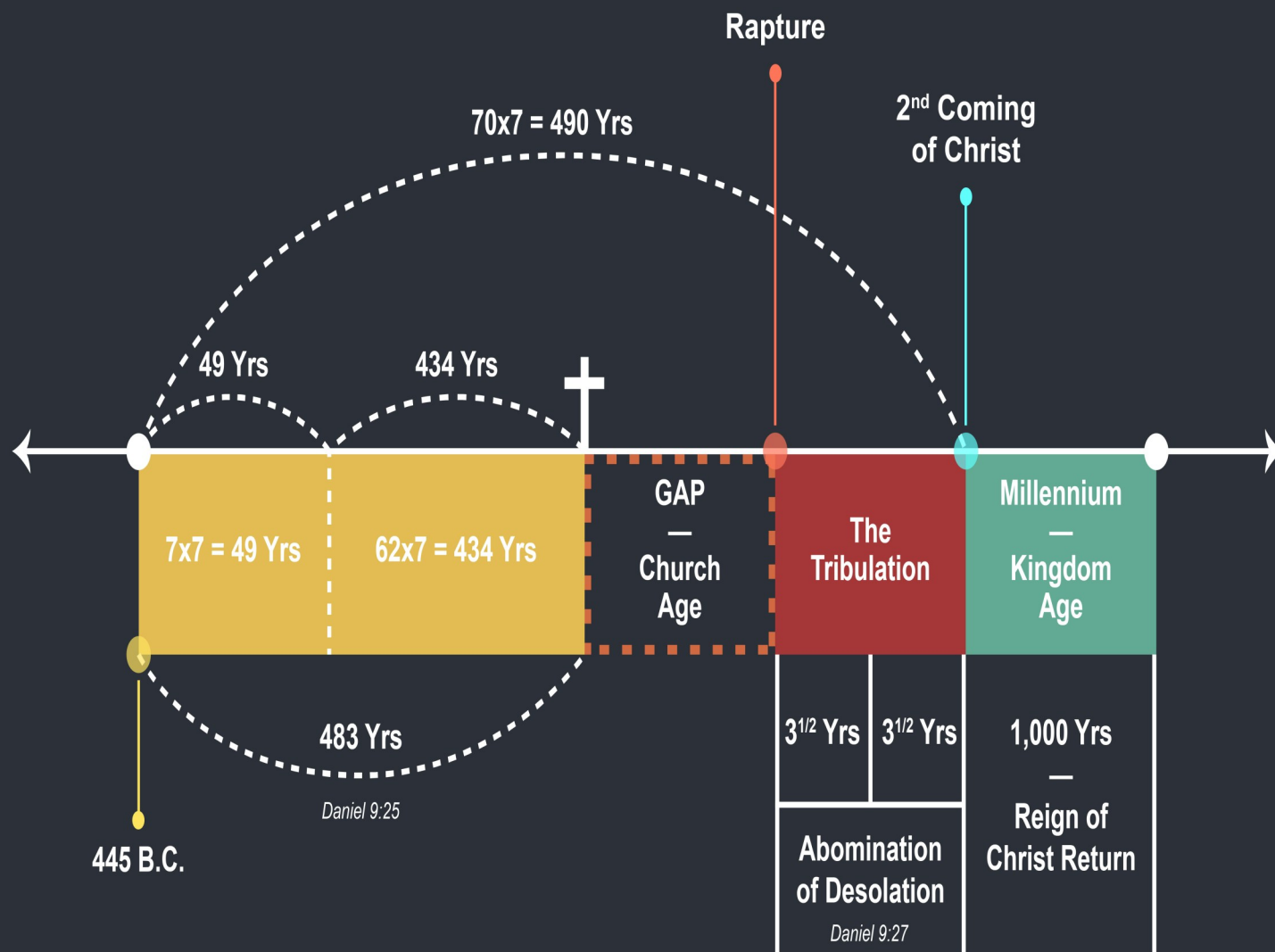


**New International Version is used for questions**

1. When you learn that God has already planned how this world will come to an end, does it give hope or make you fearful? Why? What If we are coming toward the end times, how could we interpret the fact that anti-Semitism is at the highest level since Hitler in WW2? Read Mark 13:32-37. What did Jesus say in regard to how prophecy should affect us on a daily basis?
2. Read Daniel 7:1-7, What world ruling powers are represented by the four beasts? Now read 7:8-11, 20-25. Who does the little horn represent? Now read Revelation 13:1-13. What similarities exist between the little horn of Daniel 7 and the beast of Revelation 13? Do you think they refer to the same person? What additional information about him is revealed in Revelation 13?
3. Read Daniel 9:1-19. What do we see about how God's "chosen people" had responded to God over their history? What had God done to them as a result? Daniel seems to say that God had told them in advance what would happen to them if they disobeyed him in the law of Moses, do you know where that is found? Read it some time when you get the chance.
4. (Use the chart of Daniel's 70 weeks on the next page to help with the following questions). Read Daniel 9:20-27. How does God answer Daniel's prayer? How much time does Gabriel say that God will be dealing with Daniel's people (Israel) and the Holy City? How much time is this in years? What would the Old Testament believers not know about these 70 weeks?
5. In verse 25, when does it say this 490 year period of time would start? What year in history was this? What does he say would happen at the end of the 69th week? If we know when it started, and what would happen at the end of 483 years, what could the Jews have known?
6. In this passage, what 6 things does it say God would do during this 490 year period? This list is accomplished at the 2 comings of Christ. Which ones were accomplished at his first coming? So, which ones at his second coming?
7. Where do we, and the time we are living in, fit in this prophecy? What event ends our time and

# THE 70 SEVENS – DANIEL 9:24-27



*the Jews right before that happened. In Mark Jesus said we do not know when he will come back, so we should always be prepared as if he is coming back today and not be caught not doing God's will when he does come back. That is how prophecy should affect us.*

