

Philip in Samaria

Acts 8:5–25

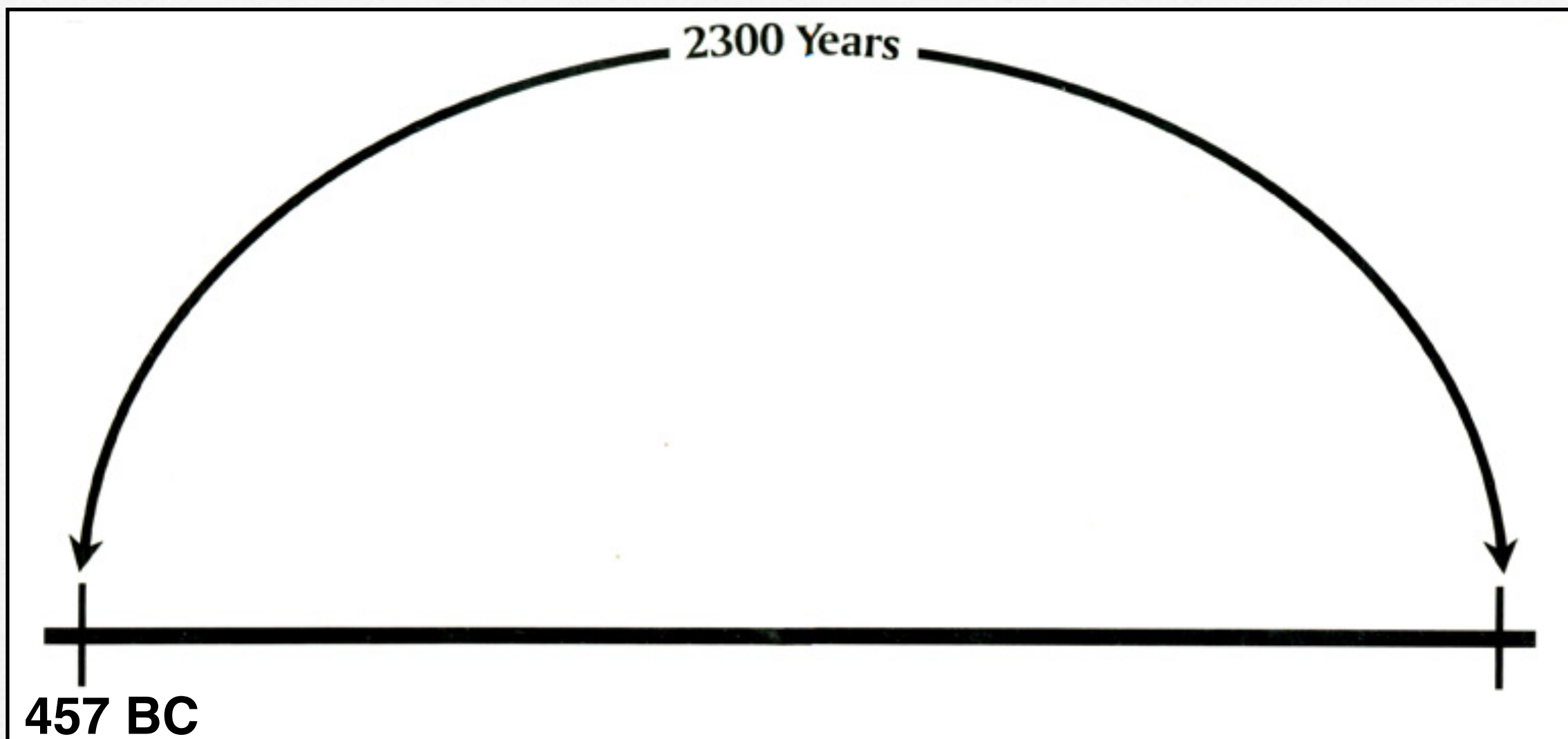
We ought to obey God rather than men.
(Acts 5:29)

- ❑ Hebrew midwives were instructed to kill newborn baby boys (Exodus 1:15–17)
- ❑ Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego—fiery furnace (Daniel 3:18)
- ❑ Daniel—prayed and ended up in lions' den (Daniel 6:10)
- ❑ The Magi—did not report back to Herod (Matthew 2:8,12)
- ❑ Peter & John (Acts 4:18; 5:28)
- ❑ End-time—And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. (Revelation 12:11) Revelation 13:15; 14:9–10

