

# Daniel

## Chapter 9

*The*

*70*

*Weeks*

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# Daniels understanding of Jeremiah's two prophecies

It was in the year 3390 and Daniel was reflecting on two different prophecies from Jeremiah, which spoke of Babylons demise, following 70 years (Jeremiah 25:12 and 29:10). Even though both prophecies speak of the end of Babylon only one speaks of the return of the Israeli people to the Land of Israel (29:10). However when Daniel is reflecting on these two prophecies he mistakenly believes they are both speaking of the same 70 year period. Because of this understanding Daniel drew these three conclusions:

- ◆ The point to start counting the 70 years for both prophecies was 3320 when Babylon conquered Jerusalem
- ◆ These prophecies must end 70 years after Jerusalem's subjection in the year 3390, when Darius the Mede succeeded the throne.
- ◆ The Second Temple must be built in 3390, because of Jeremiah's prophecy in 29:10.

When the year 3390 was at hand and there was no sign of the impending redemption, he became deeply agitated. He felt that the sins of Jewry had caused the date to be delayed, or worse canceled. Because of this he began to fast and pray for the restoration of Jerusalem and its Sanctuary.

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**Dan 9:1-3 JPS**

**1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; 2 in the first year of his reign I Daniel meditated in the books, over the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish for the desolations of Jerusalem seventy years. 3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes.**

## What are the prophecies Daliel is referring to?

### Jer 25:1-13 JPS

- 1 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; 2 which Jeremiah the prophet spoke unto all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying:
- 3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even unto this day, these three and twenty years, the word of the LORD hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, speaking betimes and often; but ye have not hearkened. 4 And the LORD hath sent unto you all His servants the prophets, sending them betimes and often - but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear - 5 saying: 'Return ye now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD hath given unto you and to your fathers, for ever and ever; 6 and go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke Me not with the work of your hands, and I will do you no hurt.' 7 Yet ye have not hearkened unto Me, saith the LORD; that ye might provoke Me with the work of your hands to your own hurt.
- 8 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts: Because ye have not heard My words, 9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and I will send unto Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about; and I will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual desolations. 10 Moreover I will cause to cease from among them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the lamp. 11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and a waste; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. 12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it perpetual desolations. 13 And I will bring upon that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations.

### Jer 29:1-14 JPS

- 1 Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders of the captivity, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon, 2 after that Jeconiah the king, and the queen-mother, and the officers, and the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem; 3 by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, saying:
- 4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all the captivity, whom I have caused to be carried away captive from Jerusalem unto Babylon:
- 5 Build ye houses, and dwell in them, and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them; 6 take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply ye there, and be not diminished. 7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray unto the LORD for it; for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.
- 8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Let not your prophets that are in the midst of you, and your diviners, beguile you, neither hearken ye to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.
- 9 For they prophesy falsely unto you in My name; I have not sent them, saith the LORD.
- 10 For thus saith the LORD: After seventy years are accomplished for Babylon, I will remember you, and perform My good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.
- 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 And ye shall call upon Me, and go, and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you. 13 And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart. 14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD, and I will turn your captivity, and gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you back unto the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

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Dan 9:4-19 JPS

### So Daniel Prays -----

4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made confession, and said:

'O Lord, the great and awful God, who keepest covenant and mercy with them that love Thee and keep Thy commandments, 5 we have sinned, and have dealt iniquitously, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, and have turned aside from Thy commandments and from Thine ordinances; 6 neither have we hearkened unto Thy servants the prophets, that spoke in Thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. 7 Unto Thee, O Lord, belongeth righteousness, but unto us confusion of face, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither Thou hast driven them, because they dealt treacherously with Thee. 8 O LORD, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against Thee. 9 To the Lord our God belong compassions and forgivenesses; for we have rebelled against Him; 10 neither have we hearkened to the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. 11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed Thy law, and have turned aside, so as not to hearken to Thy voice; and so there hath been poured out upon us the curse and the oath that is written in the Law of Moses the servant of God; for we have sinned against Him. 12 And He hath confirmed His word, which He spoke against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil; so that under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem. 13 As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us; yet have we not entreated the favour of the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and have discernment in Thy truth. 14 And so the LORD hath watched over the evil, and brought it upon us; for the LORD our God is righteous in all His works which He hath done, and we have not hearkened to His voice. 15 And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought Thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten Thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. 16 O Lord, according to all Thy righteousness, let Thine anger and Thy fury, I pray Thee, be turned away from Thy city Jerusalem, Thy holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us. 17 Now therefore, O our God, hearken unto the prayer of Thy servant, and to his supplications, and cause Thy face to shine upon Thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. 18 O my God, incline Thine ear, and hear; open Thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city upon which Thy name is called; for we do not present our supplications before Thee because of our righteousness, but because of Thy great compassions. 19 O Lord, hear, O Lord, forgive, O Lord, attend and do, defer not; for Thine own sake, O my God, because Thy name is called upon Thy city and Thy people.'

