

# BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS -

Return - Ez-Neh

# FOR ALL THINGS

# RETURN of ISRAEL

- A. Restoration of Zer. & Ezra** **Ezra**
- B. Restoration of Nehemiah** **Neh**

# RETURN

1. Preparation

of Israel



# **ISRAEL PREP**

- 1. Purging of idolatry**
- 2. Restoration of Nation**

# RESTORATION

- Return to Israel - land
- Rebuilding of Temple - worship

# EXILE & RETURN

**1<sup>st</sup> Deportation**

**Fall of Judah**

**1<sup>st</sup> Return (Zer.)**

**Temple Completed**



**Judah**

**Exile**

**Restoration**

605  
586

536  
516



# RESTORATION

- **Return to Israel - land**
- **Rebuilding of Temple - worship**
- **Restoring of People - fellowship**
- **Rebuilding of Walls - security**
- **Restoring of Law - Scripture**
- **Renewing Covenant - contract**
- **But still Sin - 13:6-7, 10, 15, 17-18, 23**

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**Temple Completed**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Return (Ez.)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Return (Neh.)**

**OT Canon**

60 | 0

5 | 50

5 | 00

4 | 50

4 | 00

**Judah**

**Exile**

**Restoration**

605  
586

536  
516

458  
445  
415



# **ISRAEL PREP**

- 1. Purging of idolatry**
- 2. Restoration of Nation**
- 3. Israel's Final History**

# Dan 9:24-27

1. 70 weeks - 9:24
2. 69 weeks - 9:25

# 70 WEEKS DECREED

“from issuing  
of decree to  
restore ...

“until”

“Messiah  
the  
Prince”

7 weeks & 62 weeks

4|00

3|00

2|00

1|00

←  $69 \times 7 \times 360 = 173,880$  days →

444

33 AD

שבוע = week of days or years

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3. After 69 - 9:26

# 70 WEEKS DECREED

“from issuing  
of decree to  
restore ...

“until”

“Messiah  
the  
Prince”

“cut off,”

