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THE SECOND EPISTLE GENERAL

2 Peter OF PETER.



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Chapter 1

VS. 19-21

YEAR OF THE CHRISTIAN ERA, CIR. 60.—YEAR OF THE WORLD, CIR. 4064.

CHAPTER I.

Confirming them in hope of the increase of God's graces, 1—4, he exhorteth them, by faith and good works, to make their calling sure, 5—11; whereof he is careful to remember them, knowing that his death is at hand, 12—15; and warneth them to be constant in the faith of Christ, who is the true Son of God, by the eye-witness of the apostle beholding his majesty, and by the testimony of the Father, and the presence of the Holy Spirit, 16—21.

SIMON Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us, through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of

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A.M.4064. A.D.60.

1 Or, Symeon, Ac. 15.

14.

a Mat.4.18; John 1.42;

21.15-17; 1Pe.1.1.

b John 12.26; Ro.1.1.

c John 11.49; John 20.21;

4.11.

d John 1.15.

e 1Co.3.17.

f Or, by God and

Angels, 1.8.1.47.

g Nu.6.24; Ro.1.7.

h Is.59.11; John 17.8.

i Ps.110.3; Mat.28.18;

2Co.12.5; Co.1.16.

j Ps.84.11; Ro.8.32.

k ver.7.

l Ro.8.29-30; 1Co.1.9;

Ep.4.1; 1Th.2.12.

m Or, by.

n Ro.3.11; 1Pe.3.4.

o According as, in his

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a John 12.24; Ro.12.10;

1Pe.1.22; 1John.3.14.

b 1Co.12.4-6; Ga.6.10;

Co.3.14; 1John.4.21.

c John 5.47; 2Co.5.14.

d Phil.1.9; Co.3.7.

e John 15.7; 2Co.3.18.

f Or, idle, Fr. 1.1.

g Or, by the Father.

h ver.5-7; Mar.10.91;

Lu.18.32; Ga.5.6.

i John 9.40, 41; 2Co.4.

3.4; 1John.2.9-11.

j ch.2.18-20; 1Pe.3.21.

k ver.3.

l 2Ti.3.15; Ro.6.11,19;

m Ro.8.28-31; 2Th.2.

13,14; 1Pe.1.2.

n Since the difference

between real and nominal

Christians is so great, and since so

many take up with a

7 And to godliness, ^abrotherly kindness; and to brotherly-kindness, ^bcharity.

8 For if these things be ^cin you, and ye ^dmake you that shall neither be barren nor ^eunfruitful, in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is ^fblind, and cannot see afar off, hath forgotten ^gthat he was purged from his old sins.

¹⁶ For we have not followed **cunningly devised fables**,
when we made known unto you the power and
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were
eyewitnesses of his majesty.

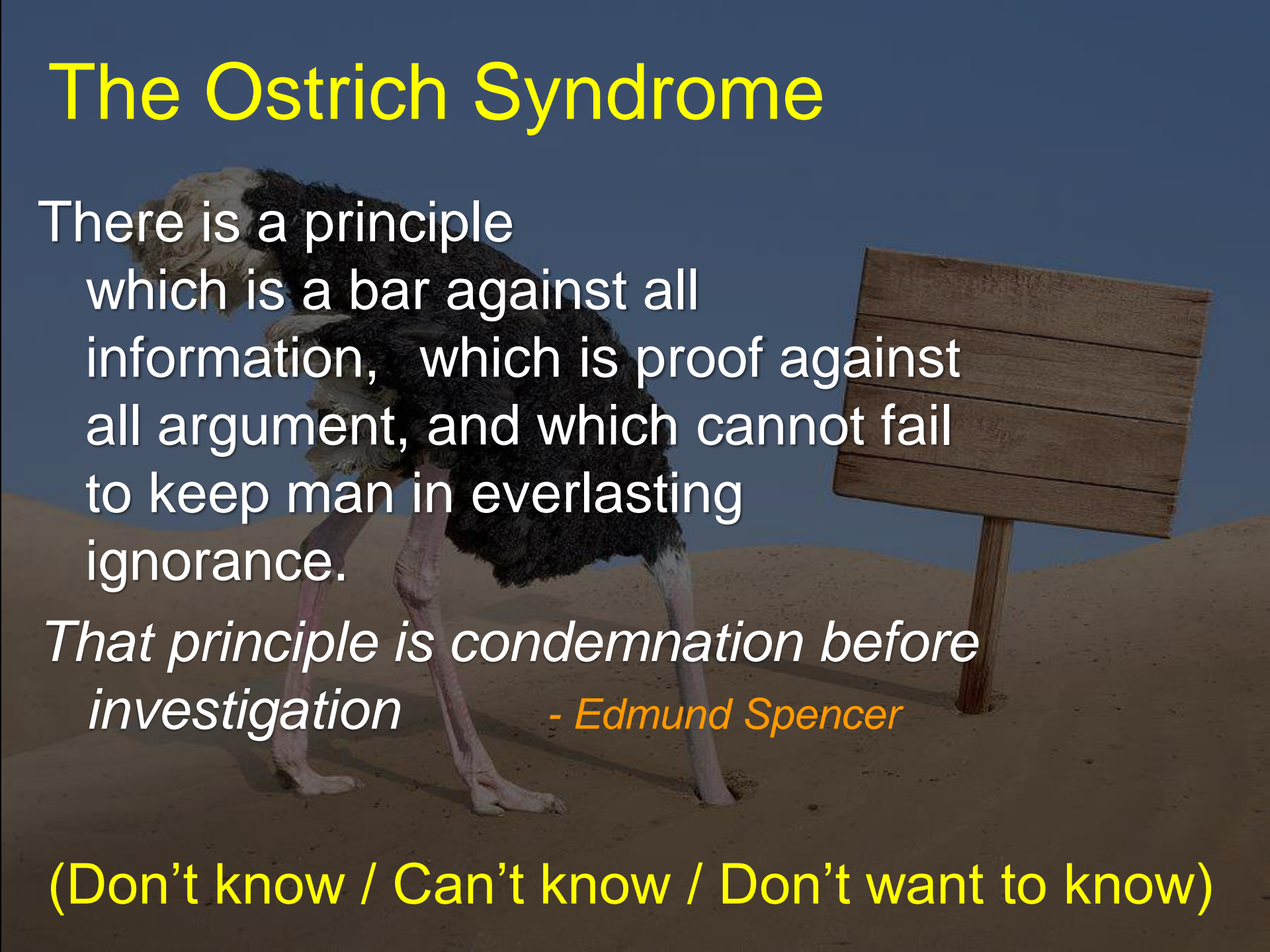
2 Peter 1:16

- **Gr.** 'Sophizo' - from where we get 'sophisticated'
- *'We didn't make this stuff up!'*
- Peter was an eyewitness of the events he records
- But Peter is now going to tell us there is a witness greater than the personal testimony of someone who was actually present and saw these events!

19 We have also a **more sure word of prophecy;**
whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a
light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn,
and the day star arise in your hearts: **2 Peter 1:19**

- Peter makes this statement after telling us he had been an eye-witness to the Transfiguration!
- The transfiguration provided overwhelming evidence that Jesus was the Messiah
- Yet he declares that Prophecy is greater (more certain) than his experience!) Gr. *'Bebaios'* Stable/Fast/Firm)
- Why?
- Because you and I cannot verify Peter's experience — we have to trust his account

The Ostrich Syndrome

An ostrich is shown in a desert setting, with its head buried in the sand. To its right is a wooden signpost with a blank sign. The background is a clear blue sky and sandy dunes.

There is a principle
which is a bar against all
information, which is proof against
all argument, and which cannot fail
to keep man in everlasting
ignorance.

*That principle is condemnation before
investigation*

- Edmund Spencer

(Don't know / Can't know / Don't want to know)

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- Prophecy is not merely a prediction
- It is not a guess about what might be
- Prophecy is history recorded in advance!
- Prophecy is the unveiling of future events before they happen
- The only way this can happen is if someone were able to step outside of time, see the future, and then record it!

