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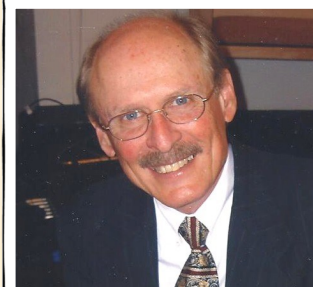
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Bible Study

Acts 24

Paul Accused of Sedition

1 Five days later the high priest Ananias went down to Caesarea with some of the elders and a lawyer named Tertullus, and they brought their charges against Paul before the governor. **2** When Paul was called in, Tertullus presented his case before Felix: "We have enjoyed a long period of peace under you, and your foresight has brought about reforms in this nation. **3** Everywhere and in every way, most excellent Felix, we acknowledge this with profound gratitude. **4** But in order not to weary you further, I would request that you be kind enough to hear us briefly. **5** "We have found this man to be a troublemaker, stirring up riots among the Jews all over the world. He is a ringleader of the Nazarene sect **6** and even tried to desecrate the temple; so we seized him, and wanted to judge him according to our law. **7** "But the commander Lysias came by and with great violence took him out of our hands, commanding his accusers to come to you. **8** By examining him yourself you will be able to learn the truth about all these charges we are bringing against him." **9** The other Jews joined in the accusation, asserting that these things were true. **10** When the governor motioned for him to speak, Paul replied: "I know that for a number of years you have been a judge over this nation; so I gladly make my defense. **11** You can easily verify that no more than twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship. **12** My accusers did not find me arguing with anyone at the temple, or stirring up a crowd in the synagogues or anywhere else in the city. **13** And they cannot prove to you the charges they are now making against me. **14** However, I admit that I worship the God of our ancestors as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets, **15** and I have the same hope in God as these men themselves have, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. **16** So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man. **17** "After an absence of several years, I came to Jerusalem to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present offerings. **18** I was ceremonially clean when they found me in the temple courts doing this. There was no crowd with me, nor was I involved in any disturbance. **19** But there are some Jews from the province of Asia, who ought to be here before you and bring charges if they have anything against me. **20** Or these who are here should state what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin – **21** unless it was this one thing I shouted as I stood in their presence: 'It is concerning the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.' "

Felix Procrastinates

22 Then Felix, who was well acquainted with the Way, adjourned the proceedings. "When Lysias the commander comes," he said, "I will decide your case." **23** He ordered the centurion to keep Paul under guard but to give him some freedom and permit his friends to take care of his needs. **24** Several days later Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish. He sent for Paul and listened to him as he spoke about faith in Christ Jesus. **25** As Paul talked about righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, "That's enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you." **26** At the same time he was hoping that Paul would offer him a bribe, so he sent for him frequently and talked with him. **27** When two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus, but because Felix wanted to grant a favor to the Jews, he left Paul in prison.

Studies In Romans

October Celebration of the Reformation!

October 31, 2025 is the 508th Anniversary of the “beginning” of the Protestant Reformation — the day Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five theses to door of the Wittenberg Chapel, sparking a blazing challenge to Roman Catholic authority and igniting the fires of persecution in response! As a result of the Reformation, the Bible was once again exalted to its original place of authority; the Gospel, so clearly stated by Paul the Apostle, was unearthed from its grave of paganism and superstition; and Jesus was exalted as the Savior of all who place their faith in Him. There could be no better time than now to go to the writings of Paul and clarify our understanding of the most important message of the Bible — the saving work of Jesus Christ on behalf of all who place their faith in Him.

From cover to cover, the Bible is the story of Jesus and the human family He created for His pleasure and their eternal happiness. It is a story of a perfect creation lost to the curse of sin and the story of a Savior and complete redemption.

The Old Testament is about Jesus, in type and promise, pointing to the first Advent of Christ — Bethlehem to Calvary, the incarnation of Jesus to the salvation of mankind.

The first four Books of the New Testament tell the story of Jesus as He lived out His life on earth among us. The rest of the New Testament, half of which was written by Paul the Apostle of the Gospel, tells how the life and death of Jesus secured eternal life for the sinner and promises the full restoration of all that was lost by sin in the beginning.

West Valley Ministries Presents a study on the story of a perfect creation lost to the curse of sin... and of a Savior who brings complete redemption.

