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IS OUR EARTH MILLIONS OF YEARS OLD? Ask the River Deltas

Did you ever see an air-view photograph of the Mississippi River delta? You can find an outline of it on any larger United States map. That river dumps 300 million cubic yards [229 million cubic meters] of mud into the Gulf of Mexico every year, at the point where the river enters the gulf. For this reason, the State of Louisiana keeps becoming larger. **Yet, for the amount of sediment dumping that occurs, the Mississippi delta is not very large. In fact, calculations reveal it has only been forming for the past 4000 years.**

The Mississippi-Missouri river system is the longest in the world and is about 4221 miles [6,792 km] in length. Because, below Cape Girardeau, flatland flooding along the Mississippi has always been a problem, over a hundred years ago, Congress commissioned *General Andrew A. Humphreys to make a survey of the whole area. It was completed in 1861. The English evolutionist, *Charles Lyell, had earlier made a superficial examination of the river and its delta, and declared the river system to be 60,000 years old since, he said, the delta was 528 feet [1609 dm] deep.

But Humphreys showed that the actual depth of the delta was only 40 feet. Below that was the

blue clay of the Gulf, and below that, marine fossils. His discovery revealed that the lower Mississippi valley used to be a marine estuary. Using Lyell's formula for age computation, **Humphreys arrived at an age of about 4620 years, which would be approximately the time of the Genesis Flood.**

Less data is available for other world river systems, but what is known agrees with findings about the age of the Mississippi delta.

Ur of the Chaldees was a seaport several thousand years ago. Today it is almost 200 miles [322 km] from the Persian Gulf. That distance was filled in as delta formation by fill from the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. Archaeologists date the seaport Ur at 3500 B.C. Assuming that date, the delta formed at 35 miles [56 km] for every 1000 years.

According to evolutionary theory, everything occurs at a uniform rate and the earth is billions of years old. **But then 80,000 years ago, the Persian Gulf would have reached to Paris! At the same rate of delta formation, 120,000 years ago the Gulf of Mexico would have extended up through the Mississippi River—to the North Pole!** evolution-facts.org = ^ .. ^ =

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HISTORY

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I always thought this was a funny title; but it doesn't mean what it seems to mean. A Diet meant a group of government people who that were meeting to decide on laws and things, sort of a court council; and Worms is a city in Germany.

There was a new emperor on the throne, Charles V, and the pope was urging him to do something about Luther. But the Elector, Frederick, was urging him not to do anything until Luther should have a fair hearing.

There was going to be a big meeting of all the princes and officials in the city of Worms, to discuss important matters with the new Emperor. Charles asked for Luther to appear and promised him protection. Luther was sick but was determined to go anyway. He trusted that the Lord's will would be done and live or die, he would stand for the truth.

A legate was sent to the diet from Rome and he did everything he could to force the princes and nobles to turn against Luther and have him killed before even hearing him. But the more this man raged the more the princes could see the hatred and revenge in the legate's speech. He spoke for a long time and it seemed he had the victory; But all that was soon to change.

Duke George of Saxony stood up and spoke truth about the greed and wickedness of the papal leaders. Clearly he told of the wrongs the church leaders brought onto the people. Angels of God were there to impress hearts and before the day was over a committee was set up to write out the abuses of the church against the German people. 101 items were placed on the list and it was given to the Emperor with request that he see that they were corrected.

The council now insisted that Luther appear before them. The papal legate didn't want this, but an order was sent promising Luther safety if he came. A man was sent to bring him there to speak to the council.

Luther's friends were very afraid, but he was determined to go and determined to speak more strongly than ever for the truth of God's Word. As he traveled he spoke to the people in the different towns. When he got to Worms he was

welcomed, but his friends feared for his life and his enemies feared he would defeat them.

The time came when he was to speak to the council- Thousands were there to hear him and they were the nobility of the land. An officer stood and pointed to a pile of Luther's books- He asked him to say if they were his writings and if he would recant (deny them). He said they were but asked for time to study before he answered the second question.

