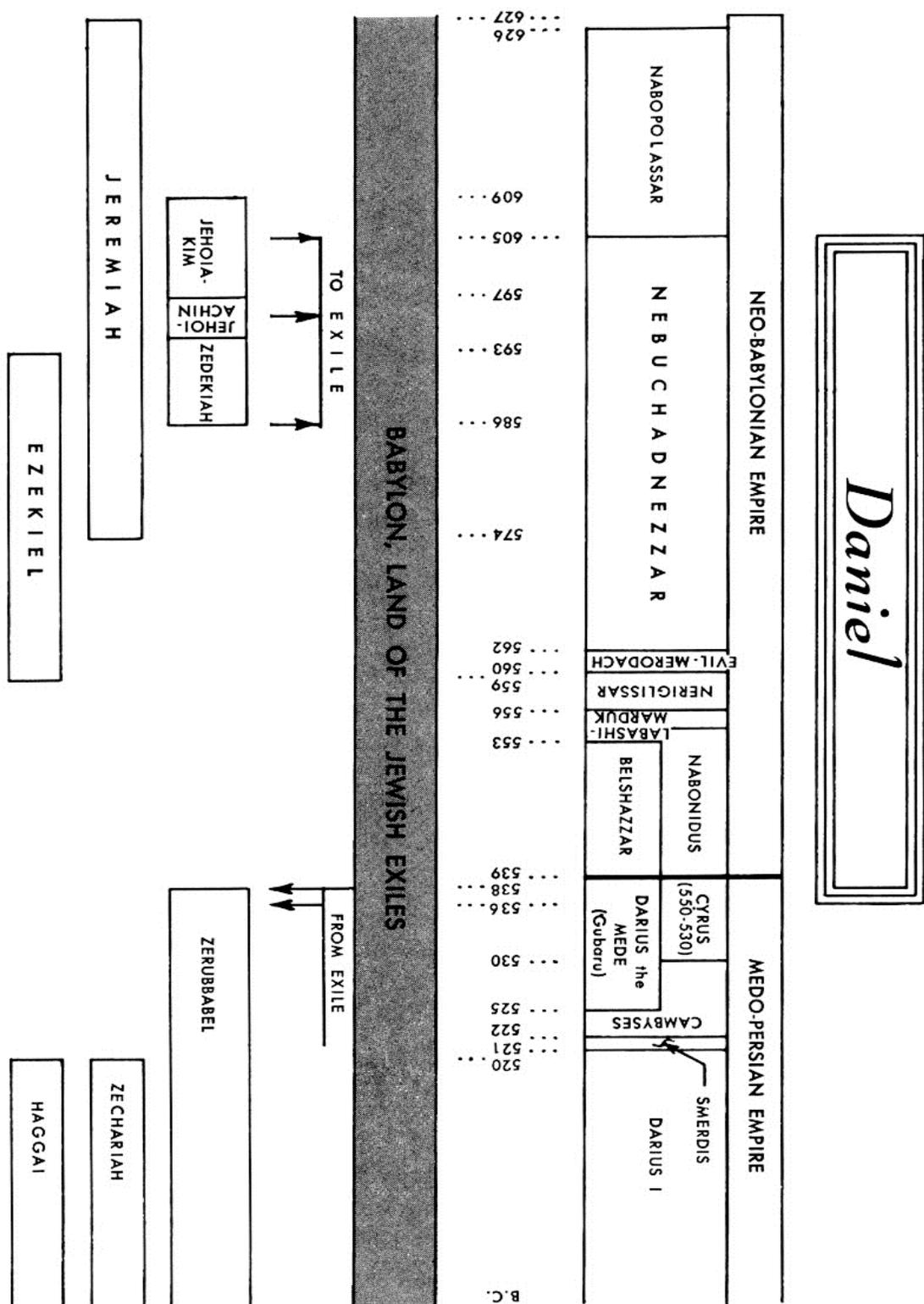


Diagram #4: UNITS OF SEVENTY