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Test of a True God:

- 21** Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.
- 22** Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come.

Test of a True God:

23 Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together.

Isaiah 41:21-23

God's Reputation

- 9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,
- 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

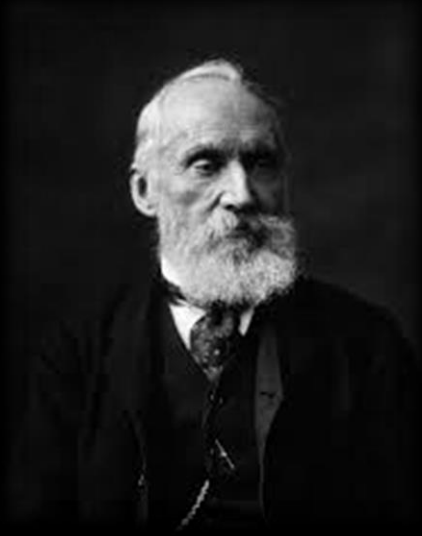
Isaiah 46:9-10

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*“Until we can measure a thing,
we really know very little about
it.”*

William Thomson (Lord Kelvin)

- How do we measure certainty?
- Peter’s argument is that Prophecy gives us just such a measure!

A Prophetic Challenge:

- Think of a person who will be born in the future
 - It must at least 500 years from now
- Now write down where they will be born
 - This must be specific, i.e. the actual town name
- Detail a plot to kill them – and how it is foiled
- Record where they will grow up
 - This must be somewhere other than the birthplace
- Write down what people will say of this person
- Record in advance their genealogy
- Write down the actual words they will speak
- Note the reaction to these words
- Write down what they will become known for
- Record how they will die and where they will be buried
 - This must include specific details about their death

Old Testament Prophecies about the Messiah *Quoted* in the Gospels

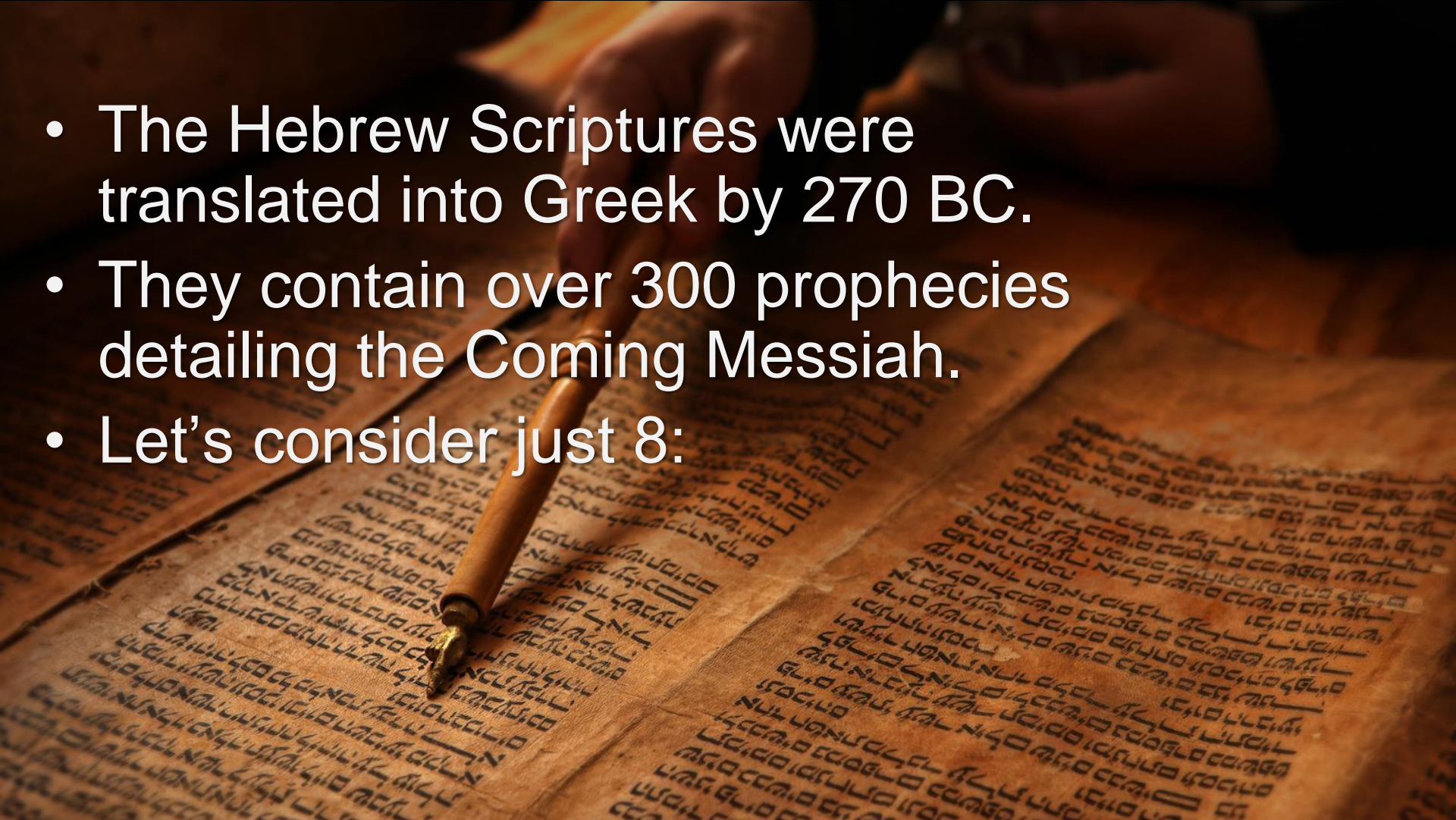
- He was to be of David's family
2 Sam 7:12-16; Ps 89:3-4; 110:1; 132:11;
Isa 9:6, 7; 11:1
- He would be born in Bethlehem
Micah 5:2
- He would be born of a virgin
Gen 3:15; Isa 7:14
- He would sojourn in Egypt
Hos 11:1
- He would live in Galilee
Isa 9:1, 2
- ...in Nazareth
Isa 11:1
- To be announced by an Elijah-like herald
Isa 40:3-5; Mal 3:1; 4:5
- Would occasion massacre in Bethlehem
Gen 35:19-20; Jer 31:15
- Would proclaim a Jubilee to the world
Isa 58:6; 61:1
- His mission would include the Gentiles
Isa 42:1-4
- Ministry would be one of healing
Isa 53:4
- He would teach through parables
Isa 6:9-10; Ps 78:2
- He would be disbelieved, rejected by Rulers
Ps 69:4; 118:22;
Isa 6:10; 29:13; 53:1

Old Testament Prophecies about the Messiah *Quoted* in the Gospels

- A triumphal entry into Jerusalem Zech 9:9; Ps 118:26
- Betrayed by friend for 30 pieces of silver Zech 11:1-13; Ps 41:9
- Would be like a smitten shepherd Zech 13:7
- Would be given vinegar and gall Ps 69:21
- They would cast lots for His garments Ps 22:18
- His Side would be pierced Zech 12:10; Ps 22:16
- Not a bone would be broken Ex 12:46; Num 9:12; Ps 34:20
- Would die among malefactors Isa 53:9, 12
- His dying words foretold Ps 22:1; 31:5
- Would be buried by a rich man Isa 53:9
- Rise from dead on 3rd day Gen 22:4; Ps 16:10-11; Jon 1:7; Hos 6:2
- Resurrection followed by destruction of Jerusalem Dan 9:26; 11:31; 12:1,11

The Old Testament (The *Tenach*)

- The Hebrew Scriptures were translated into Greek by 270 BC.
- They contain over 300 prophecies detailing the Coming Messiah.
- Let's consider just 8:



Number 1

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Micah 5:2

Born in Bethlehem

- What is the probability of any person, taken at random, of fulfilling this?

$$P \leq 10:000$$

1 in 10,000, born in Bethlehem and goes on to be hailed as Israel's king

Number 2

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold,
thy King cometh unto thee: he is just,
and having salvation; lowly, and
riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the
foal of an ass.