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Dan 9:20-27 JPS

Gabriel came -----

20 And while I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God; 21 yea, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, approached close to me about the time of the evening offering. 22 And he made me to understand, and talked with me, and said:

'O Daniel, I am now come forth to make thee skilful of understanding. 23 At the beginning of thy supplications a word went forth, and I am come to declare it; for thou art greatly beloved; therefore look into the word, and understand the vision. 24 Seventy weeks are decreed upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sin, and to forgive iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal vision and prophet, and to anoint the most holy place. 25 Know therefore and discern, that **from the going forth of the word** to restore and to build Jerusalem unto one anointed, a prince, shall be seven weeks; and for threescore and two weeks, it shall be built again, with broad place and moat, but in troublous times. 26 And after the threescore and two weeks shall an anointed one be cut off, and be no more; and the people of a prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; but his end shall be with a flood; and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 And he shall make a firm covenant with many for one week; and for half of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease; and upon the wing of detestable things shall be that which causeth appalment; and that until the extermination wholly determined be poured out upon that which causeth appalment.'

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- 25 Know therefore and discern, that from the going forth of the word to restore and to build Jerusalem unto one anointed (Cyrus), a prince, shall be seven weeks; and for threescore and two weeks, it shall be built again, with broad place and moat, but in troublous times.

*"Going forth of the word" is after a full "7 weeks" (49 years) passed, counting from "the going forth of the WORD (Heb - Dabar) when Jerusalem was destroyed (9:2), an anointed ruler (Cyrus) would command the Jewish people to return and rebuild Jerusalem) Destruction of the Temple to Cyrus calling for the reconstruction of the Second Temple (49 years) to Darius releasing the people to return (21 years). 3338 + 49 = 3387  
Three score and two weeks = 62 weeks - see verse 26 for explanation*

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*(3 score and 2 weeks = 3X20 +2 or 62 weeks) 7 X 62 = 434 years after the Second Temple is built.*

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*Gabriel also reveals that once these "70 weeks" were completed, the Messianic Age could begin. Thus, in verse 24 the angel describes six elements that will characterize the world in the Messianic Age:*

- 24 Seventy weeks are decreed upon thy people and upon thy holy city, (1) to finish the transgression, (2) and to make an end of sin, (3) and to forgive iniquity, (4) and to bring in everlasting righteousness, (5) and to seal vision and prophet, (6) and to anoint the most holy place (Holy of Holies).

*Once these (7X70= 490) 490 years are completed, it would be up to each subsequent generation to turn back to God in order to bring about the glorious arrival of the messiah.*

- 25 Know therefore and discern, that from the going forth of the word to restore and to build Jerusalem unto one anointed, a prince, shall be seven weeks; and for threescore and two weeks, it shall be built again, with broad place and moat, but in troublous times. 26 And after the threescore and two weeks shall an anointed one be cut off, and be no more; and the people of a prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; but his end shall be with a flood; and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 And he shall make a firm covenant with many for one week; and for half of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease; and upon the wing of detestable things shall be that which causeth appalment; and that until the extermination wholly determined be poured out upon that which causeth appalment.'

