



DANIEL'S SHEPHERD LIFE AND GOD'S COMFORT

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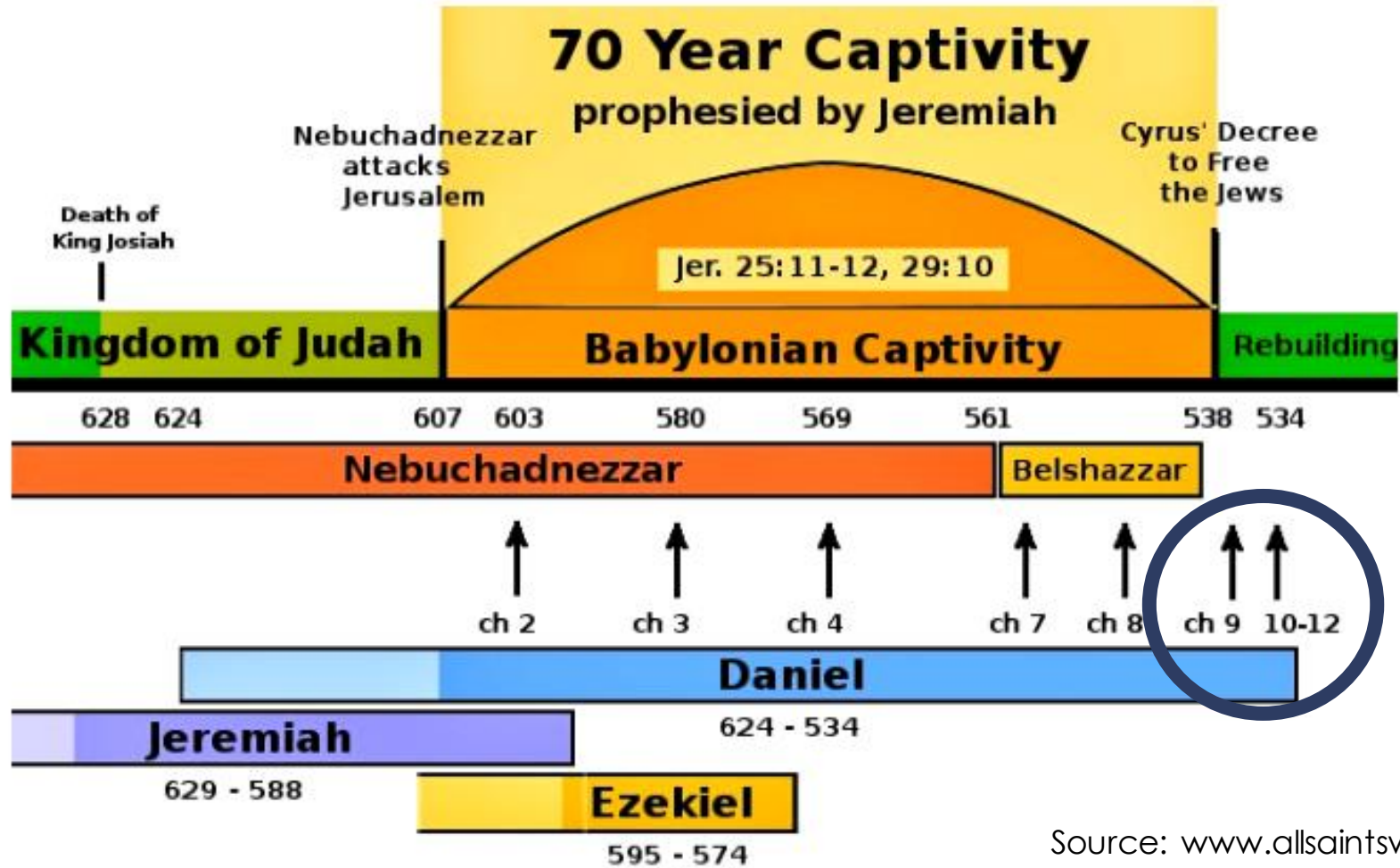
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- **Daniel's intercessory prayer for His People (9:1-27)**
 - Daniel's personal Bible Study
 - Daniel's intercessory prayer
- **God's response to Daniel's prayer (10:1-21)**
 - The great war and God's comfort

Timeline of Daniel




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1 (a) How did Daniel discover God's promise for his people? (1-2; Jer 25:11-14; 29:10)

- In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom-
- in the first year of his reign,
- **I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures**
- **according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet,**
- that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. (9:1-2)



1 (b-e) Why did he offer intercessory prayer for his people? (3; Jer 14:7) What was Daniel's intercessory prayer based on? What sins of his ancestors and himself did he confess in relation to God's righteousness? What does the prayer request tell about the God of Daniel? (15-19)

- **So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition,**
- **in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes. (9:3)**




Daniel's prayer (9:5-19)