7 weeks & 62 weeks

Church  
Age

4|00

3|00

2|00

1|00

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444

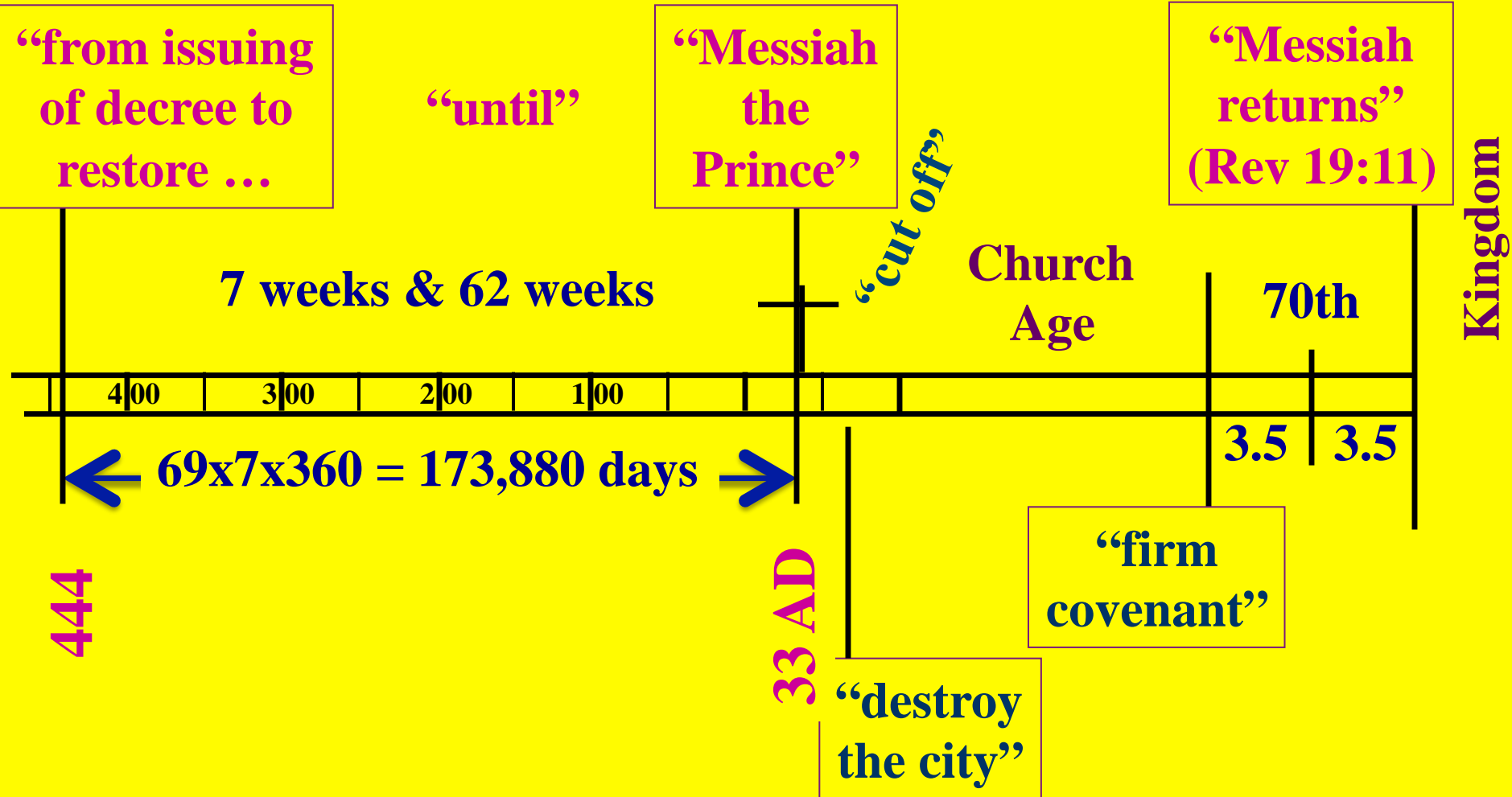
33 AD

“destroy  
the city”

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4. 70<sup>th</sup> Week - 9:27

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# **ISRAEL PREP**

- 1. Purging of Idolatry**
- 2. Restoration of Nation**
- 3. Israel's Final History**
- 4. Closing of OT Canon**
- 5. Jewish Diaspora**

# RETURN

1. Preparation

of Israel

2. Beginning of

times of Gentiles



**2Ch 20:6 & he said, "O Lord, the  
God of our fathers, art Thou  
not God in the heavens? &  
art Thou not ruler over all  
the kingdoms of the nations?  
Power & might are in Thy  
hand so that no one can stand  
against Thee.**

