

Has God Spoken?

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Evidence from Biblical Prophecy



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Gen. 3:1, “Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, “You shall not eat of every tree of the garden”?’”

Gen. 3:2, “And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

Gen. 3:3, “ ‘but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.” ’ ”

The Biblical Test for a Prophet



Isaiah 46:9, “Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,

Isaiah 46:10, “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,’ ”

Deut. 18:18, “I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

Deut. 18:19, “And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.

Deut. 18:20, “But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.”

Deut. 18:21, “And if you say in your heart, ‘How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?’—

Deut. 18:22, “when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.”

Isa. 41:21, “ ‘Present your case,’ says the LORD. ‘Bring forth your strong reasons,’ says the King of Jacob.

Isa. 41:22, “ ‘Let them bring forth and show us what will happen; Let them show the former things, what they were, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare to us things to come.

Isa. 41:23, “ ‘Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods; Yes, do good or do evil, that we may be dismayed and see it together.’ ”

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1 Kings 13:1, “And behold, a man of God went from Judah to Bethel by the word of the LORD, and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

1 Kings 13:2, “Then he cried out against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, ‘O altar, altar! Thus says the LORD: “Behold, a child, Josiah by name, shall be born to the house of David; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and men’s bones shall be burned on you.” ’ ”

1 Kings 13:3, “And he gave a sign the same day, saying, ‘This is the sign which the LORD has spoken: Surely the altar shall split apart, and the ashes on it shall be poured out.’”

1 Kings 13:4, “So it came to pass when King Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, who cried out against the altar in Bethel, that he stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, ‘Arrest him!’ Then his hand, which he stretched out toward him, withered, so that he could not pull it back to himself.”

1 Kings 13:5, “The altar also was split apart, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

1 Kings 13:6, “Then the king answered and said to the man of God, ‘Please entreat the favor of the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me.’ So the man of God entreated the LORD, and the king’s hand was restored to him, and became as before.”

Fulfillment

2 Kings 23:13, “Then the king [Josiah] defiled the high places that were east of Jerusalem, which were on the south of the Mount of Corruption, which Solomon king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians, for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the people of Ammon.

2 Kings 23:14, “And he broke in pieces the sacred pillars and cut down the wooden images, and filled their places with the bones of men.”

2 Kings 23:15, “Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he broke down; and he burned the high place and crushed it to powder, and burned the wooden image.

2 Kings 23:16, “As Josiah turned, he saw the tombs that were there on the mountain. And he sent and took the bones out of the tombs and burned them on the altar, and defiled it according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.”

2 Kings 23:17, “Then he said, ‘What gravestone is this that I see?’ So the men of the city told him, ‘It is the tomb of the man of God who came from Judah and proclaimed these things which you have done against the altar of Bethel.’

2 Kings 23:18, “And he said, ‘Let him alone; let no one move his bones.’ So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet who came from Samaria.”

Daniel's Seventieth Week



Dan. 9:1, “In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—

Dan. 9:2, “in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish **seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.”**

Jeremiah 25:11, “ ‘And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon **seventy years.**”

Jeremiah 25:12, “ ‘Then it will come to pass, when **seventy years are completed, that I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity,’ says the LORD; ‘and I will make it a perpetual desolation.’ ”**

2 Chron. 36:21, “to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days of its desolation it kept sabbath until seventy years were complete.”

Lev. 26:40, “ ‘But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, with their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, and that they also have walked contrary to Me,

Lev. 26:41, “ ‘and that I also have walked contrary to them and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they accept their guilt—

Lev. 26:42, “ ‘then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember; I will remember the land.’ ”

Dan. 9:11, “Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him.

Dan. 9:12, “And He has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great disaster; for under the whole heaven such has never been done as what has been done to Jerusalem.

Dan. 9:13, “As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth.”

Dan. 9:16, “O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us.

Dan. 9:17, “Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord’s sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate.”

Dan. 9:19, “O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name.”

Dan. 9:21, “yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.

Dan. 9:22, “And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, ‘O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.’ ”

Dan. 9:24, “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.**”

Dan. 9:25, “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.”**”

Dan. 9:26, “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.

