

# What is God Doing with Israel in the Future?



# Jesus' Teaching Regarding the AD 70 Destruction and "The Times of the Gentiles"

Luke 21:20, 24

<sup>20</sup> "But when you see **Jerusalem surrounded by armies**, then recognize that her desolation is near. . . .

<sup>24</sup> and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be **trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**

Observation: The following verses (25-28) describe the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ. Cf. Rev 11:2.

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## Biden to Pressure Israel on Alternatives to Rafah Op (March 20, 2024)

The White House will present alternative plans designed to dissuade Jerusalem from carrying out a full-scale military operation in Gaza's southernmost city of Rafah when an Israeli delegation visits Washington early next week, Axios reported on Tuesday.

According to U.S. and Israeli officials, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was surprised when President Joe Biden proposed the visit.

"The fear was that the negotiations over the hostage deal could collapse and then the Israelis will just go ahead with a Rafah invasion, which would be a breaking point for the U.S.-Israeli relationship," one official told Axios reporter Barak Ravid. In the phone conversation, their first in more than a month, Biden told Netanyahu that he could not support a major military offensive in Rafah. Instead, the administration favors a limited operation aimed at high-value Hamas targets and securing the Gaza-Egypt border.

"I made it clear to the president in our conversation, in the clearest way, that we are determined to complete the elimination of these [Hamas] battalions in Rafah. And there is no way to do it, other than the entrance of ground forces," Netanyahu said at Tuesday's meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee.



# More Pressure on Israel for a “Two-State Solution”



**LIVE UPDATE /** Tuesday, March 19, 2024

## Canada parliament passes vote calling for international community to work toward 2-state solution

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Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau ahead of talks with his Polish counterpart in Warsaw, on February 26, 2024. (Sergei Gapon/AFP)

Canada’s parliament passes a non-binding motion calling on the international community to work toward a two-state solution to resolve the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians, in line with government policy.



# The New Testament Expectation of Israel's Future Restoration

**Rom 11:1-2a** <sup>1</sup> I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

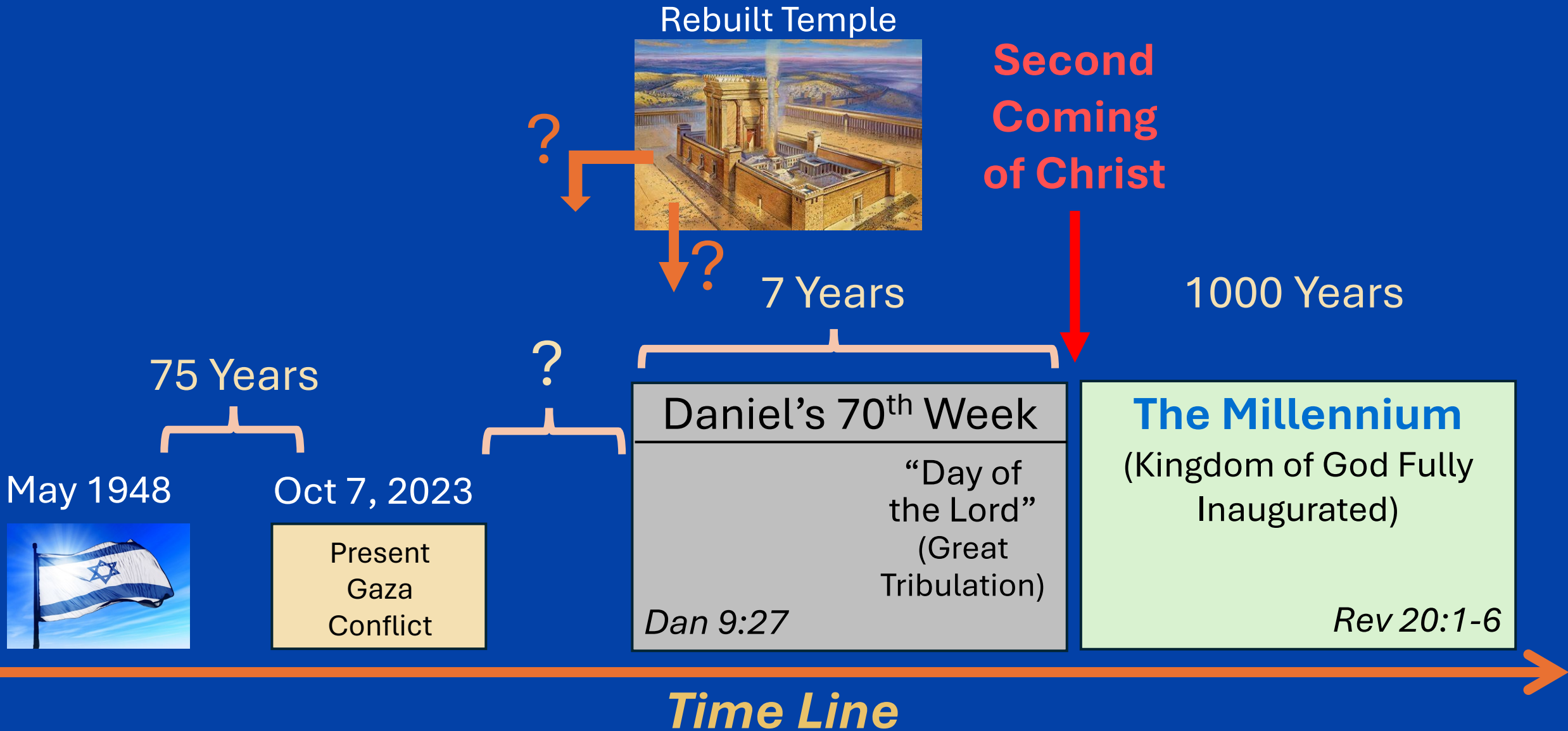
<sup>2</sup> God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew.