# EMPIRES

✧ **Babylon - 605-538**

# TIMES OF GENTILES

Babylon

600 500 400 300 200 100



587





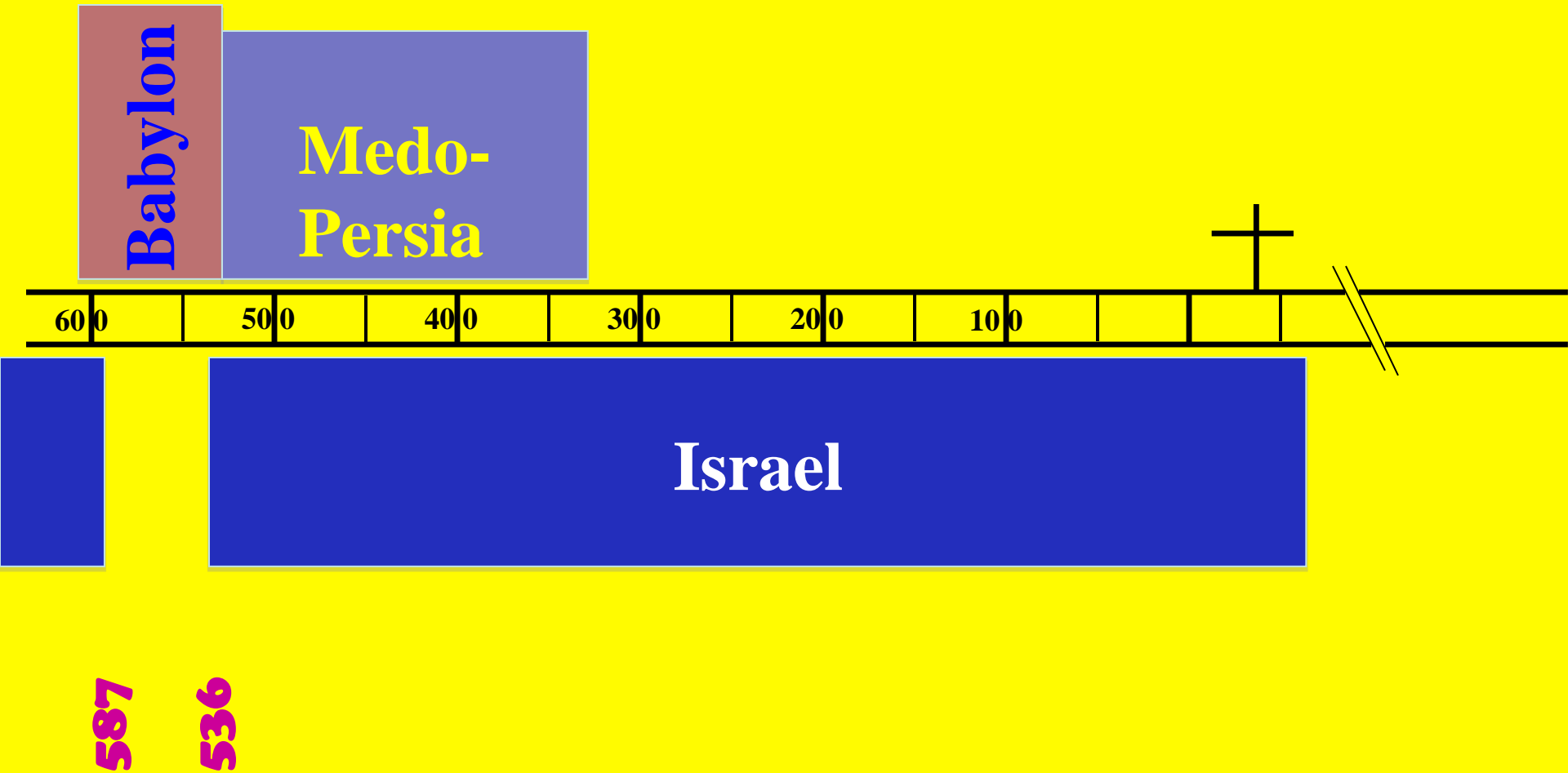
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# TIMES OF GENTILES





MACEDONIA

THRACE

LYDIA

PHRYGIA

PAM-PHYLIA

CILICIA

COMMAGENE

ARABIA

LIBYA

EGYPT

Syene (Elephantine)

Memphis

Heliopolis

Sais

Pelusium

Jerusalem

Tyre

Damascus

Hamath

Tarsus

Cyprus

Iconium

Derbe

Malatya

Issus

Harran

Thapsakos

Tadmor

Assur

Arbela

Eshnunna

Behistun

Der

Babylon

Susa

Uruk

Ur

Pasargadae

Persepolis

ARABIAN DESERT

Tema

Dedan

Dumah

Phasis

Trapezus

Sinope

Byzantium

Gordion

Pergamum

Troas

Delphi

Athens

Sparta

Crete

Gortyna

Cyrene

Canal built by Darius I

Black Sea

Caspian Sea

Armenia

MOSCHI (MESHECH)

CAUCASUS MTS.

Urmia

Zadrakarta (Turang Tepe)

Media

Rhagae

Ecbatana

Behistun

Sagartia

Gabae (Isfahan)

Hyrcania

Damghan

Parthia

Margiana (Margus)

Tesmes (Meshed)

Sogdiana

Bactria

Hindu Kush Mts.

Gandara

Taxila

Arachosia

Hydaspes R.

Indus R.

Gedrosia (Maka)

Pattala

Arabian Sea

India

Chorasmia

Oxus R.

