
REVELATION
A STORY OF THE LAST DAYS
Part 10c2: Why a Great Tribulation?


Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.” Rev 3:10



Two key phrases in Rev 3:10:

- “keep you from”
- “hour of temptation which shall come upon the whole world”


The Great Tribulation is not
the same as
trials & tribulations



- the Great Trib is specific
- trials & tribulations are general
- the Grt Trib is unprecedented & unequaled
- trials & tribulations are common
- the Grt Trib is worldwide


The Day of the Lord is not
the same as the
Day of Christ



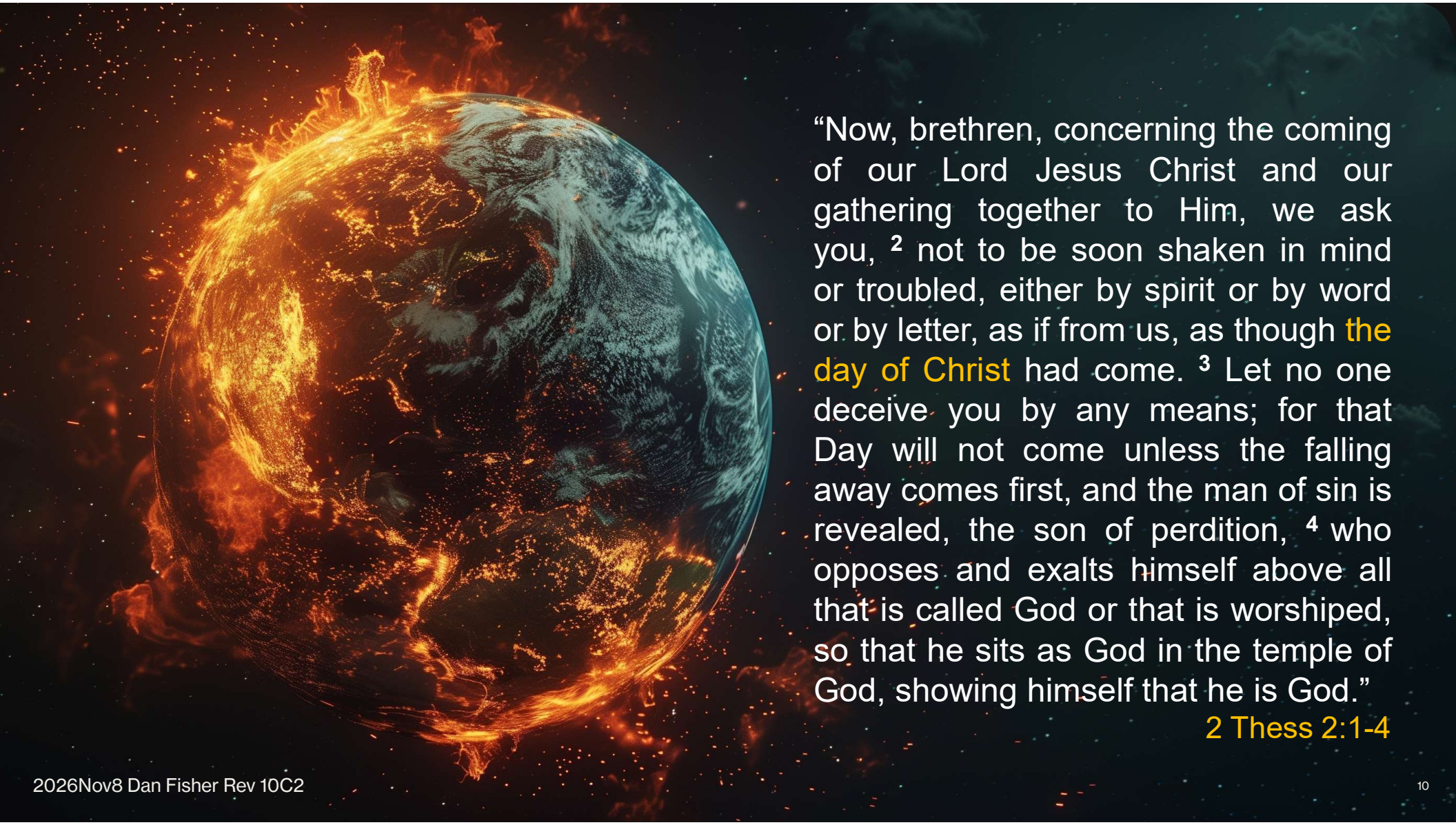
- **The Day of the Lord is a day of horrible judgment:**

Is 2:12; 13:6,9-10
Ezk 30:3
Joel 1:15; 2:1,11,31; 3:14
Amos 5:18,20
Obadiah 15
Zeph 1:7,14-18
Zech 14:1-4
Mal 4:5
Acts 2:20
1 Thess 5:2
2 Thess 2:2
2 Pet 3:10


• The Day of Christ is a day of deliverance/salvation:
1 Cor 1:8; 5:5
2 Cor 1:14
Phil 1:6,10; 2:16



- Some translations incorrectly translate the Day of the Lord as the Day of Christ in 2 Thess 2:2



“Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. 3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”

2 Thess 2:1-4



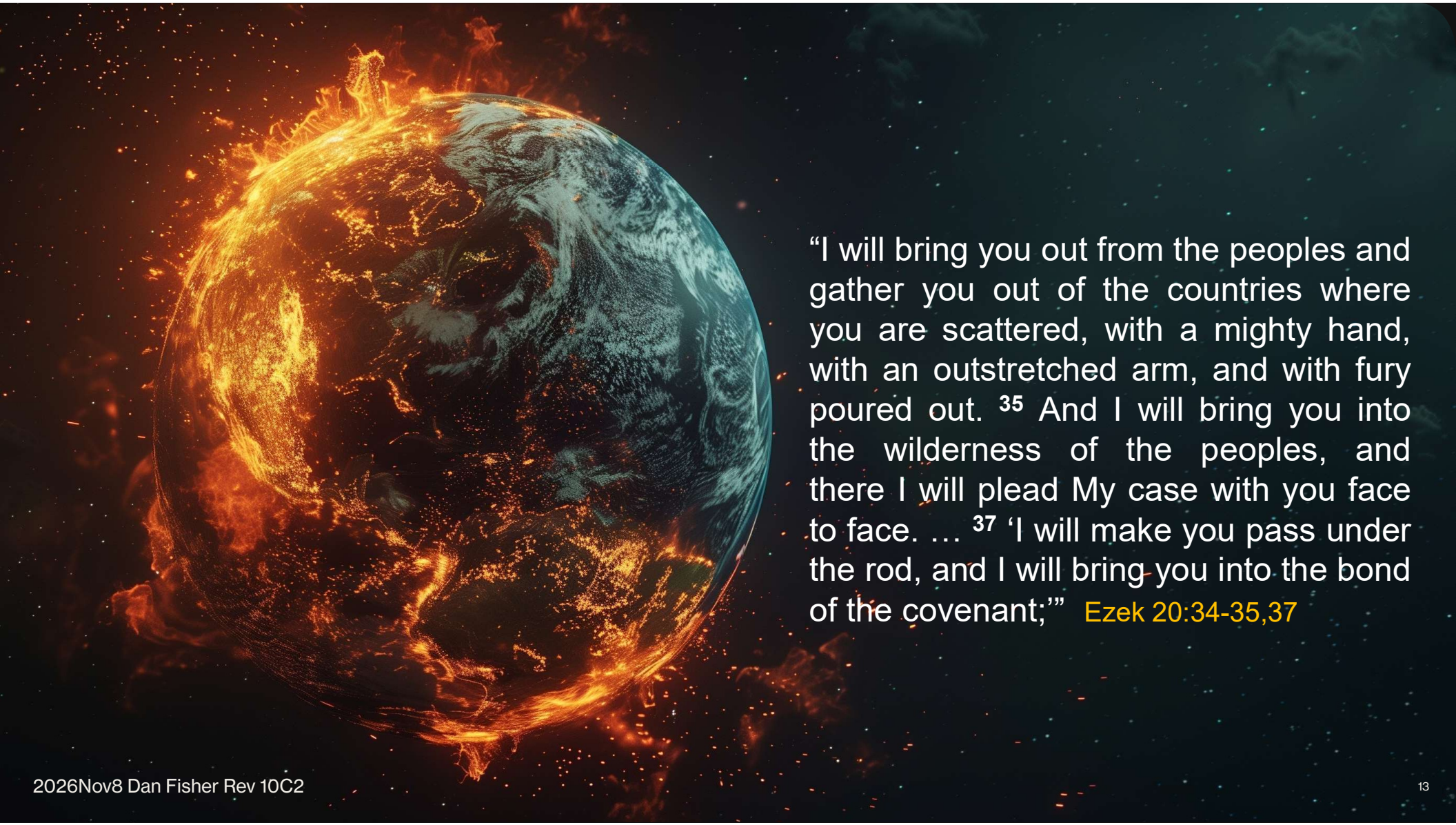
1. The purpose of the Great Tribulation



- **Prepare Israel for their Messiah**

"When you are in tribulation, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, you will return to the Lord your God and obey his voice." Deut 4:30