**Rom 11:7** <sup>7</sup> What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened;

**Rom 11:11-12** <sup>11</sup> I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation *has come* to the Gentiles, to make them jealous. <sup>12</sup> Now if their transgression is riches for the world and their failure is riches for the Gentiles, **how much more will their fulfillment be!**

**NET Bible: “*their full restoration*”**

# General Premillennial Expectation of Israel's Future




# Daniel's 70 Weeks Prophecy (Dan 9:24-27)


 70 7-Year Periods = 490 Years

<sup>24</sup> “**Seventy weeks** have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy *place*.”

 To Nehemiah  
444 BC

<sup>25</sup> “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*; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.”

 Jesus Christ

 69 “Weeks” = 483 Years  
(444 BC – AD 33)



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<sup>26</sup> “Then after the sixty-two weeks **the Messiah will be cut off** and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will **destroy the city and the sanctuary**. And its end *will come* with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

Crucified, AD 33

Romans in AD 70

**The 70<sup>th</sup> Week** *Suspended to the future!*

Antichrist *enforces a covenant*

7 Years

<sup>27</sup> “And **he will make a firm covenant** with the many **for one week**, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of Antichrist's reign of terror abominations *will come* **one who makes desolate, . . .”**

# Is the Antichrist Jewish ?

- **This was the common belief of the early Church fathers**
- **His description in Daniel 11:36-37:**

<sup>36</sup> “Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done. <sup>37</sup>

“He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers . . .”

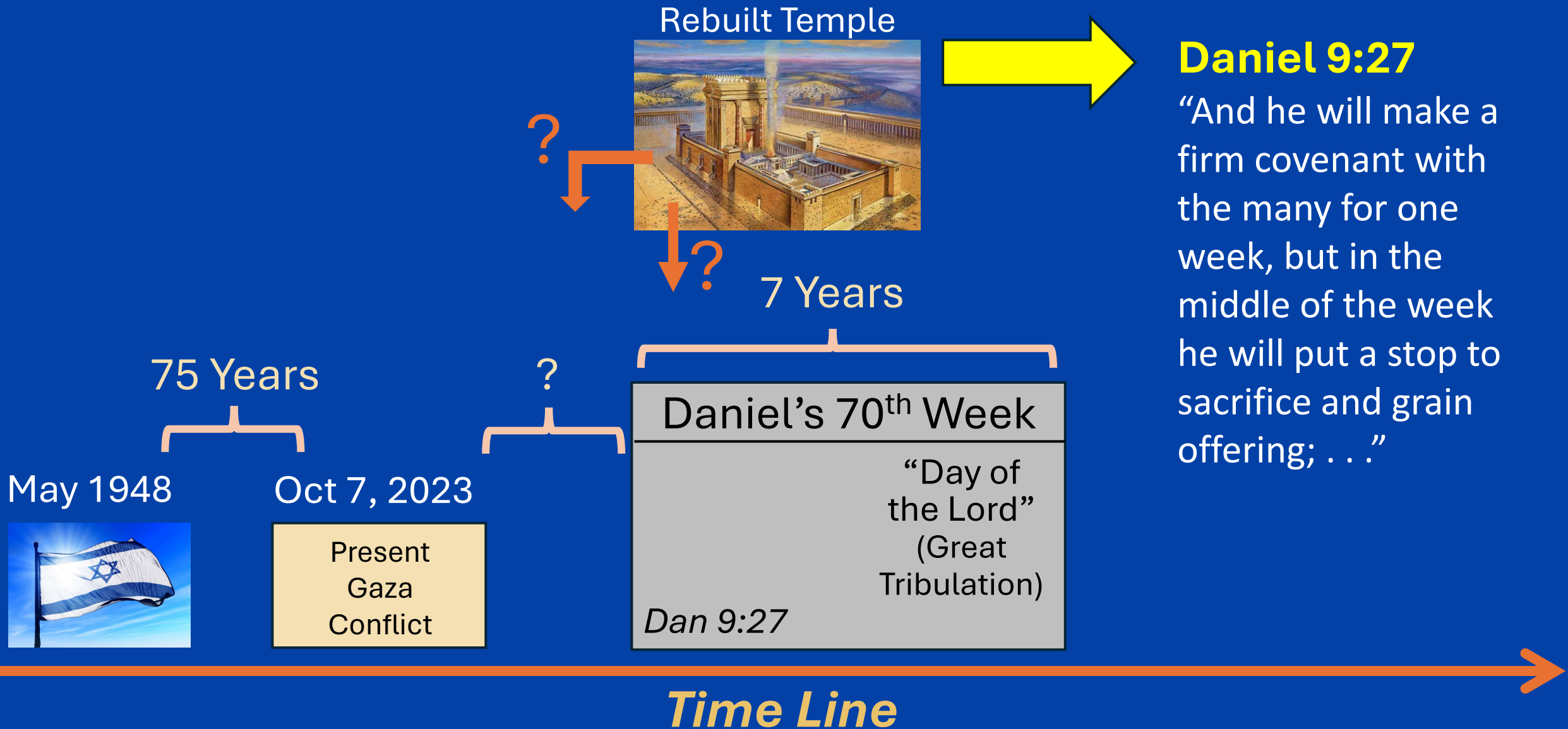
(or “the God of his fathers” - so NKJV)