Zechariah 9:9

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- How many people have presented themselves as a king to Jerusalem riding a donkey?

$$P \leq 1:1000$$

Number 3

And I said unto them, If ye think good,
give me my price; and if not, forbear.
So they weighed for my price thirty
pieces of silver.

Zechariah 11:12

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- How many people have been betrayed for 30 pieces of silver?

$p \leq 1:1,000$

Number 4

And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prized at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.

Zechariah 11:13

- See Matthew 27:4-5

The Precision of Zech 11:13

- Price: 30 pieces of silver
- Location of the the transaction:
the House of the Lord (Temple);
- Who ends up with the money?
The Potter

$$p \leq 1:100,000$$

Number 5

And one shall say unto him,
“What are these wounds in thine hands?”
Then he shall answer,
“Those with which I was wounded in the
house of my friends.”

Zechariah 13:6

Thomas' Unbelief

But he [Thomas] said unto them, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe."

John 20:25

And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace be unto you."

Then saith he to Thomas, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing."

John 20:26, 27

And Thomas answered and said unto him,
"My Lord and my God."

Jesus saith unto him,

"Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast
believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and
yet have believed."

John 20:28, 29

Zechariah 13:6

- How many people, taken at random, have been “wounded in their hands” in “the house of their friends?”

$$p \leq 1:1,000$$

Number 6

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet
he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a
lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep
before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth
not his mouth.

Isaiah 53:7

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- How many prisoners, accused of a capital crime, make no defense even though innocent?

$$p \leq 1:1,000$$

Number 7

*And he made his grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death; because he
had done no violence, neither was any
deceit in his mouth.*

Isaiah 53:9

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- How many died among the wicked, yet were buried with the rich?

$$p \leq 1:1,000$$

Number 8

*For dogs have compassed me: the
assembly of the wicked have inclosed
me: they pierced my hands and my feet.*

Psalm 22:16

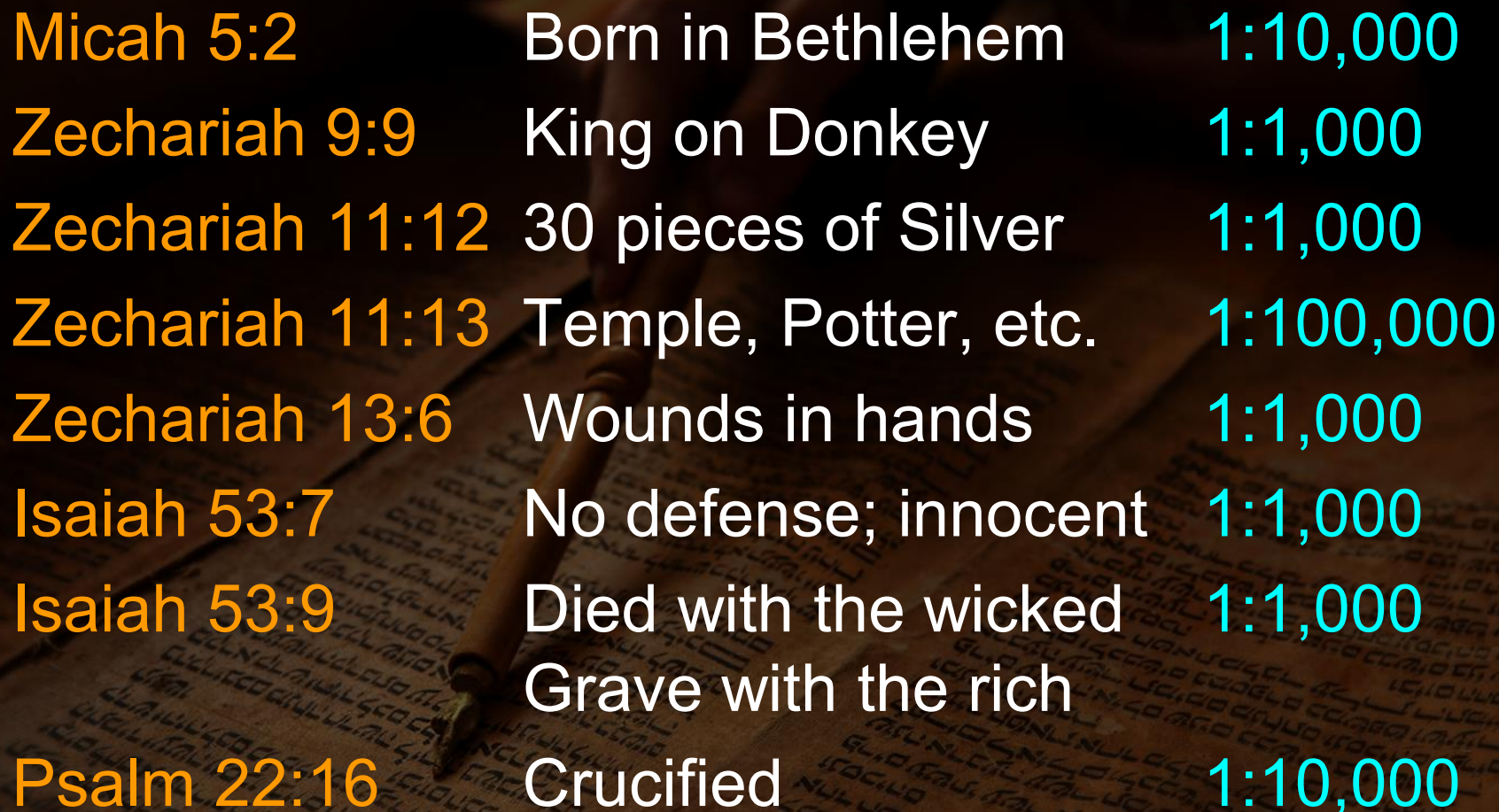
Psalm 22:16

(700 years before crucifixion invented)

- How many, taken at random, have died by having hands and feet pierced?

$$p \leq 1:10,000$$

8 Prophecies



Micah 5:2	Born in Bethlehem	1:10,000
Zechariah 9:9	King on Donkey	1:1,000
Zechariah 11:12	30 pieces of Silver	1:1,000
Zechariah 11:13	Temple, Potter, etc.	1:100,000
Zechariah 13:6	Wounds in hands	1:1,000
Isaiah 53:7	No defense; innocent	1:1,000
Isaiah 53:9	Died with the wicked	1:1,000
	Grave with the rich	
Psalms 22:16	Crucified	<u>1:10,000</u>

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Psalm 22:16	Crucified	<u>1:10,000</u> 1:10 ²⁸