The next day after praying desperately with tears for the help of God, that the truth not fall, he was brought in again before the counsel. Calmly and respectfully he spoke and all who heard him were surprised at the confidence and joy that marked his speech. Carefully he explained his position from the Bible. He spoke in German and when he was finished, the papal legate demanded that he repeat his speech in Latin.

This was God's doing as it allowed the people present to hear Luther's speech twice and more were convinced he was right. When he was done again it was demanded that he should answer clearly whether he would recant.

He said he could not submit his soul to the pope or councils, but must stand on the Word of God; he could not retract and thus deny the scriptures. He closed with these brave words: "Here I take my stand; I cannot do otherwise. God be my help! Amen."

For a while everybody was speechless; then he was taken from the assembly. The papal leaders were in trouble and they knew it. They longed to get Luther and torture his life away, but they could not, without permission from the Princes. Again they asked him to recant, but he said his answer was the same.

The Emperor now chose to stand on the side of Rome, but even so, he insisted that Luther be allowed to return safely, as he had given his word. The church leaders urged him to be like the Emperor Sigismund who had promised Huss safety, but threw him into prison anyway. Charles V. declared, "I would not like to blush like Sigismund." But though he allowed Luther to leave, sadly Charles chose to reject the truth that had so clearly been shown to him.

As soon as Luther left, the papal legates urged the Emperor to pass a decree condemning him and forbidding any one from helping Luther in any way. His writings were all to be

burned and those who believed them were to be thrown into prison and their property taken away.

On his way home, Luther was seized and carried safely away to Wartburg, a castle hidden in the mountains, where he was a prisoner. This was arranged by his friends to save his life; but even they did not know where he was. = ^ .. ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

DONI AND THE BRIGHT, SHINING VISITOR

E.L. Martin brings us the amazing account of how an angel personally taught the gospel to a native chief in Western Papua.

"I listened to this fantastic story, which was later confirmed by the person concerned. As I tell this story, no doubt you will find it hard to believe, but Pastor Herbert White of the Publishing Department of the General Conference can verify its accuracy, for I later took him into the area, and he, too, heard the story.

The Bible speaks of things happening that we would find hard to believe: "Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you." Habakkuk 1:5."

Pastor Martin had a team of native missionaries, led by a man named Haru, who had been sent out by him to contact the isolated tribes in unexplored regions.

"One day as they rounded a bend in the river they saw several small canoes half a mile or more ahead. Some of these canoes disappeared into the overhanging undergrowth on the riverbank. Reaching the spot, they found a small opening into another tributary called the Wamuri (wah-MOO-ree) River. However, by the time they had found the opening, the canoes were nowhere in sight.

All except Haru were in favor of going on, for there was no village in sight. However, Haru said, "Did not Pastor Martin tell us we were not to bypass one village? We must find where the canoe people came from." So they traveled up the small river several miles till at last they came to a village.

I should explain that the Turama villages were not vil-lages in the true sense of the word, for there was only one house, call a dubu, which

could be one or two hundred yards in length. One I saw was almost four hundred yards long. Inside lived men and women, boys and girls, pigs and dogs, and on the sides of dubu, about shoulder high, were racks and racks of human skulls, grim reminders of cannibalistic feasts. On reaching the village, Haru's band was surprised to find that it appeared deserted. Soon, however, they found that the people were inside enjoying a feast of human flesh. As soon as it could be arranged, Haru gathered the people together in a little clearing where he produced a picture roll and began telling the story of the One who had changed him from a heathen to an ambassador of Jesus Christ.

Haru said that he had been speaking only about five minutes through an interpreter, when an old man, whom he recognized immediately as a chief, came in and sat among the listeners. Almost immediately the chief jumped to his feet and said, "Take notice of this, my people. It's true, it's true." Ham continued his story only to be interrupted intermit-tently by the chief, saying, "It's true, it's true. Take notice of it, my people."