- **Jesus’ prophecy in John 5:41-43:**

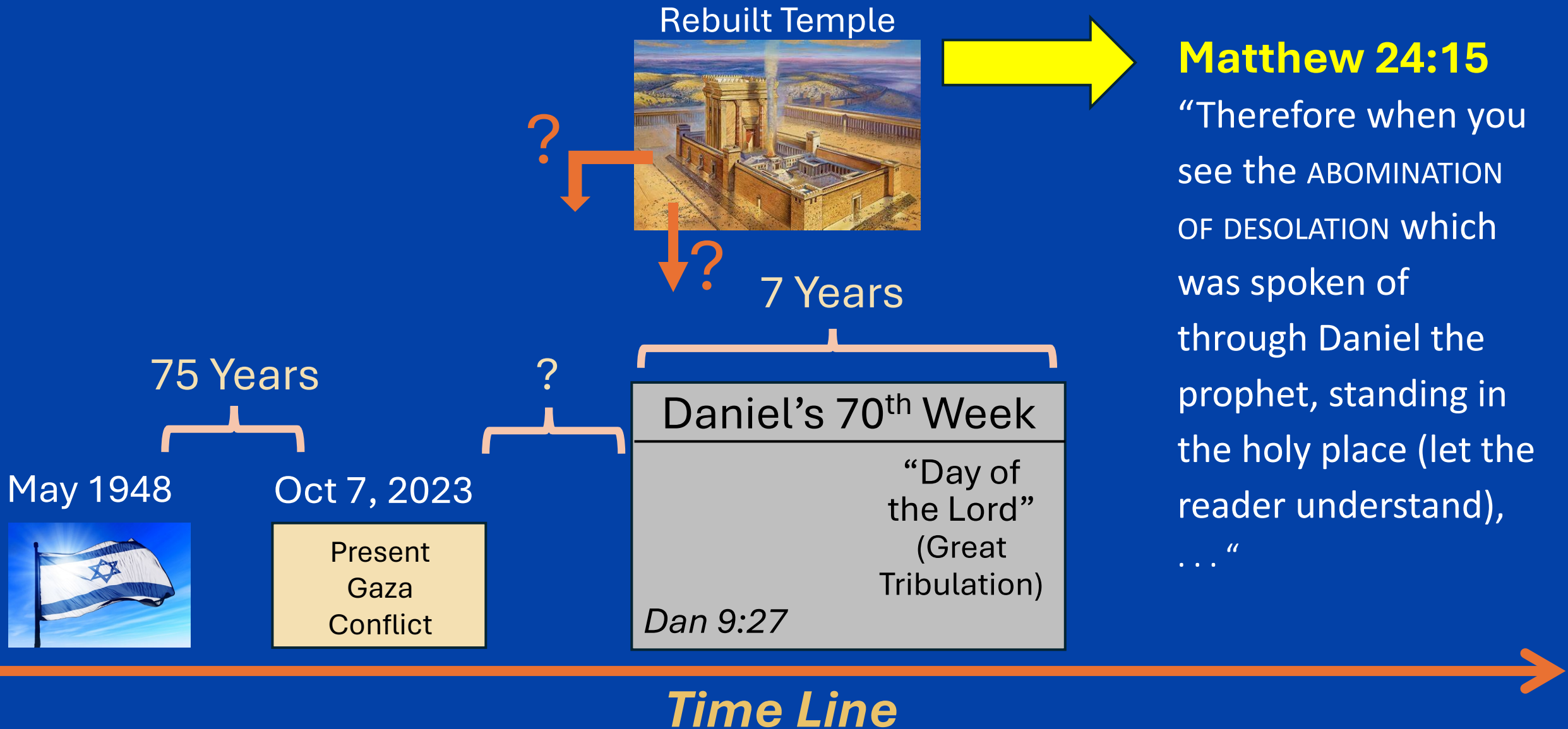
<sup>41</sup> “I do not receive glory from men; <sup>42</sup> but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves. <sup>43</sup> “I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, **you will receive him.**