- 2. The four ruling powers were the Babylonians, the Medes/Persians, Greece, and Rome. The little horn represents the Antichrist during the tribulation who arises out of nations that were part of the Roman empire. The similarities are that the little horn boasts against God, it arises out of the 10 horns and eliminates three of the horns to come to power, and it wages war against the believers, the saints. In addition Revelation 13 says the little horn is assassinated and then raised from the dead, that it will rule the world and that everyone will worship it as God.*
- 3. The nation of Israel very rarely served God the way they should have. God's punishment was that Babylon had conquered them, destroyed Jerusalem and the temple, and taken many of them to Babylon. God told them in Deuteronomy 28 what would happen if they disobeyed him.*
- 4. God answers Daniel's prayer by sending the angel Gabriel to tell him what the future of the nation of Israel would be. He tells Daniel that God will be dealing with Israel for 70 "7's" of time which is 490 years. The Old Testament saints would not have known that there would be a pause, a parenthesis of time between the end of the 69th week and the beginning of the 70th week.*
- 5. God said that the 70 weeks would begin when the command was given to rebuild Jerusalem and the temple. This command was given in 445 BC and is given in the book of Nehemiah. At the end of the 69th week he said that the "Anointed one" the Messiah would be "cut off", or killed which is talking about the crucifixion of Christ. The Jews could have known when Christ was going to come and specifically when he would die. The 483 years ended exactly on the day of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem as the king.*
- 6. The six things are: a. A finish to transgressions, b. Put an end to sin, c. Atone for wickedness, d. Bring in everlasting righteousness, e. seal up vision and prophecy, and f. Anoint the most holy one. A and C were accomplished at the cross and the other 4 happen at Christ's second coming.*
- 7. We are now living in the "parenthesis" between the 69th and 70th weeks, what we call the church age. The Old Testament never spoke about this period of time. Paul says that the church was a mystery never revealed until after the resurrection of Christ. The rapture of the church is what ends this period of time and kicks off the 70th week, the tribulation period described in the book of Revelation. We do not know when the rapture will happen, it is imminent, it could happen at any time.*