8 Prophecies Combined

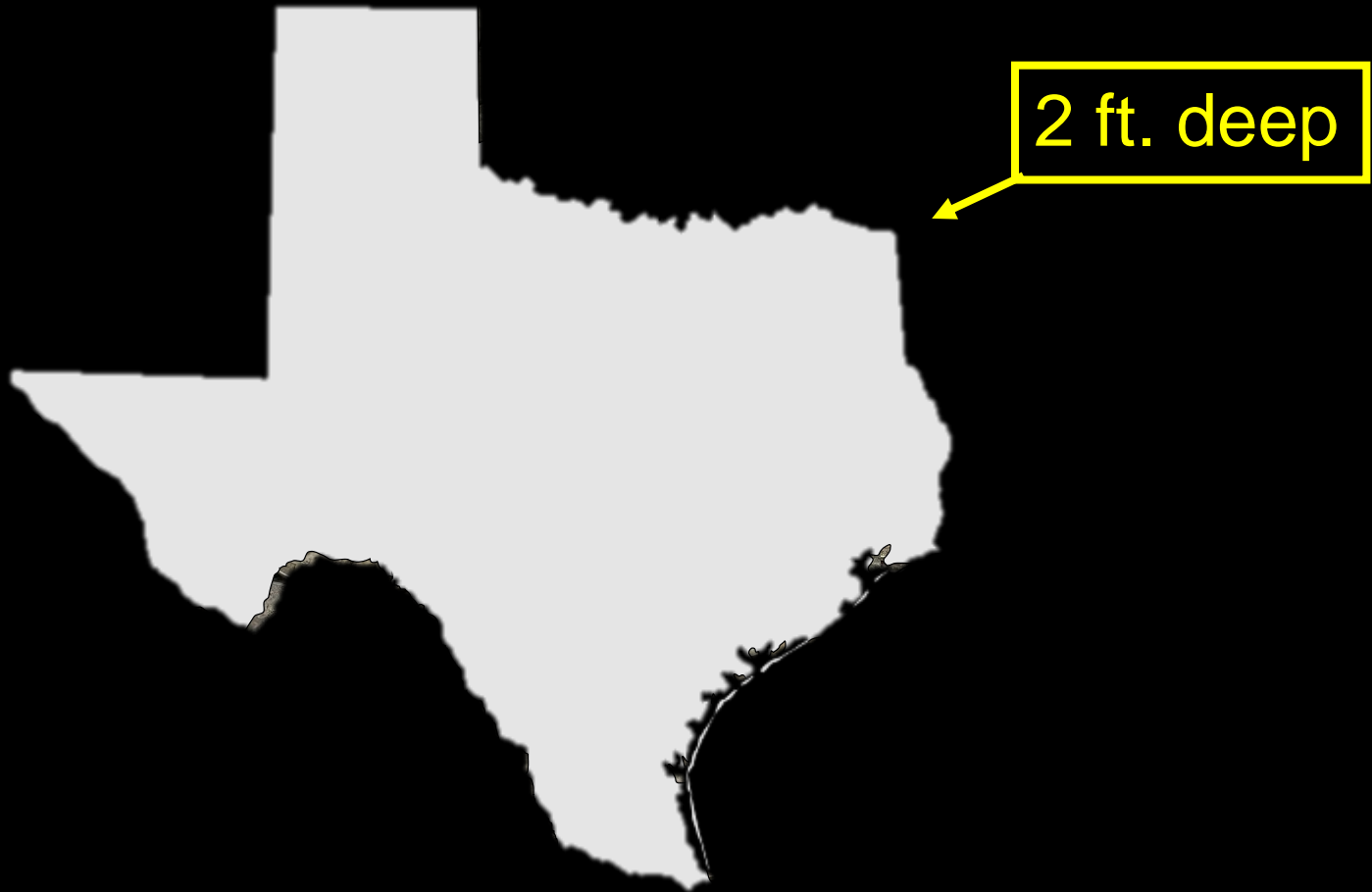
- Total population = 100 billion (10^{11})
- Combined probabilities:

$$10^{28}/10^{11} = 10^{17}$$

- 100,000,000,000,000,000
– 1 chance in one-hundred quadrillion!
- Imagine a “bucket” of 10^{17} silver coins?



The State of Texas



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2 ft. deep

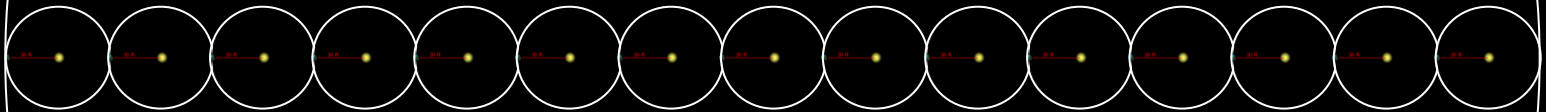
16 Prophecies Combined?

- Over 300 to choose from;
- The next 8 would be more specific (each less likely than the previous);
- Assuming *no decrease* in likelihoods:
$$10^{28} \times 10^{28} = 10^{56}$$
$$10^{56}/10^{11} = 10^{45}$$
- How big of a “bucket” do we need now?

30 Times
distance of Earth
to the Sun



30 Times
distance of Earth
to the Sun



Prophetic Validation

- Conclusion?
- We can be more certain that Jesus is the Messiah of Israel and that the Bible is true than we can about any other fact in the universe!



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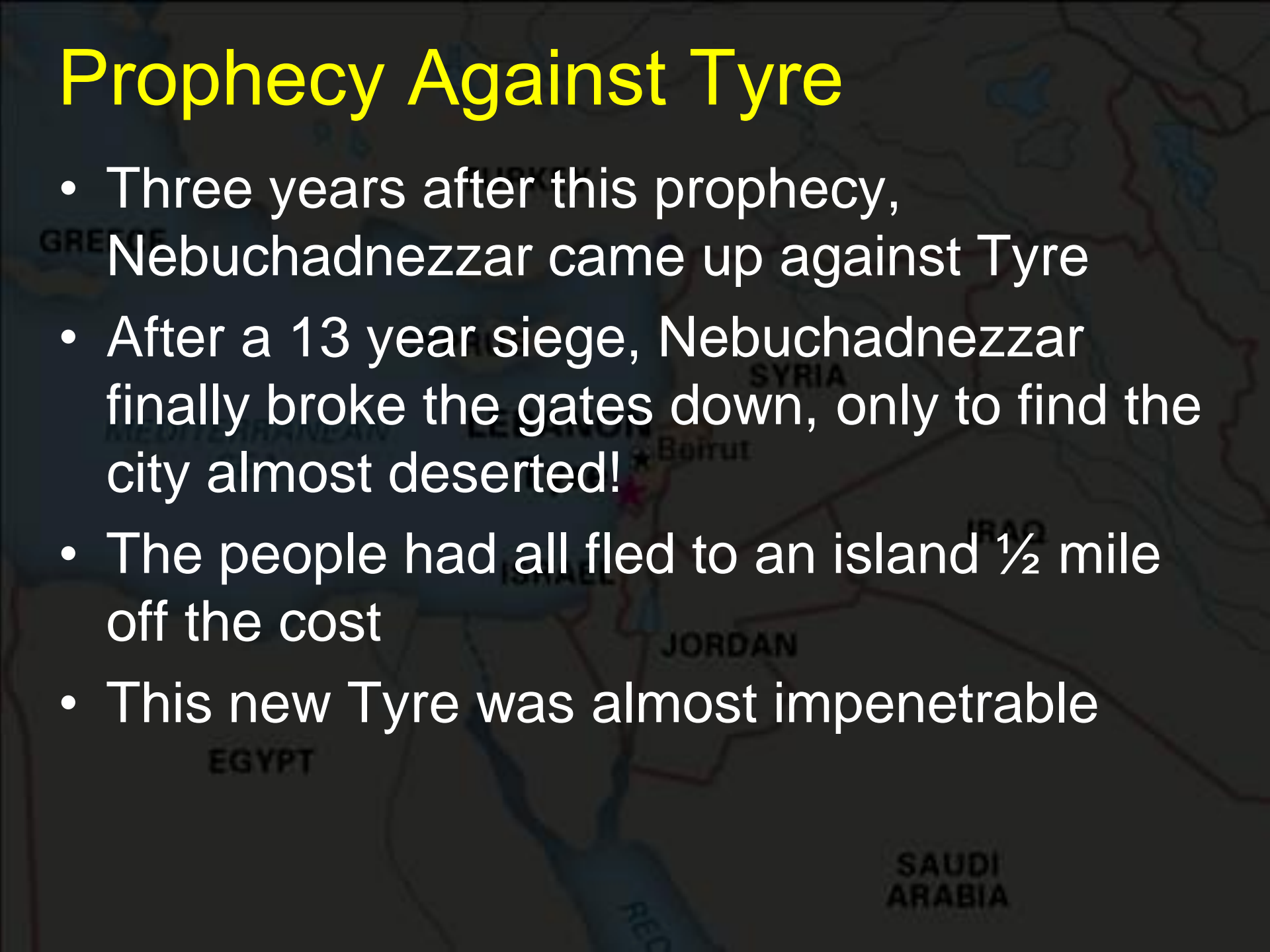