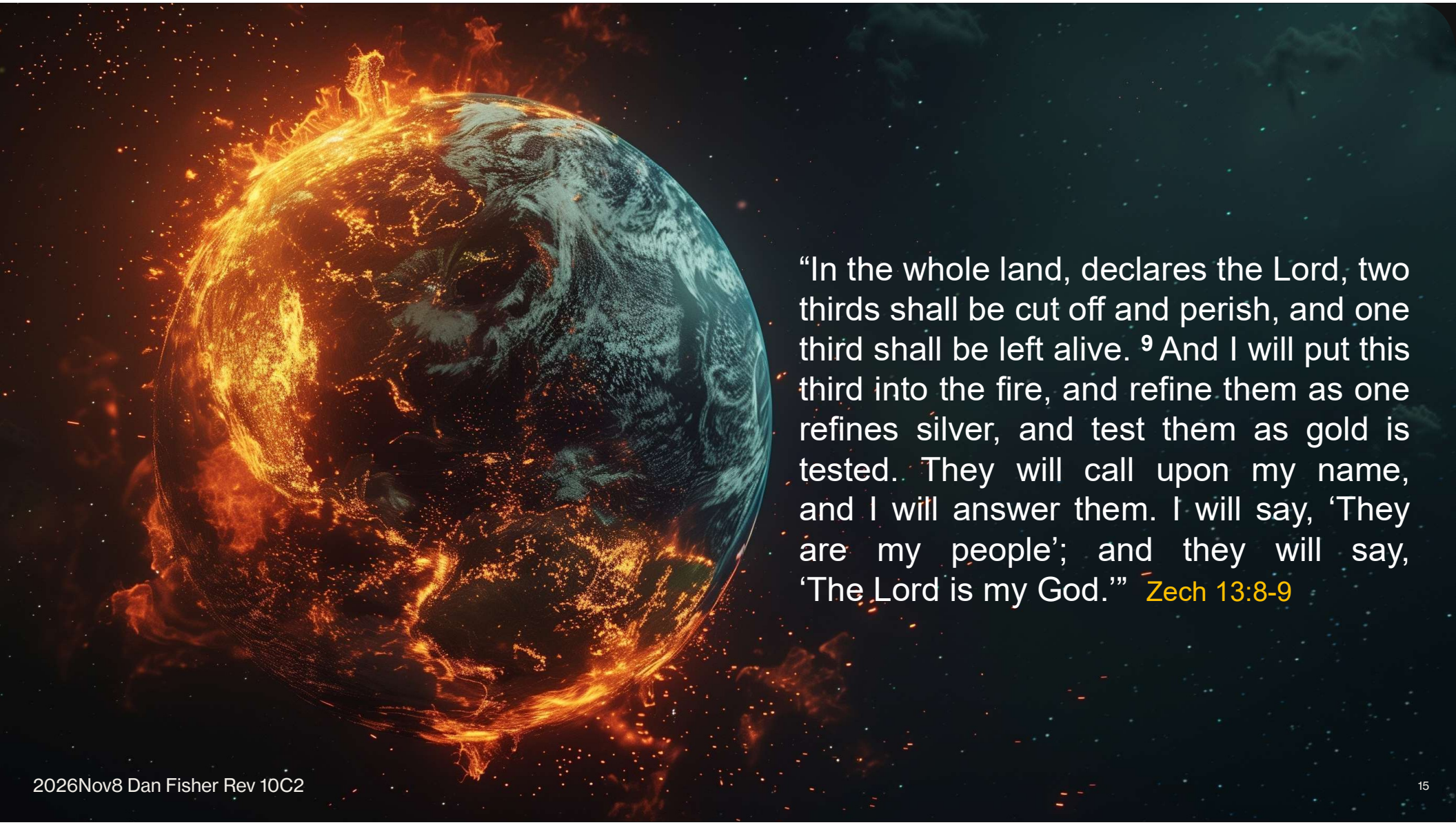
"Alas! That day is so great there is none like it; it is a time of distress for Jacob; yet he shall be saved out of it." Jer 30:7


“I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out. 35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face. … 37 ‘I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;’” Ezek 20:34-35,37



“Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place.” Dan 9:24

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.” Dan 12:1


“In the whole land, declares the Lord, two thirds shall be cut off and perish, and one third shall be left alive. 9 And I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call upon my name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘They are my people’; and they will say, ‘The Lord is my God.’” Zech 13:8-9

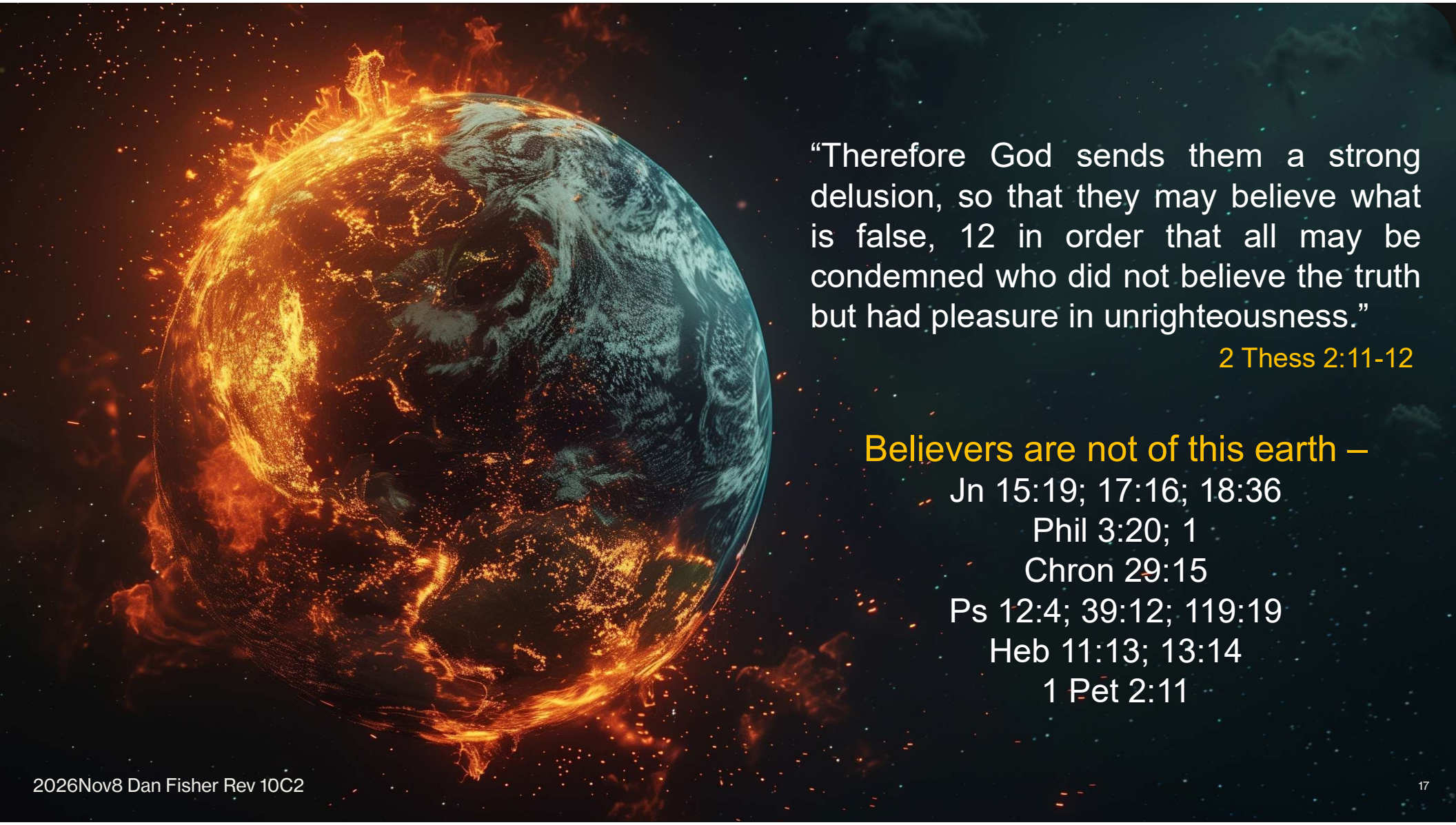


- **Punish the “earth dwellers”**

“to test those who dwell on the earth.”
Rev 3:10

“For behold, the Lord is coming out from his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity, and the earth will disclose the blood shed on it, and will no more cover its slain.” Is 26:21

“Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘behold, disaster is going forth from nation to nation, and a great tempest is stirring from the farthest parts of the earth! 33 And those pierced by the Lord on that day shall extend from one end of the earth to the other. They shall not be lamented, or gathered, or buried; they shall be dung on the surface of the ground.’” Jer 25:32-33



“Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, 12 in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

2 Thess 2:11-12

Believers are not of this earth –

Jn 15:19; 17:16; 18:36

Phil 3:20; 1

Chron 29:15

Ps 12:4; 39:12; 119:19

Heb 11:13; 13:14

1 Pet 2:11


2. How does all this fit into world history?

Church Age
(Times of the Gentiles)



Rapture

Great Tribulation
(7 years)



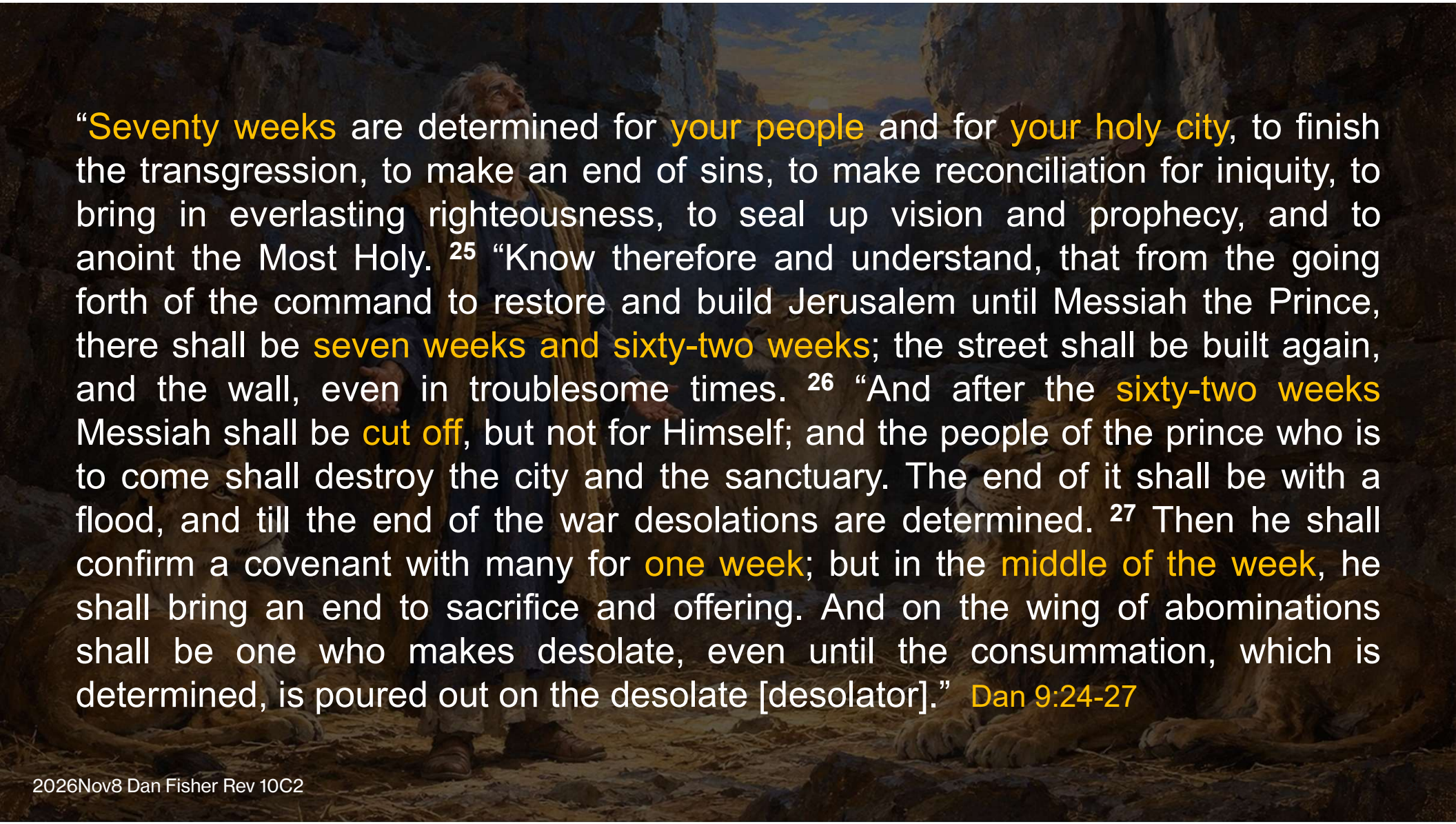
2nd Coming

Millennium
(Jesus' 1000 yr reign)

