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The Man of Sin and the Rise of Evil

Satan Has a Seed

- Genesis 3:15—the woman is not the only one who has a seed in this verse. The Serpent also produces a seed.
- II Thessalonians 2:3—Paul identifies the seed of the Serpent by calling him the Man of Sin, the Son of Perdition.
- This person will be a counterfeit imitator of Christ.
 - II Thessalonians 2:8-9—this is the person the Lord will destroy at the second coming. This individual will also work lying wonders in his attempt to convince the world that he is God.

Dual Identity

First Half of Tribulation
3.5 Years

Man of Sin

Second Half of Tribulation
3.5 Years

Son of Perdition

Origin and Nationality

- Daniel 8:1-14—Daniel sees a vision of a Ram and a He-Goat.
- Daniel 8:21—the Angel Gabriel comes and explains the vision to Daniel.
 - Ram with two horns = kings of Media and Persia
 - He-goat = Greece
 - Great Horn = the first king of Greece, Alexander the Great.
- History records exactly what Daniel foretells in advance, the Greeks under the leadership of Alexander the Great destroyed the Media Persian Empire.

Origin and Nationality

- Daniel 8:8—speaks of the great horn (Alex) becoming great and then being broken when he is strong.
- This verse also speaks of four notable ones coming up in place of the great horn. When Alexander the Great died his kingdom was divided between his four generals.
 - Macedonia—Casander
 - Asia Minor—Lysmiachus
 - Syria—Seleucus
 - Egypt—Potolomy



Origin and Nationality

- Daniel 8:9—makes it very clear that the little horn (Man of Sin) is going to come out of one of the four divisions of the Greek Empire.
- Daniel 8:29—this king of fierce countenance is going to be the one who makes war on the prince of princes and is broken without hand.
- The Scriptures identify the anti-Christ as being an Assyrian from the third division of the Greek Empire.
 - Isaiah 10:5-6
 - Isaiah 14:25, 30:31, 31:8, 52:4
 - Micah 5:1-6

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Daniel 2

Daniel 7



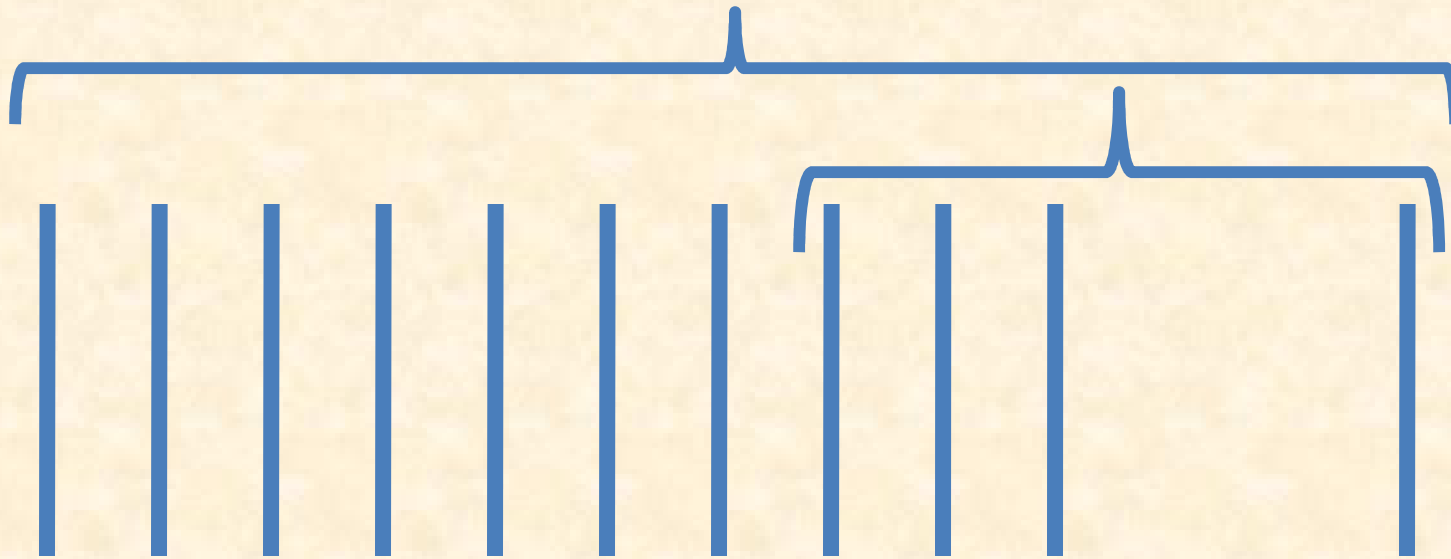
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- There are a couple reasons why this interpretation is not correct.
- Daniel 7:1—Daniel has this vision during the reign of Balshavar the last king of Babylon.
- Daniel 7:17—all four of the beasts are four kings which are future from where Daniel is standing. Therefore Babylon cannot be the Lion because Babylon is still in power.
- Daniel 7:17—all four of the beasts are identified by God the Holy Spirit as kings rather than kingdoms as in Daniel 2.
- Daniel 7:12—all of these kings are on the earth at the same time rather. In Daniel 2 the kingdom mentioned are sequential not concurrent.

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- Daniel 7:19-20, 23-24--The fourth beast is the kingdom of the anti-Christ who will preside over a confederation of ten nations.
 - Psalm 83:5-8—records the ten nations who will align themselves with the Man of Sin.
- Daniel 7:24—the Man of Sin builds his kingdom by subduing three kings under his authority and leadership. The indication then is that the remaining seven will then capitulate to his authority.