**Join us for a virtual series on
Romans!**



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Day: Wednesdays in October

Time: 5:30 MST (AZ time)

Location: Virtual

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Romans reveals the heart of it all!

In the first eight chapters of the Book of Romans, we find the only complete and concise treatise of the Gospel found in the Bible — the systematic play by play account of how the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus brings complete reconciliation of the sinner to a holy God. It is the Gospel in a capsule — the greatest theme of Scripture in only eight chapters! It is the most wonderful news a sinner can ever hear! And this passage is the subject of a short series of studies which is offered to you on **Wednesday evenings during the month of October, each session beginning at 5:30 p.m. MST.**

[Click to Join Romans Study Group Wednesdays @ 5:30 p.m. MST](#)



Honest Questions

Honest Question: How does someone find **peace** in difficult times?

Bible Answer:

"You will keep him in **perfect peace**, whose mind is fixed on You, **because he trusts in You.**" Isaiah 26:3.

"**The fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, **peace**, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Galatians 5:22, 23.

Comments: "Difficult times" are a very real part of this life on earth – a result of the curse of sin upon our human family. In the beginning that was not the case, and when Jesus returns, what He has in store for His followers will cause the heartaches and trouble of this life to fade into a distant, forgotten memory. Until then, Jesus promised us peace in times of trouble, anxiety, heartache, and fear. He said, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33 NIV.

This verse comes at the end of three consecutive chapters in John (14, 15, 16) where Jesus is promising His disciples the coming of "the Comforter" – the Holy Spirit. The disciples have just given three-and-a-half-years of their lives following Jesus everywhere He went, sleeping under the stars, walking the length of Palestine watching His miracles, and listening to His teaching. They knew who Jesus was early on in their walk with Him, but at the time Jesus spoke these words to them, literally hours before His death, they had absolutely no idea of the heartache, disappointment, uncertainty and fear that they were about to experience as they would witness the One to whom they had abandoned their lives, arrested, mocked, beaten, and die a criminal's death! Their life as they knew it would literally come to an end. They would be left with nothing to hope for or live for! But some of the last words Jesus spoke to them were, "**These things I have spoken to you so that in Me you may have peace.**" Their world would come to an end, but Jesus told them that **in Him** they could find **peace**.

Those words of Jesus are as true today for Christ's followers as they were on the day He spoke them! "In Him" we can have peace when our world is spinning out of control, perhaps seemingly coming to an end! We may be consumed with the pain of a relationship on the rocks, financial disaster, terminal illness, unbearable loss, or any of the many other circumstances which steal our peace. Yet, "in Him" we can experience peace! He said so, and I can affirm the truth of His words! How can that possibly be for the "someone" of the question asked above? Perhaps you are that "someone"....

Following are some suggestions that may help –

- 1) Place your faith in Christ's promise to save you – **entirely apart from your worthiness and entirely because of His worthiness**. Cast yourself completely upon His unfailing mercy, clinging to His all-sufficient grace!

Honest Questions

2) Trust Him completely for every need of your heart and life – make that decision regardless of how scary it may seem! He has promised to protect His own, to provide for His own, and to cause everything we experience in this life to “work together for our ultimate good” – **and our ultimate good is enough for today!** I promise you! – He promises you!

3) Be willing to lose everything dear to your heart, every hope of survival, even life itself, in your pursuit of God’s protection, His provision, and His providence in your life. Abandon yourself to His care and don’t look back!

4) Do all that you can **reasonably** do to do for yourself that you are trusting God to do for you!

One evening after a wearing day of ministry, Jesus got into a boat moored on the shore of Galilee (maybe Peter’s boat?), and His disciples got into the boat with Him. Then He said to His disciples, “Let us cross over to the other side of the lake,” and they launched out. As they sailed, Jesus fell asleep in the stern of the boat. He was exhausted! Suddenly a great storm arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves, the boat was filling with water, and they were about to sink! But Jesus didn’t wake up! Finally, the disciples came to Jesus and woke Him, saying, “Lord, save us! We are going to die!” When He arose, He said to His disciples, “Why are you afraid?! Where is your faith?!” Then He quieted the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. (Matthew 8:23-27; Luke 8:22-25).