Prophecy Against Tyre

- Ezekiel prophesied in Ch 26 that Nebuchadnezzar would destroy Tyre
- Many nations would be against Tyre
- Dust scraped to become like bare rock
- Fishermen would spread their nets on the remains of Tyre
- Stones & timber thrown into the sea
- Tyre would never be rebuilt
- Tyre would never be found again

Prophecy Against Tyre

- Three years after this prophecy, Nebuchadnezzar came up against Tyre
- After a 13 year siege, Nebuchadnezzar finally broke the gates down, only to find the city almost deserted!
- The people had all fled to an island $\frac{1}{2}$ mile off the coast
- This new Tyre was almost impenetrable

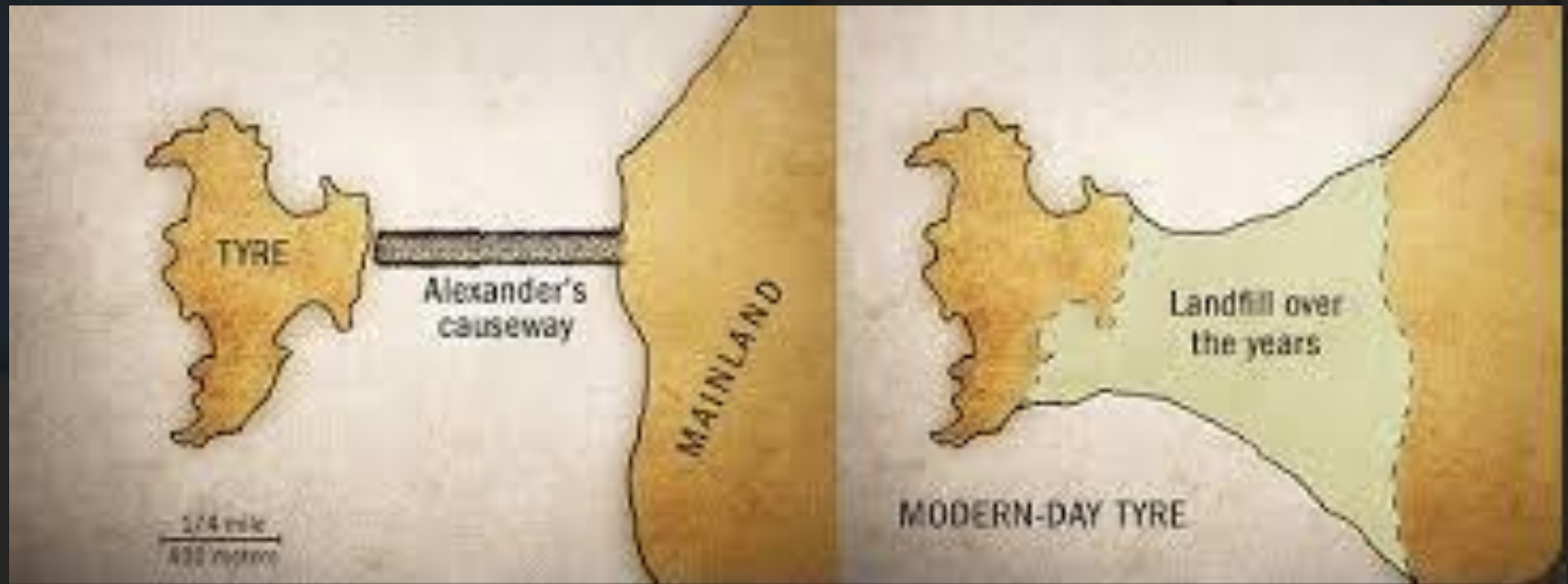


Prophecy Against Tyre

- Alexander the Great was the next antagonist
- In order to take the new Tyre, he build a causeway out from the mainland
- He literally scrapped the remains on the old city into the sea, and left just bare rock
- Upon those rocks, fishermen to this day lay their nets
- Over the next 1600 years, many nations did attack and destroy Tyre, until her final destruction in 1291 during the Crusades

Prophecy Against Tyre

- Alexander's Causeway



Prophecy Against Tyre

- Floyd Hamilton in the

Battle for the Christian Faith states:

- *“It is also written, ‘thou shalt be built no more’. Other cities destroyed by enemies had been rebuilt; Jerusalem was destroyed many times, but always has risen again from the ruins; what reason was there for saying that Old Tyre might not be rebuilt? But twenty-five centuries ago a Jew in exile over in Babylonia looked into the future at the command of God and wrote the words, ‘thou shalt be built no more!’*

Prophecy Against Tyre

- The voice of God has spoken and Old Tyre today stands as it has for twenty-five centuries, a bare rock, uninhabited by man! Today anyone who wants to see the site of the old city, can have it pointed out to him along the shore, but there is not a ruin to mark the spot It has been scraped clean and has never been rebuilt!”*

Prophecy Against Tyre

- *“The great freshwater springs of Reselain are at the site of the mainland city of Tyre, and no doubt supplied the city with an abundance of fresh water. These springs are still there and still flow, but their water runs into the sea. The flow of these springs was measured by an engineer, and found to be about 10,000,000 gallons daily. It is still an excellent site for a city and would have fresh water enough for a large modern city, yet it has never been rebuilt. Thus [this prophecy] has stood true for more than 2500 years*

Floyd Hamilton

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The Empire Divided

Daniel 11



Cassandra

Lysimachus

Seleucus

Ptolemy

400 "Silent Years"?
(Detailed in advance in Daniel 11)

Ptolemies vs. Seleucids

"Kings of the South"

"Kings of the North"

Daniel Chapter 11

5	Ptolemy I Soter (323-285 BC)	5	Seleucus I Nicator (312-281) Antiochus I Soter (281-262)
6	Ptolemy II Philadelphus (285-246) LXX	6	Antiochus II Theos (262-246)
7-8	Ptolemy III Euergetes (246-221)	7-9	Seleucus II Callinicus (246-227)
		10	Seleucus III Soter (227-223)
11-12	Ptolemy IV Philopater (221-204)	10-19	Antiochus III the Great (223-187)
17	Ptolemy V Epiphanes (204-181)	20	Seleucus IV Philopater (187-176)
25	Ptolemy VI Philometer (181-145)	21-35	Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-163)



