

THE STORY OF HOPE

THE PROPHECY

DANIEL 9:20-27

Daniel 9

²⁰ While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the Lord my God for His holy hill— ²¹ while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice.

Daniel 9

²² He instructed me and said to me, "Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. ²³ As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. Therefore, consider the word and understand the vision:

Daniel 9

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²⁶ After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing.

The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.

The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

Daniel 9

27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering.

And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

**This is one of the most majestic and
precise prophecies in the entire Bible.**

**My father used to call it
“The backbone of Biblical prophecy.”**

I believe this is the prophecy that led the Magi to search the stars for clues.

And it's ultimately what led them to travel to Bethlehem to find Jesus.

The  of this Prophecy:

God has a plan to
rescue us!



**Gabriel
shows
up
again.**

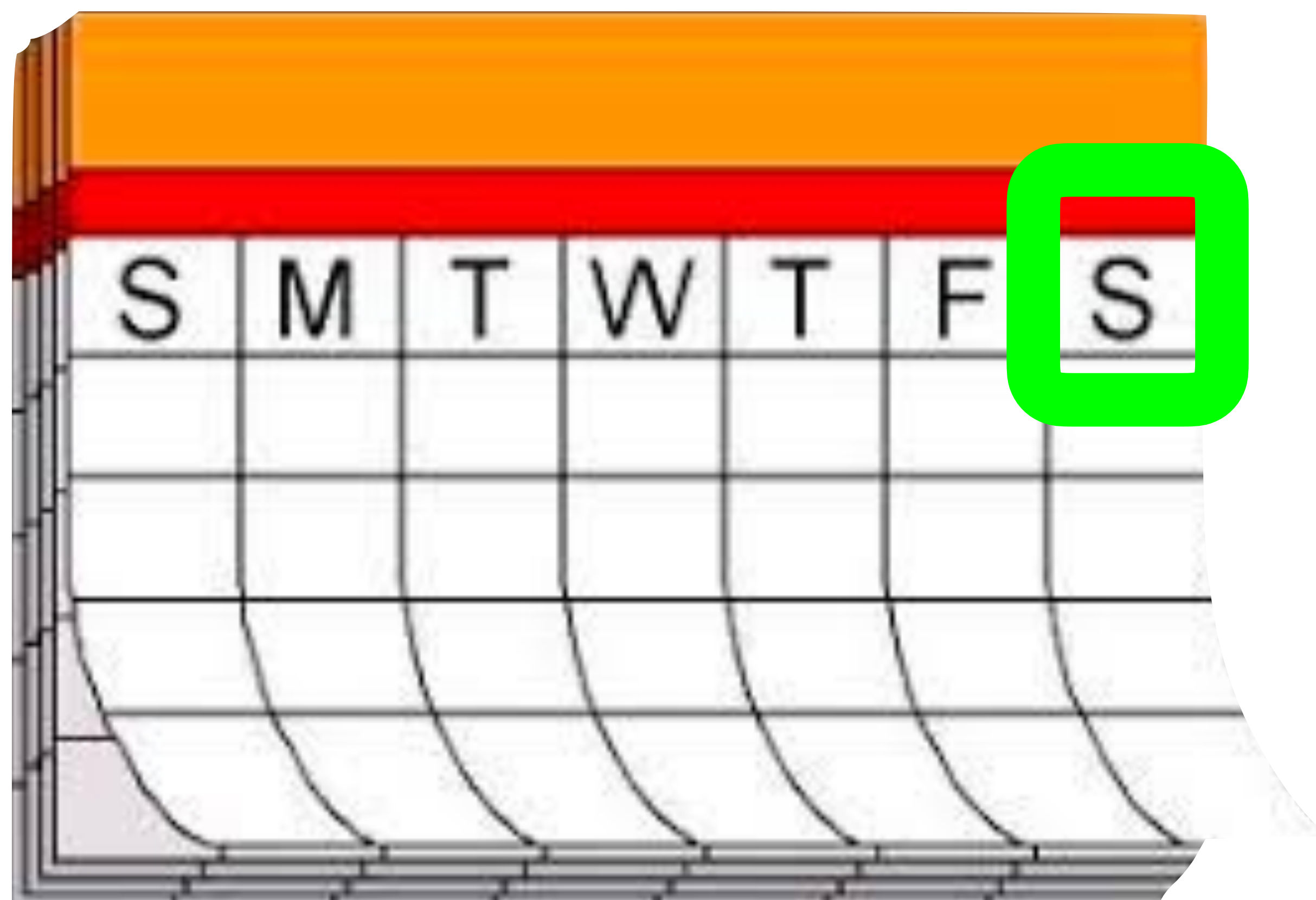
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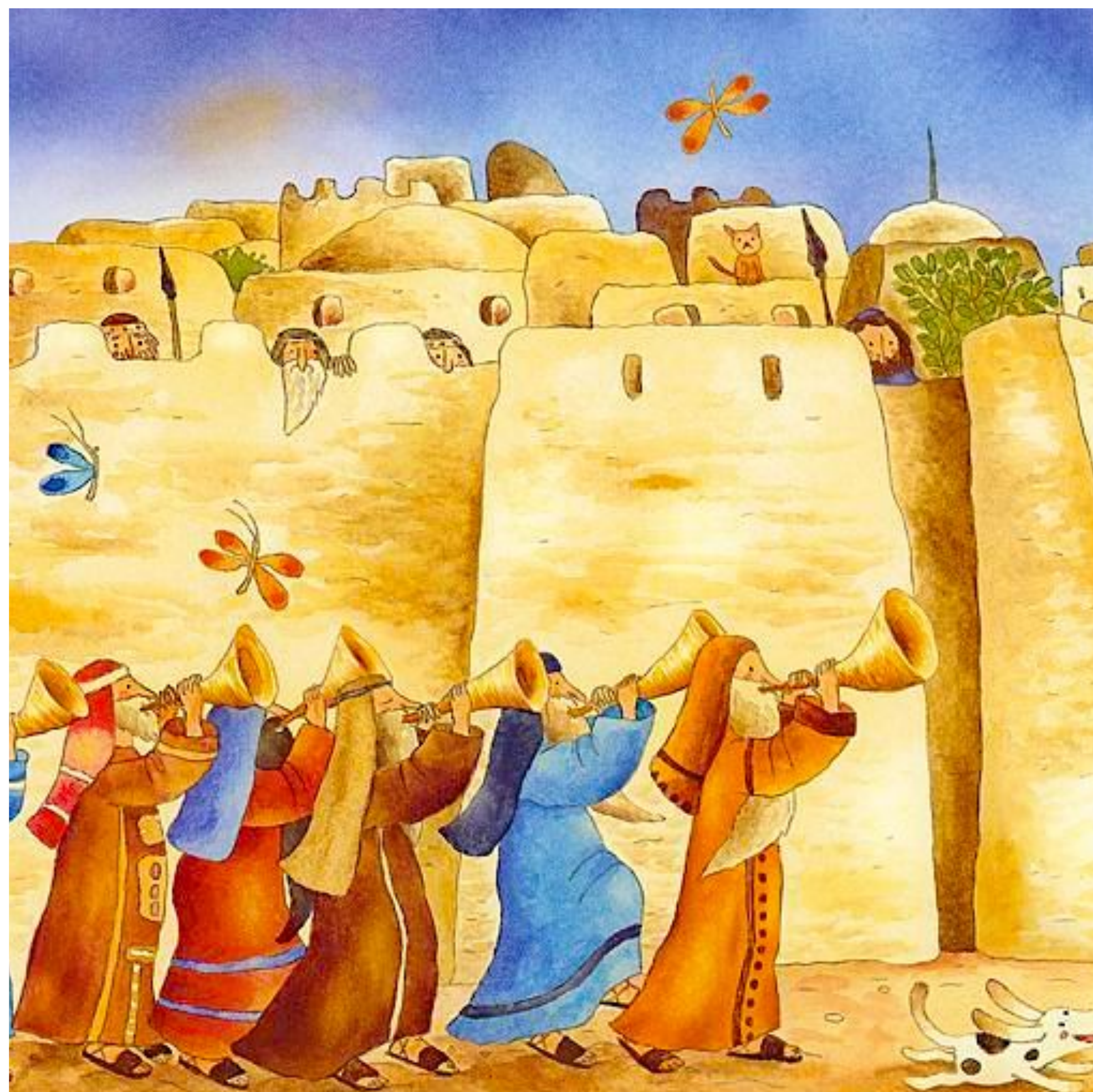
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7 Perfection Completion

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70 x 7

**Is attaching a number to
total perfection.**

Ultimate completion.