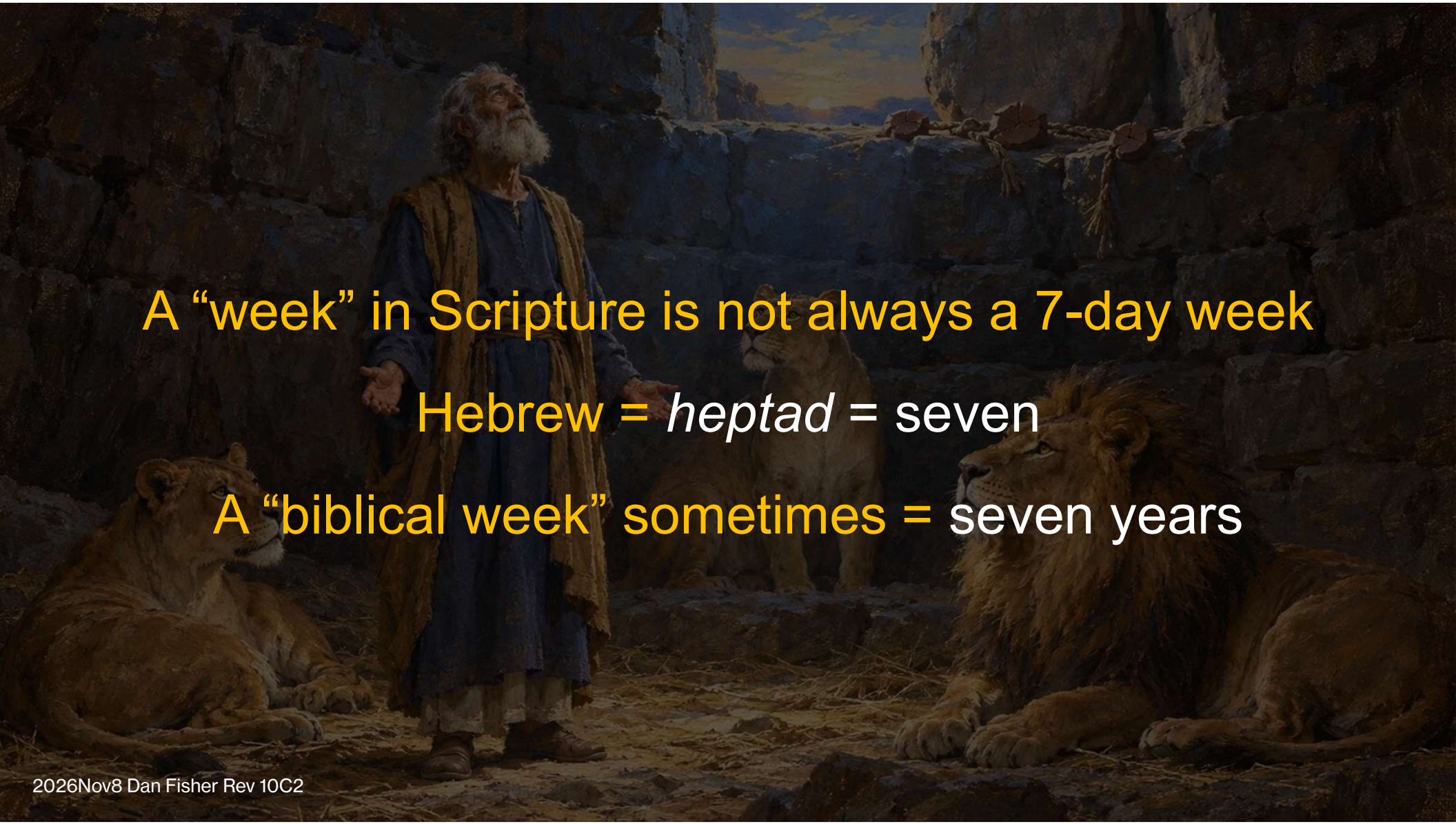


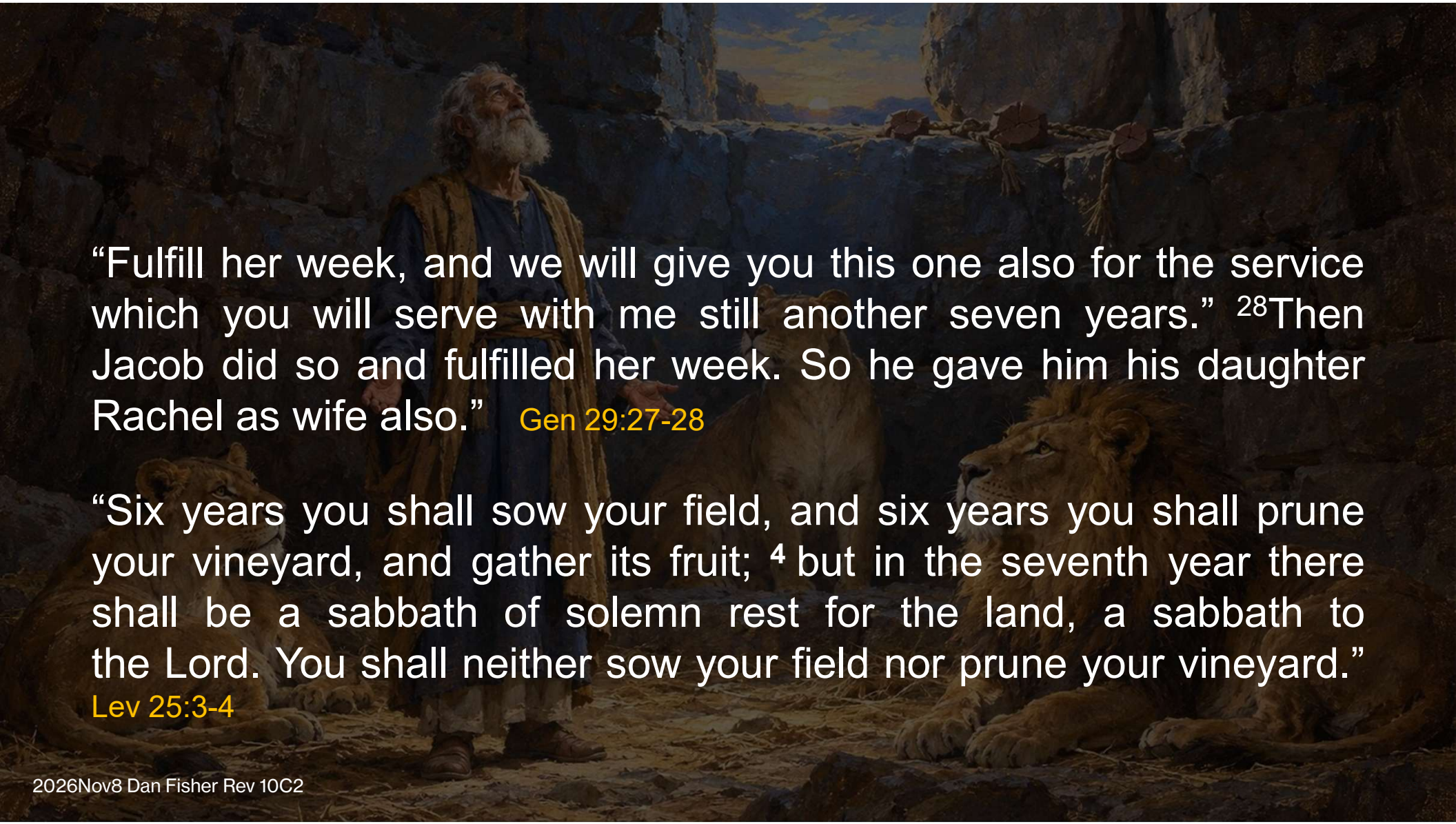
Great White Throne


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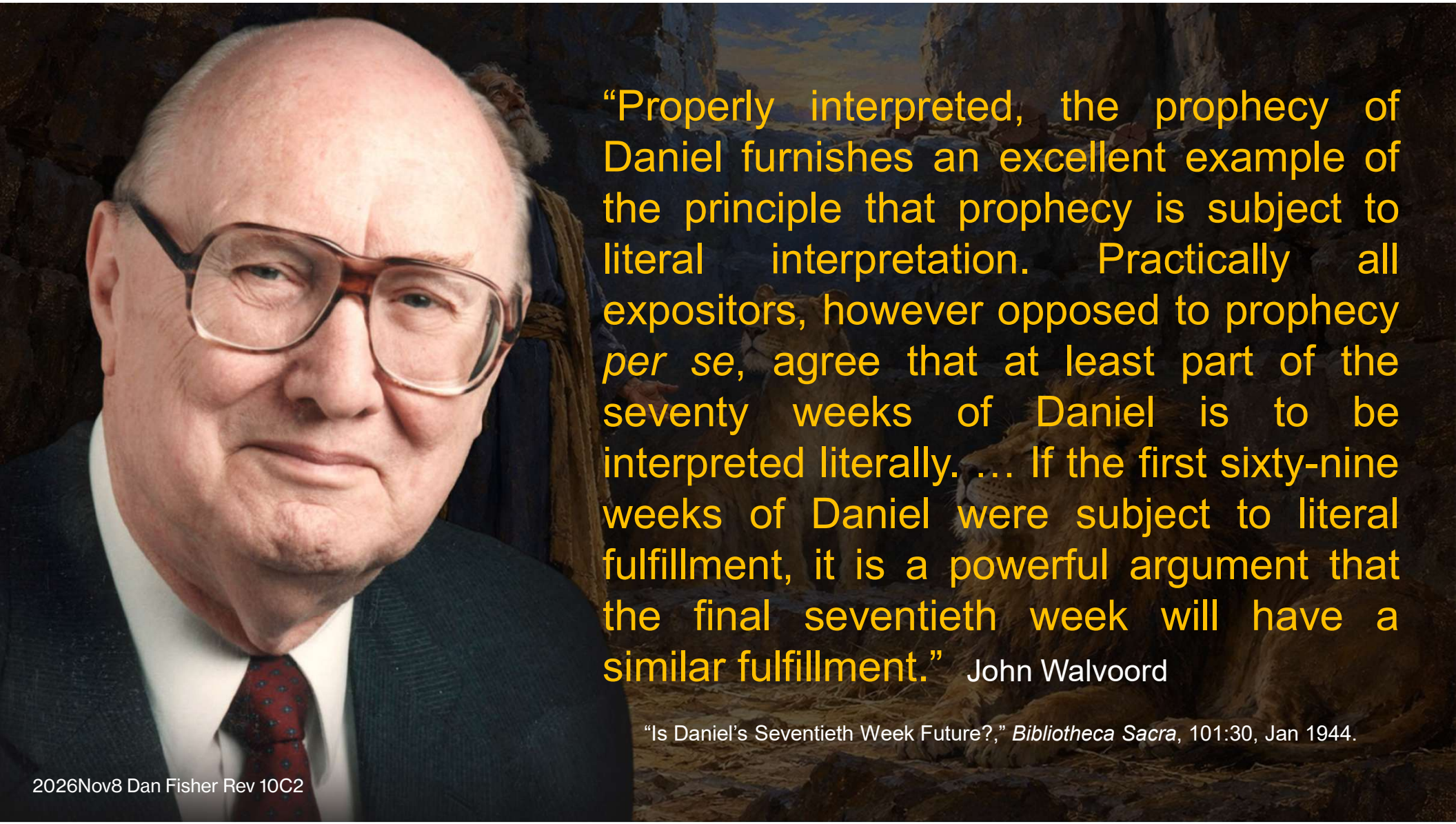
“Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. 25 “Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times. 26 “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week, he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. 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 [desolator].” Dan 9:24-27


A “week” in Scripture is not always a 7-day week
Hebrew = *heptad* = seven
A “biblical week” sometimes = seven years



“Fulfill her week, and we will give you this one also for the service which you will serve with me still another seven years.” 28Then Jacob did so and fulfilled her week. So he gave him his daughter Rachel as wife also.” Gen 29:27-28

“Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather its fruit; 4 but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a sabbath to the Lord. You shall neither sow your field nor prune your vineyard.” Lev 25:3-4



"Properly interpreted, the prophecy of Daniel furnishes an excellent example of the principle that prophecy is subject to literal interpretation. Practically all expositors, however opposed to prophecy *per se*, agree that at least part of the seventy weeks of Daniel is to be interpreted literally. … If the first sixty-nine weeks of Daniel were subject to literal fulfillment, it is a powerful argument that the final seventieth week will have a similar fulfillment." John Walvoord

"Is Daniel's Seventieth Week Future?," *Bibliotheca Sacra*, 101:30, Jan 1944.