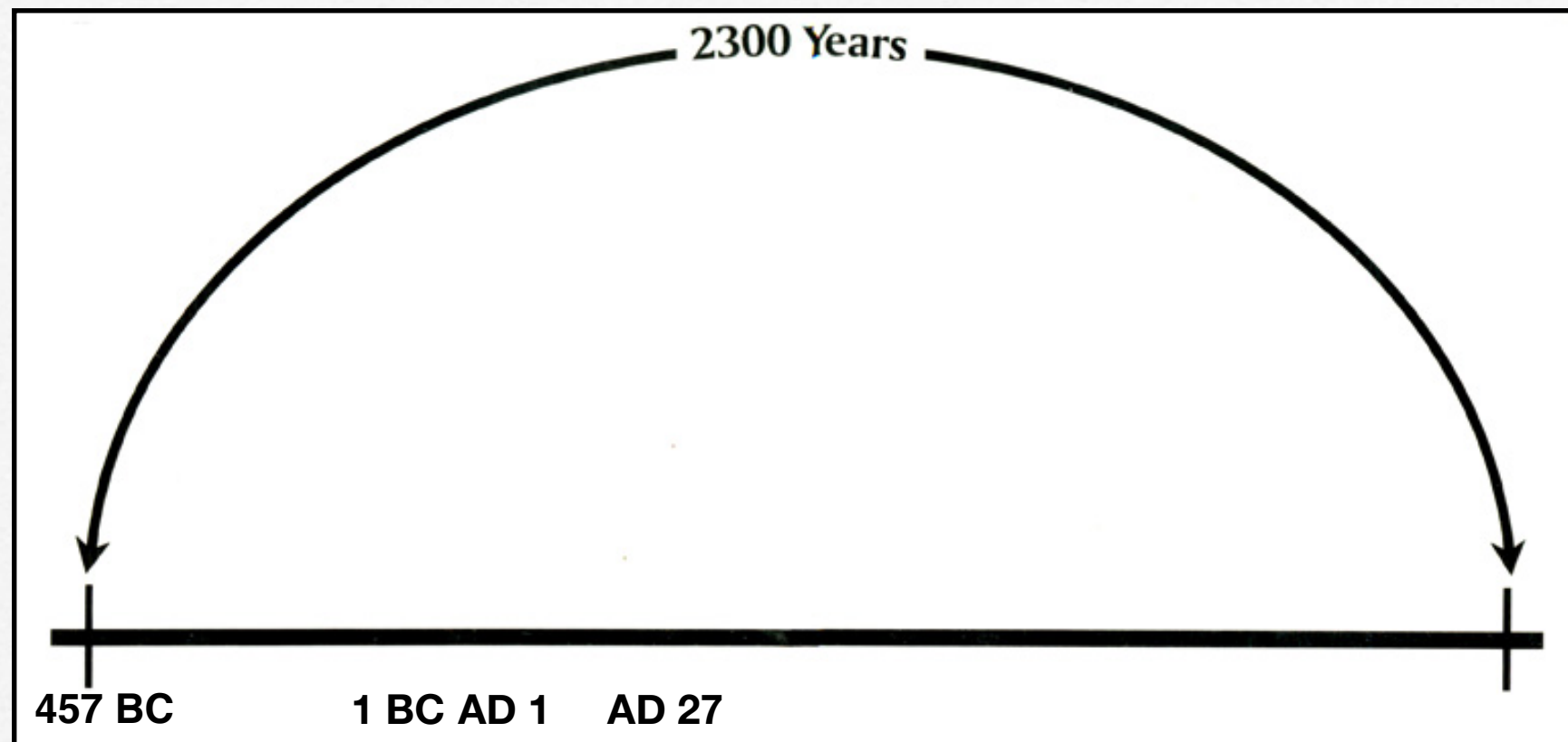
When he connected Jesus Christ with the **prophecies**, and spoke of the **temple** as he did, the priest, affecting to be horror-stricken, rent his robe. (3SP 298.1)

- ❑ Prophecies of Jesus—Micah 5:2; Isaiah 9:6; 7:14; 53; Psalm 2:7; 22; 16:10; Jeremiah 23:5-6
- ❑ Prophecies of Daniel 8 and 9 (2300 days to 1844)
- ❑ Revelation 12, 13, 14 (dragon, remnant, 2 beasts, an image to the beast, death decree, 3 angels' messages)