# THE SHEMITTAH

	A	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
	2453	2459	2466	2473	2480	2487	2494	2501
0	2502							
1	2551							
2	2600							
3	2649							
4	2698							
5	2747							
6	2796							
7	2845							
8	2894							
9	2943							
10	2992							
11	3041			3061				
12	3090							
13	3139					3173		
14	3188							
15	3237							
16	3286							

## PRE EXILE PERIOD

**2488** - Israel had crossed the Jordan. Followed by 7 years of conquest and 7 years of settlement.

**2502** - Started counting the Shemittah cycle.

**2894** - 8th Jubilee year (Public readings of Torah - 2 Chron. 17: 7-9; Deut. 31:10)

**2933** - First Temple built.

**2992** - Jubilee year

**3061** - Sabbatical year

**3139** - 13th Jubilee year - Last Jubilee year - Northern Tribes went into exile in 3187 (Public readings of Torah - 2 Chron. 34:29 - 32; Seder Olam 24 & Talmud Megillah 14b)

**3173** - Sabbatical year

**3188** - 14th Jubilee Year - 1 Kings 6:11

# THE SHEMITTAH

## *THE EXILE PERIOD*

	A	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
17	3335	3341	3348	3355	3362	3369	3376	3383
18	3384	3390	3397	3404	3411			

3338 - Judah taken into exile and destruction of the First Temple (70 years of exile 3338 - 3408)

# THE SHEMITTAH

	A	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
19	3410							
20	3459							
21	3508							