Ham was impatient and almost exasperated because of the frequent interruptions. When the meeting concluded Ham walked over to the chief and said. "Have you heard this story before?"

The chief answered, "No, never, but I know it's true." "Then somebody must have told you this story."

"No, never." The chief was positive, but he emphasized. "It's true, it's true, I know it's true." Almost in desperation Ham said, "Listen, if you know it's true, then how do you know?"

"My name is Doni (Daw-nee). Some weeks ago I was asleep in this big dubu and was awakened to see a man clothed in garments so bright and shining that I could not look upon them. This man said, 'Doni, you are to leave your vil-lage and go back into the mountains and build yourself a house there. If you do so I will come again.' "

Doni was so impressed that early the next morning he called his people together and told them what he had seen and heard. He gave orders for the people to go back into the mountains and build him a house. The villagers had never heard of anything so ridiculous and thought he must have become mentally deranged, but they dared not disobey his commands, for

when a village chief speaks, his people do not ask the reason why.

A few days later, when the house was completed, Doni was ready to take his wife and three children to the moun-tains. They objected strongly, but they, too, eventually obeyed. The very first night that Doni and his family were in their new home the visitor came again, clothed in the same white, bright garments which Doni described as "brighter and much whiter than the noonday sun." The visitor said, "Doni, tomorrow you are to leave your house and return to your village. You are to destroy all your pigs and, if you do so, I will come again."

To carry out this command required more sacrifice--shall I say more faith--because his pigs were his wealth. Men bought their wives and their land with pigs and could even settle differences with their enemies by exchanging pigs, but, as he said, "More than anything in the world I wanted to see that visitor again."

Early the next morning Doni returned to his village and had all seventy of his pigs destroyed. His people, after this, thought that surely he was "long, long" (mad). For days they feasted on swines' flesh, but Doni refused to eat or touch any of it and would not allow his wife and children to eat it.

Back in his mountain home that night the visitor came again dressed in the same way. This time he said, "Doni, tomorrow you are to go out to your garden and bring in sufficient food, for the next day you are not to go to your garden, you are not to go fishing, or hunting in the bush, but remain in your house. If you do that I will come again."

That day at home was the most wonderful day he had ever spent, because he felt that he was in the presence of the visitor, even though he could not see him during the daylight. In the darkness after that wonderful day, the visitor said, "Doni, tomorrow you are to go out to your garden and bring in produce sufficient for several days, place it outside your door, but do not use it. If you do that, I will come again."

Doni said that by this time he was prepared to do any-thing, for more than anything in the world he wanted to see the visitor again. He could hardly wait for the next visit. Yet he wondered why he should be told to bring the garden pro-duce and not use it but leave it outside his door.

That night, when the produce was outside the door in several bundles called billums (woven string bags), the visi-tor came again and said, "Doni, tomorrow morning you are to go outside your house. There you will find a measure by which you are to measure your garden produce. If you do that, I will come again."

Sure enough, outside his house the next morning there was a measure, perhaps a little different from the types we are used to. It was in the form of a pole about four inches thick and about fourteen feet long. Doni began with his kau kau (sweet potatoes) and put the first one at the first mark. Then he noticed that there was another mark, so he put one at that, and another and another, up to five, six, seven, eight, and nine. Then another mark appeared right near the end of the pole. It was separated quite a distance from the other nine marks. So he put a kau kau on that mark too, and then began from the beginning to do the same thing again. Not only did he measure out his kau kau like this but also his pineapples, paw paws, bananas, and in fact, all his produce.

There he left it all not knowing the reason why.

That night the visitor came and said, "Doni, the food beside marks one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, and nine is yours. Do what you like with it, but the food along-side mark ten is mine. It is to be put in a billum, but other-wise is not to be touched. If you do that, I will come again." To be continued = ^ .. ^ =



OLD TIME STORIES

“PLEASE SIR, I WOULD RATHER NOT”

An old sailor tells the following story of a boy who suffered much in resisting temptation: - When offered a drink, the lad said, “Excuse me; I would rather not.”