Matthew 18:21-22

**Then Peter came to him and asked,
“Lord, how often should I forgive
someone who sins against me?
Seven times?”**

**“No, not seven times,” Jesus
replied, “but seventy times seven.”**

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A 'Seven' = Seven Years

(70 x 7 = 490 Years)

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**7 x 7 =
49 Years**

**62 x 7 =
434 Years**

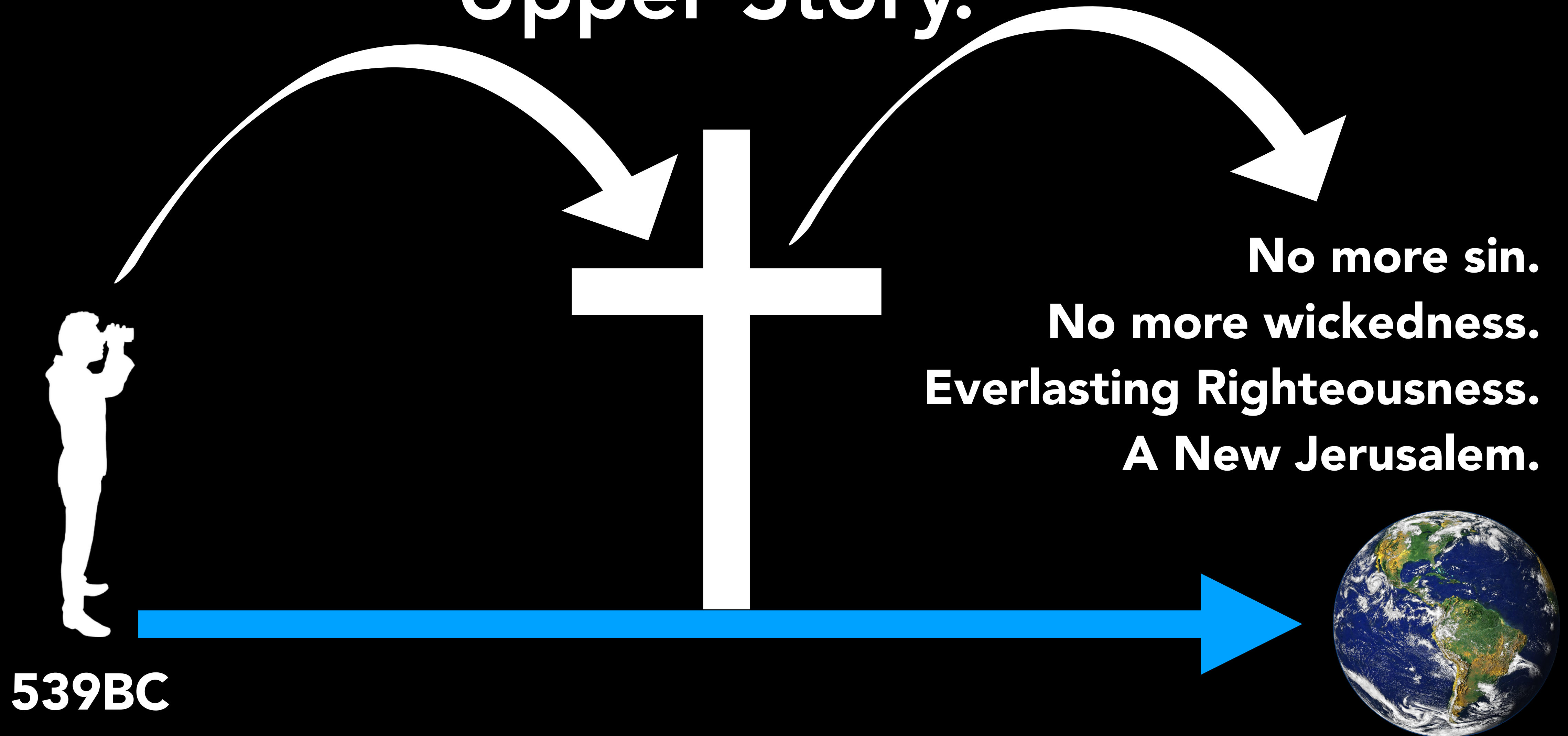
**1 x 7 =
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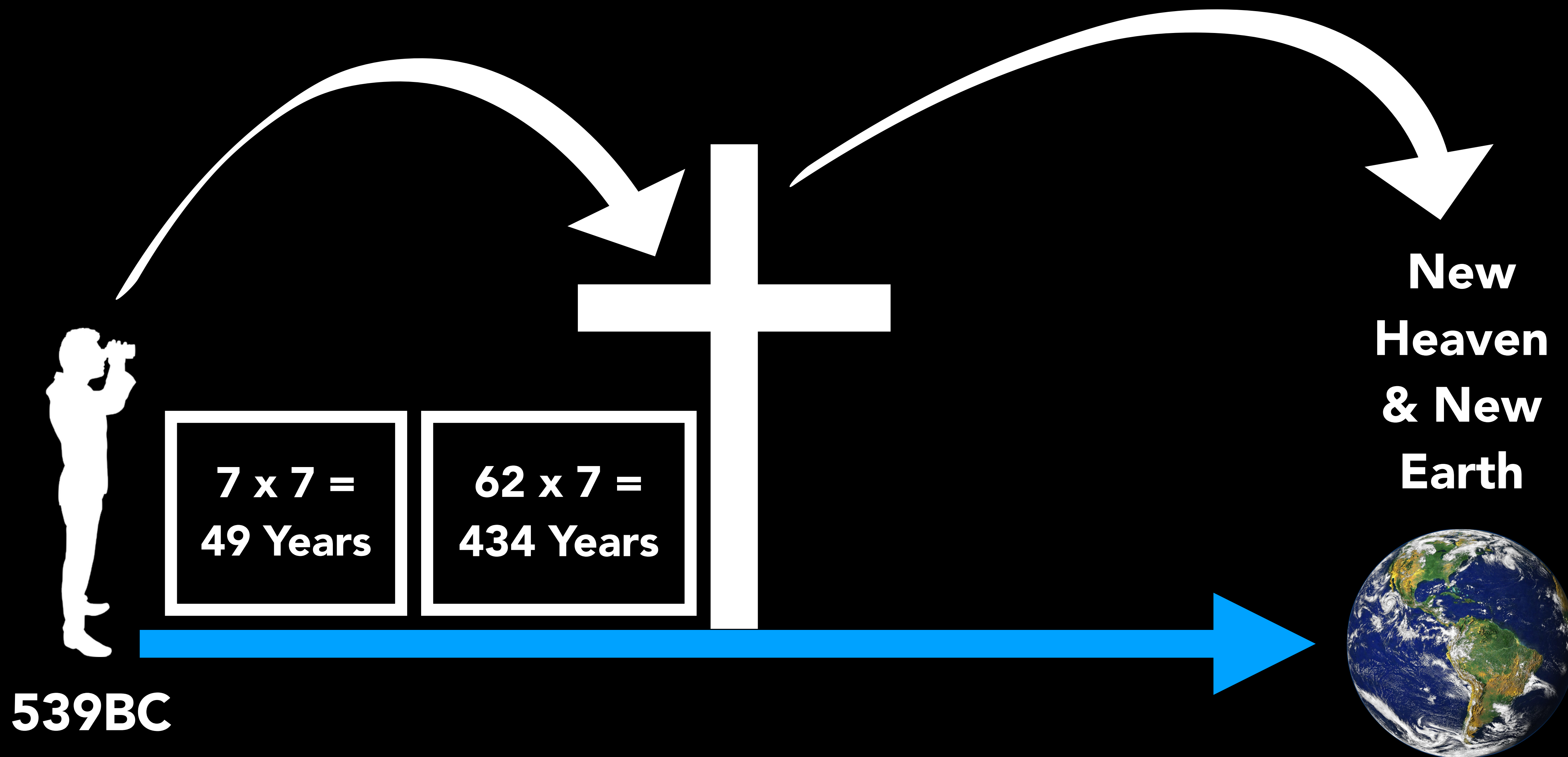