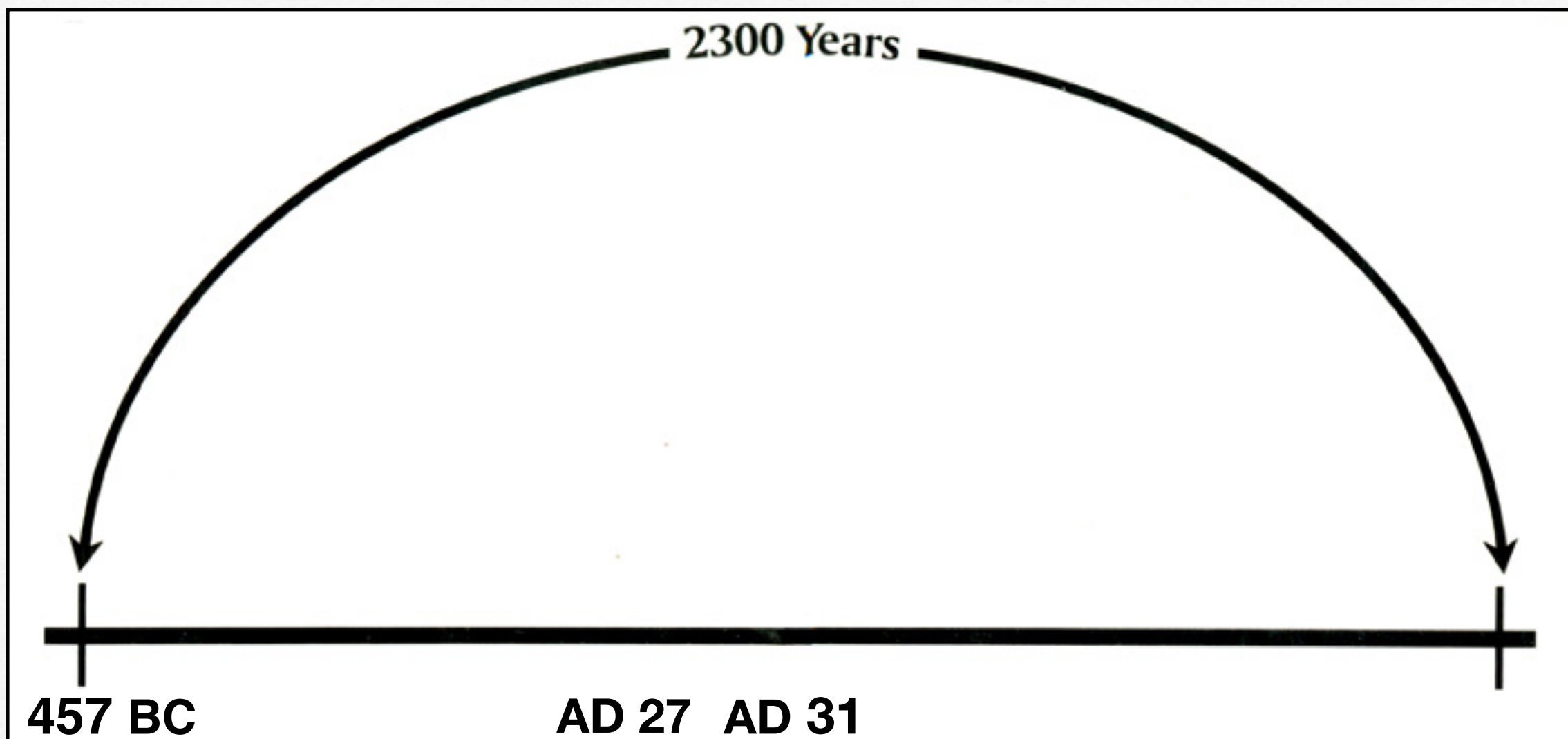
The scripture which above all others had been both the foundation and the central pillar of the advent faith was the declaration:
“Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.”
Daniel 8:14. (*GC 409.1*)