They laughed at him, but they never could get him to drink liquor. The captain said to the boy: - “You must learn to drink grog if you are to be a sailor.”

“Please excuse me, captain, but I would rather not.”

“Take that rope,” commanded the captain to a sailor, “and lay it on; that will teach him to obey orders.”

“Now drink that grog,” said the captain. “Please, sir, I would rather not.”

“Then go into the foretop and stay all night.”

The poor boy looked away up to the mast-head, trembling at the thought of spending the night there, but he had to obey.

In the morning the captain, in walking the deck, looked up, and cried, “Halloo, up there!”

No answer. “Come down!” Still no answer.

One of the sailors was sent up, and what do you think he found? The poor boy was nearly frozen. He had lashed himself to the mast, so that when the ship rolled, he might not fall into the sea. The sailor brought the boy down in his arms, and they worked upon him until he showed signs of life. Then, when he was able to sit up, the captain poured out some liquor and said: -

“Now drink that grog.”

“Please, sir, I would rather not. Let me tell you why, and do not be angry. In our home in the cottage we were so happy, but father took to drink. He had no money to get us bread, and at last we had to sell the little house that we lived in, and everything we had. It broke my poor mother’s heart. In sorrow she pined away, till at last, before she died, she called me to her bedside, and said: ‘Jamie, you know what drink has made of your father. I want you to promise your dying mother that you will never taste drink. I want you to be free from the curse that has ruined your father.’ O, sir,” continued the little fellow, “would you have me break my promise to my dying mother? I cannot, and I will not do it.”

These words touched the heart of the captain. Tears came to his eyes. He stooped down, and, folding the boy in his arms, said: “No, no, my little hero. Keep your promise, and if any one again tries to make you drink, come to me, and I will protect you.” Selected = ^..^ =



BUILDING FOR JESUS

The One Handed Welder

A dear friend of mine tells this story; there is sure a good lesson in it for young people. I hope none of you ever end up ‘handicapped’ like this fellow in the story! = ^..^ =

One day I needed to get one end of a metal bedstead welded so off I went to a welding shop. At the shop, a skilled welder in his early 20s set to work to weld it.

But he needed a cigarette to help him to face the task. So, he lit one and with the cigarette in one hand, he tried to work with the other. But he needed both hands, so he put it in his mouth and then the smoke went into his eyes and he couldn’t see. So he went back to holding it in his hand again.

He was really having problems and as I watched him I realized for the first time, that cigarette smokers are one-handed people!

He was young and at the height of physical strength; yet he could not lay out the metal for a simple welding job without a ‘coffin nail’ in his hand.

Young people, I want you to think about that one-handed welder and his problem. Do you really need a problem like that? Don’t you have enough problems now? = ^..^ =



Year 1: 3rd Quarter:
“DANIEL, THE PROPHET”
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 10: “JESUS’
TIME PROPHECY”

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

MEMORY VERSE: “Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.” Mark 1:14,15

Sunday

Text: Daniel 9:2 “In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.”

The first part of Daniel 9:2 has many lessons to teach us. Daniel was studying the prophecies of the other prophets. He did not feel that because he was a prophet himself, he could just wait for God to tell him what He wanted him to know. No, if a true prophet needs to study his Bible and pray to know God's will, each of us need to do so even more!

Here's another lesson in verse 3 “And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:”

Daniel saw that the time was about right for the Jews to be allowed to return to Jerusalem. But he did not just say, “Well, this will happen,

and I don't have to worry about it at all. No! He started to pray earnestly for God's prophecy to be fulfilled. He did more than just drop a prayer or two, he fasted, put on sackcloth, which was a coarse garment people wore when they mourned for their dead, and he would place ashes on his forehead as a sign of sorrow and humility.