Dan. 9:27, “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 abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

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Four Decrees: Which One?

1. **Cyrus' decree in 538 B.C.**
2. **A decree by Darius Hystaspes mentioned in Ezra 6.**
3. **The first decree of Artaxerxes Longimanus, given in 457 B.C.**
4. **The second decree of Artaxerxes Longimanus, given in 444 B.C.**

Daniel's Seventy "Weeks" Seventy Periods of Sevens

DAN. 9:24–27

The Decree to Restore

Nehemiah 2:1,

“And it came to pass in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, *when wine was before him*, that I took the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had never been sad in his presence before.”

$$7 \times 7 = 49 \text{ years}$$

$$62 \times 7 = 434 \text{ years}$$

$$434 + 49 = 483$$

$$483 \times 360 = 173,880$$

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Neh. 2:1–3

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Rationale for 360-Day Years

Half week—Daniel 9:27

Time, times, half a time—

Daniel 7:25, 12:7; Rev. 12:14

1,260 days—Revelation 12:6, 11:3

42 months—Revelation 11:2, 13:5

Thus: 42 months = 1,260 days =

time, times, half time + half week

Therefore: month = 30 days; year = 360 days

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Explanation of Daniel's 70 Weeks of Years

$$69 \times 7 \times 360 = 173,880 \text{ days}$$

$$\text{March 5, 444 B.C.} + 173,880 = \text{March 30, A.D. 33}$$

Verification

$$444 \text{ B.C. to A.D. 33} - 1 \text{ (no year 0)} = 476 \text{ years}$$

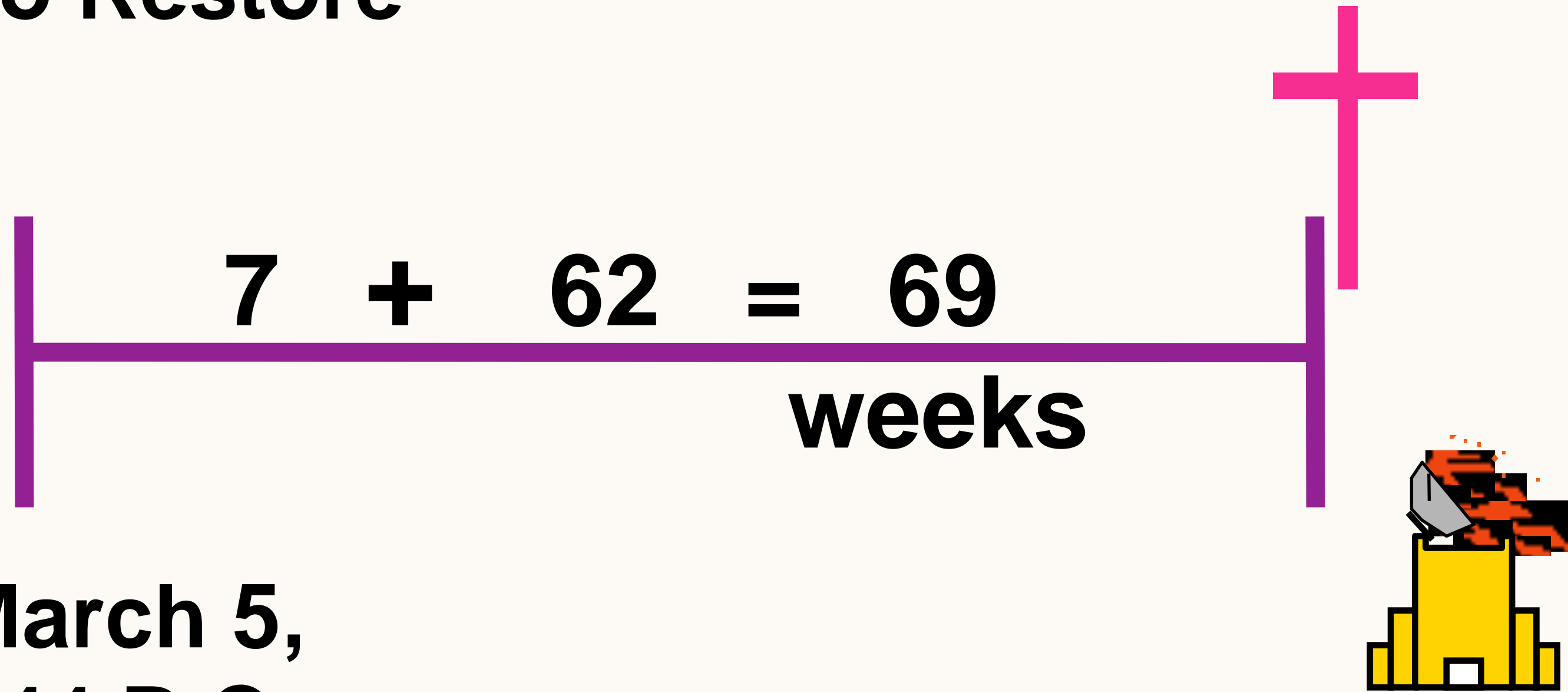
$$\begin{aligned} 476 \text{ years} \times 365.2421989 \text{ days} &= 173,855 \text{ days} \\ + \text{ days between March 5 and March 30} &= \underline{25 \text{ days}} \end{aligned}$$