22	3557							
23	3606							
24	3655							
25	3704			3724				
26	3753							3801
27	3802			3822	3829			
28	3851						3892	
29	3900							
30	3949							
31	3998							
32	4047							
33	4096							
34	4145							4193
35	4194	4200						
36	4243							
37	4292							
38	4341							

## POST EXILE PERIOD

3724 - Herold conquers Jerusalem after Sabbatical year 3724

3801 - Recital of Deut 7:15 by Agrippa 1 in post Sabbatical making 3801 a Sabbatical year

3829 - Year before the destruction of Jerusalem

3892 - A Sabbatical year

4193 - Sabbatical year found on a tumb stone

4200 - Sabbatical year found on a tumb stone

# THE SHEMITAH

## ***POST EXILE PERIOD (20th./21st. Century)***

	A	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
65	5664	5670	5677	5684	5691	5698	5705	5712
66	5713	5719	5726	5733	5740	5747	5754	5761
67	5762	5768	5775	5782	5789	5796	5803	5810
68	5811	5817	5824	5831	5838	5845	5852	5859

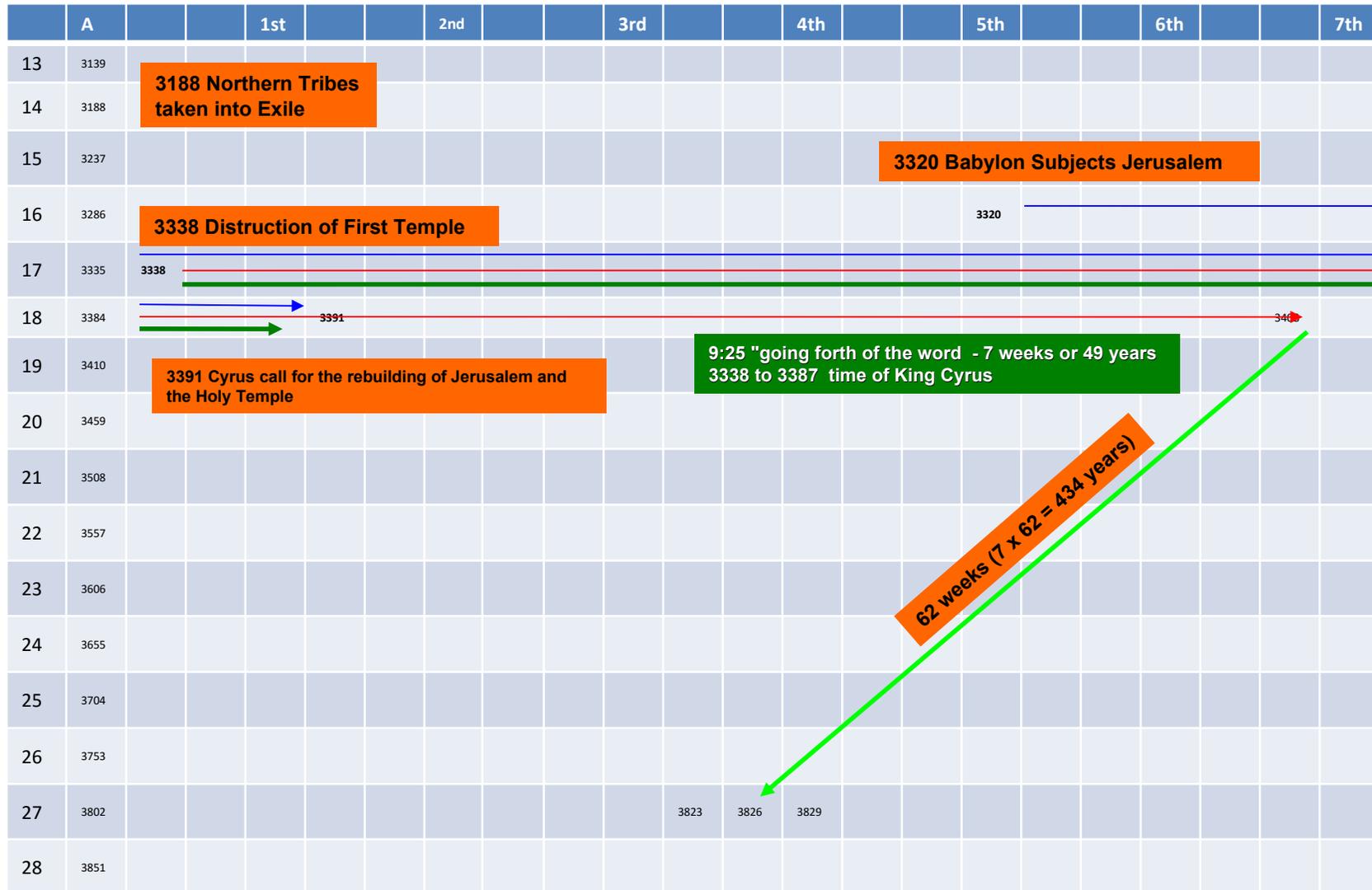
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5719 - 1958/1959  
5726 - 1965/1966  
5733 - 1972/1973  
5740 - 1979/1980  
5747 - 1986/1987  
5754 - 1993/1994  
5761 - 2000/2001  
5768 - 2007/2008  
**5775 - 2014/2015**  
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5789 - 2028/2029  
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5803 - 2042/2043  
5810 - 2049/2050