- **Jesus’ warnings not to be deceived by a false Messiah (e.g., Mt 24:23-24)**
- **Logical: the Jews are not going to welcome a Messiah not Jewish**

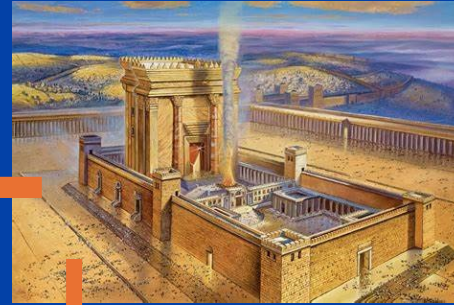
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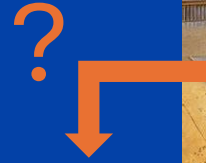


Rebuilt Temple



**Matthew 24:15**

“Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ...”



7 Years

75 Years

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Oct 7, 2023



Present  
Gaza  
Conflict

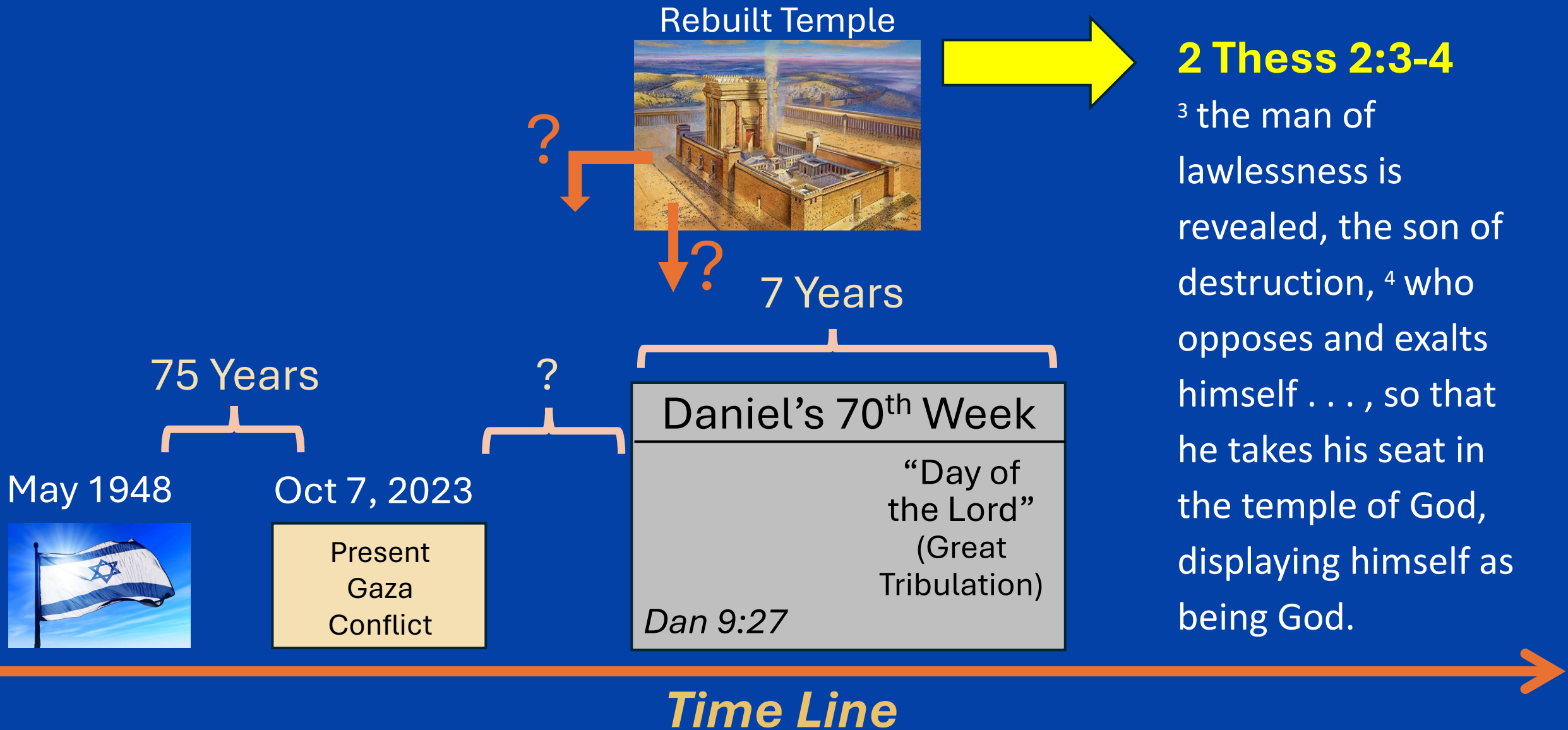
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(Great  
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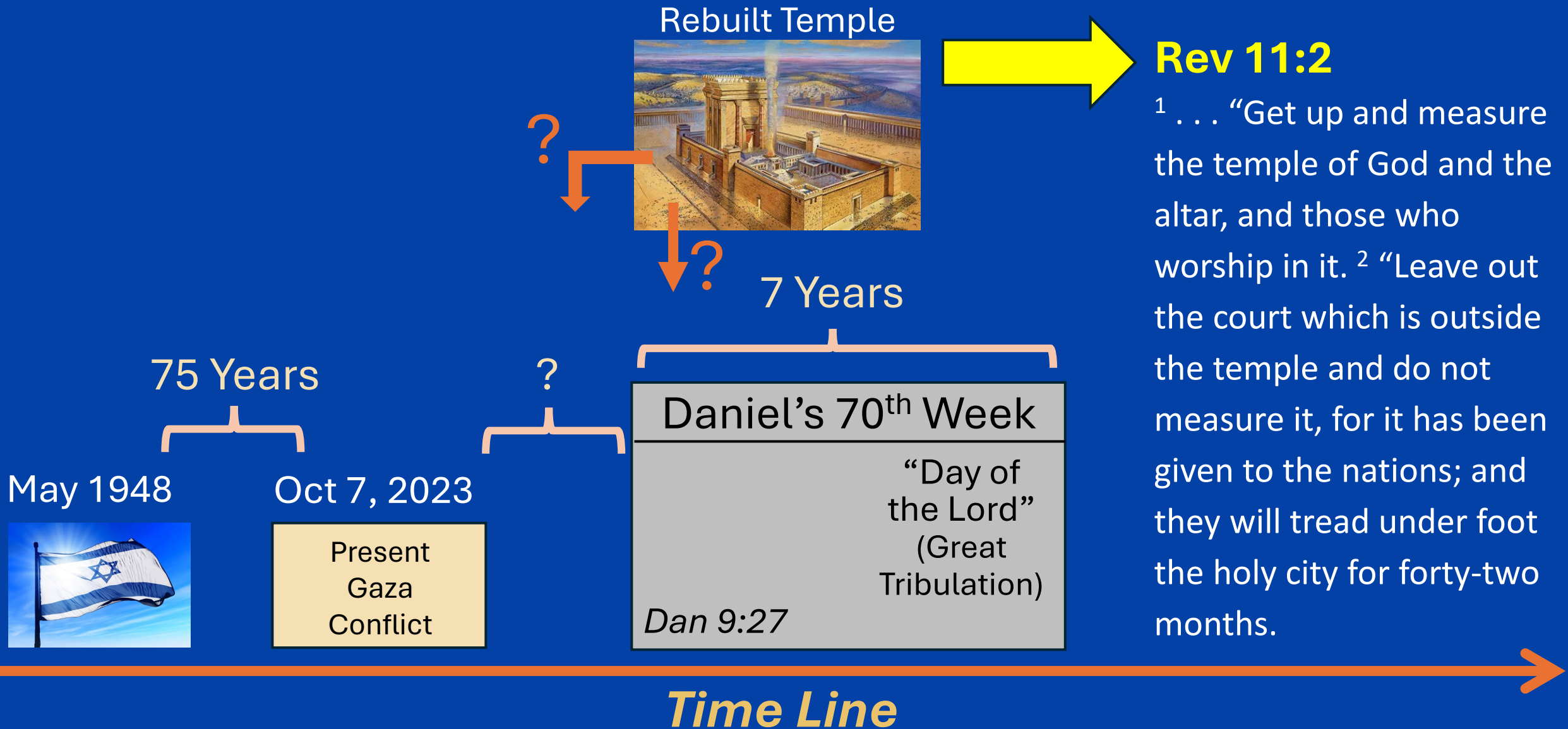
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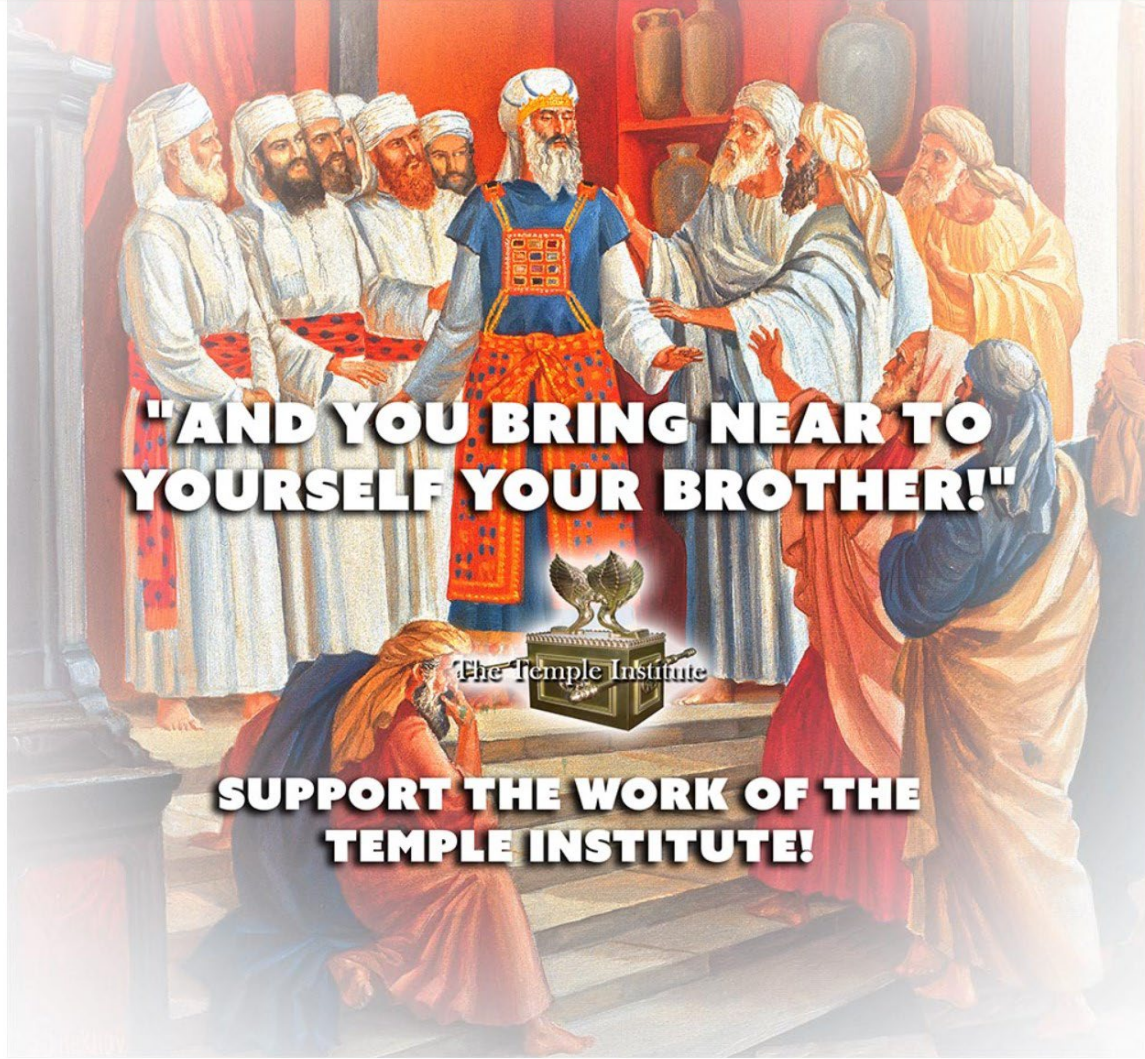
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*Palestinian National  
Security Expert*