King of the North

Israel

King of the South

Egypt

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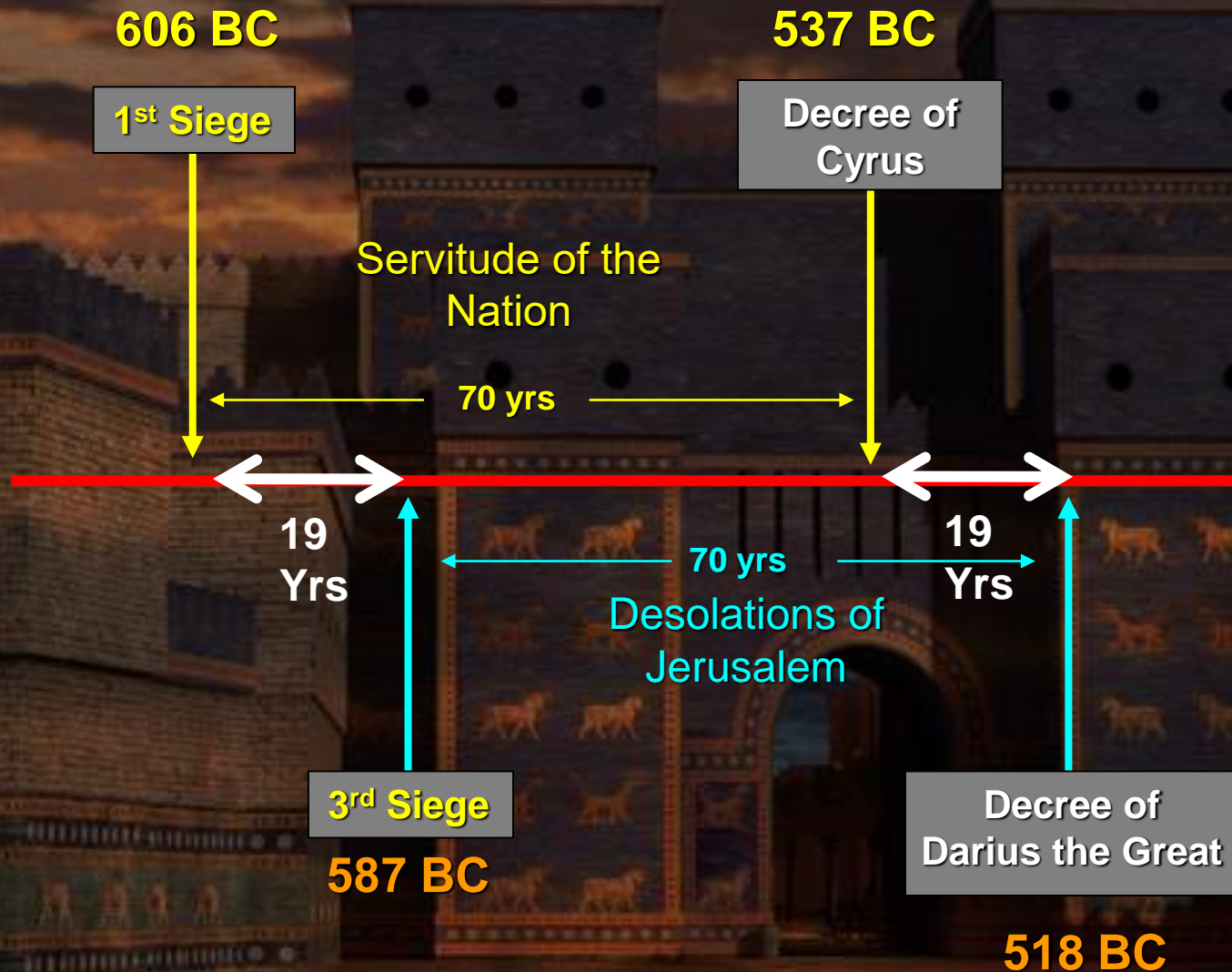
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Daniel's 70 Weeks

- The answer is found way back in the book of Daniel – around 537 B.C.
- Israel's 70 captivity in Babylon was over
- Around 50,000 Jews had returned home...
- ...but Daniel now aged c.83 had remained in Babylon
- Chapter 9 reveals that Daniel was confused:
 - The captivity was over, but Jerusalem still lay in ruins
 - Daniel turned to the prophecies of Jeremiah and realised that there was a second period of 70 years judgment decreed upon Jerusalem

Servitude / Desolations



Daniel's 70 Weeks

- Daniel then set his heart to pray
 - One of the most impassioned prayers in scripture!
 - Quoting almost verbatim Solomon's prayer in 1 Chronicles 6:36-39
- 1) Confessing the sins of his people (v1-15)
- 2) Interceding for the city (v16-19)
- But part way into his prayer for Jerusalem Daniel is interrupted!
- Not by a knock at the door...
- But by a visitation from the Angel Gabriel!

Daniel's 70 Weeks

²⁴ Seventy sevens 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.

Daniel 9:24

Daniel's 70 Weeks

שָׁבָעִים

- Shabuim
- 'weeks of years'
- 'Seventy weeks of years'
- $70 \times 7 \text{ years} = 490 \text{ years}$

Daniel's 70 Weeks

- 1 week of days = 7 days
- (Gen 2:2; Ex 20:11)
- 1 week of weeks = 7 weeks
- (Lev 23:15,16)
- 1 week of months = 7 months
- (Ex 12:2; Lev 23:24)
- 1 week of years = 7 years
- (Lev 25:1-22; Deut 15; 2 Chron 36:19-21)

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The 490 Years

- Prophecy for Israel & Jerusalem
- Finnish transgression
- Make an end of sins
- Reconciliation for iniquity
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- Anoint the most holy (place/one)

The First 483 Years

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 [**49 years**], and threescore and two weeks [**434 years**]: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Daniel 9:25

The 490 Years

- Command to restore & build Jerusalem
- Seven weeks ($7 \times 7 \text{ years} = 49 \text{ years}$)
- Sixty two weeks ($62 \times 7 = 432 \text{ years}$)
- Street and Wall rebuilt
- 'Troublous times' (Ezra / Nehemiah)
- 483 years conclude with Messiah

The 490 Years

Command to restore
& build Jerusalem

Messiah the King

483 years

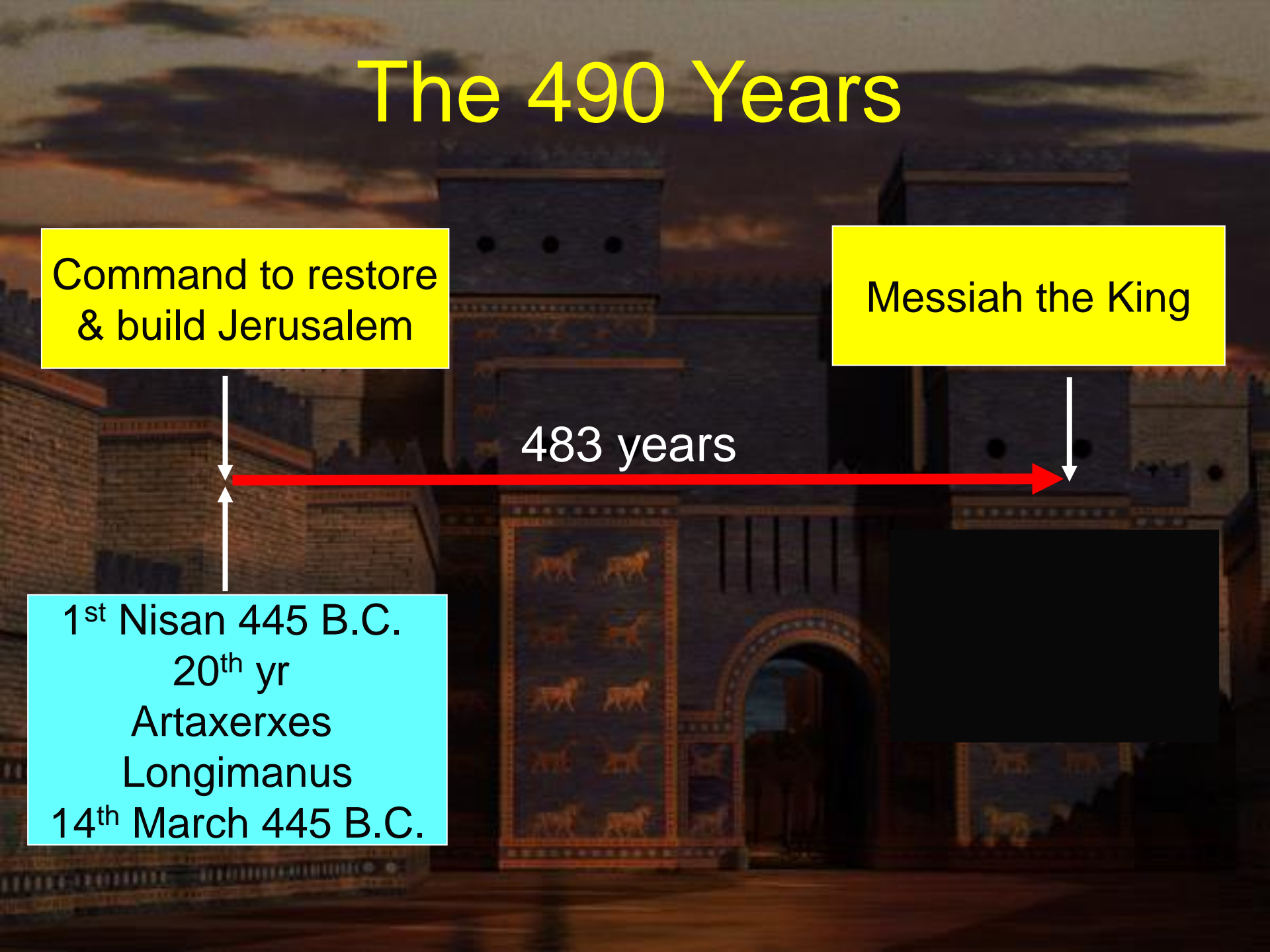
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20th yr

Artaxerxes

Longimanus

14th March 445 B.C.