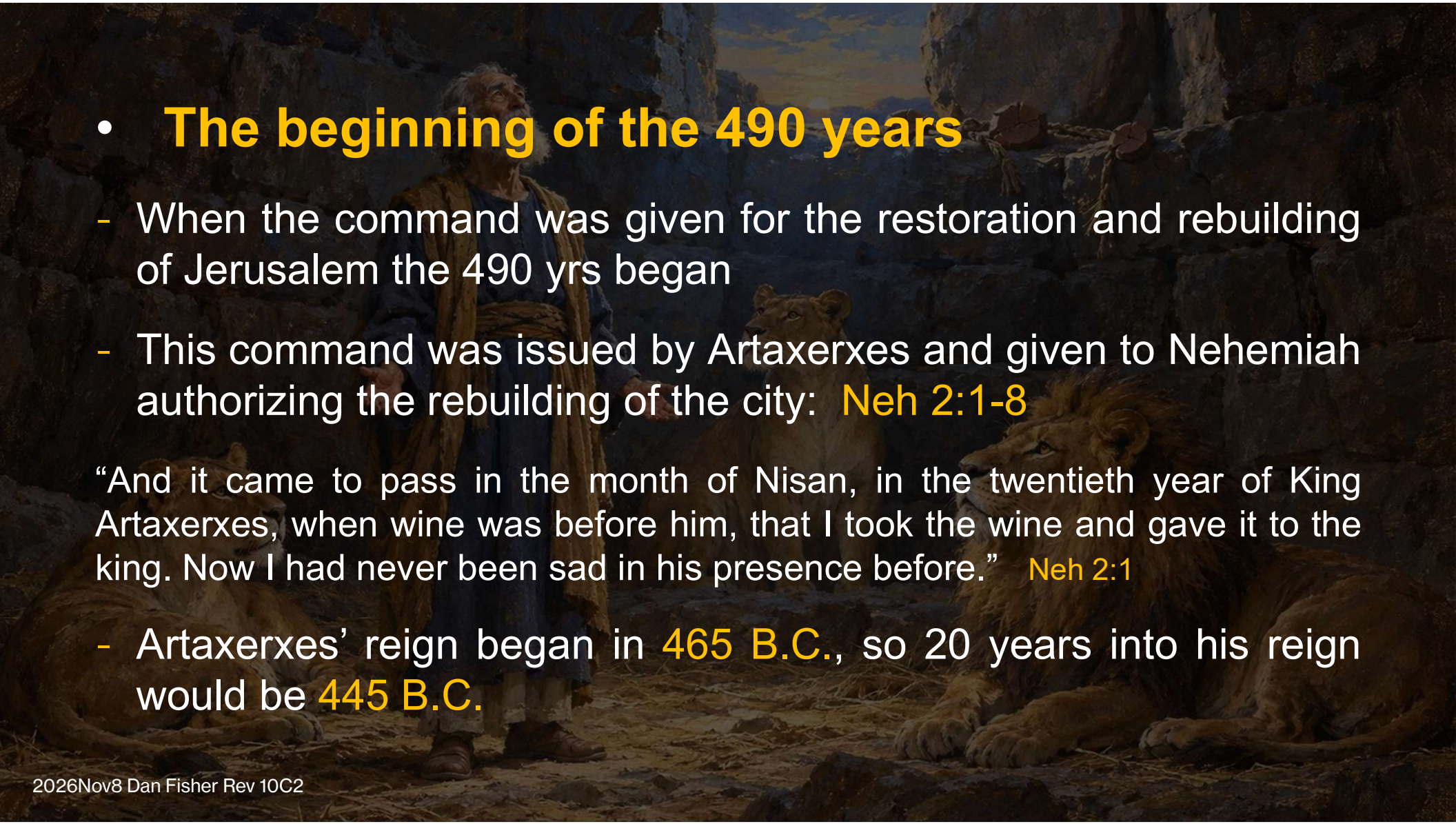
"The prophecy of the Seventy Weeks has an immense evidential value as a witness to the truth of Scripture. That part of the prophecy relating to the first sixty-nine weeks has already been accurately fulfilled … only an omniscient God could have foretold over five hundred years in advance the very day on which the Messiah would ride into Jerusalem and present Himself as the 'Prince of Israel.'" Alva J. McClain

Daniel's Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks, p. 5.





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- **The beginning of the 490 years**

- When the command was given for the restoration and rebuilding of Jerusalem the 490 yrs began

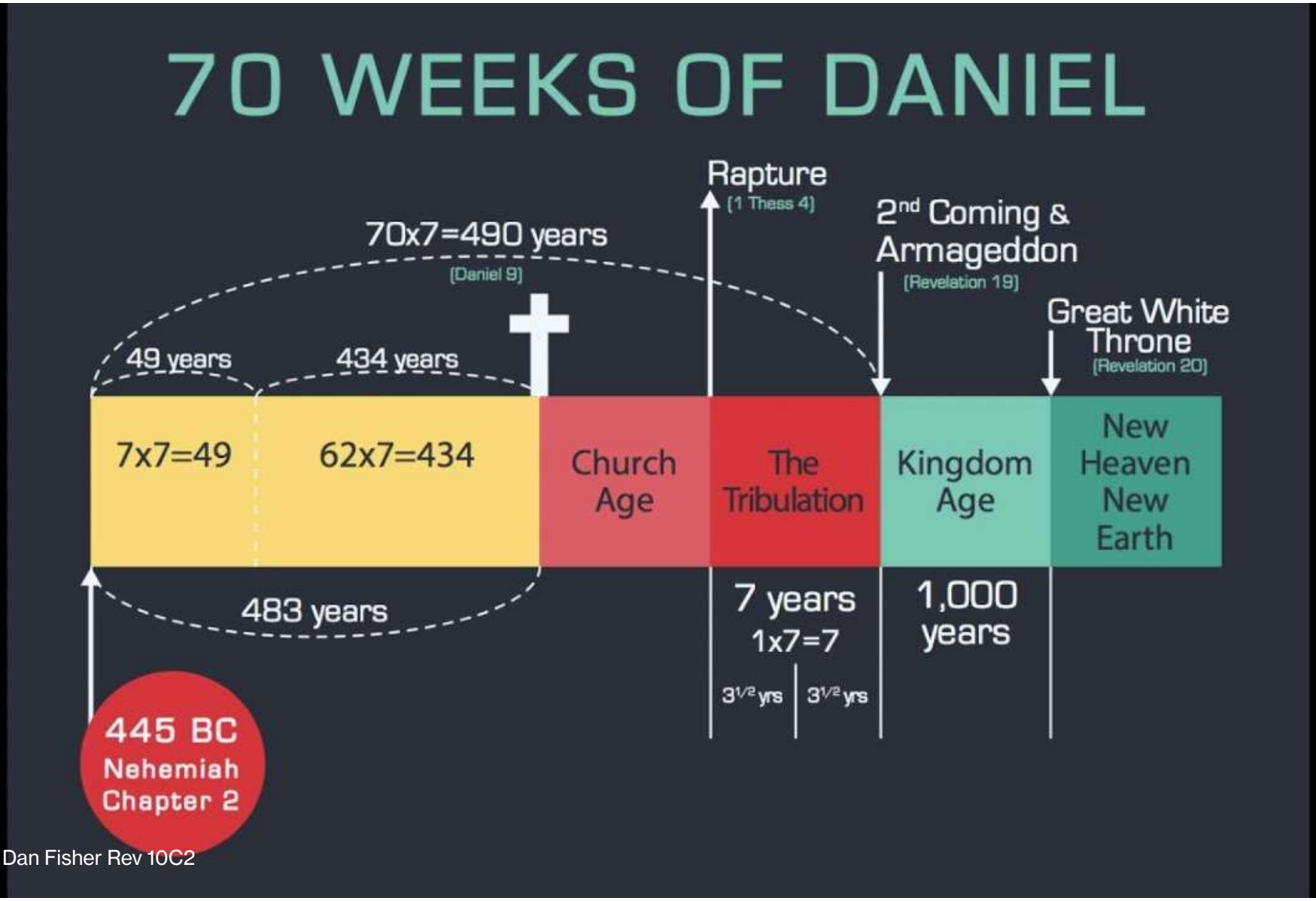
- This command was issued by Artaxerxes and given to Nehemiah authorizing the rebuilding of the city: Neh 2:1-8

