

THE VALIDITY OF PROPHECY

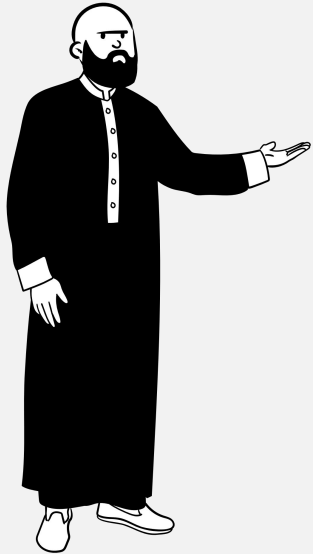
Key verse

(2 Peter 1:19)

And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, **to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place**, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts

WHAT IS PROPHECY?

THE MEANING OF PROPHECY



- Prophet: is the one who speaks on behalf of another
 - (Ex 7:1-2) And the Lord said to Moses, “See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet”
- Two characteristics for prophet of God
 - Reveals the depth of the heart
Admonition
 - Reveals what is in the future
Foretelling the future

WHY PROPHECY?

PURPOSE OF PROPHECY



1. Repentance

- (Jonah 4:4) “Jonah arose began to enter into the city a day’s journey and he cried and said, yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown”

2. Renew trust or comfort

- (Isaiah 40:1) “Comfort, comfort my people, says your God”
- (I Corinthians 14:3) “On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation”

3. The Lord **LOVES** to tell His people His plans

- (Genesis 18:17) “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do”

4. Show that He is **GOD**

- (Isaiah 41:21-23) “... bring your proof says King of Jacob ..Tell us what is to come hereafter that we may know that you are gods”

PURPOSE OF PROPHECY



❖ **Pave the road for the coming of Lord Jesus Christ**

- (1 Peter 1:11-12) “Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, **inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories**”

❖ **The whole Bible is called “the prophetic word”**

- (2 Peter 1:19) “And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place...”
- Although not all the Bible is prophecy, but it is prophetic characteristics

**CAN PROPHECY PROVIDE A PROOF
FOR THE UNBELIEVER?**



It's going to rain tomorrow

It's going to rain tomorrow at 2pm for an hour and 15 minutes



FEW PROPHECIES IN THE BIBLE

Christ

Cities

Jews

Nations

Egypt

PROPHESIES ABOUT CHRIST

There are **333** prophecy about Christ in the Old Testament

Christ Mentioned		Fulfillment
Born from a Virgin		Matt 1:22,23
Born in Bethlehem		Matt 2:5,6
Will live in Egypt		Matt 2:15
Live a perfect unique life		Matt 12:14-21
Enter Israel riding an ass		Matt 21:4,5
A disciple will betray him		John 13:18
Will die crucified		Matt 27:35
Will rise from the dead		Acts 2:31
Will ascend to heaven	Psalm 68:18	Acts 1:2,9,11,22

The probability that Jesus of Nazareth could have fulfilled **even eight such prophecies** would be only **1 in 10¹⁷**.
 - Peter Stoner
 "Science Speaks"

PROPHECY REGARDING THE JEWS

Prophecy regarding captivity and dispersion

Where the people of Israel truly captives by the Babylonians

36 "The Lord will bring you and your fathers have known. And there you shall serve.