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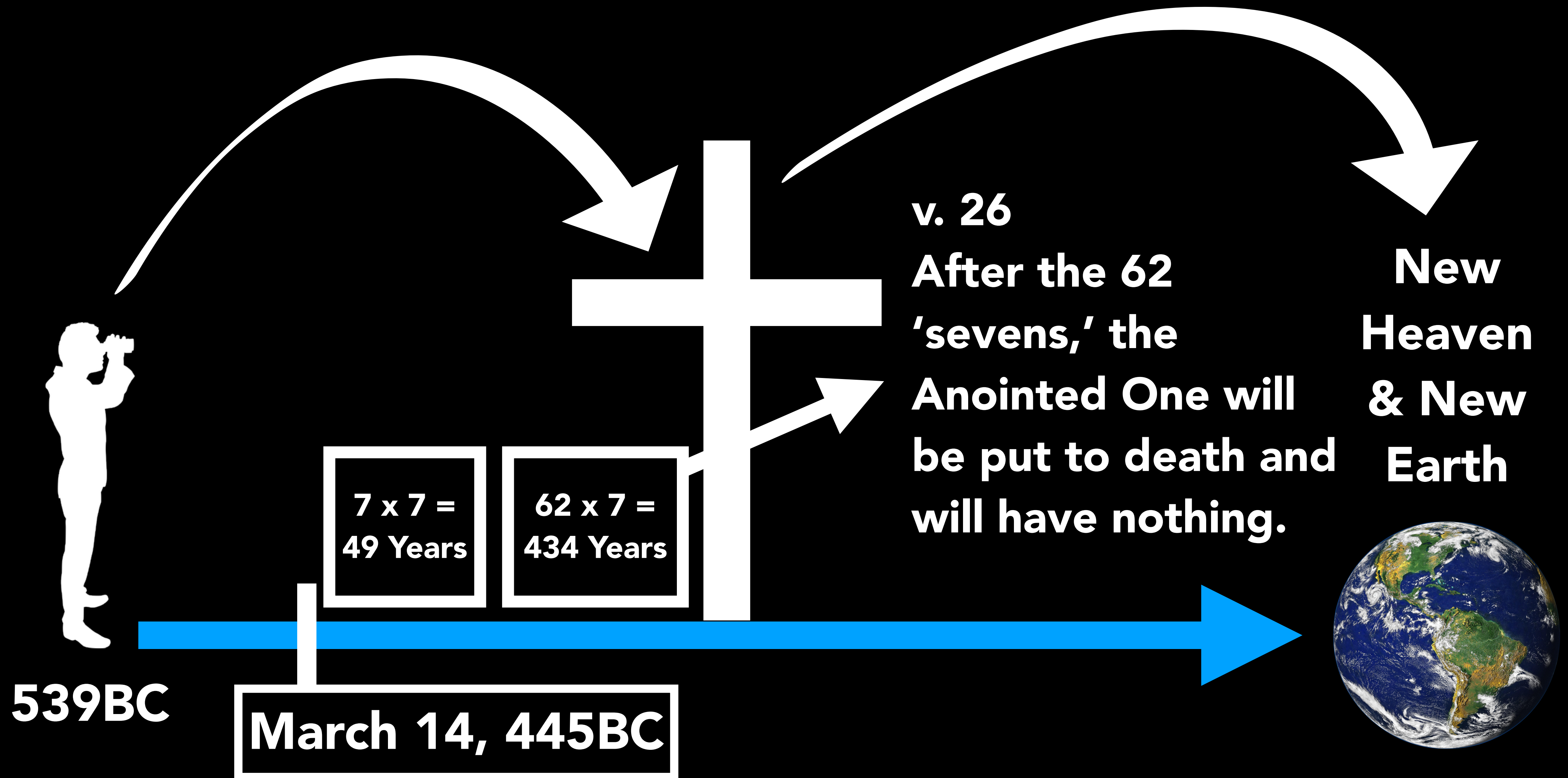