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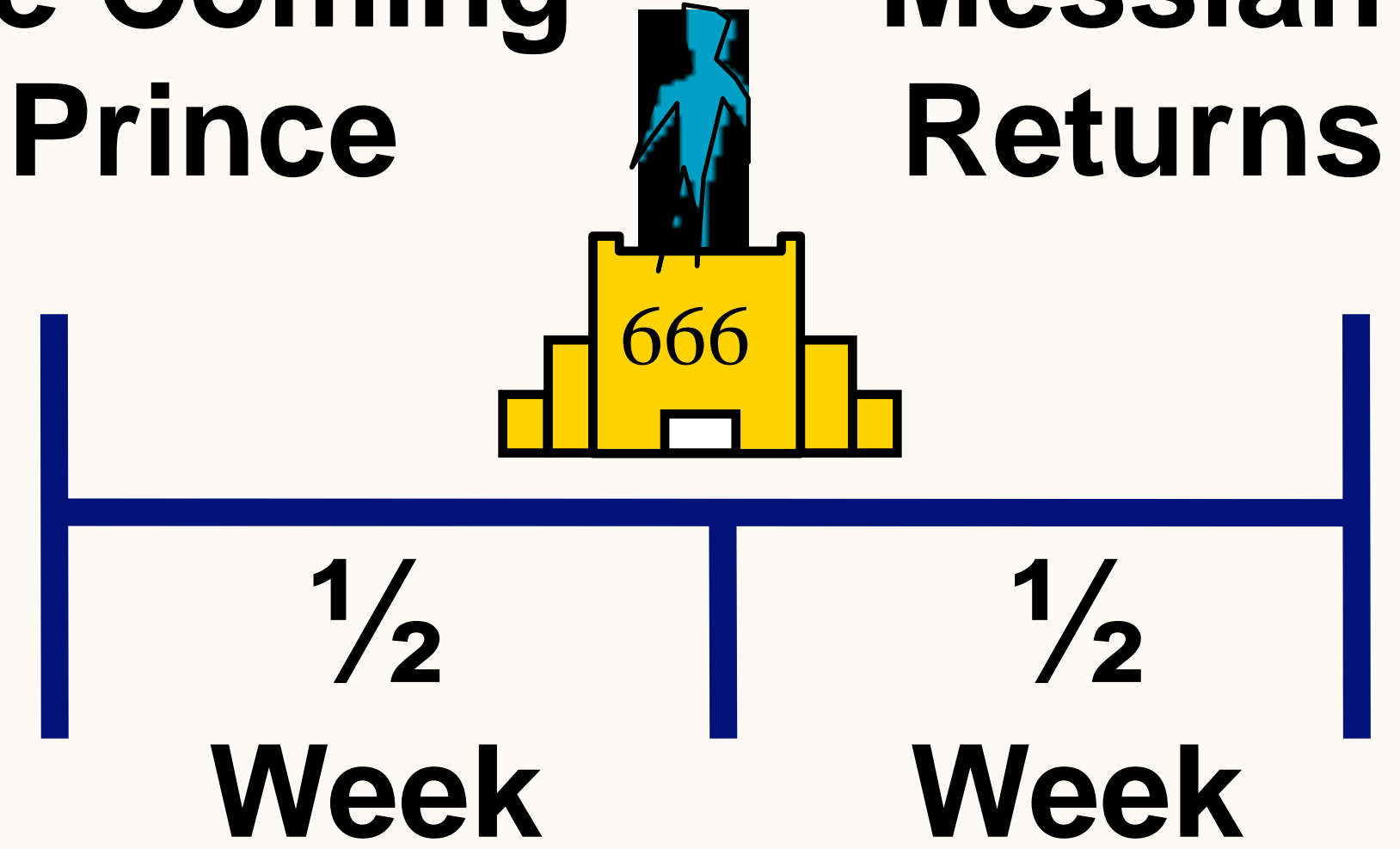