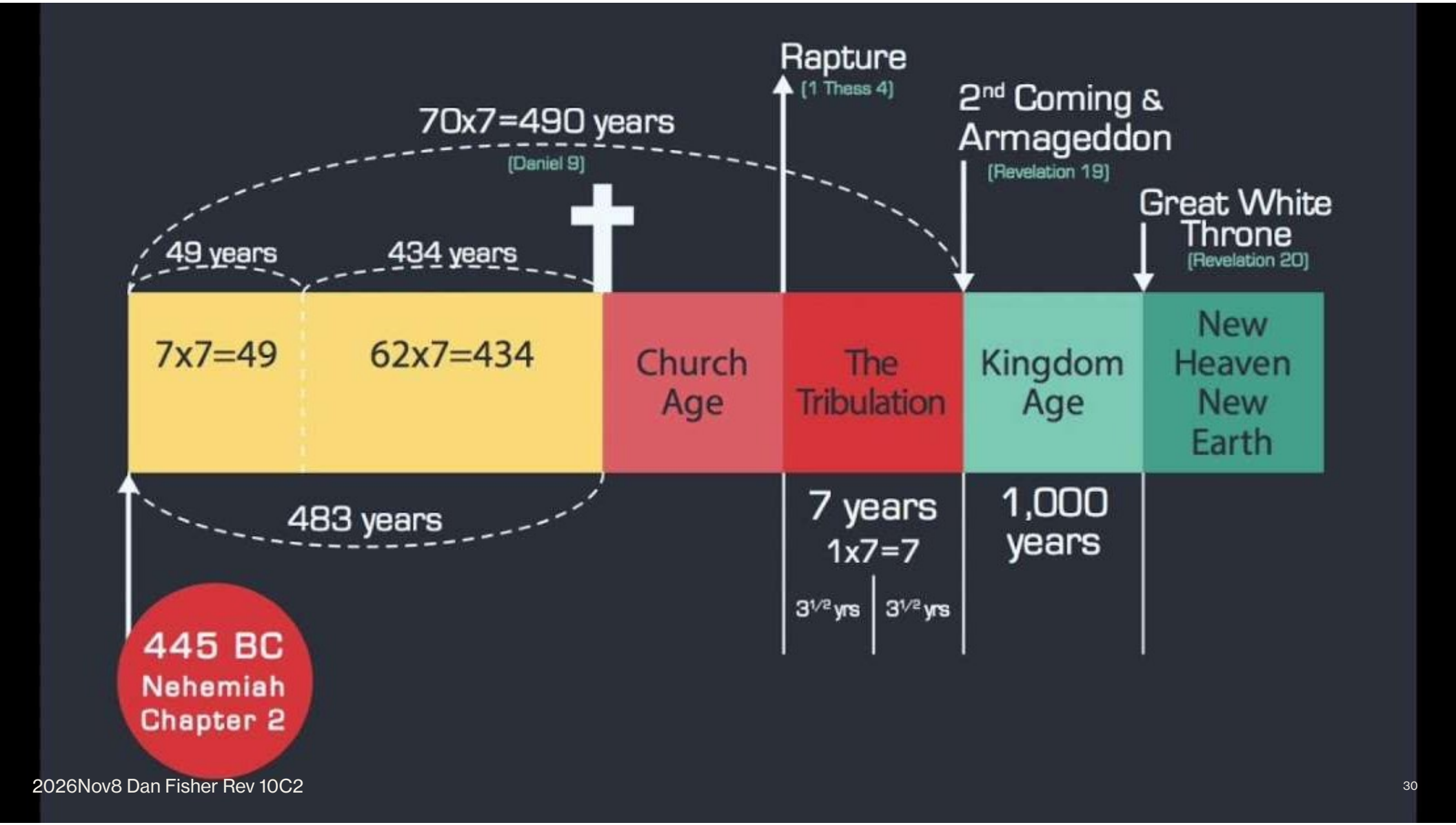
"And it came to pass in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, that I took the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had never been sad in his presence before." Neh 2:1

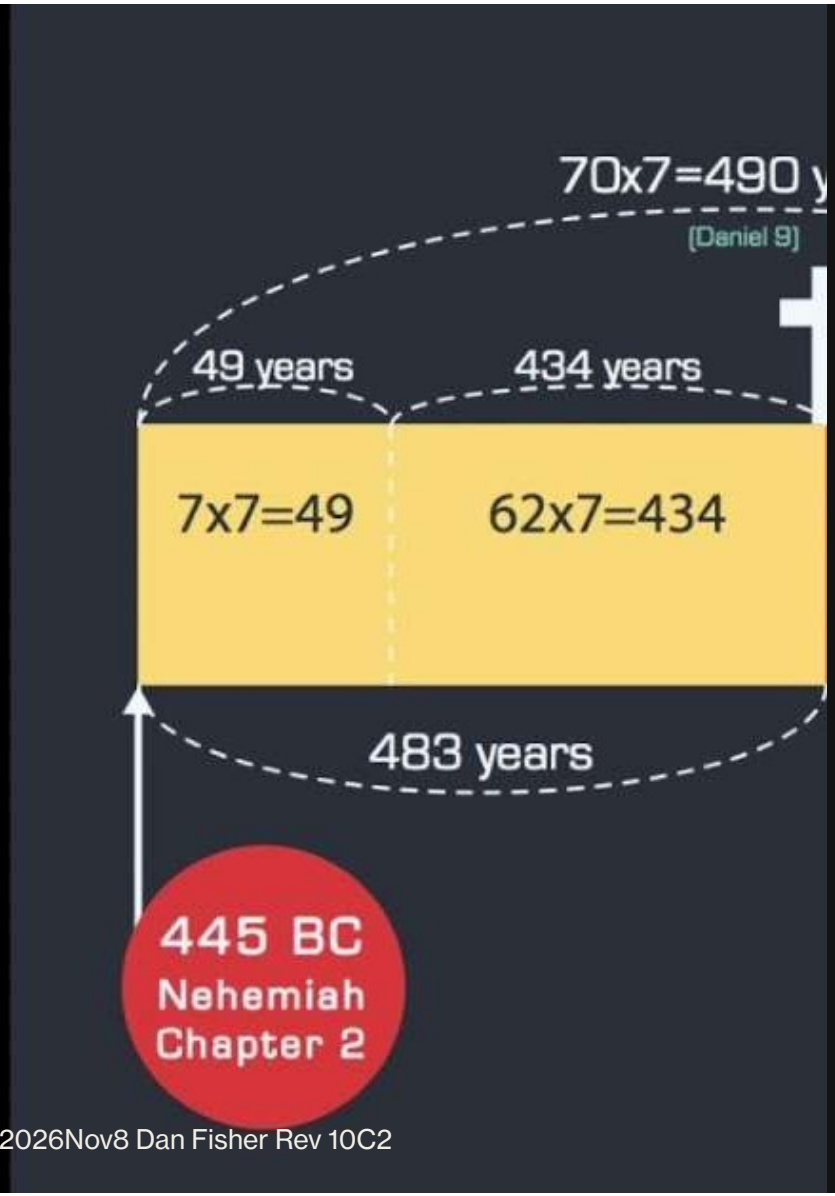
- Artaxerxes' reign began in 465 B.C., so 20 years into his reign would be 445 B.C.