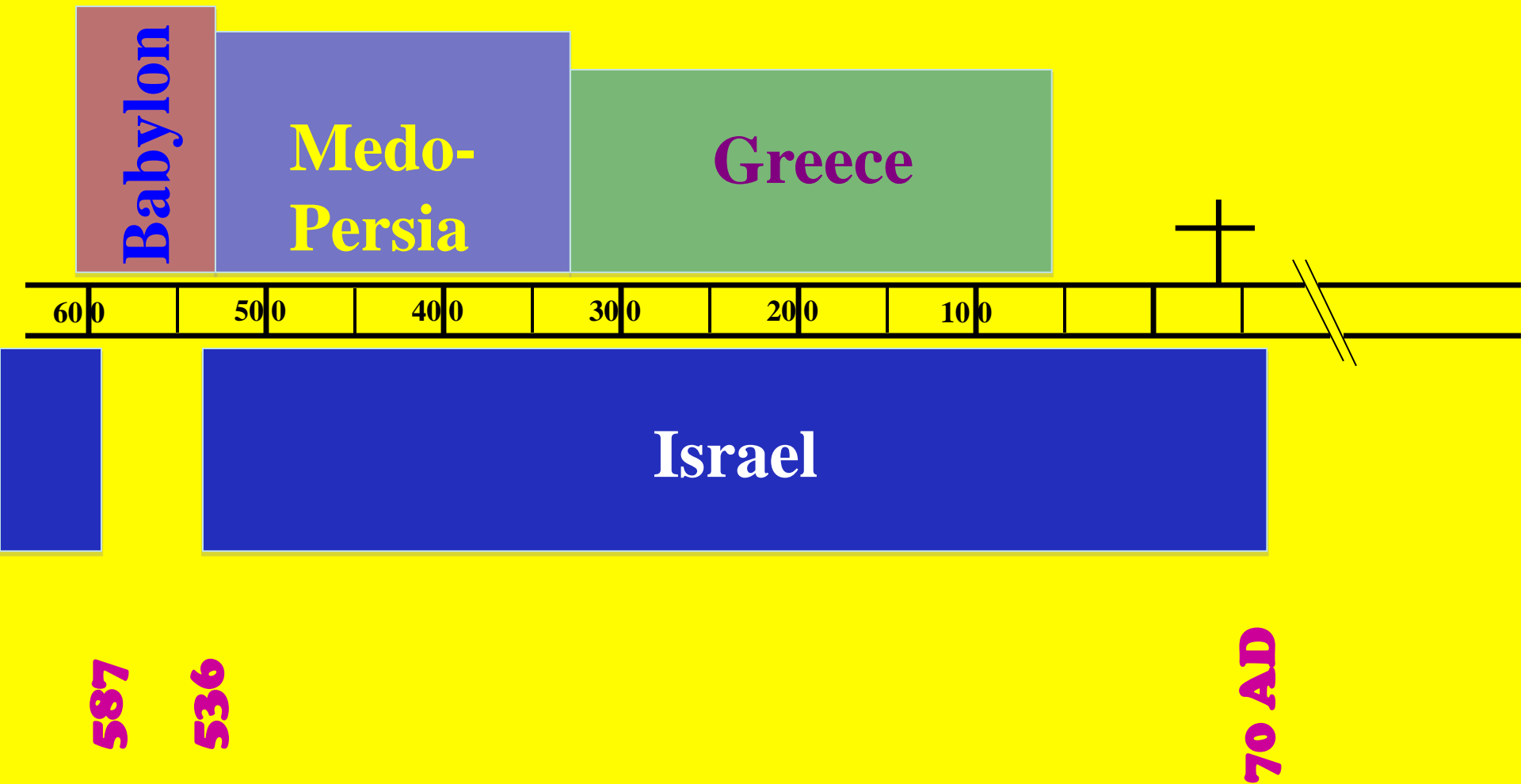
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Aral Sea