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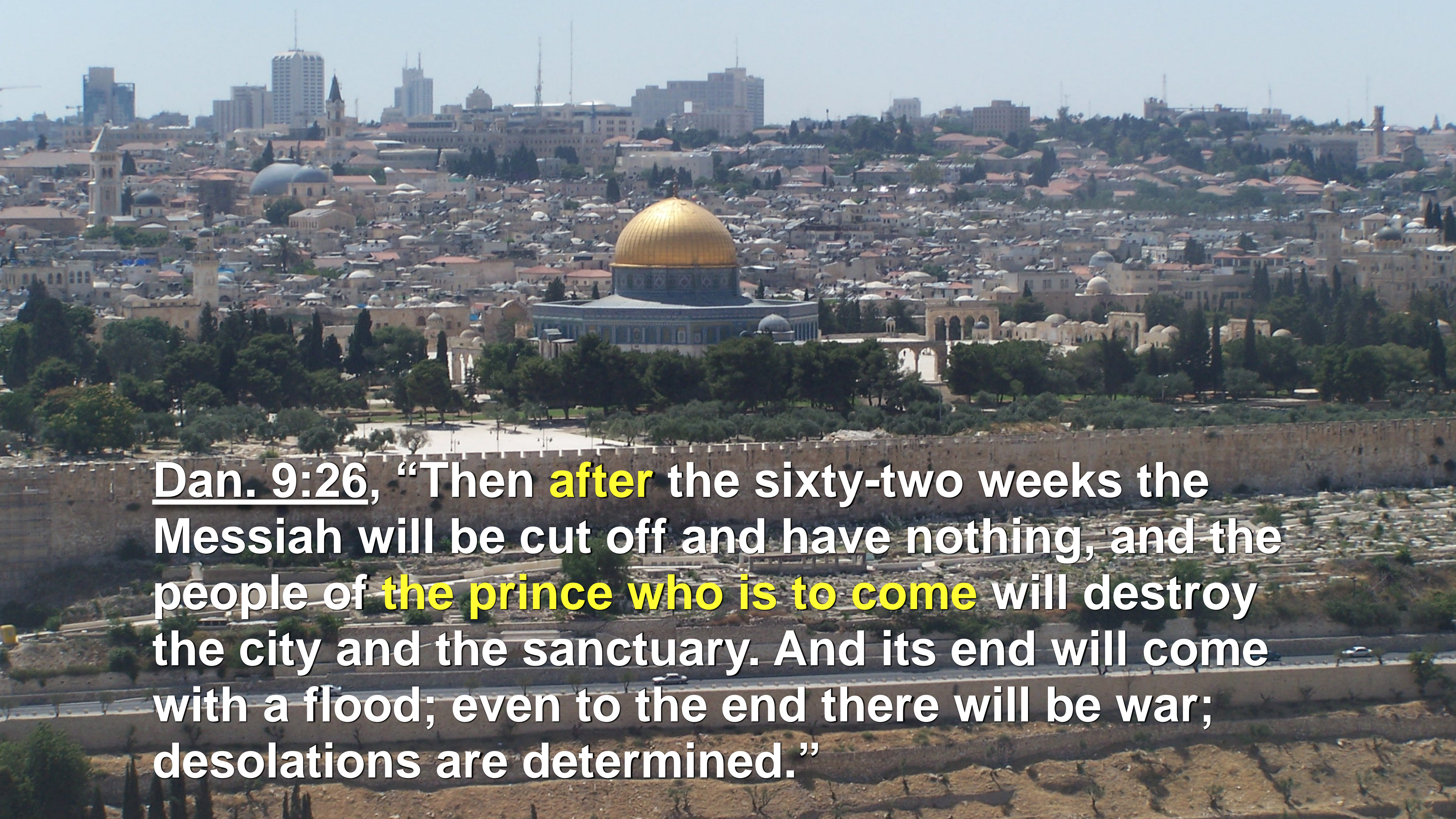
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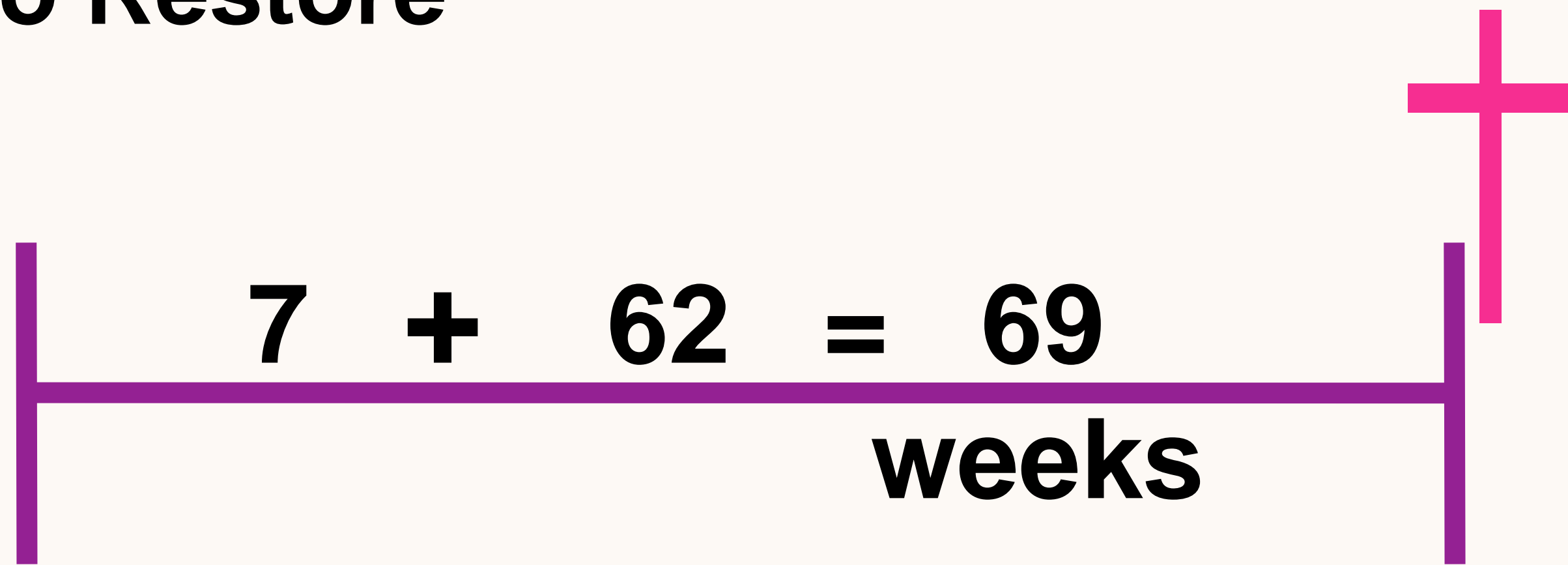
An aerial photograph of Jerusalem, Israel, showing the city's dense urban landscape. The central focus is the Dome of the Rock, a large Islamic shrine with a prominent golden dome. The city is built on a hillside, with numerous smaller domes and buildings visible. In the background, modern skyscrapers and a clear blue sky are visible. A stone wall runs across the middle ground, and a road with a few cars is visible in the lower foreground.