I And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes ...

Nehemiah 2:1

Ascension Year	0	465	B.C.	454	11th
First year of reign	1st	464		453	12th
	2nd	463		452	13th
	3rd	462		451	14th
	4th	461		450	15th
	5th	460		449	16th
	6th	459		448	17th
	7th	458		447	18th
	8th	457		446	19th
	9th	456		445	20th Year of reign
	10th	455		444	21 st

The 490 Years

Command to restore
& build Jerusalem

Messiah the King

483 years

How many days?

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360 day Prophetic Years

- Gen 7:11, 8:4 cf Gen 7:24 5mts, 150d = 30 day months
- Dan 7:25, 12:7 inferred cf Rev 12:6, 12:14, 13:5-7 1260d
- Rev 11:2, 11:3, 13:5, 12:6 42 mts, 1260d
- Servitude of Nation, 606 B.C. – 537 B.C.
70yrs @ 360d per yr
- Desolations of Jerusalem, 587 B.C. – 518 B.C.
70yrs @ 360d per yr
- Ezekiel 4, 430yrs – 70 = 360yrs x 7 (cf Lev 28) = 2520yrs @ 360d
Servitude: 537 B.C. – 14/5/1948
Desolations: 518 B.C. – 7/06/1967
- Daniel 9:27, Jeremiah's Prophecies + Final week = 2520d
- Daniel 9:24-27, Exactly 360 letters in 4 verses (Hebrew)

360 Day Year?

- Ancient calendars based on 360 day years
 - Assyrians, Chaldeans, Egyptians, Hebrews, Persians, Greeks, Phoenicians, Chinese, Mayans, Hindus, Carthaginians, Etruscans, Teutons, et al.
- 360° in a circle, 60 minutes/hour, 60 sec/min
- 360 icons in the gnostic genii
- 360 gods in the theology of Greek Orpheus
- 360 idols in the palace of Dairi in Japan
- 360 statues surrounding Hobal in Arabia

360 Day Year?

“...all nations, before the just length of the solar year was known, reckoned months by the course of the moon, and years by the return of winter and summer, spring and autumn; and in making calendars for their festivals, they reckoned thirty days to a lunar month, and twelve lunar months to a year, taking the nearest round numbers, whence came the division of the ecliptic into 360 degrees.”

Sir Isaac Newton

Daniel's 70 Weeks

- 483 years x 360 days per year
- Prophetic years always reckoned as 360 days in Scripture

Daniel's 70 Weeks

Command to restore
& build Jerusalem

Messiah the King

483 years

$360d \times 483y = 173,880 \text{ days}$

1st Nisan 445 B.C.

20th yr

Artaxerxes

Longimanus

14th March 445 B.C.

The Triumphal Entry

6th April A.D. 32

(10th Nisan)

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Unexplained Prophecy?

Ezekiel gives us a mathematical prophecy concerning the judgment on the Nation:

Unexplained Prophecy?

¹ Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it the city, even Jerusalem:

² And lay siege against it, and build a and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about.

Ezekiel 4:1-6

Unexplained Prophecy?

3 Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.

4 Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity.

Unexplained Prophecy?

⁵ For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, **three hundred and ninety days:** so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

⁶ And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah **forty days:** I have appointed thee each day for a year.

Unexplained Prophecy?

- Ezekiel prophecies a total of 430 years of judgment against Israel as a Nation
- 70 years are accounted for in Babylon
- We are left with 360 years of judgment unaccounted for.
- However we are given a clue in Leviticus 26...

Unexplained Prophecy?

14 But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;

15 And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant:

16 I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart:

Lev 26:14-18

Unexplained Prophecy?

^{16b} and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

¹⁷ And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

¹⁸ And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

Lev 26:14-18

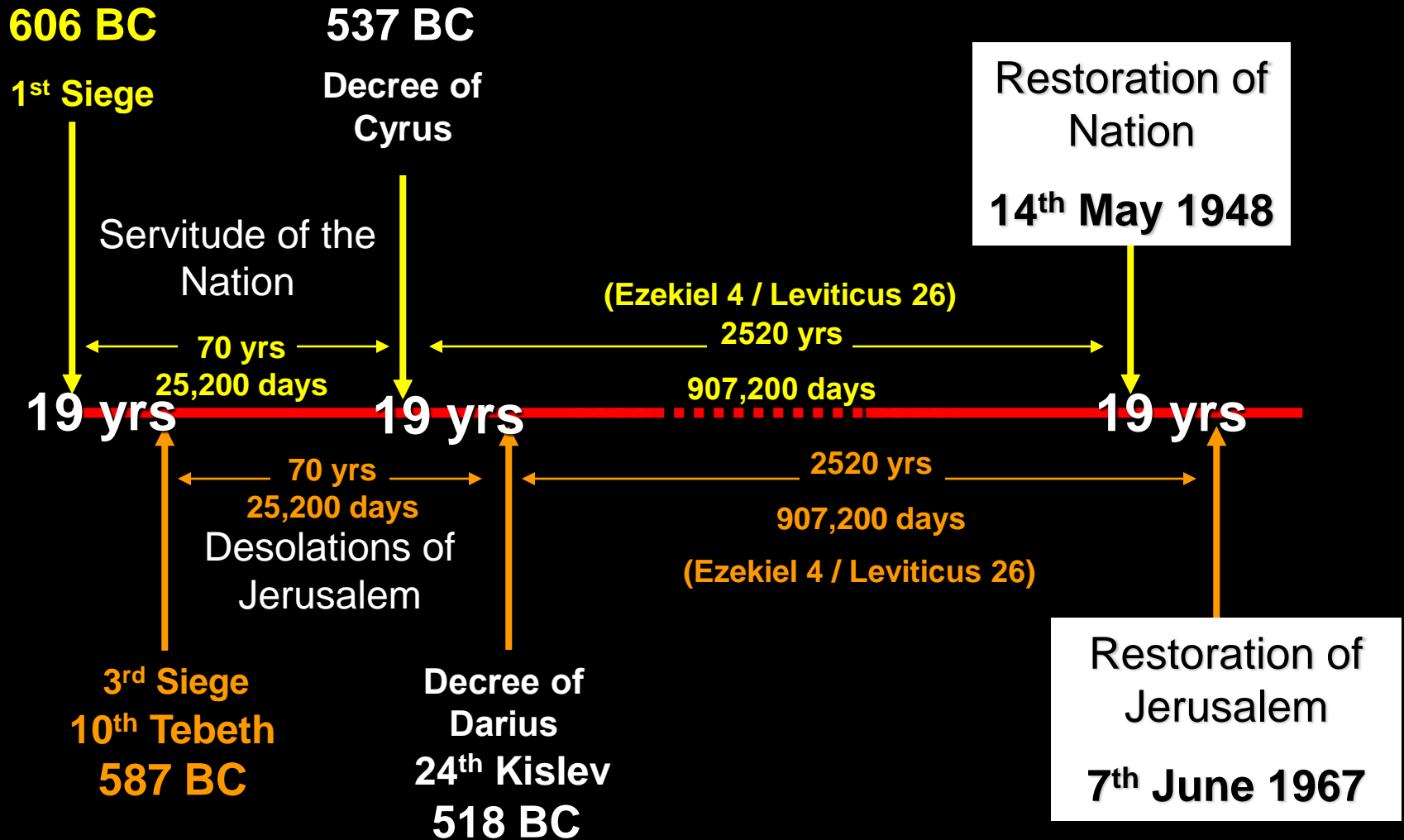
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- This 'seven times more' is repeated **four times** in this one chapter (v18, 21,24,28)
- As prophesied, Israel were punished for their disobedience with 70 yrs in Babylon
- But that still leaves 360yrs unaccounted
- Israel still did not 'hearken unto Him'
- So if we apply Leviticus 26 as indicated...