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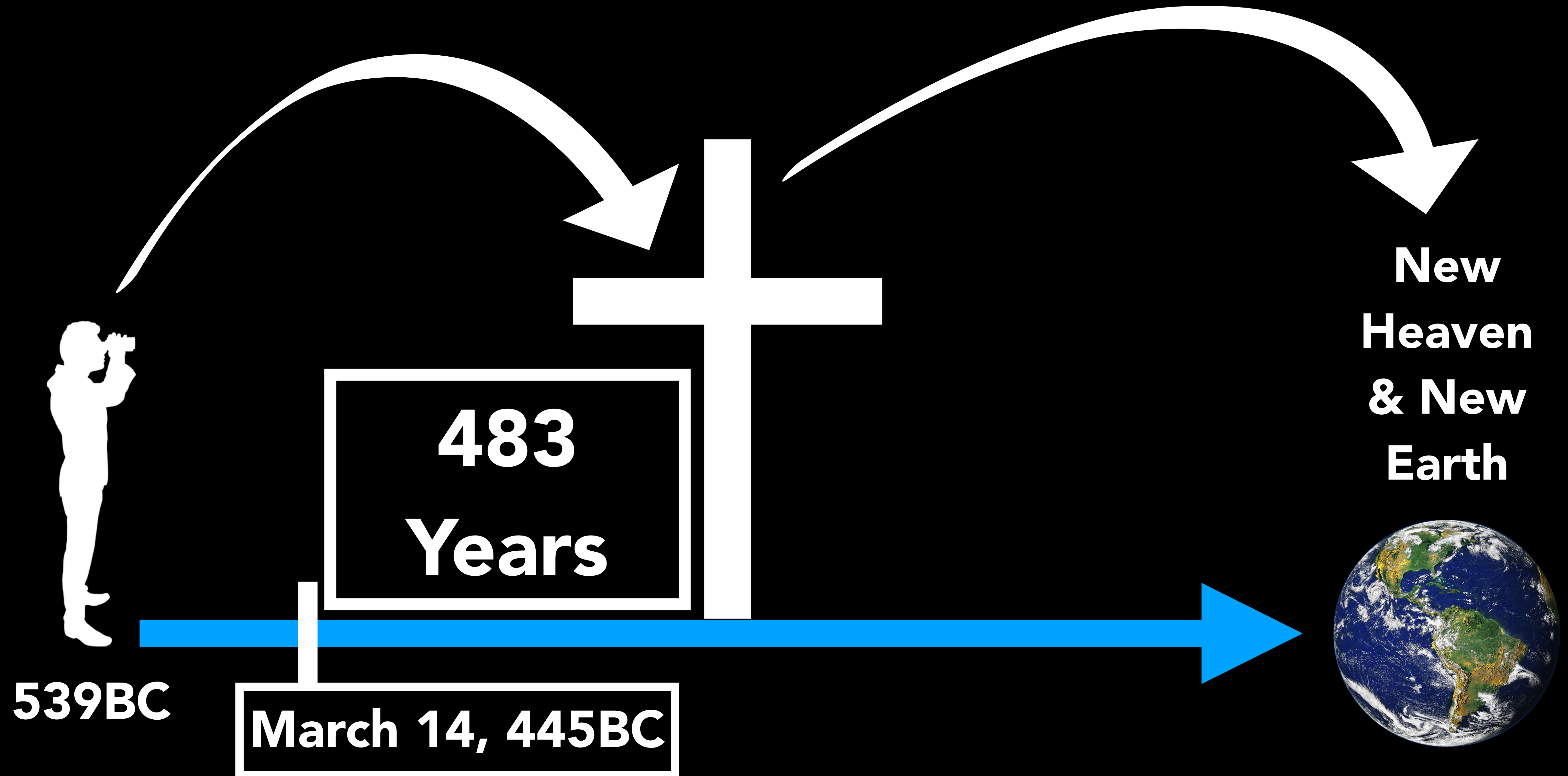
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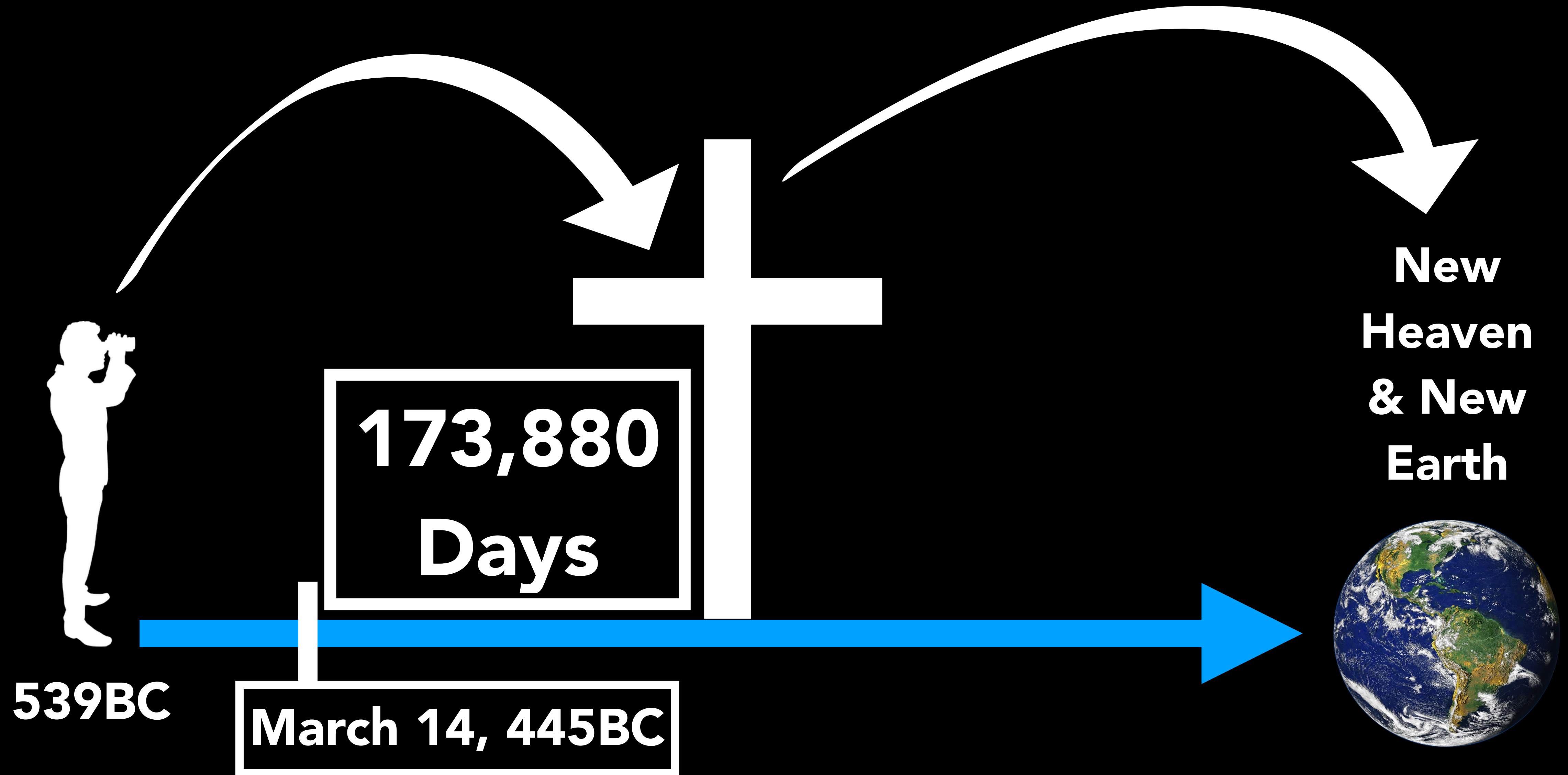
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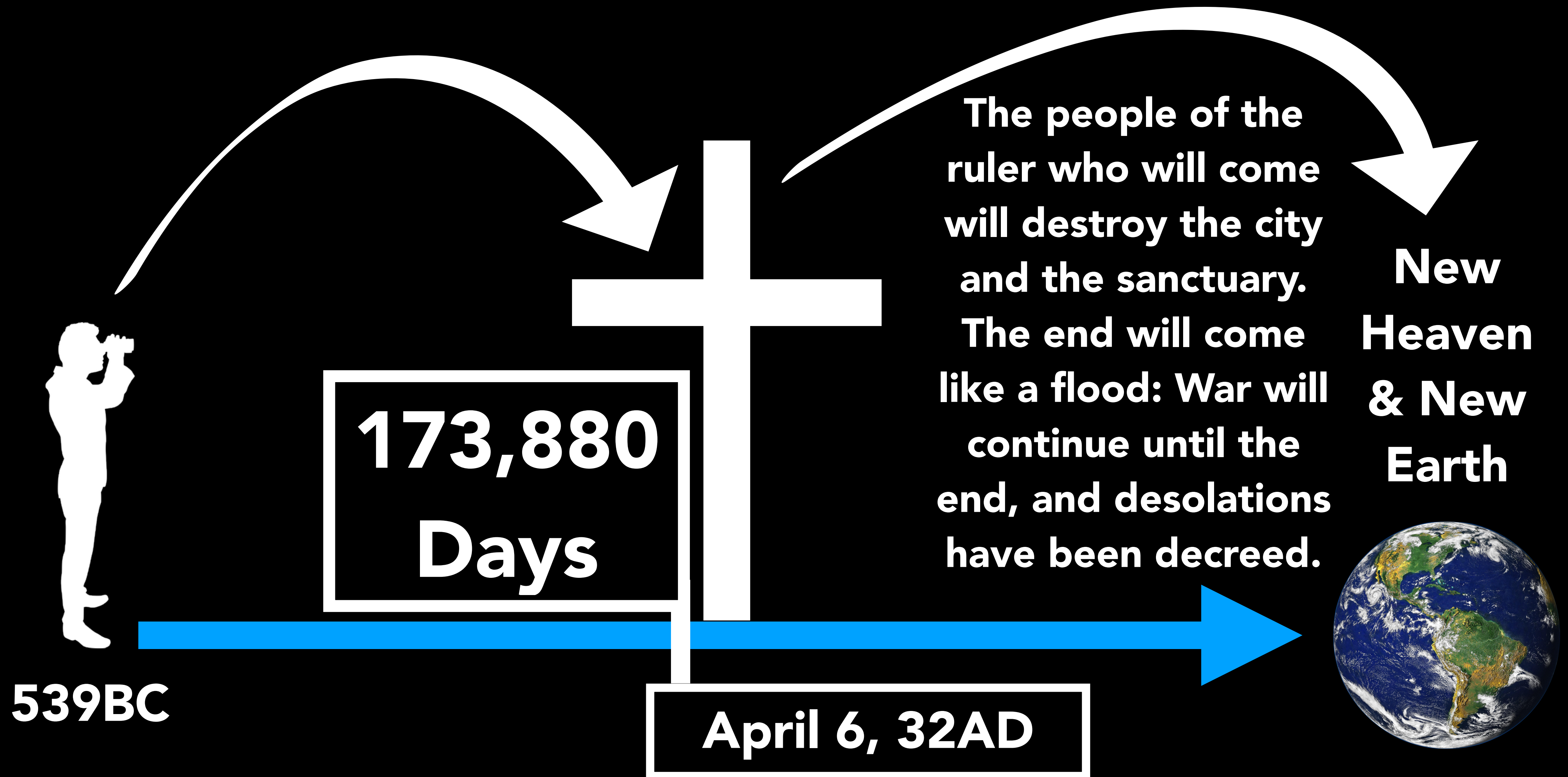