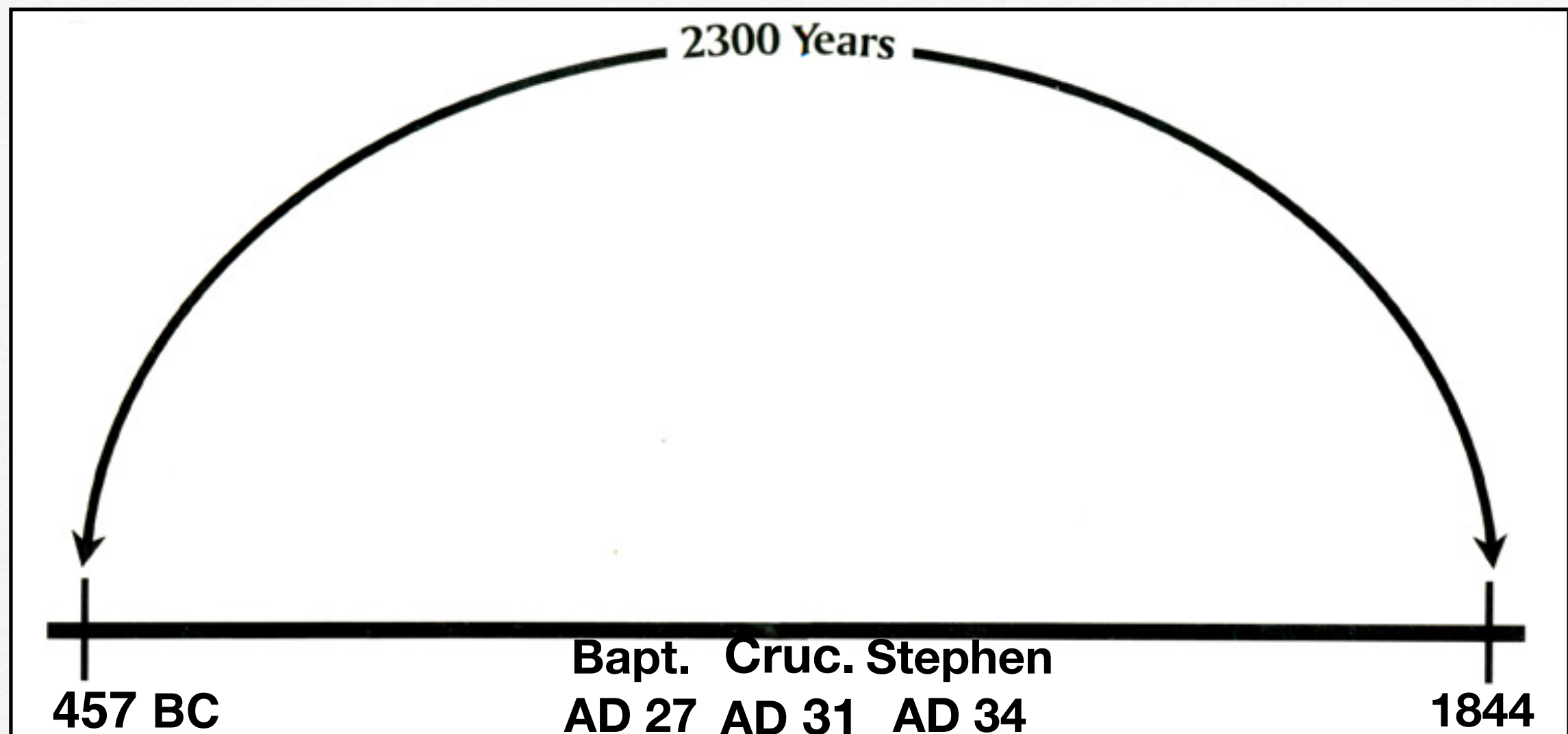
The 2300 days had been found to begin when the commandment of Artaxerxes for the restoration and building of Jerusalem went into effect, in the autumn of 457 BC. Taking this as the starting point, there was perfect harmony in the application of all the events foretold in the explanation of that period in Daniel 9:25–27. (*GC* 410.1)



1. It takes exactly **457 years** to travel from the start of 457 BC down to the end of 1 BC.
2. Subtract those 457 years from your total pool of 483 years: $483 - 457 = 26$ years left to travel
3. Now we cross into the **AD era**: The calendar skips from 1 BC straight to AD 1. There is no zero year, so your very next step (year 458 of the journey) lands you on **AD 1**.
4. Now you add the remaining years: To AD 1 you add the remaining 26 years and you get to **AD 27**.