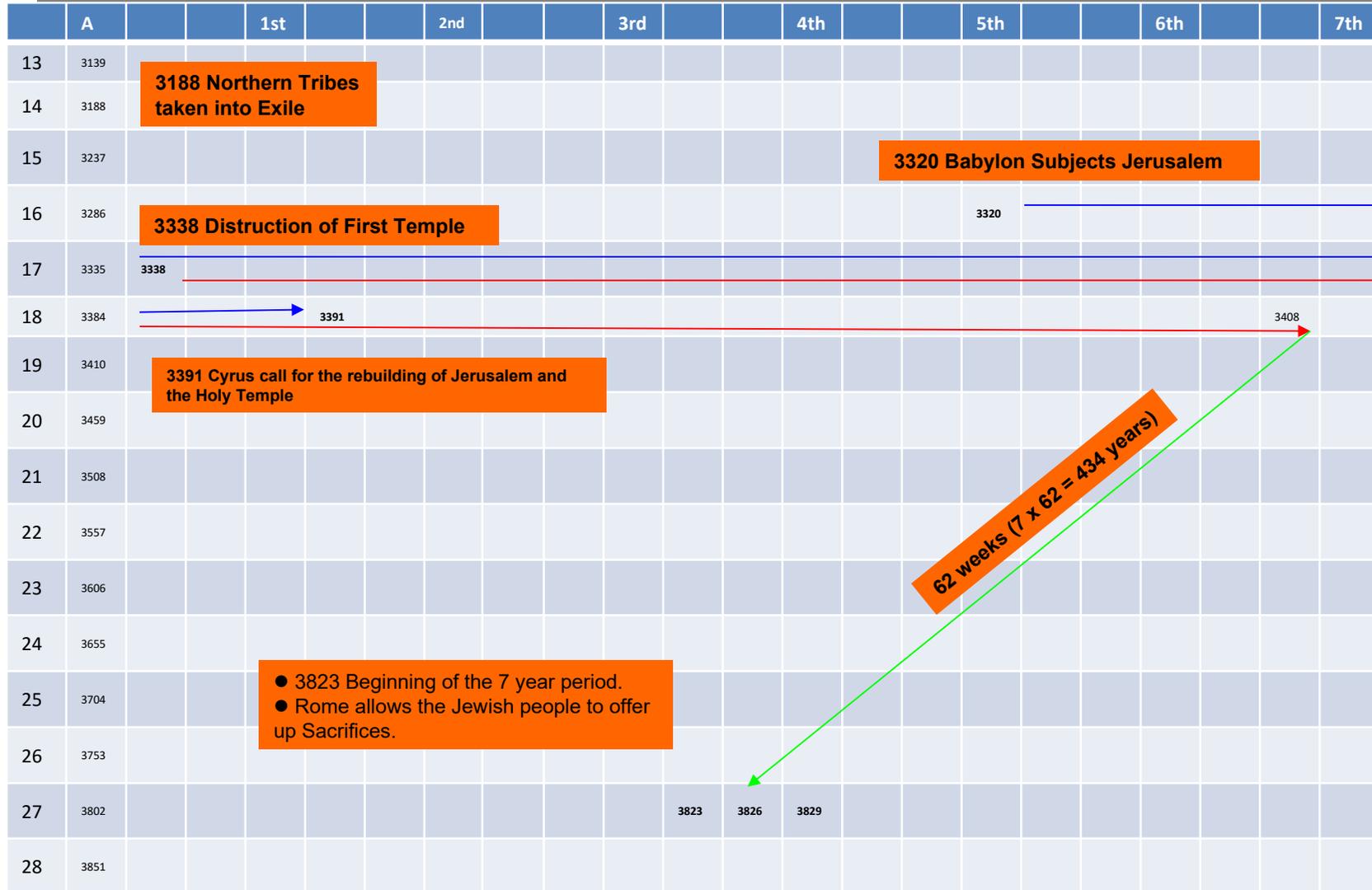




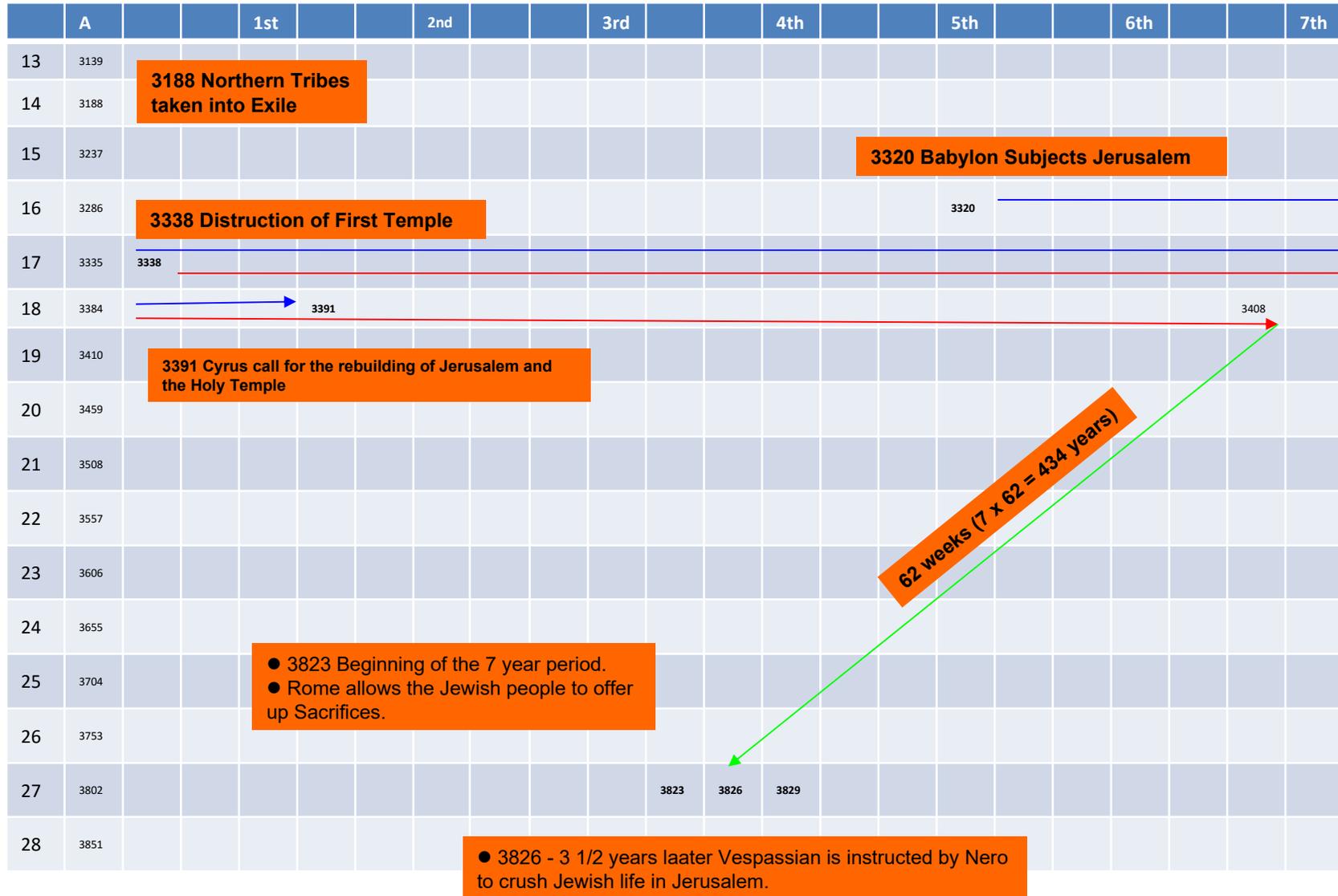
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