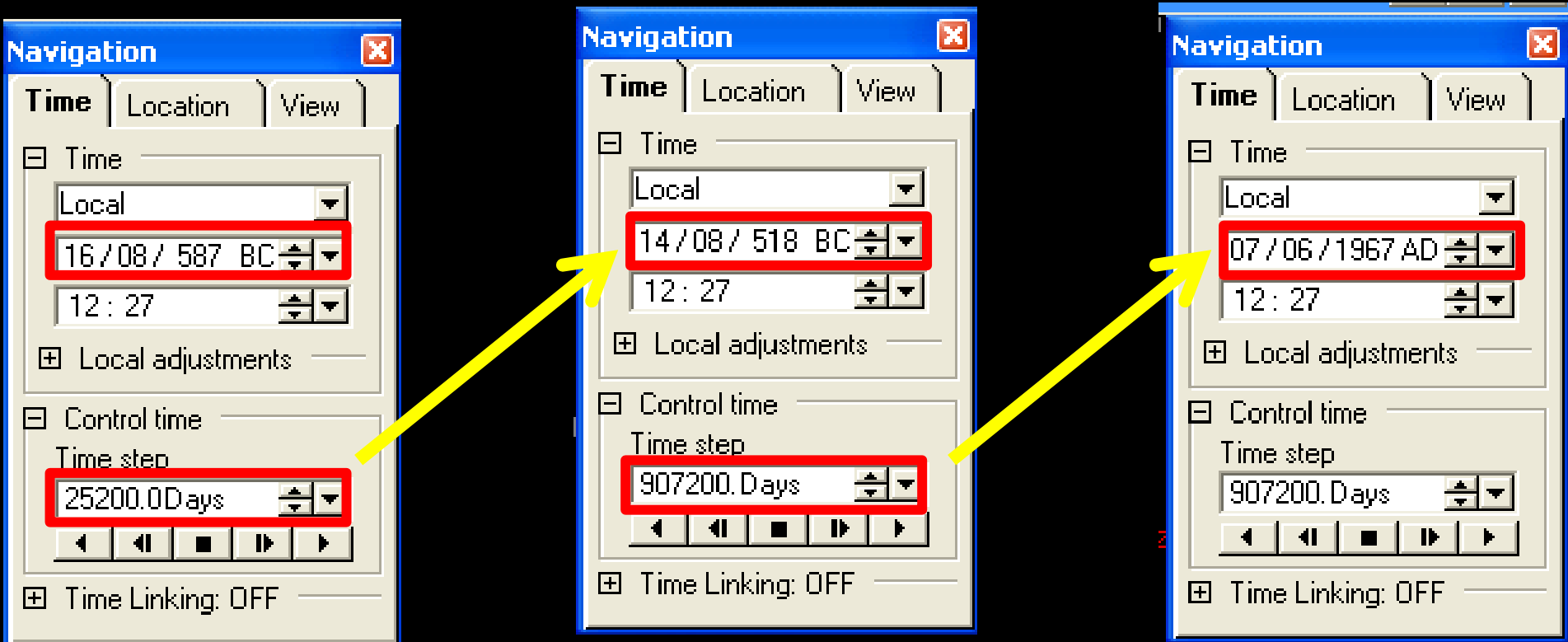
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- If we multiply the remaining 360 years x7
- = 2520 years
- Multiply by 360 (days in a prophetic year)
- We find there will be 907,200 days until Ezekiel's prophecy would be fulfilled.

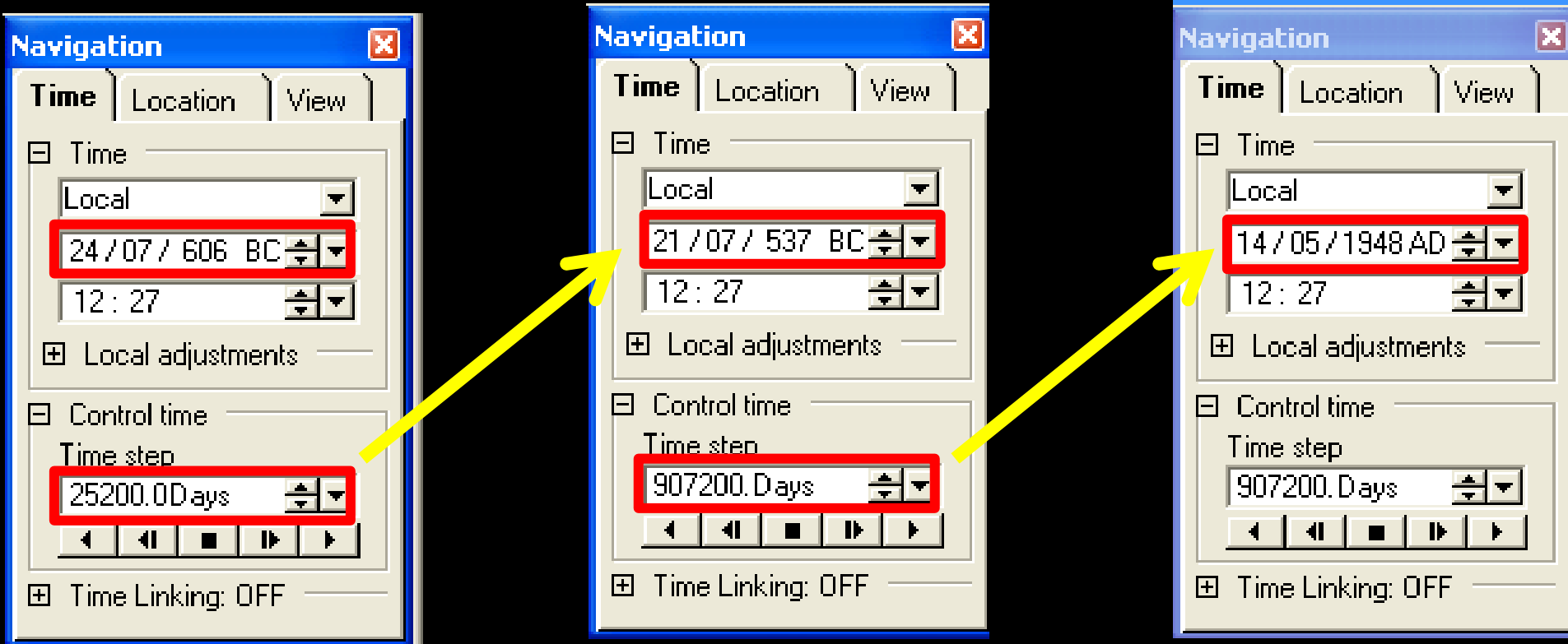
Precision of Prophecy



Desolation of Jerusalem



Servitude of the Nation



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Beacon of Hope

¹⁹ We have also a more sure word of prophecy;
whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a
light that shineth in a dark place, until the day
dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

2 Peter 1:19

- Prophecy will pass away... ¹ Cor 13:8
- It is a guiding light to bring us home!

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Peter 1:20-21

- This is not man's work but God's
- The interpretation is not up to man to decide what he thinks, but is revealed to us through His Spirit!
 - c.f. 1 Cor 2:9 **AND** 10

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