- O Lord, we have sinned and done wrong.
- Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame.
- Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us
- O Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath
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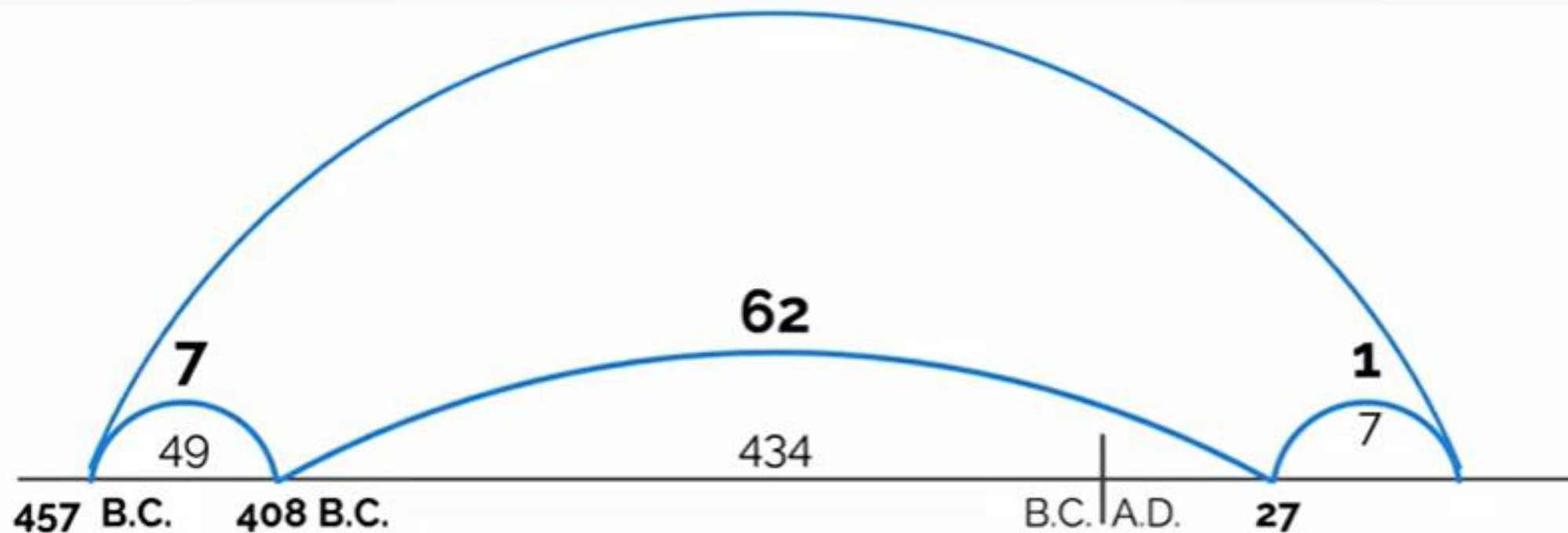
1 (f) What can we learn from Daniel, his Bible study and his intercessory prayer?





2 (a-c) What was God's answer to Daniel's prayer through Gabriel? (20-23) What promises will God fulfill through the Anointed one? (24-25) What would happen after seven 'sevens' and sixty-two 'sevens' to the Anointed one and in the world? (26-27)

- Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to **finish transgression**, to **put an end to sin**, to **atone for wickedness**, to **bring in everlasting righteousness**, to **seal up vision and prophecy** and to **anoint the most holy**. (9:24)



9:25 So you are to know and discern that from the **issuing of a decree** to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks



2 (d) What can we learn from God who foretold his plan to save all sinners in the future to Shepherd Daniel?

3 (a-b) When, where and what was the vision revealed to Daniel? (1; 2Chr 36:22,23) Why did Daniel mourn and pray under fasting at that time? (1b,12)

- In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a revelation was given to Daniel (who was called Belteshazzar). Its message was true and **it concerned a great war**. The understanding of the message came to him in a vision.
- At that time I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks.
- I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over. (10:1-3)


10 (c-e) Describe the glorious figure of the man dressed in linen? (5,6; Rev 1:13-16) What happened to Daniel and those who were with him when he saw the vision? Why? (7-9)

- His body was like chrysolite, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude. (10:6)



4 (a-c) Why would God answer Daniel's prayer from the first day? (12) What delayed the angel to get to Daniel? (Eph 6:12-14) Why had his strength gone and how was Daniel restored? (15-19; Isa 6:6-7; 2Cor 12:9-10)

- Then he continued, **Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.**
- But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. (10:12-13)



4 (d-f) What did the man say about God's plan? (20-21) What is the important role of intercessory prayer? Why is intercessory prayer servant like Daniel important at critical times?

- So he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? **Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come;**
- **but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth.** (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince. (10:20.21)



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- **To study the Bible – to understand God's salvation plan**
 - **To intercede in prayer – for spiritual restoration**
 - **To be victorious in the spiritual battle and achieve God's comfort**
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