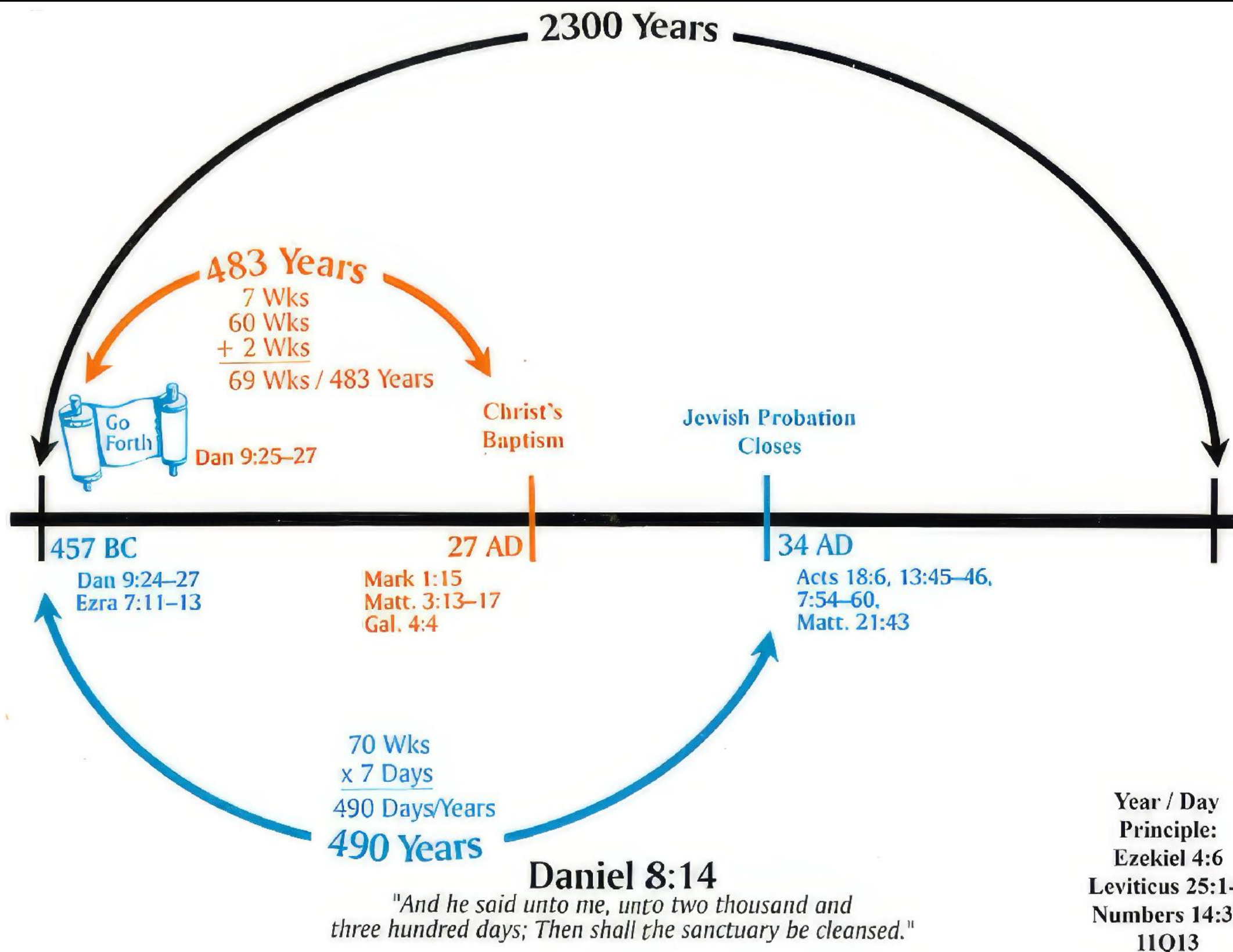


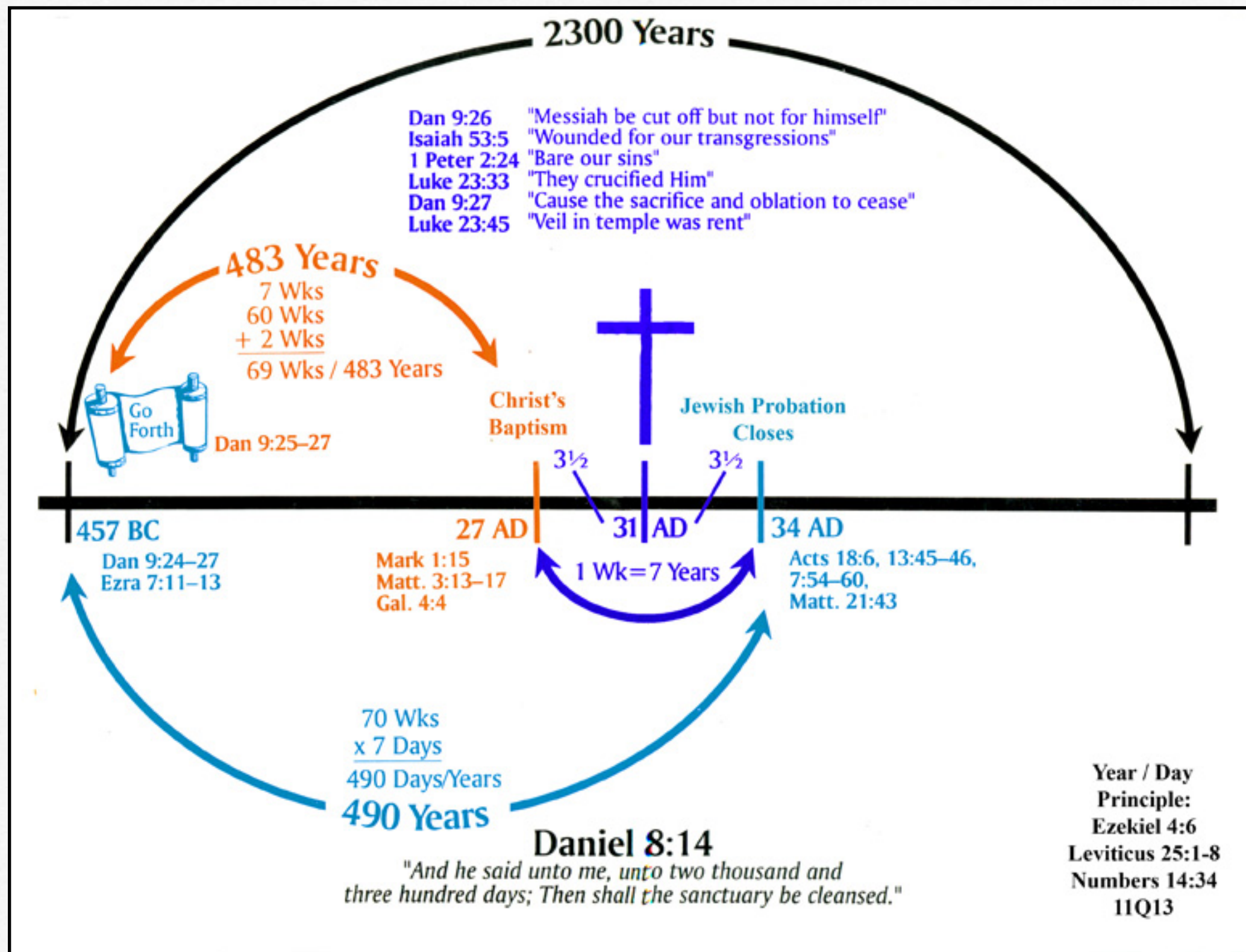
Sixty-nine weeks, the first 483 of the 2300 years, were to reach to the Messiah, the Anointed One; and **Christ's baptism** and anointing by the Holy Spirit, AD 27, exactly fulfilled the specification. In the **midst of the seventieth week**, Messiah was to be cut off. Three and a half years after His baptism, **Christ was crucified**, in the spring of AD 31. (*GC 410.1*)