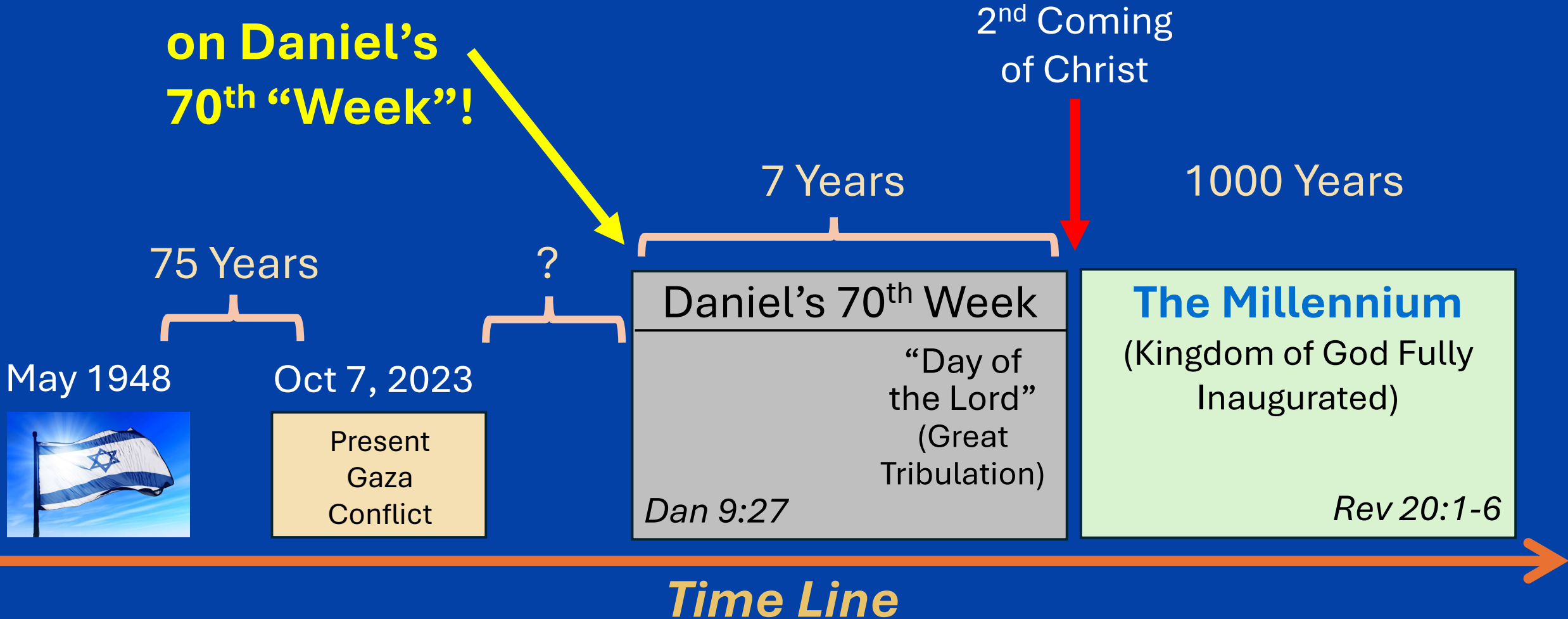
Now, at a time when the region is already on edge over the war in Gaza, and with more than 31,000 Palestinians killed, experts warn the slightest tension over the mosque could have the power to engulf the whole region in a bigger war, possibly even a religious one.