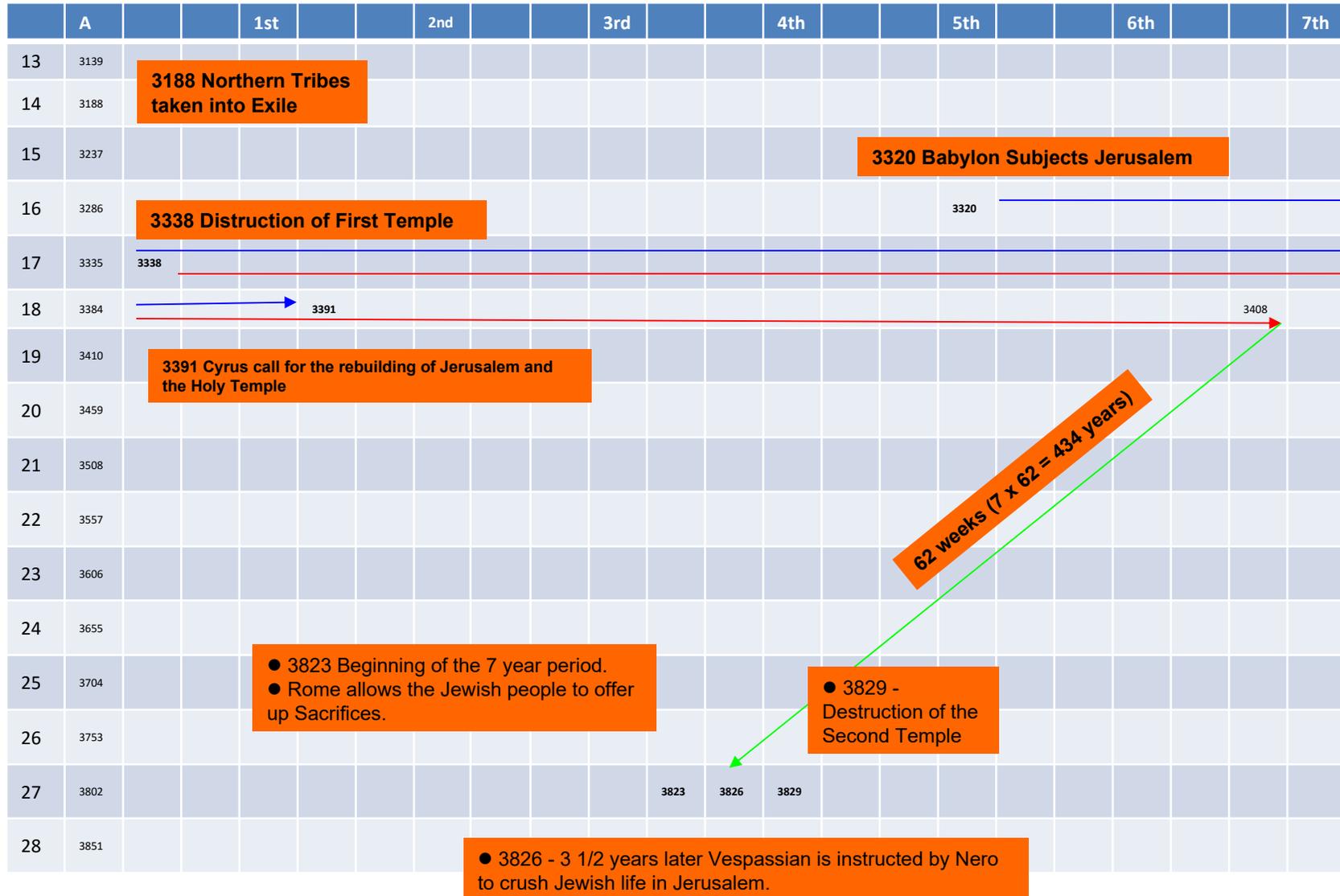
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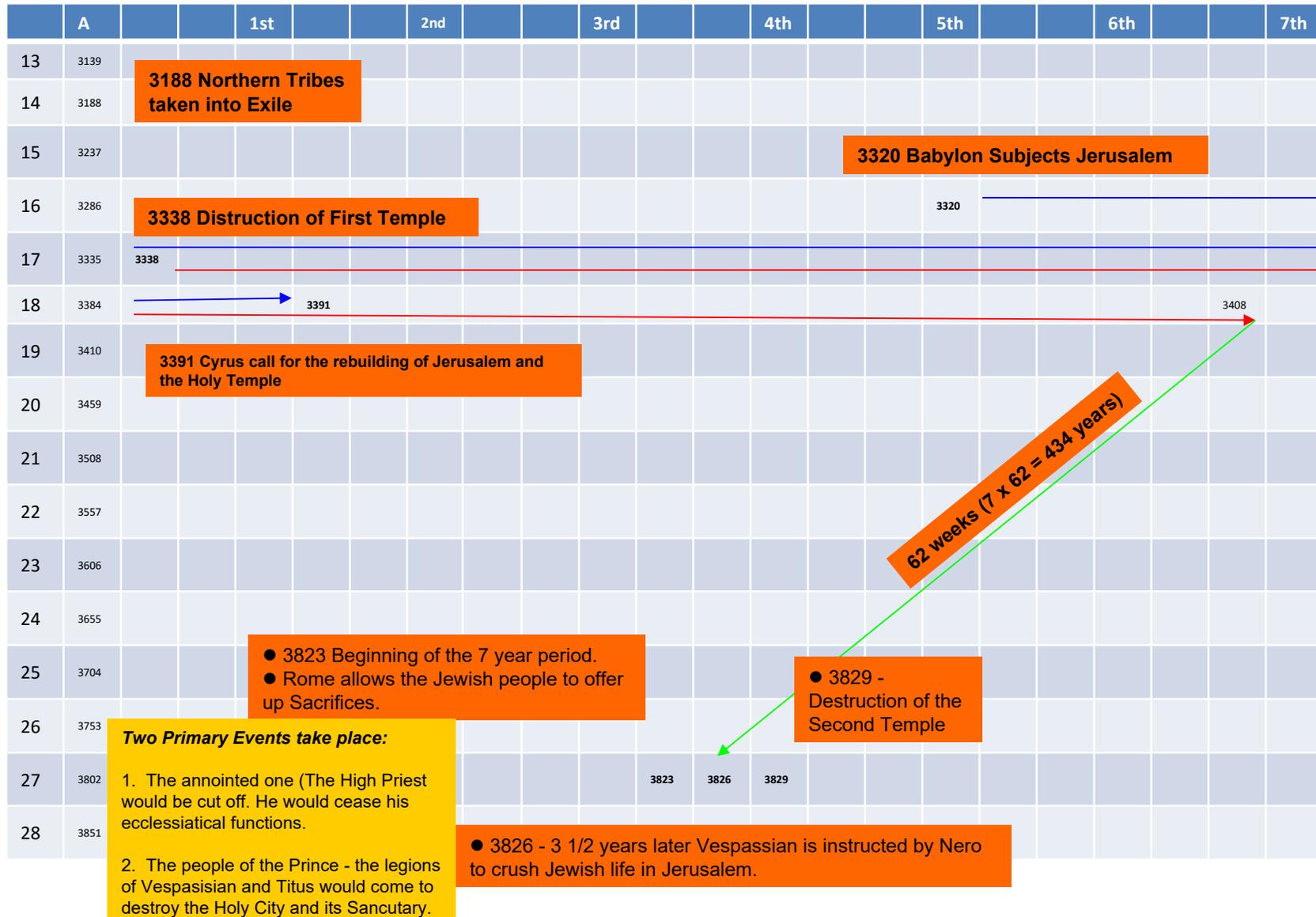