The seventy weeks, or 490 years, were to pertain especially to the Jews. At the expiration of this period the nation sealed its rejection of Christ by the persecution of His disciples, and the apostles turned to the Gentiles, AD 34.

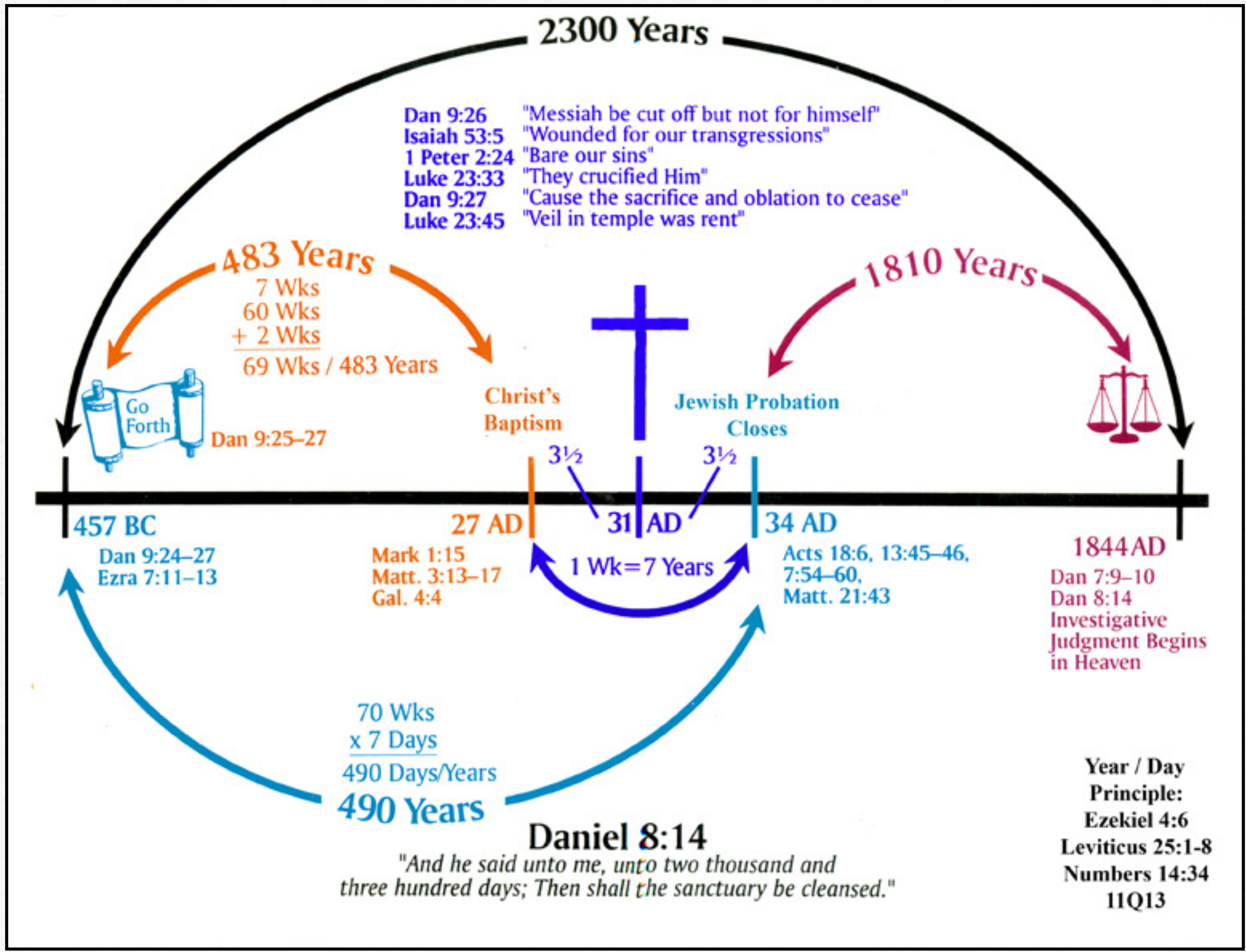
The first 490 years of the 2300 having then ended, 1810 years would remain. From AD 34, 1810 years extend to 1844. "Then," said the angel, "shall the sanctuary be cleansed."(*GC* 410.1)