Sometimes the circumstances of life can be as threatening and devastating as the experience of the disciples in this story. Sometimes it seems that we are going to be swallowed up by the storms of life. But if Jesus were present in person on those occasions, He would say to us, “Why are you afraid? Where is your faith?” We must never forget that **He is in our boat when we are His!** Paul voices this promise in Hebrews 13:5, 6:

“Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have; for God has said, ‘I will never fail you nor forsake you.’ Hence we can confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper, **I will not be afraid**; what can man do to me?’”

And Jesus says to us in Matthew 6:25-34:

“Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. **If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But **seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.** Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”**

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“The Lie About the Antichrist”

Some Background

The word “Antichrist” is used only four times in the Bible, and each time it occurs it is in John the Apostle’s letters to the Church, written in the mid-80’s A.D. before his banishment to the Island of Patmos by Emperor Domitian. John is warning the Church of the rise of apostasy, already visible within the Church – an apostasy which would develop over the next two centuries. He writes, “the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, is now already in the world.” 1 John 4:3.

Daniel also foretold the coming of Antichrist in Daniel 7:8; 8:9, calling him “the little horn.” Paul calls the Antichrist “the man of sin” in 2 Thessalonians 2:3, and in Revelation, John calls him “the beast rising from the sea, having seven heads and ten horns.” Revelation 13:1. In each case, the power described is the same blasphemous, persecuting power which demands the worship of the world due to God alone!

During the Protestant Reformation years of the Middle Ages, all the reformers identified the Antichrist as the Church of Rome – the papacy, and as we have previously learned, Scripture confirms their understanding. See the statements of the Reformers in the article, “The Composite Testimony of the Reformers Identifying Antichrist,” available for your reading by clicking on the link in the footnotes.¹

So, with all the testimony of the reformers identifying the papacy as the Antichrist, the Church of Rome set out to refute the claims of the reformers and take the eyes of the world off of the Church – the Papacy as the Antichrist. At the Council of Trent, convened in 1545, the Church gave birth to the Counter-Reformation. A great summary of that history is recounted in the article “The Evil Empire of Jesuit Futurism,” also available for your reading by clicking on the link in the footnotes.²

As part of the Counter-Reformation, a Jesuit priest and Catholic scholar by the name of Francisco Ribera reinterpreted the Book of Revelation in defense of the Catholic Church.

"In 1590, Ribera published a commentary on the Revelation as a counter-interpretation to the prevailing view among Protestants which identified the Papacy with the Antichrist. Ribera applied all of Revelation but the earliest chapters to the end time rather than to the history of the Church. Antichrist would be a single evil person who would be received by the Jews and would rebuild Jerusalem" (George Eldon Ladd, The Blessed Hope: A Biblical Study of the Second Advent and the Rapture, pp. 37-38).

Skipping over much history to the 20th Century, we find Hal Lindsey making the Futurism of Francisco Ribera popular in the Evangelical Church.

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"In the 1970s, Pastor Hal Lindsey, a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, released his blockbuster book *The Late Great Planet Earth*. In this 177-page, easy-to-read volume he brought Futurism to the masses of American Christianity, and beyond. The New York Times labeled it "The number one best-seller of the decade." Over 30 million copies have been sold, and it has been translated into over 30 languages. Through *The Late Great Planet Earth*, the child of Jesuit Futurism became a man." (Excerpt from "The Evil Empire of Jesuit Futurism").

Then there was the book, Left Behind (Jerry Jenkins and Tim LaHaye) that embedded "The Lie About the Antichrist" into the Evangelicalism of today! Between the abandoning by Protestants and Evangelicals of the Gospel of the Bible, unearthed by the Reformers, and the rejection of the biblical Antichrist identified by the Reformers in favor of the Catholic lie, there are no longer any barriers to the blending of Catholicism and Evangelicalism into a false Christianity! All that made the Reformation what it was, the return to the biblical Christianity of the First Century Church, has been reversed and has prepared all of Christendom for the final deceptions of Satan and the worship of Antichrist prophesied in Revelation!