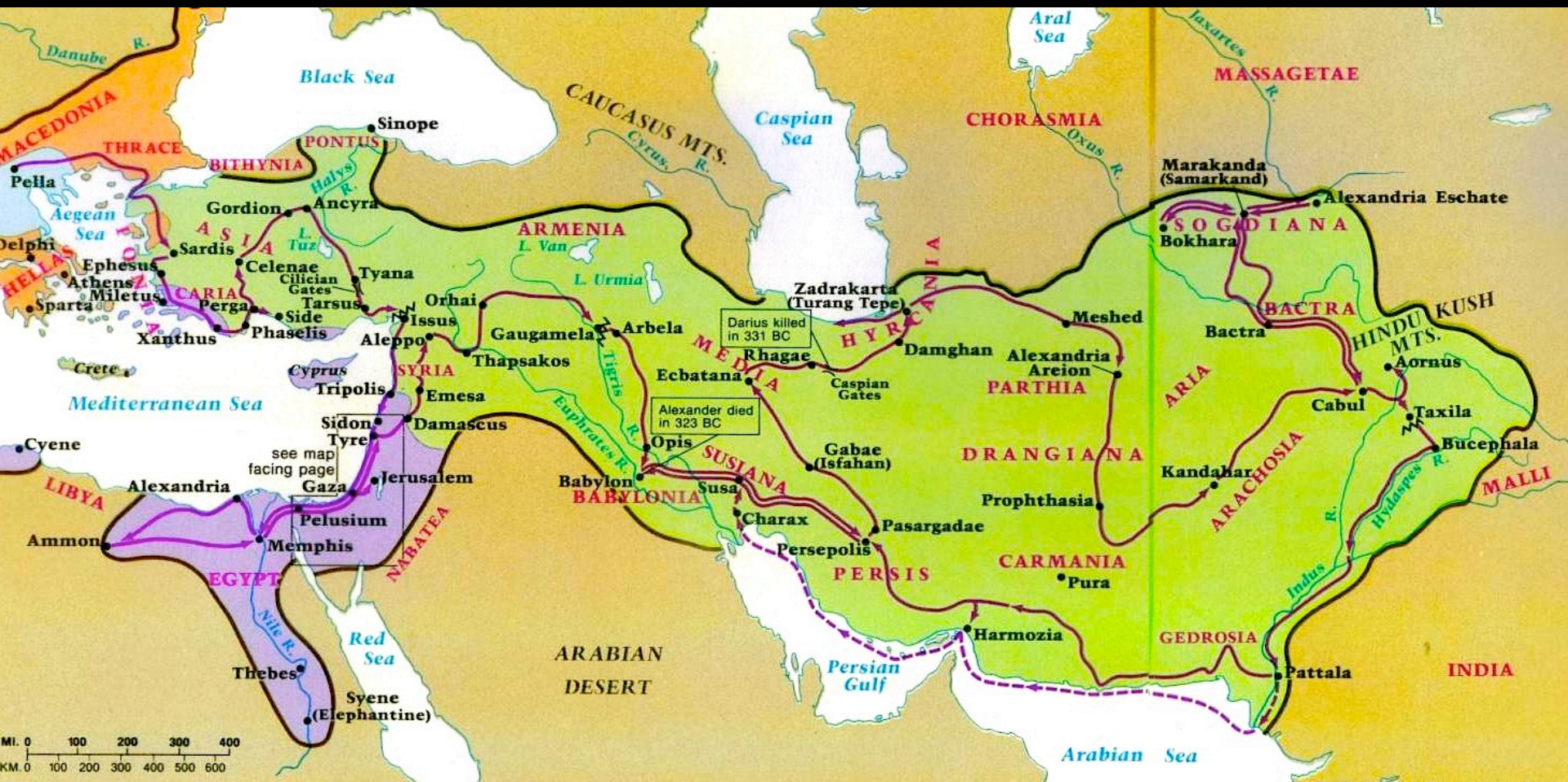
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# TIMES OF GENTILES