"A perceived threat to Al-Aqsa at this moment would be playing with fire," Al Qaq said.



# General Premillennial Expectation of Israel's Future

Let's Focus in on Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> "Week"!



# A Major Purpose of the Great Tribulation is Aimed at Israel

Deut 24:30 “When you are **in distress** and all these things have come upon you, **in the latter days** you will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice.”

Isa 1:21,  
25-26

<sup>21</sup> How the faithful city has become **a harlot**, she *who* was full of justice! Righteousness once lodged in her, but now murderers. . . .

<sup>25</sup> “I will also turn My hand against you, and will smelt away your dross as with lye and will remove all your alloy. <sup>26</sup> “Then I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning; after that you will be called the city of righteousness, **a faithful city.**”

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Jer 30:5-11

<sup>5</sup> “For thus says the LORD, ‘I have heard a sound of terror, Of dread, and there is no peace. . . .’ <sup>7</sup> ‘Alas! for that day is great, there is none like it; and it is **the time of Jacob’s distress**, but **he will be saved from it**.

<sup>8</sup> ‘It shall come about on that day,’ declares the LORD of hosts, ‘that I will break his yoke from off their neck and will tear off their bonds; and strangers will no longer make them their slaves. <sup>9</sup> ‘But they shall serve the LORD their God and **David their king**, whom I will raise up for them.