Now what was Daniel sorry about? Read his prayer in Daniel 9:4-19. We have here a sample prayer left for us to see and learn from. Daniel was sorry for the sins of his people. He did not say in his prayer, “Lord forgive THEM”, no way, he said “Lord forgive US!” He included himself in the prayer as a sinner, he asked God to forgive all the sins of himself, his people, and his forefathers. He knew the captivity in Babylon came because the people of God refused to listen to the warnings of the prophets and obey God. He included himself, as guilty of the sins of his people.

Thought - Daniel is one of the few people in the Bible that we have no recorded sin that he ever did, but he still felt the need to repent and confess and to be forgiven.

Monday

Text: Daniel 9:21 “Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.”

Why was Daniel praying so earnestly for his people? In the vision he had in chapter 8, the angel told him about ‘many days’ and dear old Daniel fainted away at the thought that maybe, because many of the Jews were still not interested in obeying God, that God would have to leave them there in Babylon longer. It was a terrible thought and he just passed out.

Here we see the angel, called here the man Gabriel, coming to help Daniel understand the vision he had been given in chapter 8. Gabriel is the angel that stands in the place that Lucifer lost when he rebelled against God. God hears our earnest prayers!

Read with me verses 22 and 23 “And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly be-

loved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.”

Here we see the love of Jesus for His dear children. Gabriel tells him as soon as he started to pray, the order came for Gabriel, the head angel standing next to God, to hurry down from heaven and help Daniel understand. How quickly he came from the centre of the universe to Daniel's side.

We see also the kind thoughtfulness of the angel as the text says the ‘man Gabriel’. He did not appear as the shining angel he is, but in the form of a man so Daniel could talk to him and not be overcome by brightness.

Thought - Angels of God NEVER show off; they just quietly go about their work, giving all the glory to God.

Tuesday

Text: Daniel 9:24 “Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.”

These last few verses of Daniel 9 are some of the most important verses in the whole Bible! Read them carefully and see how much you can understand, as I explain to you what they mean. So many people get all mixed up about what these verses mean, but when we let the Bible tell us what they mean, and we pray for God's Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us, then they are simple. Simple and wonderful!

Remember we learned about 2300 days last week, which meant 2300 real years? Well these 70 weeks of years in this verse are part of those years. It means that God was allowing the Jewish people to have 490 (70 X 7) years to still be His special people. It says ‘to finish the transgression’; this means God knew ahead of time that they would continue to disobey Him, and He would finally have to turn away from them as His special nation. But still He would give them every chance He could.

Then it goes on, ‘to make an end of sins, bring in righteousness (right doing; obedience) and seal the vision and anoint the most Holy.’ This is talking about the work of Jesus, the Messiah. He would pay the penalty for sins, and

live a life always obeying His Father.

Seal the vision? Well, when we see the way Jesus' life and death fits perfectly into time, right where the prophecy said it would, we know that the prophecy is from God. No man could have given it. It is sealed by God that it is true.

Anoint the most Holy? Jesus was the Most Holy One, the Son of God. When He was baptized, the Holy Spirit was seen coming down and resting on Him. This was His being anointed for His task by God. (Messiah means ‘the anointed one’)

Also His blood later shed on the cross for sins, in symbol, anointed the Most Holy place in the sanctuary in heaven.

Thought - All these things were going to happen in those 490 years.

Wednesday

Text: Daniel 9:25 “Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.”

Now none of these wonderful prophecies would do anybody any good at all without what this verse tells us! Why? Because this verse tells us when the prophecy will START. If we don't know where it starts, we can't know any of the other parts and we can't know where it ends.

But here we are; it will all start when the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem is made. Then the verse goes on to tell the most important secret this world ever needed to know; the very time when Messiah would begin His work!

Seven weeks, (49 years) three score and two (a score is 20 so this is 62 weeks = 434 years) Together they come to 483 years.