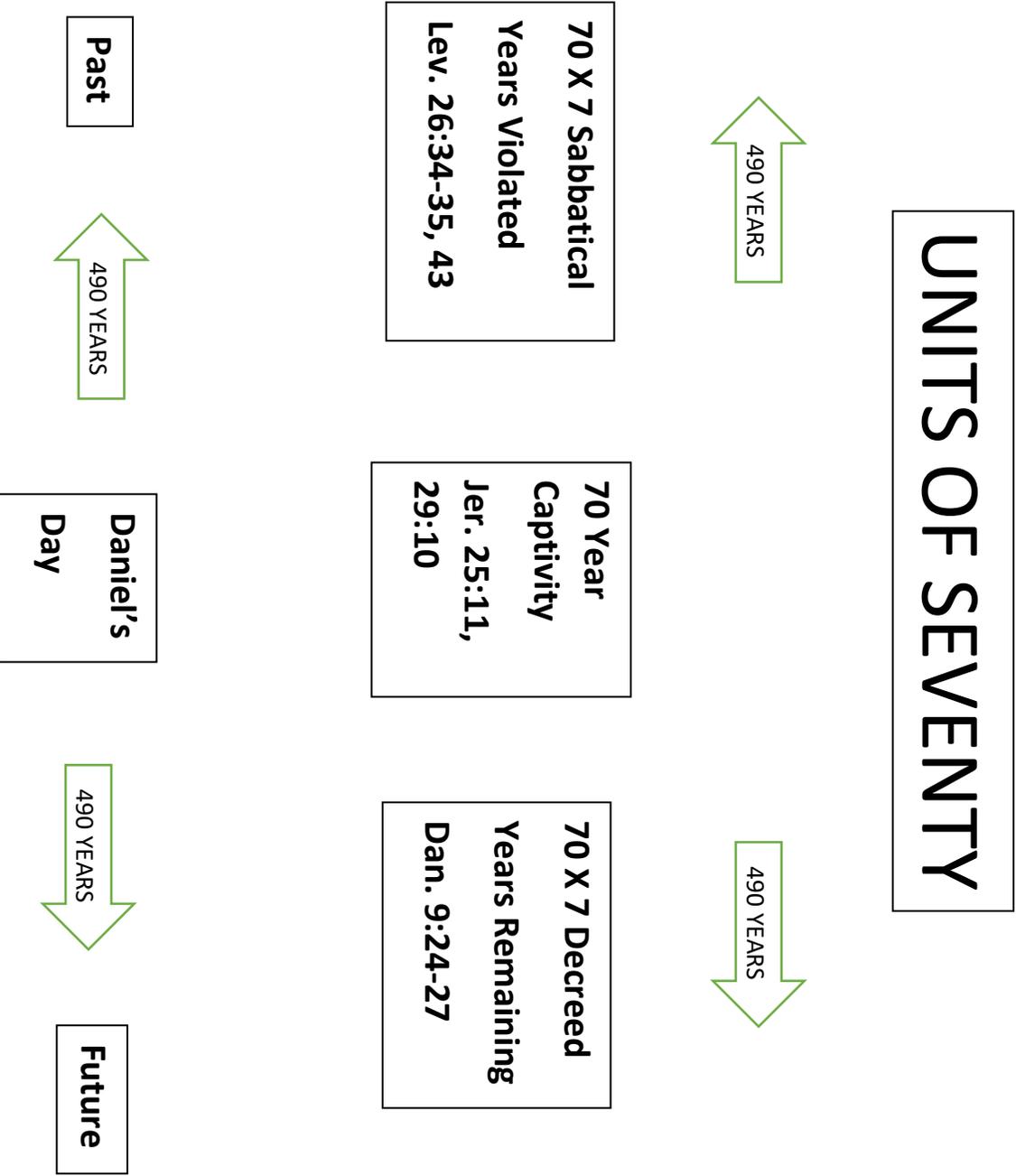


Diagram #5: Old Testament History