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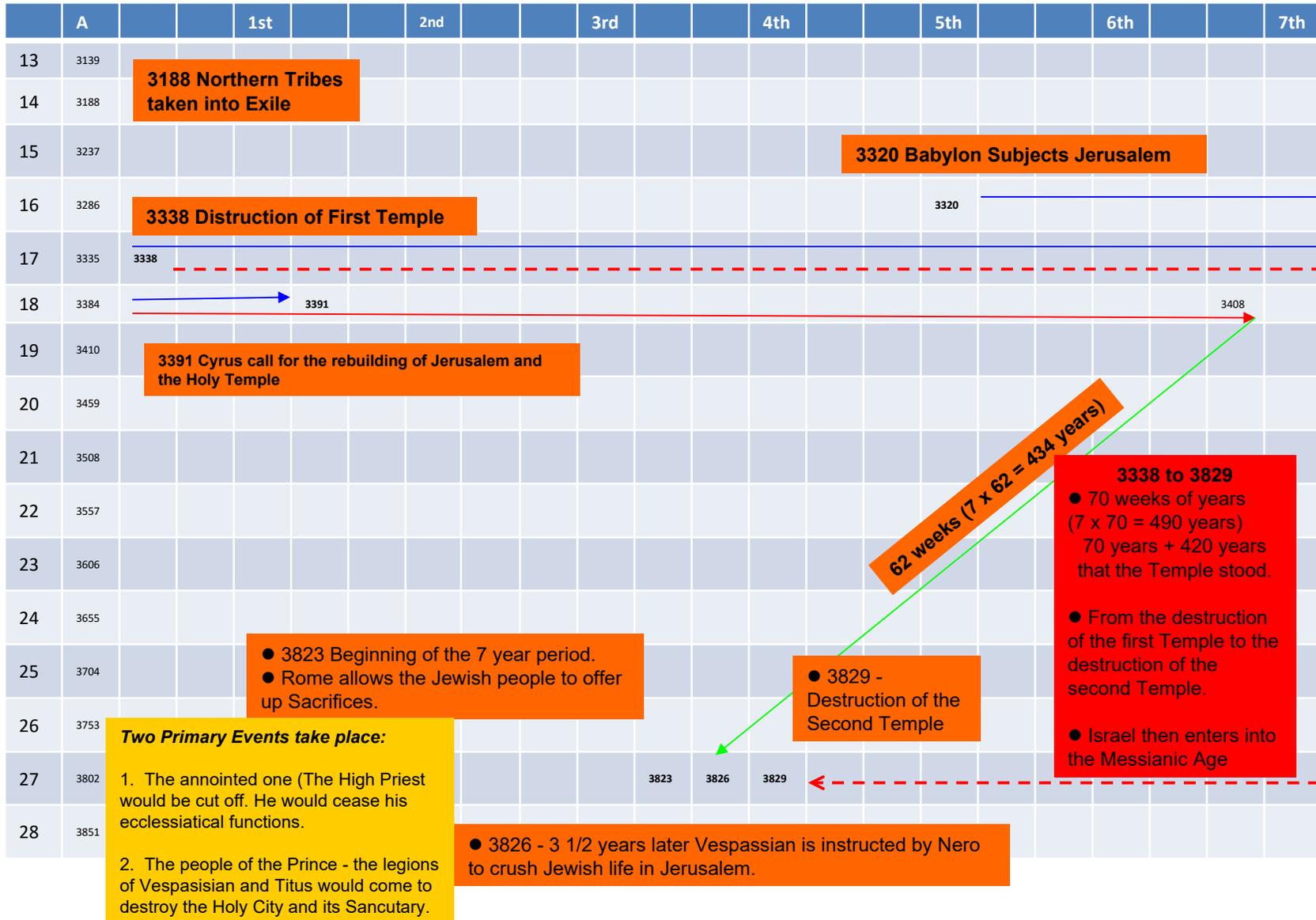
# Destruction of the Second Temple



# Two Primary Events .....



# The 70 weeks of Years (490 Years)



# Under Subjection Daniel Chapter 10