In Ezra 7:1-27, we are told when this decree was made. There were two other little decrees before, but this one was the big one, and it is where the prophecy starts. It happened in 457 BC. When we take away 457 from the 483 years (BC. times are backwards) we get 26, but because there is no year 0, we really come to A.D. 27.

What does the Bible tell us happened in AD 27? Why that was when Jesus was baptized by

John and anointed by the Holy Spirit for His task of saving mankind.

Thought - You see, the Bible has proof within it, that what it teaches is truth!

Thursday

Text: Daniel 9:26 "And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined."

Here is more information on the work of Jesus, our Messiah. It says He shall be 'cut off' But not for Himself. This is saying He was going to die for us, to pay for our sins. It was going to happen after the 69 weeks of years, and before the end of the 70 weeks of years, that were set-aside for the Jews. The next verse tells us more about this.

It goes on to give a glimpse of a very sad thing that would happen after Jesus' death. God knew ahead of time, what the people would be like, and what they would do, and He knew that there would come the time when, because Jesus had done everything He could for them, but they still would not listen, that the armies of a 'prince that would come' would destroy Jerusalem again. We know from history and other prophecies that this 'prince to come' would be Rome and her armies.

Jerusalem was totally destroyed in AD 70 by the armies of Rome lead by Titus a Roman general. (Not the Titus that Paul knew)

Thought - Because God knows what will happen, does not mean that He forces the people to stay wicked so He can destroy them. No- He does everything possible to help them to be obedient, so He can save them. But He wants to tell us that He knows how things will work out.

Friday

Text: Daniel 9:27 "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

Some of these verses are full of big words and things a bit hard to understand. Don't let

that worry you, just try to see how much you can understand and as you keep studying and growing, after a while you will be surprised what wonderful things you will be able to see in prophecy!

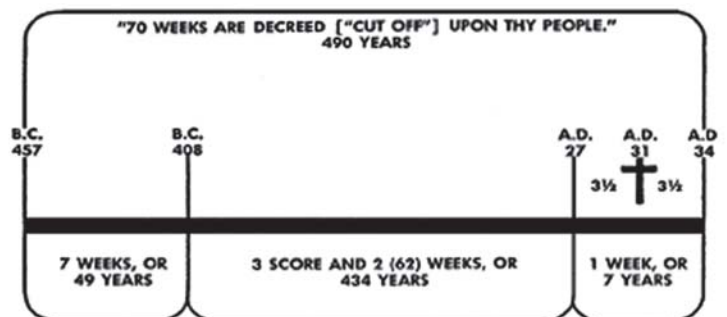
What this verse is saying is that the last week of the seventy weeks, was going to be very special. It went from A.D. 27 to A.D. 34. During this time Jesus was going to 'confirm the covenant'. That means He was going to be there, fulfilling all the promises that were made to God's people about the Messiah and the plan of Salvation.

Now Jesus was 'anointed' in the fall of A.D. 27, and the year that ended the 70 weeks was A.D. 34 in the fall (because the decree to rebuild Jerusalem was in the fall) Now where would the very exact midst (middle) of that week of years be?

Why it would be the spring of A.D. 31. What happened in the spring of A.D. 31 at the Passover? Why that was right when Jesus was crucified and died on the cross at the very hour the Passover lamb was to be killed! This is how He caused 'the sacrifice and the oblation to cease'. No more was it necessary to offer lambs, as Jesus, the 'Lamb of God' had come and fulfilled those symbols.

You see, we don't have to guess about our Saviour, Jesus, the Messiah; we KNOW He is just what He said He was. This wonderful time prophecy proves it forever!

Thought - When you hear people say that Jesus was just a 'good man' or He was just one of many prophets, or any of these lies of Satan; you can KNOW Jesus was the Son of God, the Messiah of the Promises and He is Your Saviour— if you choose to give your heart to Him!
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A chart of the "seventy weeks" which were decreed to God's people. Christ's advent proved the prophecy true.