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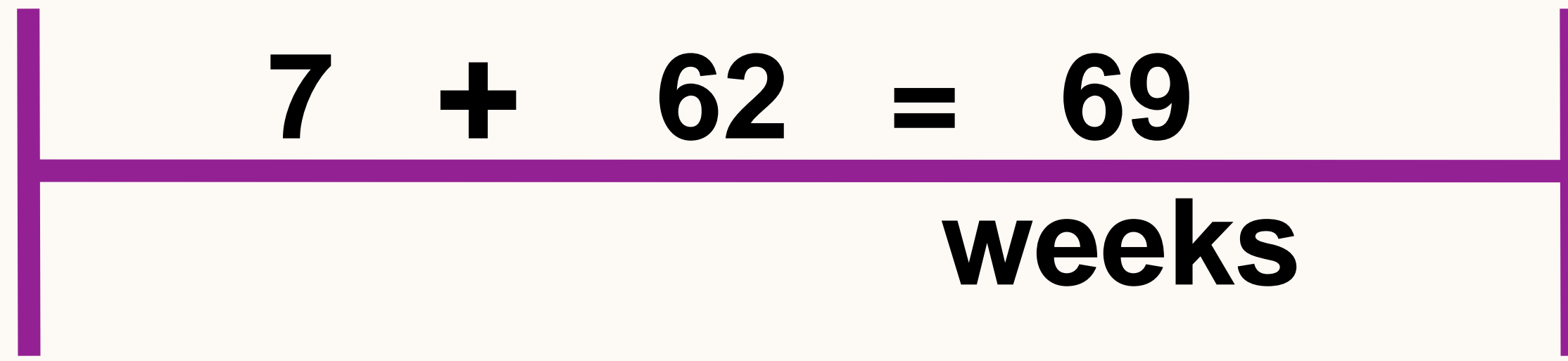
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