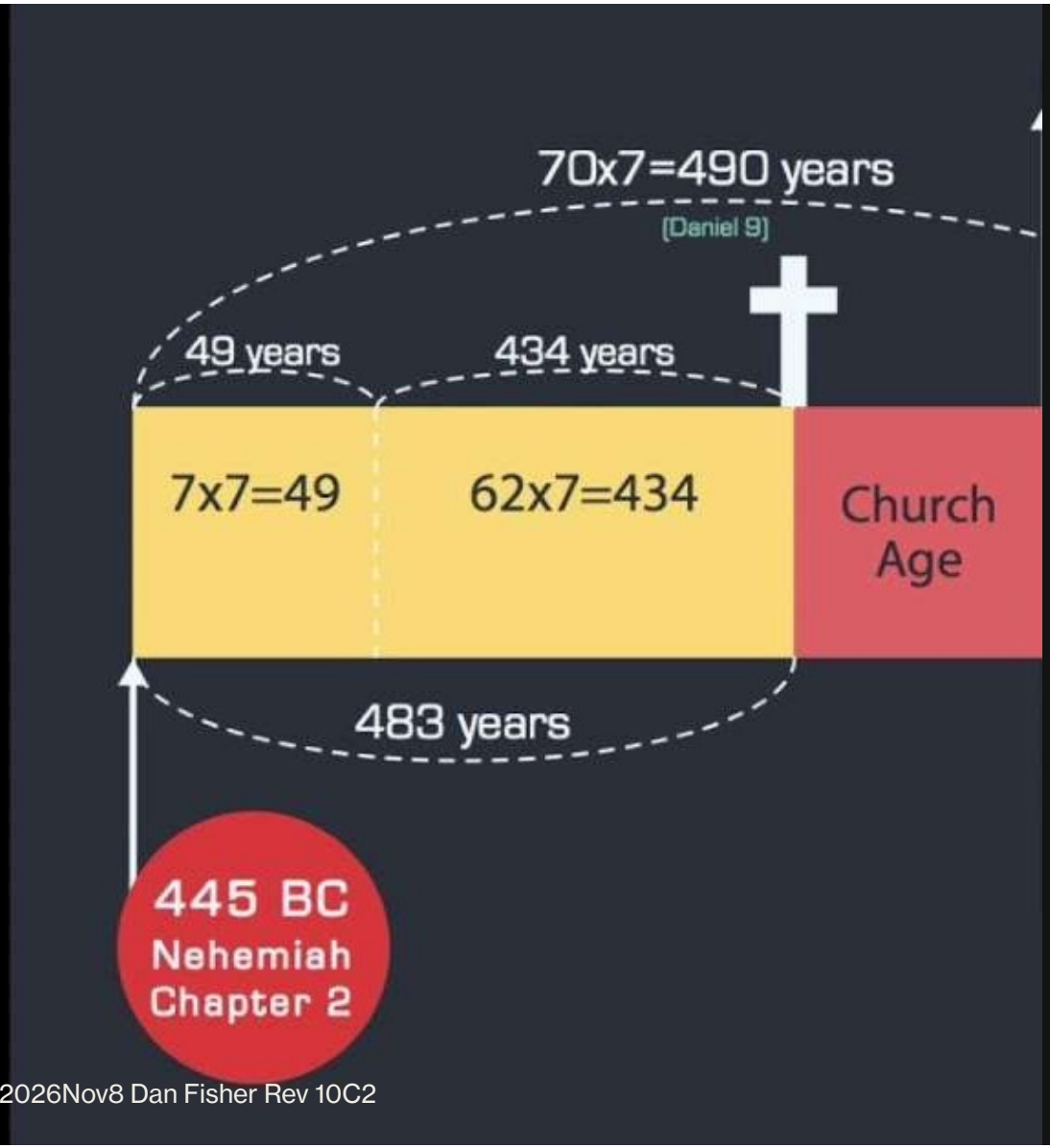


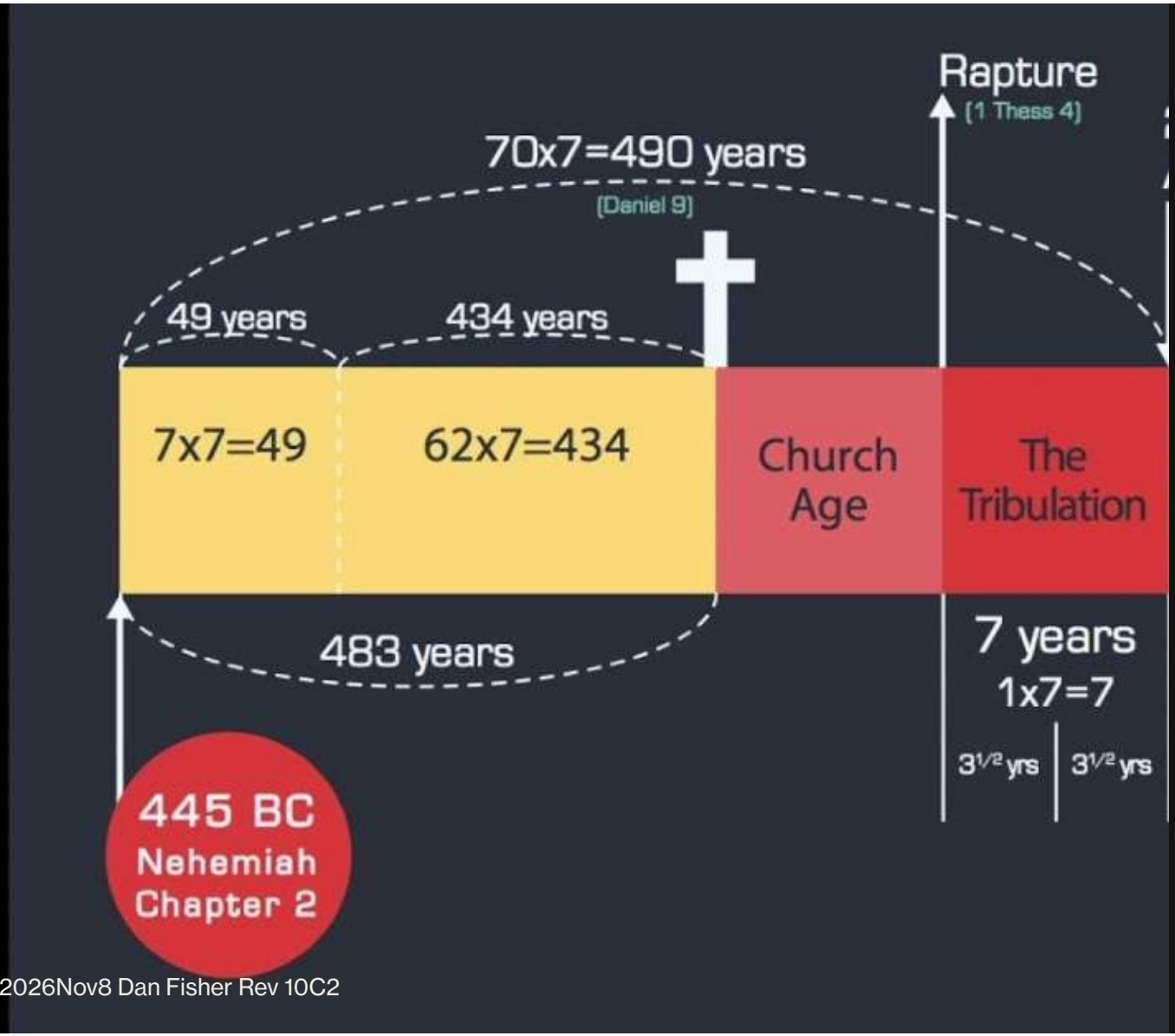
- **The major events of the 490 years**
  - The first 7 weeks (49 yrs.) = Jerusalem's wall and streets were cleared of rubble and rebuilt
  - From the rebuilding of Jerusalem until the Messiah was cut off (crucified) and Jerusalem was destroyed = 62 weeks (434 yrs.)
  - The total time from the start of the 70 weeks until the Messiah was crucified & Jerusalem was destroyed = 69 weeks (483 yrs.)
  - The 70th week (7 yrs) is the Great Tribulation