The Prophecy Which Was Corrupted by Rome and Adopted by Evangelicals

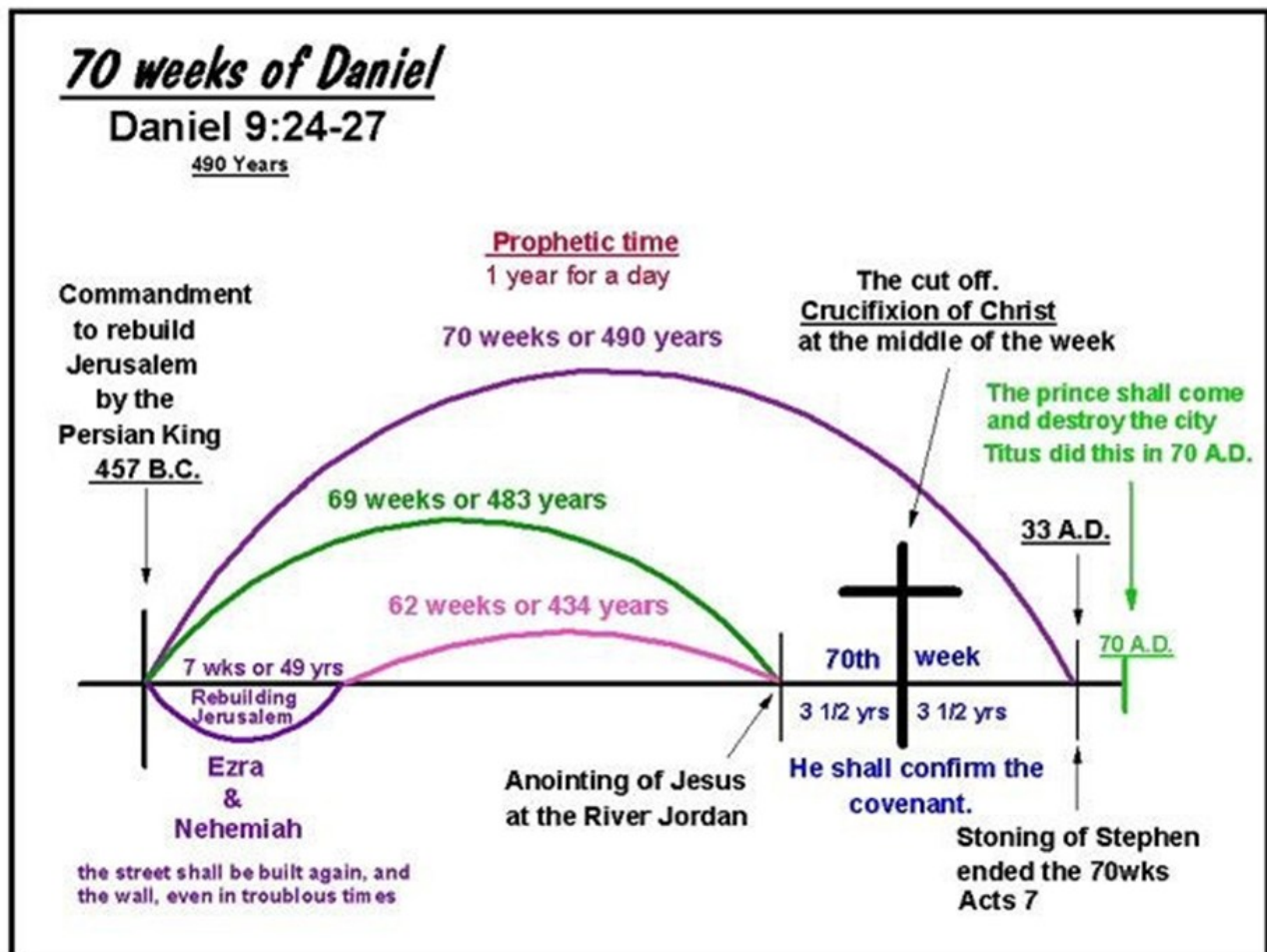
In Daniel 9, Daniel records a prophecy which gave the very year in which Jesus would be baptized and crucified – a prophecy which was cherished by the people who lived at the time of Jesus' **first advent** and gave them the hope of Jesus' birth, in the same way that the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation give the followers of Christ today the hope of Christ's **second advent**! This prophecy is central to the "lie about Antichrist" that is being perpetrated today in the churches of the land. The prophecy says,

