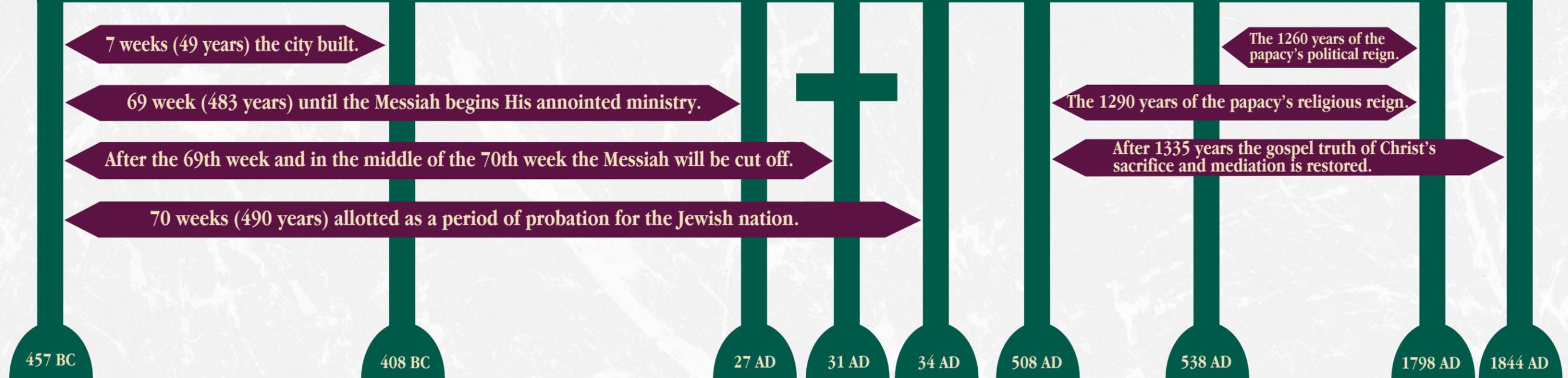


“Unto 2300 Days, then shall the sanctuary be cleansed” Daniel 8:14.



457 BC	408 BC	27 AD	31 AD	34 AD	508 AD	538 AD	1798 AD	1844 AD
The decree to rebuild Jerusalem, spoken of by the angel to Daniel, was given in 457 B.C. (see Daniel 9:25; Ezra 7:11, 12. Thus, the starting date for the 2300-day prophecy is fixed. A day equals a year in Bible prophecy (see Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34; Mark 1:15; Matthew 18:21, 22; Luke 13:1-7). The 2300 days of Daniel 8:14 are equal to 2300 literal years.	The rebuilding of Jerusalem was completed by 408 B.C., built “even in troublous times” (Daniel 9:25). Just as Daniel’s prophecy stated, the Jews labored against much opposition to restore their beloved city (see Nehemiah chapters 4-7).	Jesus was baptized in 27 A.D., exactly 483 years after the commandment to restore Jerusalem. <i>Messiah</i> in Hebrew and <i>Christ</i> in Greek are the same as <i>anointed</i> in the English. Jesus was anointed for His work as our Savior by the Holy Spirit at His baptism (see Matthew 3:16; Luke 3:21-23; Acts 10:38).	In the middle of the seventieth week, Christ brought an end to the sacrificial service by dying for the salvation of the world (see Daniel 9:26, 27). Jesus spoke of His sacrificial death as occurring at a set or fixed time, indicating that He would die at the time foretold in Bible prophecy (see Matthew 26:18; Luke 12:56; 21:8; Romans 5:6; 1 Timothy 2:6; Galatians 4:4).	The stoning of Stephen, the first Christian martyr, marked the close of Israel’s seventy-week (490 year) probation (see Daniel 9:24; Acts 7:54-60). After the stoning of Stephen the gospel was taken to the gentiles, and the Christian church was born. Judaism as a nation gives way to spiritual Israel, the church (see Romans 2:28, 29; Galatians 3:26-29).	The papal church gains ecclesiastical authority and usurps the priestly ministry of Christ by setting itself up in a mediatory position between God and the people (see Daniel 8:9-11; 1 Timothy 2:5, 6; Hebrews 4:15, 16; 7:24, 25; 8:1-5; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4; Mark 2:7). The darkness would begin to break after 1335 years, in 1843, as the truth of the sanctuary would begin to emerge through a worldwide Bible study revival (see Daniel 12:11-13; Revelation 10).	The papal church gains civil-political power and begins to persecute the saints of God (see Daniel 7:21, 25; 12:7; Revelation 12:6, 14; 13:5, 7). The political reign of the church would last for 1260 years, from 538 A.D. to 1798.	The papal church loses its civil-political power over the masses, receiving the “deadly wound” foretold in prophecy (see Daniel 11:40; Revelation 13:3). The long, dark reign of papal authority was finally broken as Napoleon’s general, Berthier, marched into Rome and took the pope captive. 1798 marks the beginning of “the time of the end” (see Daniel 12:4, 9).	The glorious truth of Christ’s high priestly mediation in the heavenly sanctuary begins to be restored to the people through the study of Daniel’s prophecies (see Daniel 8:14; 12:4). The study of Daniel’s prophecies would be followed by a bitter disappointment, which in turn would be followed by a restoration of Biblical truth concerning the sanctuary and the mediation of Christ as our Savior (see Revelation chapters 10, 11).