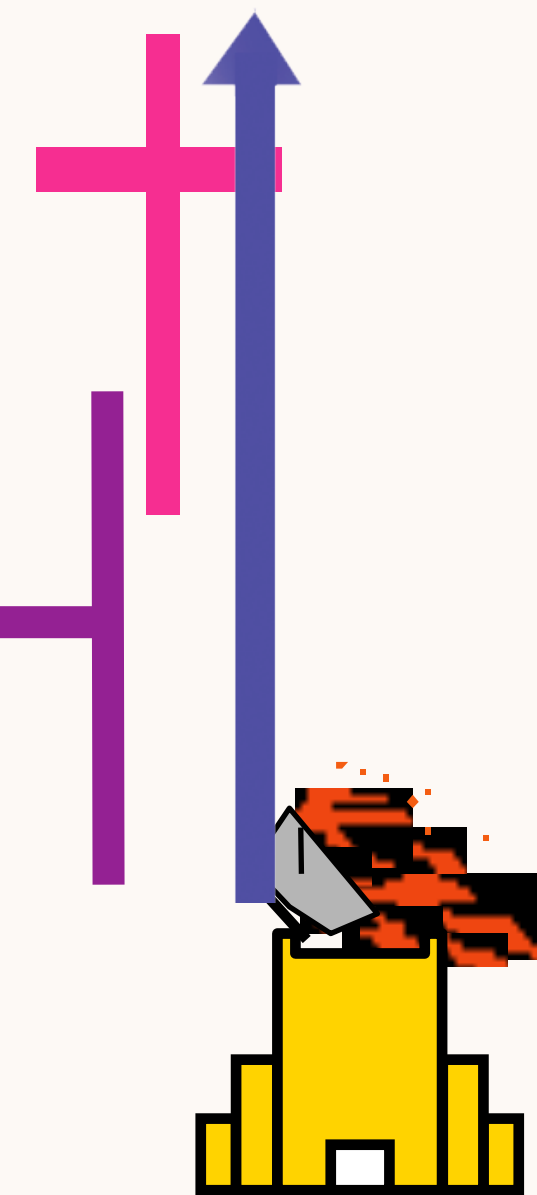
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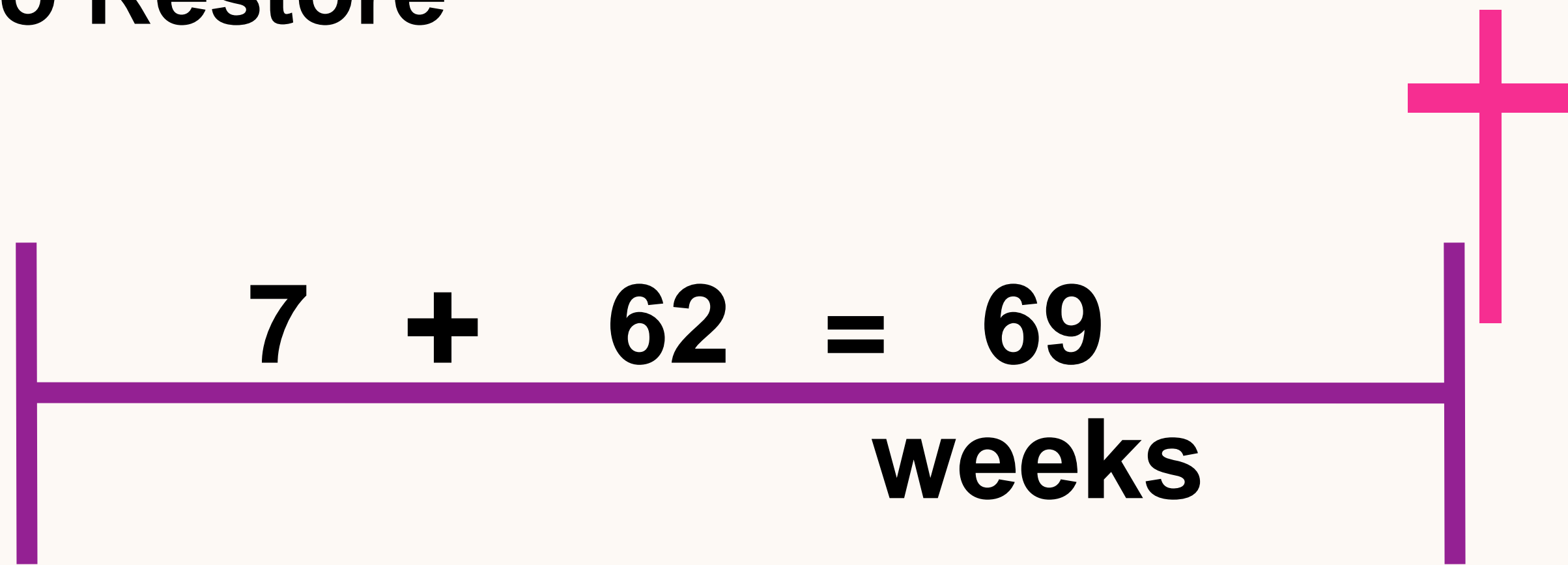
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