"**Seventy weeks of years** [490 literal years] are determined [marked off] for your people [Israel] and for your holy city [Jerusalem], **to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness** [all that Jesus accomplished at Calvary!], **to seal up vision and prophecy** [to fulfill all that had been foretold of Him in the Old Testament], **and to anoint the Most Holy** [a reference to the baptism of Jesus]. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem [by Artaxerxes in 457 B.C.] **until Messiah the Prince** [the first advent of Jesus], there shall be **seven weeks** [of years – the 49 years it took to rebuild Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity] **and sixty-two weeks** [of years – the remaining 483 years from the completion of the rebuilding of Jerusalem under Ezra and Nehemiah until the baptism of Jesus in the Fall of 27 A.D.]; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times [the rebuilding of Jerusalem was completed in a hostile environment]. And after the sixty-two weeks [of years], Messiah shall be cut off [crucified], but not for Himself; and the people of the **prince** [the Roman general Titus] who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary [Titus' destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.]. The end of it shall be

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with [the force of a] flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined. Then He ["Messiah the Prince"] shall confirm a covenant [the New Covenant] with many for one week [of years]; but in the middle of the week [of years – after 3 ½ years] He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering [which was accomplished by the sacrifice of Jesus, the "Lamb of God"]]. 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** [another reference to the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in 70 A.D. – compare with Matthew 23:38; Luke 13:35]." Daniel 9:24-27.

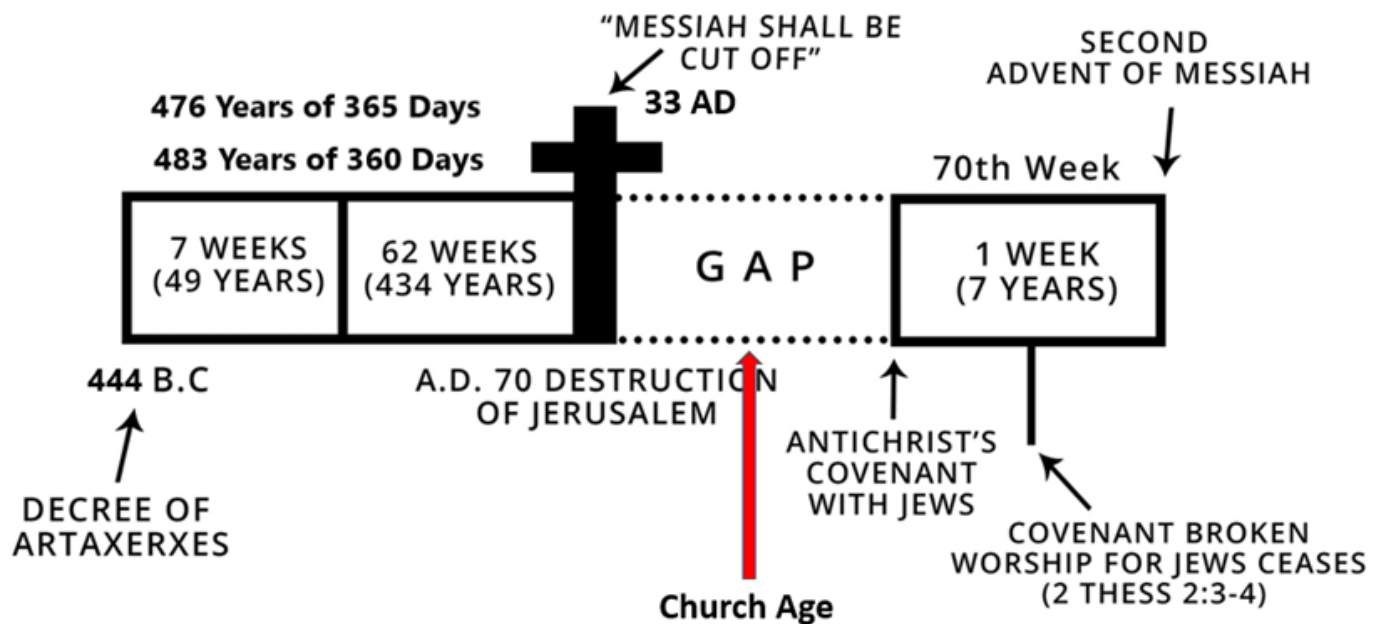
Following is a diagram of the **Biblical meaning** of the time prophecy above –