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King of Fierce
Countenance
Little Horn
Assyrian
Man of Sin

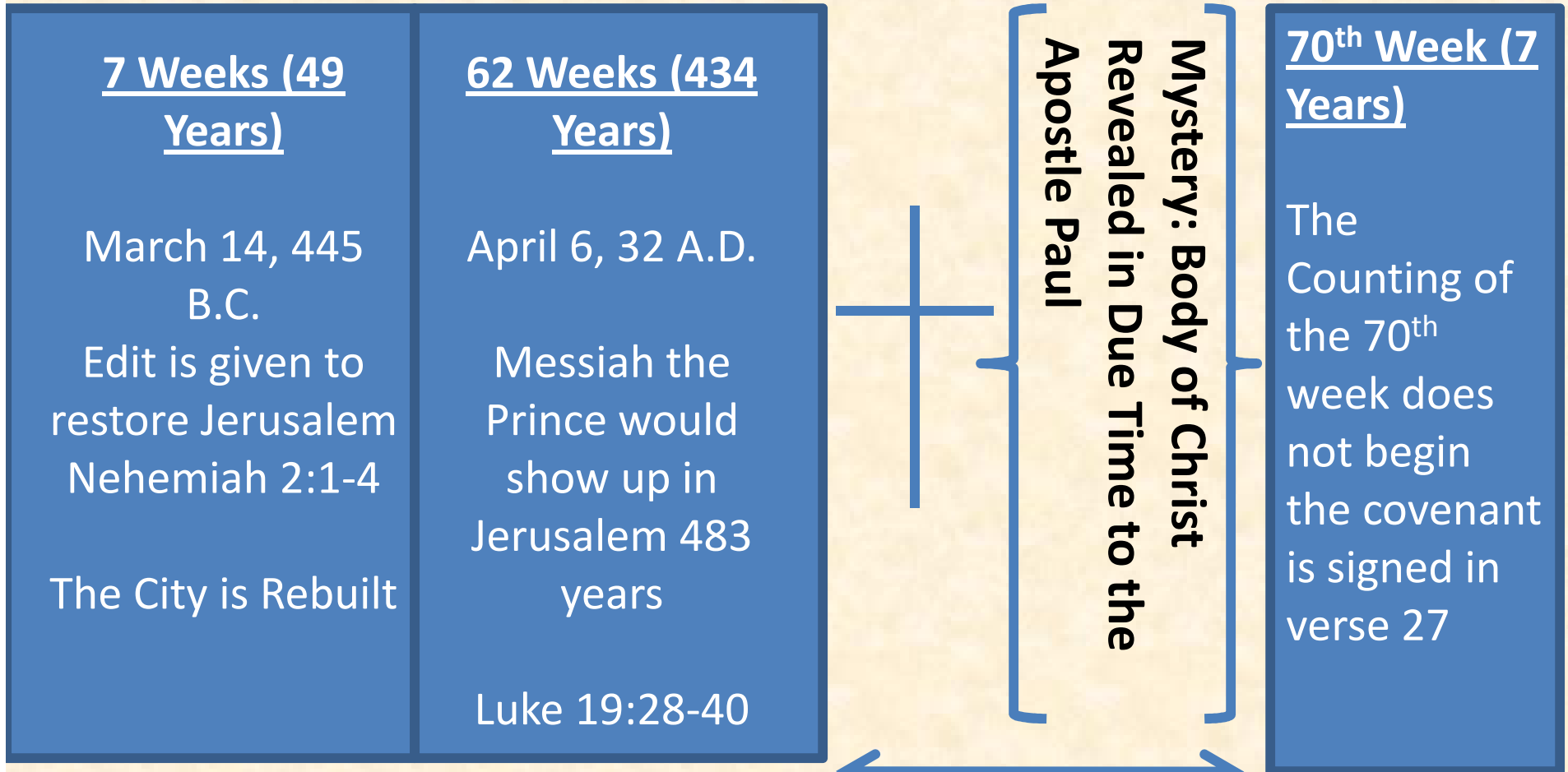
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- It will be through a political platform of world peace that the Man of Sin will deceive the world and convince Israel to enter into a covenant with him.
 - Daniel 8:25—“by peace shall destroy many”
 - Daniel 11:21—“he shall come in peaceably and obtain the kingdom by flatteries”
 - Psalm 55:15-21—“The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords.”
- Daniel 9:26—during the gap between the end of the 69th week and the beginning of the 70th there is going to be warfare of some sort.
 - Matthew 24:6—Jesus warned of wars and rumors of wars that would be only the beginning of sorrows.

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- Daniel 9:27—in the midst of these wars the Man of Sin is going to broker a peace agreement between Israel and her enemies. It is the signing of this covenant that begins the ticking of the prophetic clock and beginning the 7 year time period known as the tribulation.
 - The temple is rebuilt and the sacrificial system reinstated
 - In the midst of the week (after 3.5 years), the Man of Sin will show his true colors by committing the abomination of desolation.
- The anti-Christ has a two part career.
 - Revelation 6:1-2—1st half of the tribulation he is the Man of Sin, the rider on the white horse, the king of Assyria.
 - Revelation 13:1-3—2nd half of the tribulation he is the Son of Perdition, the Beast, Satan incarnate in human flesh.

Daniel 9 and the Prophetic Gap



Prophetic Gap

The Man of Sin May not immediately appear