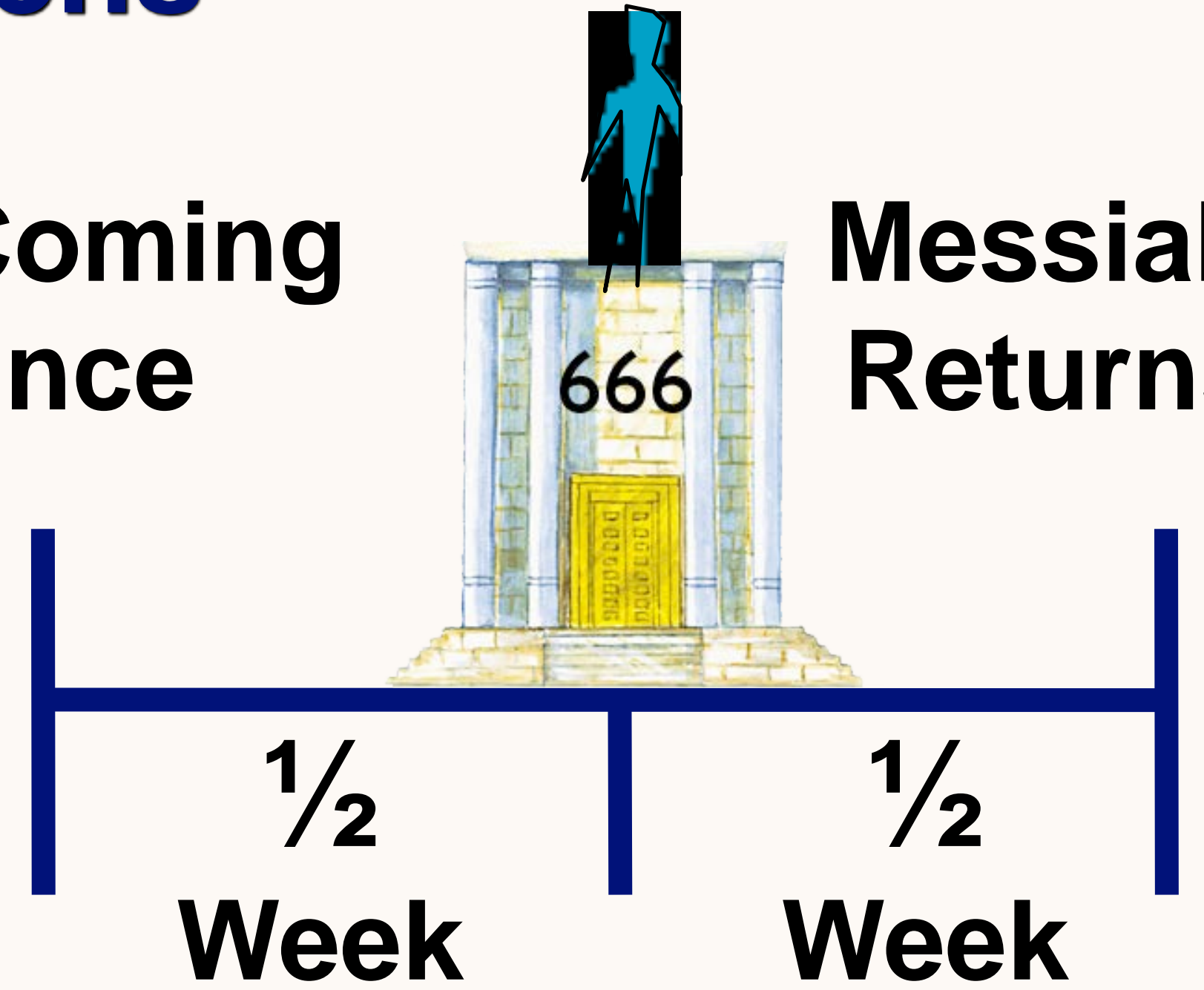
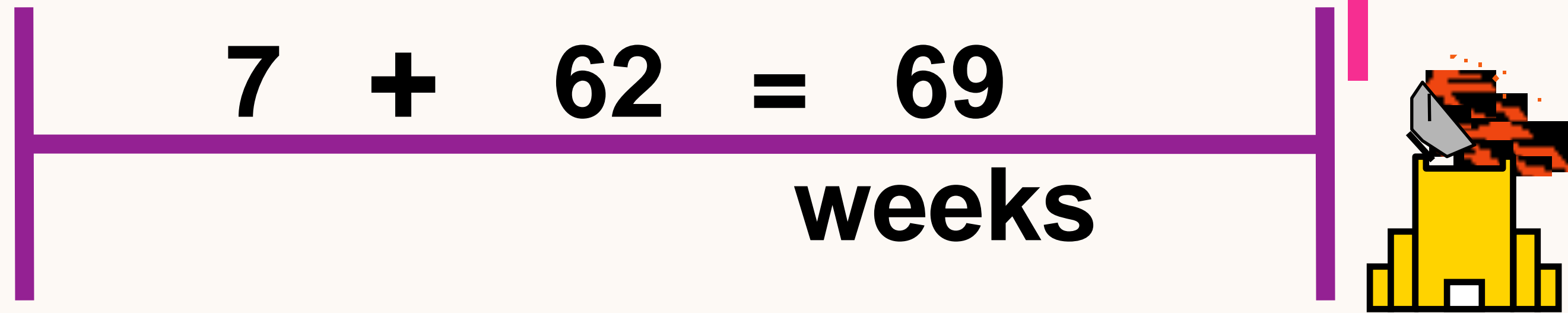
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