Jeremiah 25:11

11 This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years..

PROPHECY REGARDING THE JEWS

- Bring Israel back from captivity

(Isaiah

(Isaiah 45

whose right

is anointed, to **Cyrus**,

Who is Cyrus and how did Isaiah know about him

PROPHECY REGARDING THE JEWS

- The future after captivity and dispersion

Daniel 9:24-27

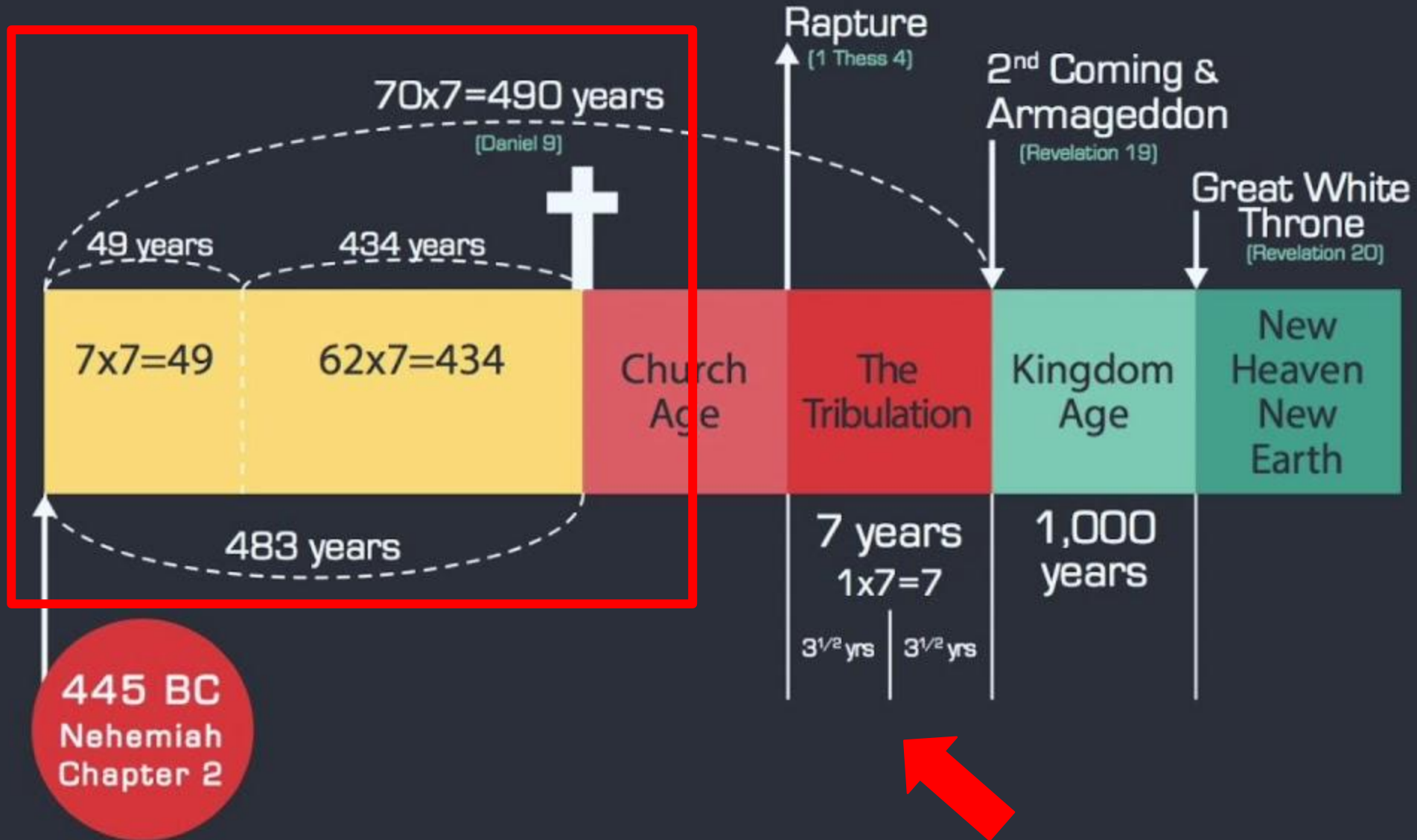
24 **Seventy weeks** are decreed about your people and your holy city to finish the transgression, seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. **There is going to be as set of 70 (7 years)** of desecration, to

25 Know that from this time forth shall be built again the city and the temple. **In 7 - 7 years the city of Jerusalem will be built** before and build Jerusalem to the height of the walls, and the city shall be built again. **or sixty-two weeks** it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time.

26 **And** after the sixty-two weeks shall an anointed one come, he shall be cut off, and shall come to nothing. And the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the temple, and shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed.

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week, but in the half of the week he shall put an end to the sacrifice and offering, and shall make the sanctuary desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator. **7 years of suffering** shall be upon the people who makes

70 WEEKS OF DANIEL



PROPHECY REGARDING NATIONS

Future empires that will come and how they will end

Daniel 7

- Like Lion



If this true we can retrace 4 empires through history and there will not be another empire afterwards

- Breast and arms of silver
 - Medo-Persian
- Belly and thigh of brass
 - Greece
- Legs of iron
 - Rome
- Feet of iron and clay

- Like a leopard
- Different from all the others

PROPHECY REGARDING EGYPT

- Enslavement of people of Israel

offspring will be sojourners in a land that will be afflicted for four hundred years.

IF the people of Israel truly were captive in Egypt 400 years this proves the accuracy of this prophecy

- Loss of Glory of Egypt: Isaiah 19:1-15
- Blessing of Egypt at the end Isaiah 19:19-21



PROPHECY REGARDING CITIES

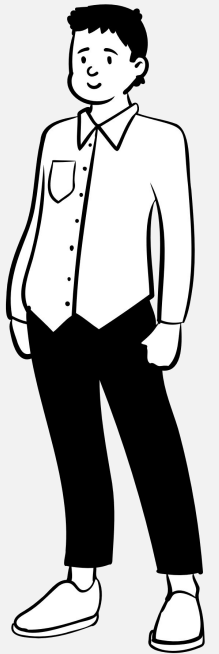
- The fall of Jerusalem and the temple

Matthew 23:38

desolate”

Matthew 24:1,2 “Truly, I say to you there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down”

70 AD “unintentional” the temple was burned



PROPHECY REGARDING CITIES

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CONCLUSION

- The meaning of prophecy is ...
- The purpose of prophecy is ... and it is?
- Prophecy is evidence of ...
- Don't decide what God should speak to you through the Bible, but instead allow God to change you through His Word



CONCLUSION

- Prophecy is not only foretelling the future
- Prophecy is woven through scripture and essential to the Gospel
- Prophecy is evidence of the accuracy of scripture and proof of the existence of God
- Don't decide what God should speak to you through the Bible, but instead allow God to change you through His Word

DEITY OF CHRIST

- **But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,**
- who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
- from you shall come forth for me
- one who is to be ruler in Israel,
- whose coming forth is from of old, (repeating twice)
- from ancient days. (diety)
- - eternity past

CHRIST IN PROPHECY