

# APPROACHING & UNDERSTANDING PROPHETIC SCRIPTURE

Biblical prophetic scripture is a gift from God, offering a glimpse into His sovereign knowledge that we can't fully grasp. While much of it may remain unclear now, we trust that one day it will make sense. Studying prophecy should humble us, draw us closer to Christ, and increase our trust in God's perfect plan.

**Using the following framework helps us properly approach and understand prophecy.**

God's GIFT of  
Hope to Mankind

God's WISDOM  
in Ages Past



God's PLAN  
for Redemption

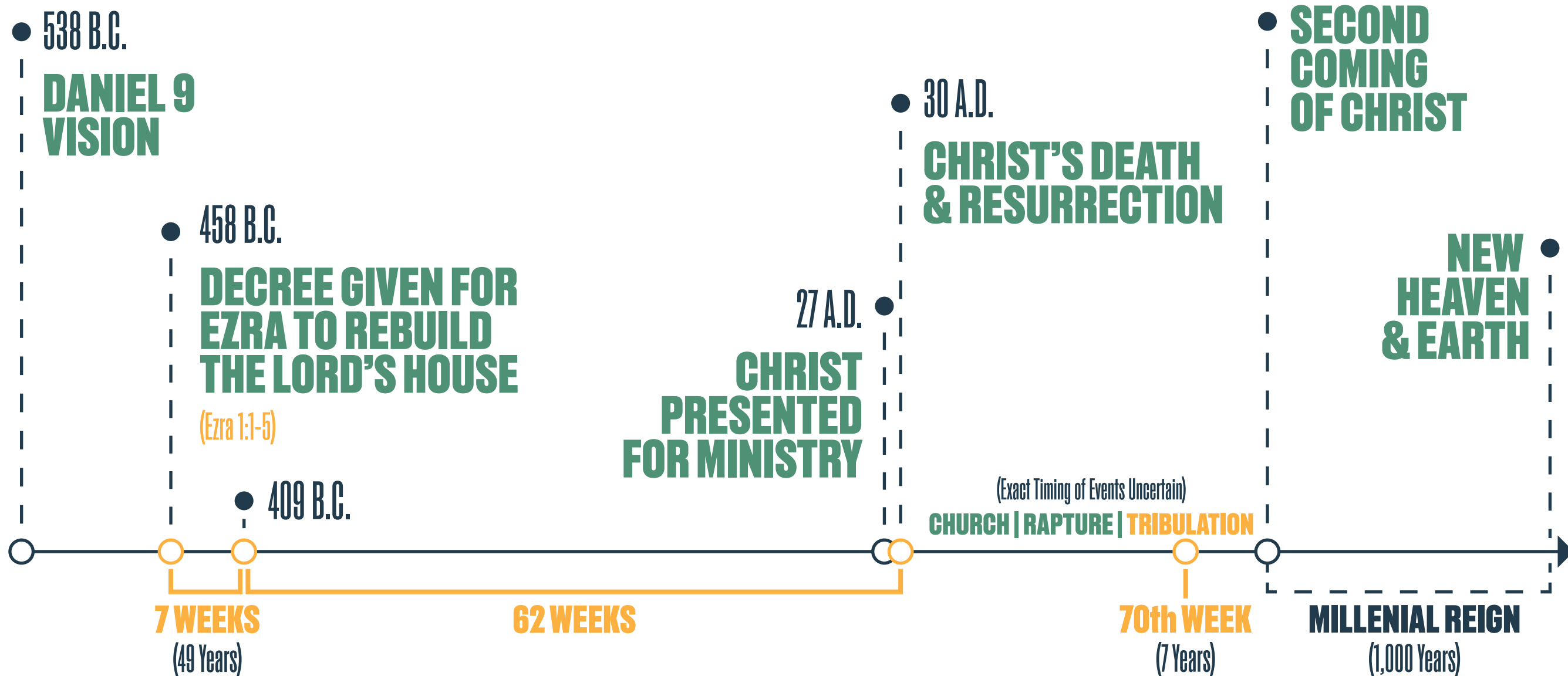
God's AUTHORITY  
over All Things

# THE BOOK OF DANIEL: VISION PARALLELS

EMPIRE	DANIEL 2: The Statue	DANIEL 7: The Beasts	DANIEL 8: The Ram & Goat	Daniel 11: Kings & Conflicts	DESCRIPTION
<b>BABYLON</b> (605-539 B.C.)	Head of Gold (2:32,38)	Lion with Eagle's Wings (7:4)	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned	Babylon's wealth and majesty, but also its decline (plucking of wings).
<b>MEDO-PERSIA</b> (539-331 B.C.)	Chest & Arms of Silver (2:32,39)	Bear Raised on One Side (7:5)	Ram with Two Horns (one larger, 8:3-4,20)	Kings of Persia (11:2)	Medo-Persia, with Persia dominant (raised side, larger horn)
<b>GREECE</b> (331-146 B.C.)	Belly & Thighs of Bronze (2:32, 39)	Leopard with Four Wings & Four Heads (7:6)	Goat with a Large Horn, then Four Horns (8:5-8, 21-22)	Alexander the Great and His Successors (11:3-4)	Alexander the Great (large horn), division into four after his death (four wings, four horns)
<b>HELLENISTIC KINGDOMS</b> (Ptolemies vs. Seleucids)	Not detailed	Not detailed	Not detailed	Wars between Kings of the North (Seleucids) & South (Ptolemies) (11:5-20)	Detailed conflicts between Greek successor states.
<b>ROME &amp; THE ANTICHRIST'S FORESHADOWING</b>	Legs of Iron (2:33,40)	Dreadful Beast with Iron Teeth & Ten Horns (7:7)	Foreshadowed by Antiochus IV (8:9-12)	Antiochus IV Epiphanes (11:21-35)	Rome's crushing power, later transitioning into the divided nations. Antiochus IV foreshadows the Antichrist.
<b>FINAL KINGDOM</b> (End-Times Antichrist)	Feet of Iron & Clay (2:33,41-43)	Ten Horns & the Little Horn (7:7-8, 24-25)	Not mentioned	The Final King - A Future Antichrist-like Figure (11:36-45)	A final kingdom (ten toes/horns) leading to the Antichrist's reign.
<b>GOD'S KINGDOM</b>	Stone that Destroys the Statue (2:34-35, 44-45)	Son of Man Receives the Kingdom (7:13-14)	Not directly mentioned	Implied by the downfall of the final king (11:45)	Christ's eternal kingdom destroys all earthly rule.

# DANIEL CHAPTER 9: Daniel's Vision of "70 Weeks"

WEEKS/HEPTAD = Set of Seven (i.e. 70 Sets of 7 Years)



# EVENTS TO BE FULFILLED FROM THE 69th-70th WEEK

- 1. The Church Age**
- 2. The Gospel Proclaimed to the Nations**
- 3. The Rapture/Gathering of the Church**
- 4. The Tribulation (Daniel's 70th Week)**

## Breakdown of the 70th Week of Tribulation (7 Years)