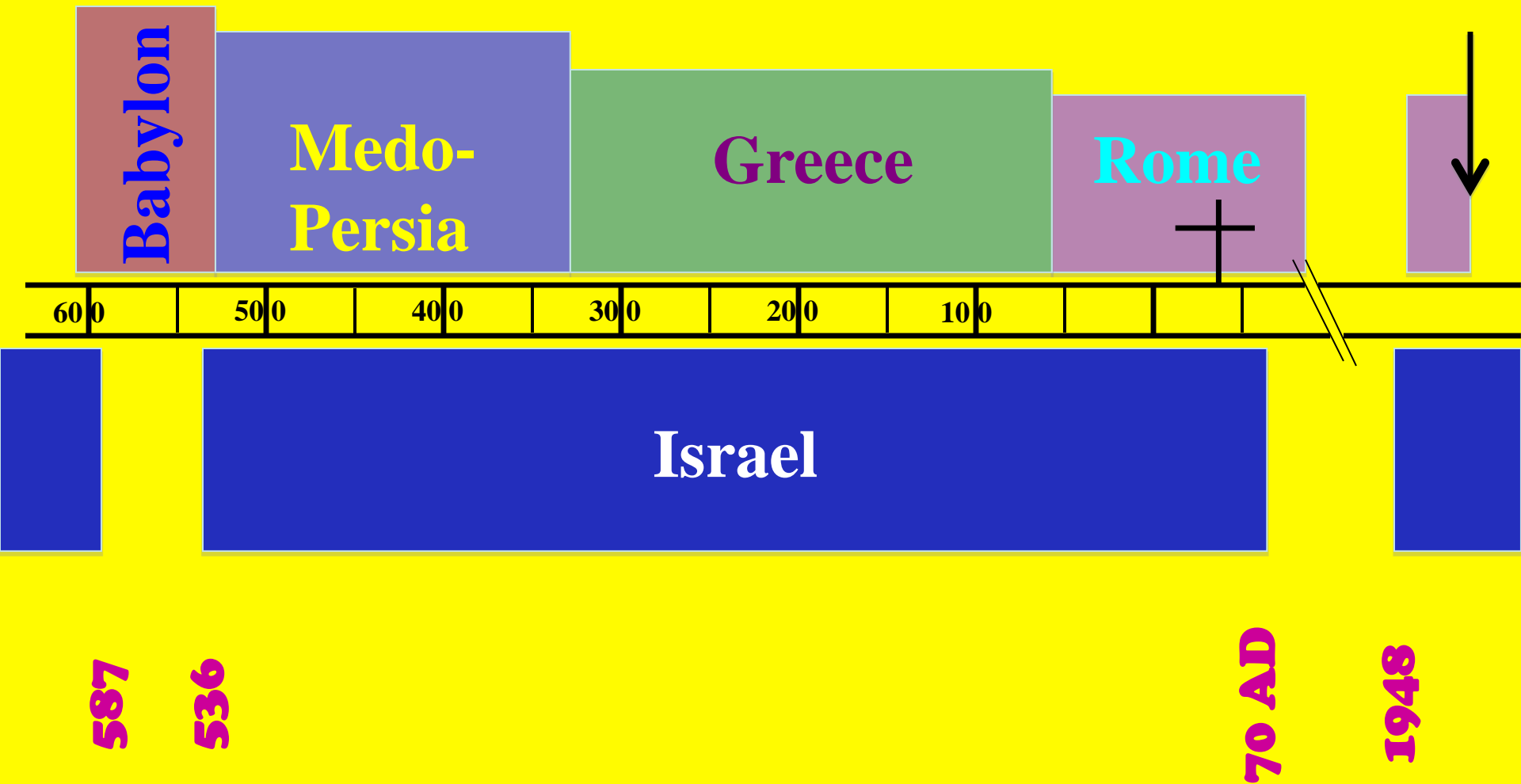


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- ✧ **Greece - 334-63**
- ✧ **Rome - 63-**

# TIMES OF GENTILES





# NATIONS - Foundation

1. Rooted in God's Purposes - not evolution
2. Result of God's Judgment - not man
3. Under Sovereignty - not independent
4. Purpose to Seek God - not autonomy
5. Blessed thru Israel - not materialism
6. For Discipline of Israel - not persecution
7. Participate in Kingdom - not globalism
8. Glorified in Eternity - not destroyed

Temple Mount



# RETURN of ISRAEL

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- C. Period of Silence until Messiah**