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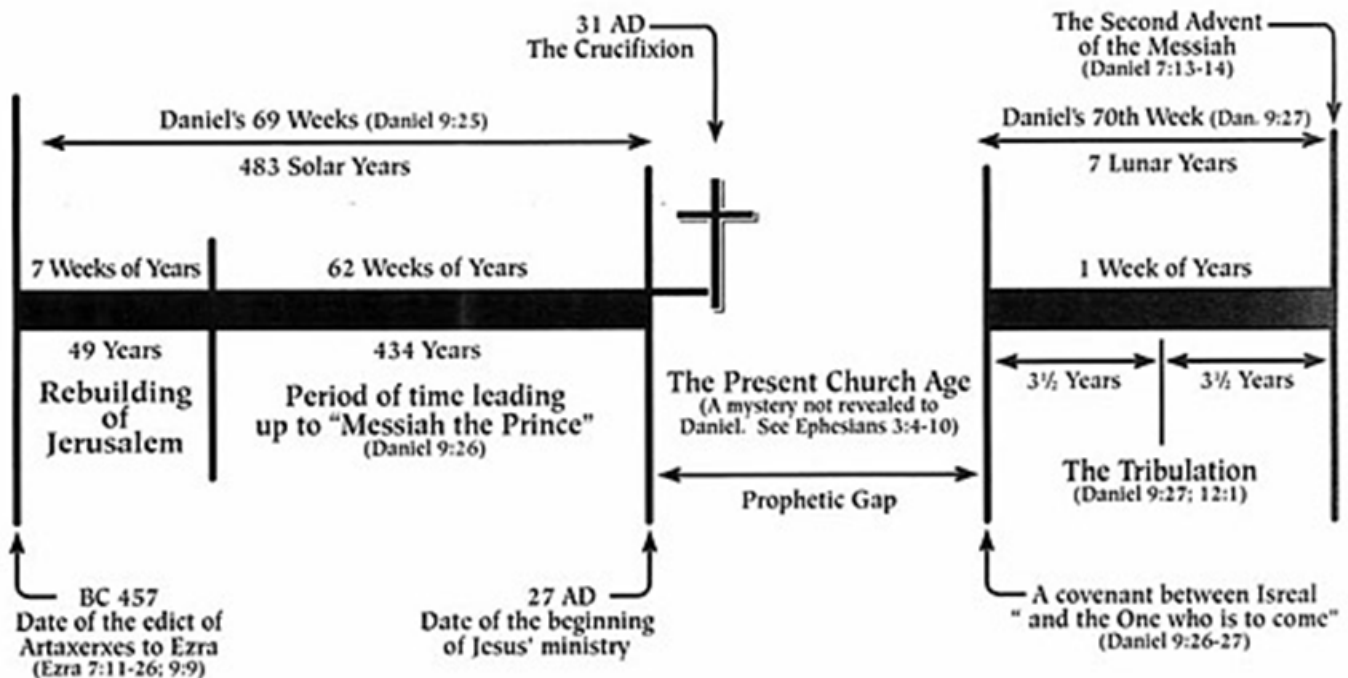
Dispensationalism tears this prophecy apart, detaching the 70th week from the rest of the prophecy and says that this last week begins with “the rapture” (another false doctrine) and in the middle of that last week, Antichrist rises and persecutes those “left behind”! **The “Messiah the Prince” of the prophecy of Daniel (Jesus Christ) becomes the “Antichrist” at the end of time! It’s a blasphemous alteration of divine inspiration and an evil “doctrine of demons”!** Following are two diagrams which illustrate the corrupted interpretation of the prophecy! Notice in these diagrams who “makes a covenant” and with whom (Antichrist with the Jews), and then remember who made the covenant of His blood the night before His death, “in the midst of the week,” with His disciples and the Church He was establishing through them!

70th WEEK OF DANIEL



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



The intent of this corrupt doctrine was originally to convince the Christian world that the Papacy is not the Antichrist of prophecy – of the Reformation and the last days. Thus, as is mentioned above, the Papacy can still be a part of the larger Christian community, "brothers in Christ," and authoritative in the affairs of the Christian Church of the last days. And **it allows the corrupted Christianity of Protestantism and Evangelicalism to embrace the Antichrist and fulfill the prophecy of Revelation 13!** It's a dangerous lie and a Doctrine of Demons!

Footnotes:

¹ ["The Composite Testimony of the Reformers Identifying Antichrist"](#)

² ["The Evil Empire of Jesuit Futurism"](#)