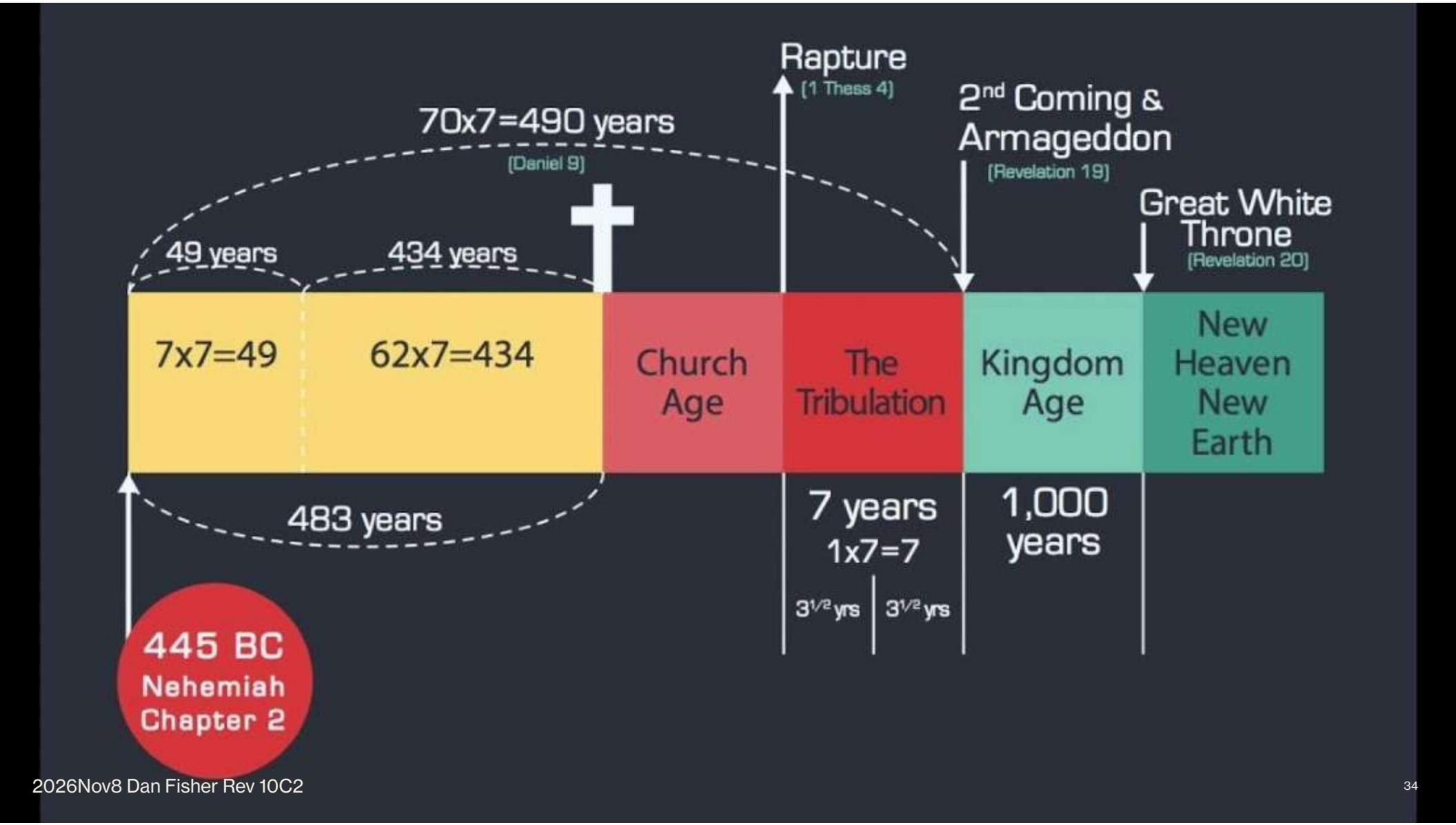

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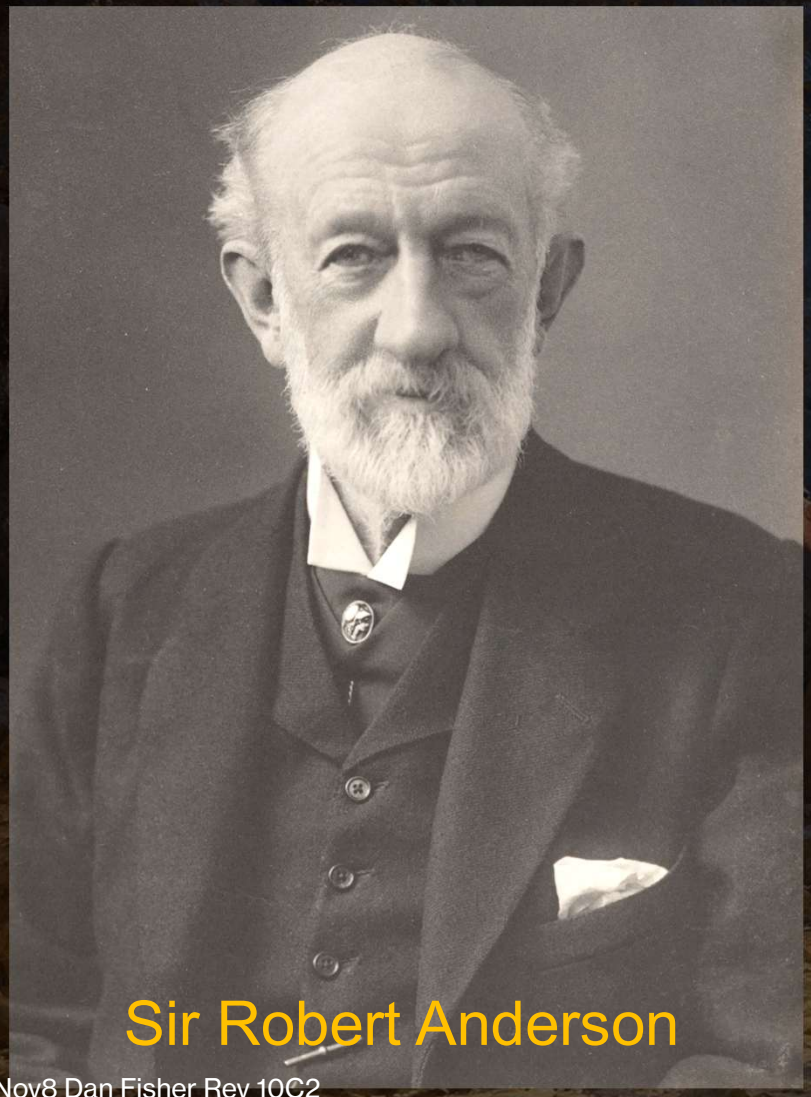

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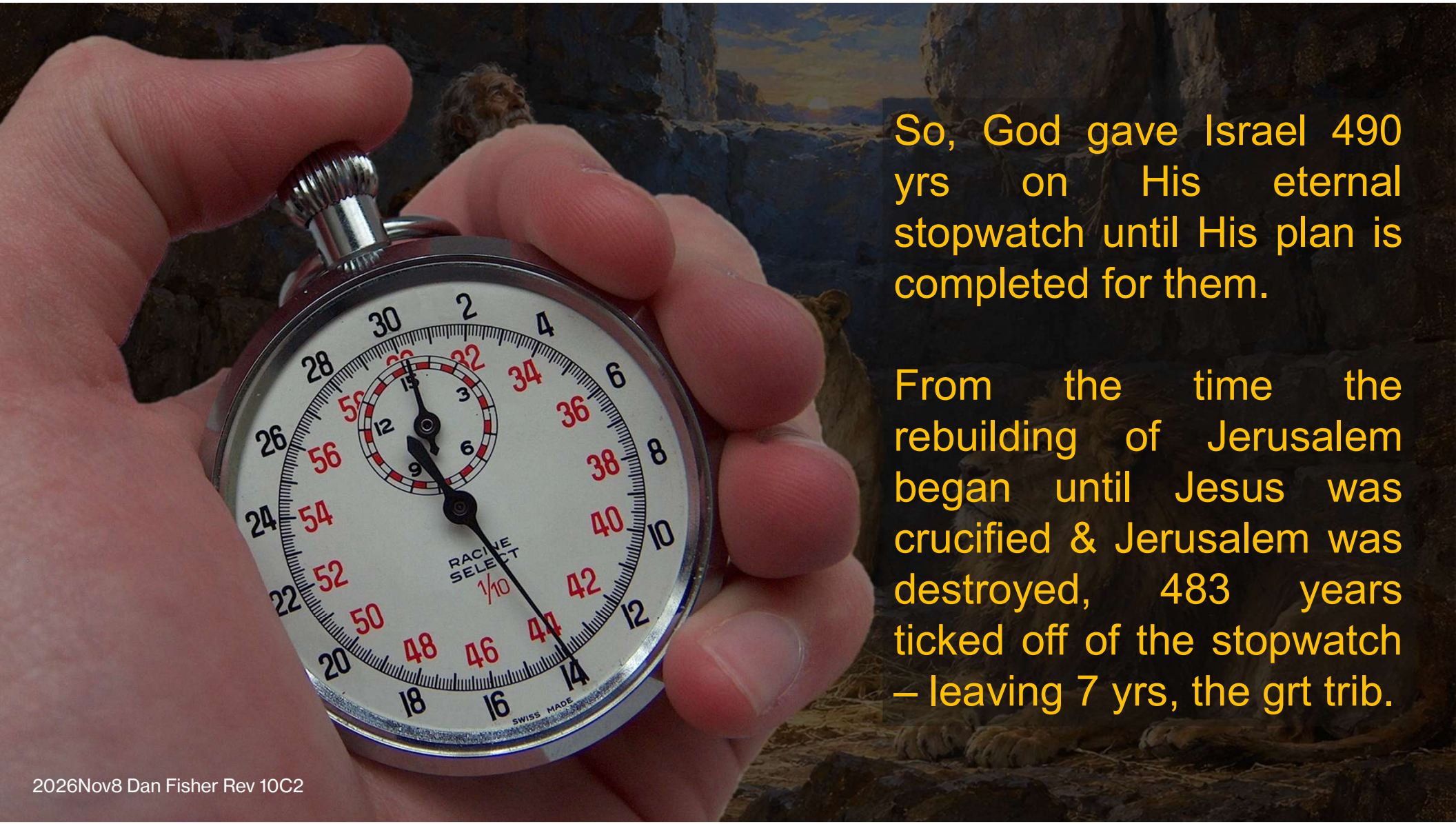


Sir Robert Anderson

Using the lunar year (360 days) x 483 yrs = 173,880 days

Anderson:

Using the lunar year, it is exactly 173,880 days from the beginning of the rebuilding of Jerusalem on Mar 14, 445 B.C. (Dan 9:24) to Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Apr 6, 32 A.D. (Zech 9:9, Mt 21:1-11, Lk 19:28-40).


So, God gave Israel 490 yrs on His eternal stopwatch until His plan is completed for them.
From the time the rebuilding of Jerusalem began until Jesus was crucified & Jerusalem was destroyed, 483 years ticked off of the stopwatch – leaving 7 yrs, the grt trib.
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