2300
-490
1810

34
+1810
1844



“I said to some of my brethren, Let us go to the barn. We entered the granary, shut the doors...and bowed before the Lord.... We continued in earnest prayer until the witness of the Spirit was given that our prayer was accepted, and that light should be given, our disappointment be explained, and made clear and satisfactory.”

With this assurance he and Brother Crosier left to encourage some of the brethren in the faith. They walked through the cornfield to avoid the mocking jeers of the neighbors who had refused to believe the advent message. Edson stopped in the field to pray once more.

There, heaven was opened to his view. Whether an impression or a vision, Edson says, "I saw distinctly, and clearly, that instead of our High Priest coming out of the Most Holy of the heavenly sanctuary to come to this earth...at the end of the 2,300 days, that he for the first time entered on that day the second apartment of that sanctuary and that he had a work to perform in the Most Holy before coming to this earth....

While I was thus standing in the midst of the field, my comrade passed on almost beyond speaking distance before missing me. He inquired why I was stopping so long. I replied, 'The Lord was answering our morning prayer, by giving light with regard to our disappointment.'"

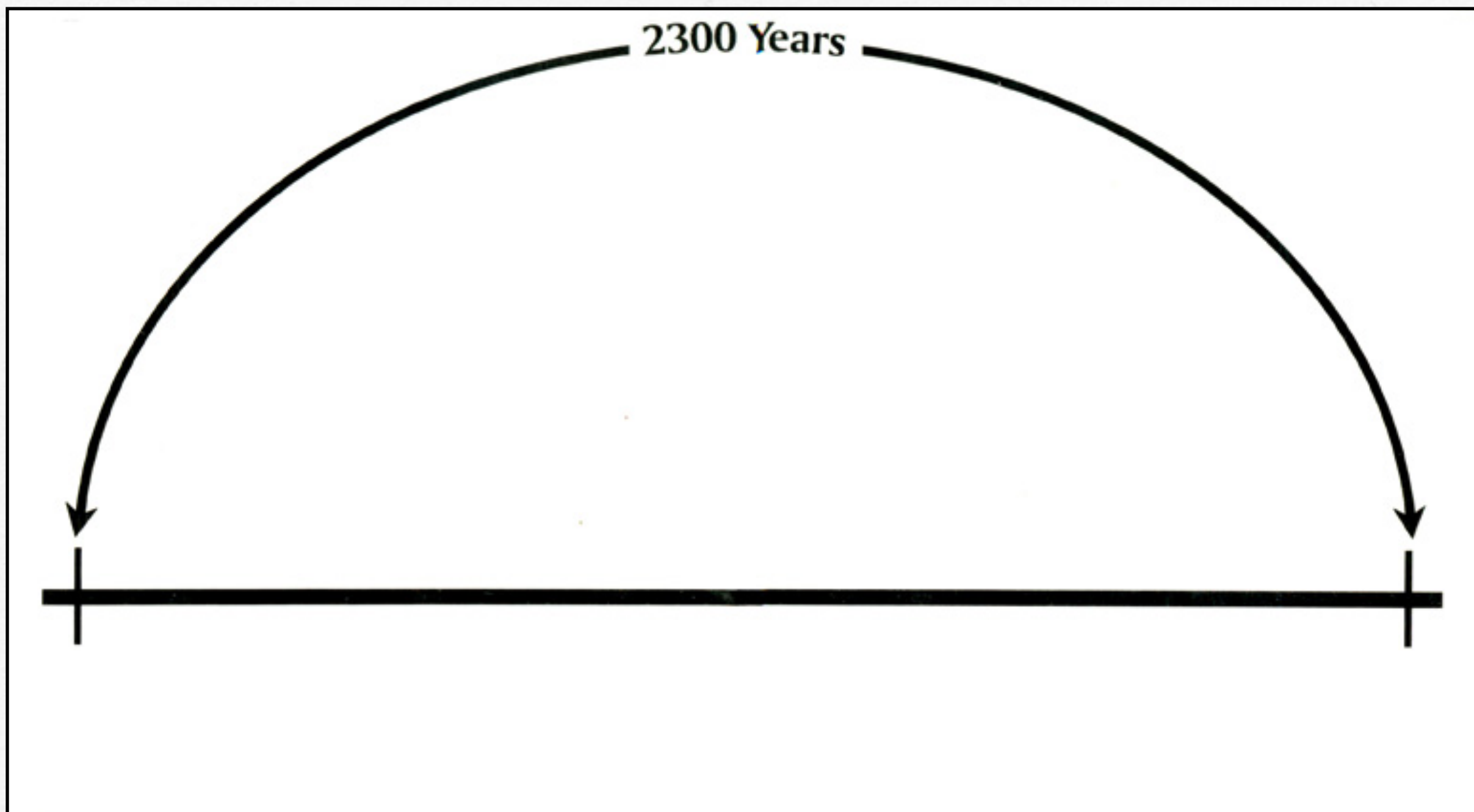
The two men decided they must share with the world the glad message Jesus had sent clarifying the event that actually had taken place at the end of the 2300 days.