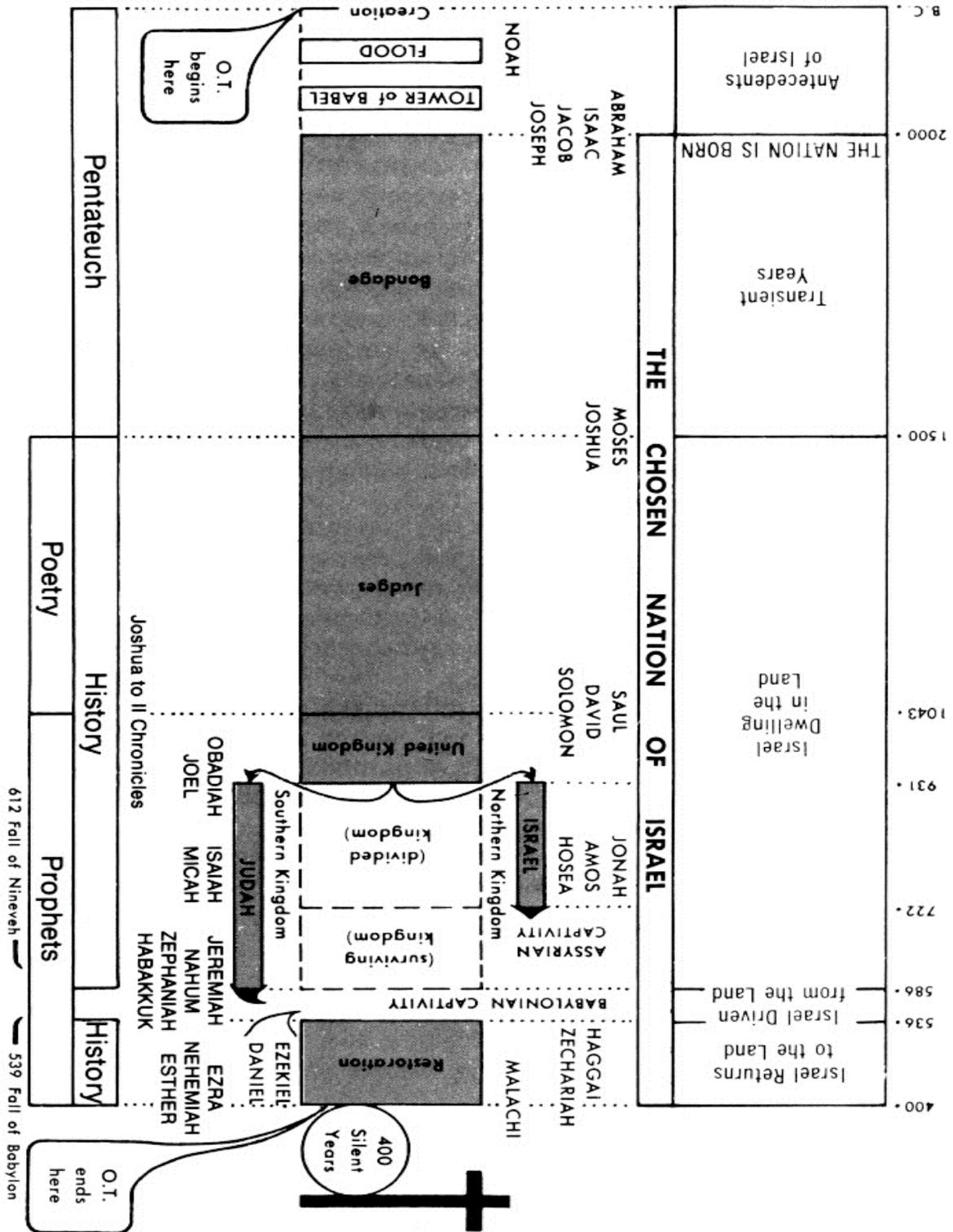


Diagram #6: DANIEL'S MATH