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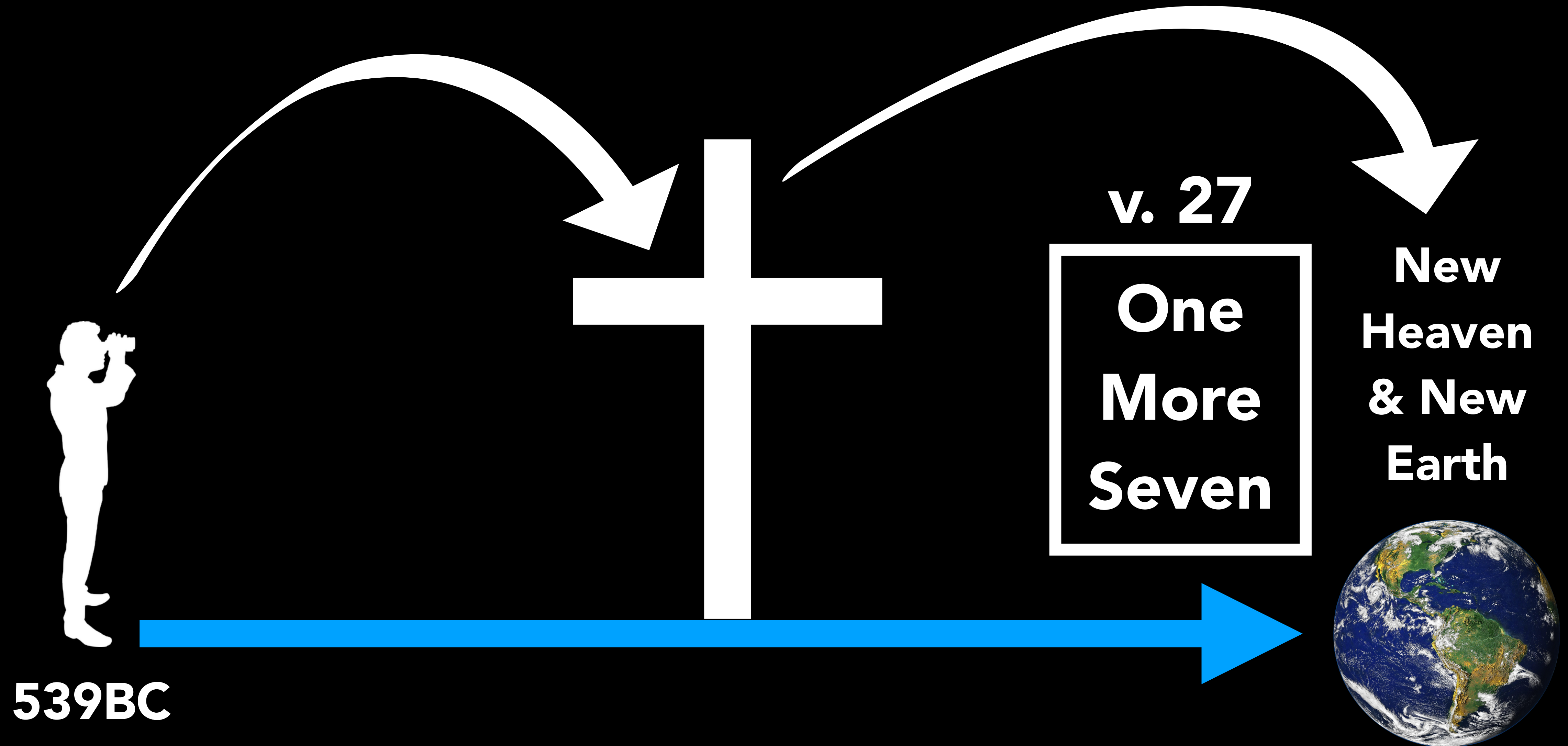
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**1. In His time God
deals with sin.**

v. 24

**2. In His time God
sends Jesus.**

v. 25-26

**3. In His time God
judges His people.**

v. 26

4. In His time God
destroys His enemies.

v. 27

But God is *ALWAYS* in control
in the Upper Story!

We might not know what's
coming next in the Lower Story.

Application:

Pray.

“The end of all things is near.
Therefore be alert and of sober
mind so that you may pray.”

1 Peter 4:7