Crosier says that, "Very early in the morning I was on horseback going from place to place to tell the good news and to cheer those whom I could reach." (<https://www.aplib.org/periodical/hiram-edson-vol-3-no-1/>)

I saw the Father rise from the throne, and in a flaming chariot go into the holy of holies within the veil, and sit down. Then Jesus rose up from the throne, and the most of those who were bowed down arose with Him. I did not see one ray of light pass from Jesus to the careless multitude after He arose, and they were left in perfect darkness. Those who arose when Jesus did, kept their eyes fixed on Him as He left the throne and led them out a little way. Then He raised His right arm, and we heard His lovely voice saying, "Wait here; I am going to My Father to receive the kingdom; keep your garments spotless, and in a little while I will return from the wedding and receive you to Myself." (*EW* 55.1)

Then a cloudy chariot, with wheels like flaming fire, surrounded by angels, came to where Jesus was. He stepped into the chariot and was borne to the holiest, where the Father sat. There I beheld Jesus, a great High Priest, standing before the Father. On the hem of His garment was a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate. Those who rose up with Jesus would send up their faith to Him in the holiest, and pray, "My Father, give us Thy Spirit." Then Jesus would breathe upon them the Holy Ghost. In that breath was light, power, and much love, joy, and peace. (*EW 55.1*)

I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne; they did not know that Jesus had left it. Satan appeared to be by the throne, trying to carry on the work of God. I saw them look up to the throne, and pray, "Father, give us Thy Spirit." Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence; in it there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy, and peace. Satan's object was to keep them deceived and to draw back and deceive God's children. EW 56.1



Daniel 8:___

But Saul met in Stephen one as highly educated as himself, and one who had a full understanding of the purpose of God in the spreading of the gospel to other nations. He [Stephen] believed in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and was fully established in regard to the privileges of the Jews; but his faith was broad, and **he knew the time had come** when the true believers should worship not alone in temples made with hands; but, throughout the world, men might worship God in **Spirit and in truth**. The veil had dropped from the eyes of Stephen, and he **discerned to the end of that which was abolished by the death of Christ**.

(SR 263.1)

After the meeting of Jesus with the brethren, at Galilee, the disciples returned to Jerusalem; and while the eleven were gathered together in the city Jesus met with them, and again led their minds out into the prophecies concerning himself. He deeply impressed upon their understanding the necessity of thoroughly studying the ancient **prophecies regarding Messiah**, and of comparing them with the facts of his life, death, and resurrection, in order **to establish their fulfillment in himself**. They were to diligently trace link after link of sacred truth revealed by the prophets, in **types and figures representing the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world**. He lifted the veil from their understanding, concerning the typical system of the Jews, and they now saw clearly the meaning of the forms and symbols which were **virtually abolished by the death of Christ**. (3SP 249.1)

They were slow to discern to the end of that which had been abolished by the death of Christ, and to perceive that all their **sacrificial offerings** had but prefigured the death of the Son of God, in which **type had met its antitype** rendering valueless the divinely appointed **ceremonies and sacrifices** of the Jewish religion. (*LP* 64.2)

- ❑ I will come again—John 14:3
- ❑ Shall come again—Acts 1:11
- ❑ Every eye—Revelation 1:7
- ❑ Blessed hope—Titus 2:13
- ❑ Be caught up—1 Thessalonians 4:13–17

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☐ Acts 6:5

☐ Acts 8:26

☐ Acts 21:8





- ❑ The most direct path went straight north from Jerusalem through the rugged central ridge, passing through areas like Bethel and Shiloh before reaching the region of Samaria and involved steep climbs and rocky descents through the mountains of Ephraim. It took about 2 days.

- ❑ Sorcery—to practice magic, witchcraft, magical spells
- ❑ Bewitched—astonished greatly, amazed, even confuse
- ❑ Wondered—same word—he was amazed, astounded, even confused
- ❑ Gall of bitterness—gall is bitter

Treasure in Earthen Vessels

2 Corinthians 4:2, 6–9, 17–18