# RETURN

1. Beginning of

times of Gentiles

2. Preparation

of Israel



3. Preparation

of World

# WORLD PREP

➤ Political - Peace

# ROMAN EMPERORS

## ❖ Christ

Augustus -

27 BC – 14 AD

Tiberius -

14-37

## ❖ Acts

Caligula -

37-41

Claudius -

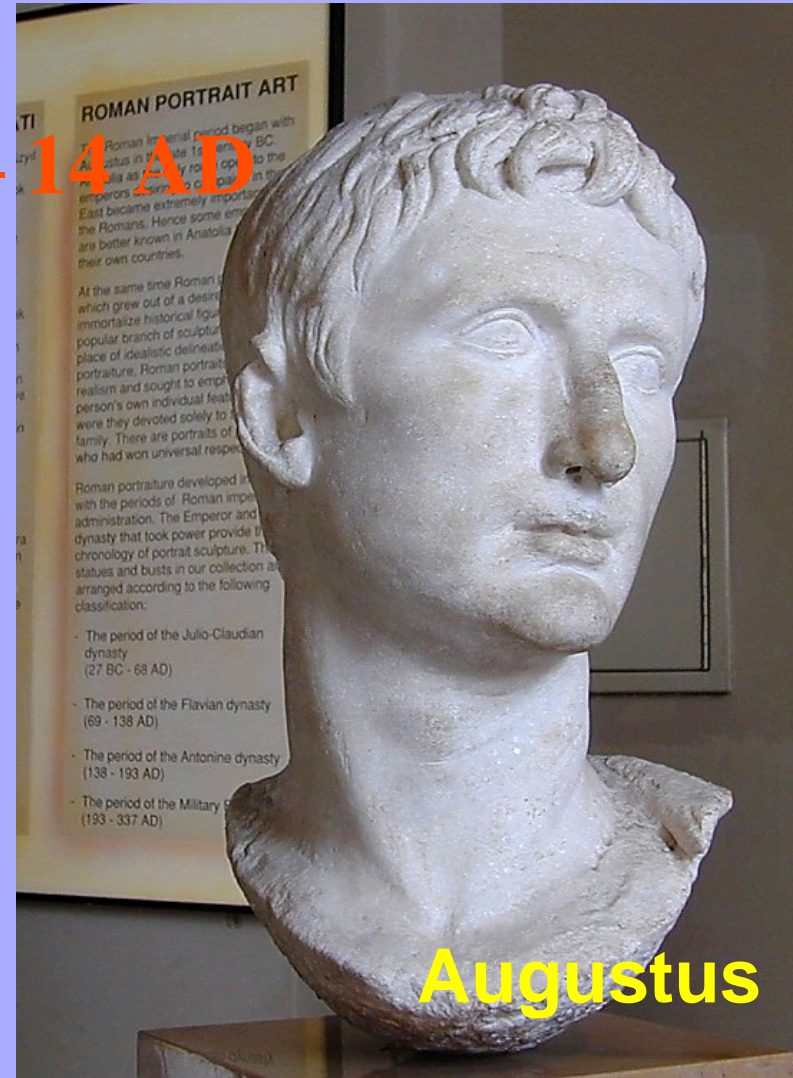
41-54

Nero -

54-68

Domitian -

81-96







# Emperor Domitian

# WORLD PREP

➤ Political - Peace

➤ Social - Language



# SOCIAL PREPARATION

✧ **Roman Roads**





**Philippi -  
Ignatian Way**



# SOCIAL PREPARATION

✧ **Roman Roads**

✧ **Hellenistic Culture**





**Ephesus -  
475' x98'  
25,000**



# SOCIAL PREPARATION

- ✧ **Roman Roads**
- ✧ **Hellenistic Culture**
- ✧ **Education**



# Ephesus - Library of Celsus





# SOCIAL PREPARATION

- ✧ **Roman Roads**
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- ✧ **Education**
- ✧ **Greek Language**

# **WORLD PREP**

- **Political - Peace**
- **Social - Language**
- **Economic - Unrest**



# ECONOMIC PREPARATION

✧ **Slaves**

✧ **Unrest**

✧ **Taxes**

✧ **Agriculture**

# **WORLD PREP**

- **Political - Peace**
- **Social - Language**
- **Economic - Unrest**
- **Moral - Low Standards**
- **Spiritual - Bankrupt**

# SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

Artemis



- ✧ World Religions
- ✧ Greek Pantheon





# Athens Parthenon







# Poseidon

god of sea

(Bronze) found

in sea, 460 BC





# Artemis of Delos

2nd c BC copy of 4th c  
original



**Zeus**  
2nd c BC



**Aphrodite,**  
2nd c AD  
copy of 4th c BC





# SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

Artemis



- ✧ World Religions
- ✧ Greek Pantheon
- ✧ Roman Religions
- ✧ Caesar Worship



# Pergamum - Trajan Temple





# SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

**Artemis**



- ✧ World Religions
- ✧ Greek Pantheon
- ✧ Roman Religions
- ✧ Caesar Worship
- ✧ Philosophers
- ✧ Mystery Religions
- ✧ Occult
- ✧ Judaism

**Gal 4:4-5** But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, 5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.



# HISTORY - Foundation

1. Begins with Creator - not evolution
2. Priority of Biblical Events - not secular
3. Under God's Sovereignty - not random
4. Purpose to Glorify God - not purposeless
5. Purpose of Restoration - not only man
6. Involves Spiritual World - not only visible
7. Focus on Israel/Nations - not anti-Semitic
8. Comprehensive History - not limited



A sunset scene over a body of water. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, with its light reflecting down the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and scattered clouds. The foreground shows the dark silhouette of a hillside with some sparse vegetation.

**Grace bestowed toward Israel  
is extended to Gentiles (us)!!!**

**From Kursi**