<sup>10</sup> ‘Fear not, O Jacob My servant,’ . . . <sup>11</sup> ‘For I am with you,’ declares the LORD, ‘to save you; for I will destroy completely all the nations where I have scattered you, only I will not destroy you completely. **But I will chasten you justly** and will by no means leave you unpunished.’

# Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> "Week"

2<sup>nd</sup> Coming  
of Christ

3 ½ Years

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Relative "Peace & Safety"

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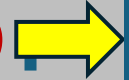
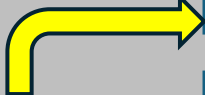
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<sup>15</sup> "Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), <sup>16</sup> then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. . . . <sup>20</sup> "But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. <sup>21</sup> "For then there will be **a great tribulation**, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.

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<sup>1</sup> Now we request you, brethren, . . . <sup>2</sup> that you not be quickly shaken . . . , to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. <sup>3</sup> Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup> who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, **displaying himself as being God.**

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<sup>1</sup> Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves know full well that **the day of the Lord** will come just like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

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<sup>6</sup> And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. <sup>7</sup> For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way. <sup>8</sup> Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; <sup>9</sup> *that is*, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, . . . .

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<sup>7</sup> It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. <sup>8</sup> All who dwell on the earth will worship him, *everyone* whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.



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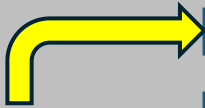
Seal Judgments

Trumpet Judgments

Siege  
Against  
Jerusalem  
(Zech 12-14)

Bowl  
Judgments

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# Historical Sieges Against Jerusalem

## Babylonian Siege



**605-587 BC**

**2 Kgs 24:1—25:21**

## Roman Siege



**AD 70 and 135**

**Dan 9:26; Mt 23:37–24:2;  
Lk 21:20-24**

## The Final Siege



**Close of the  
Great Tribulation**

**Isa 24:1-20; Zech 12–14**

# The Tribulation Siege Against Jerusalem

**God will use this to bring Israel to its knees,  
resulting in national repentance**

**Zech 12:1-3** <sup>1</sup> The burden of the word of the LORD concerning Israel.  
*Thus* declares the LORD who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him,  
<sup>2</sup> “Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah. <sup>3</sup> “It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.

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Zech 13:7-9

<sup>7</sup> “Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, And against the man, My Associate,” Declares the LORD of hosts. “Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered; And I will turn My hand against the little ones.

<sup>8</sup> “It will come about in all the land,” Declares the LORD, “**That two parts in it will be cut off and perish**; but the third will be left in it.

<sup>9</sup> “And I will bring the third part through the fire, refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are My people,’ And they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’ ”

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**Zech 14:1-2** <sup>1</sup> Behold, a day is coming for the LORD when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you. <sup>2</sup> For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.



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*The good news is that in her most desperate moments, Israel will repent, and embrace the Lord Jesus as the true Messiah!*

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Zech 12:10      <sup>10</sup> “I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that **they will look on Me (or “to Me”) whom they have pierced**; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son.

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Israel's national repentance results in the Lord coming to their rescue (national salvation):

Zech 14:3-5    <sup>3</sup> Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. <sup>4</sup> In that day **His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives**, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south. <sup>5</sup> You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, *and* all the holy ones with Him!

Cf. Joel 2:28-32

# The Tribulation Siege Against Jerusalem

Israel's *national salvation* will be followed by the formal establishment of the kingdom of God.

Zech 14:9 <sup>9</sup> And the LORD will be **king over all the earth**; in that day the LORD will be *the only* one, and His name *the only* one.

Rom 11:  
25-28 <sup>25</sup> For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; <sup>26</sup> and so **all Israel will be saved**; just as it is written, “**THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB.**” <sup>27</sup> “**THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS.**” <sup>28</sup> From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of *God's* choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers;

# God's Faithfulness to Israel with Whom He Committed Himself by Covenant

- God will prevent Israel's annihilation in the Great Tribulation and ultimately come to their rescue upon their repentance and turning to Jesus.
- God will destroy the Antichrist and those in league with him who sought to wipe out Israel (Dan 11:45; 2 Thess 2:8; Rev 19:19-21).
- There will be a resurrection of those Jews who had "saving faith" at the time of the Second Coming (Dan 12:1-2).
- "Believing Israel" will be regathered to the land in fulfillment of the Abrahamic land promise (Ezek 36:22-28).
- Not only will the Lord Jesus personally return in power and glory, but He will reign over the whole world with Jerusalem as His capital (Isa 2:1-4).

# What is God Doing with Israel in the Future ?

Despite what we see from our perspective, God is in full control, orchestrating everything to ultimately glorify Himself. Israel will experience even more trials and horrors, but in the end peace and restoration will come with the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.



# For Those Who Want a More Detailed Treatment:

