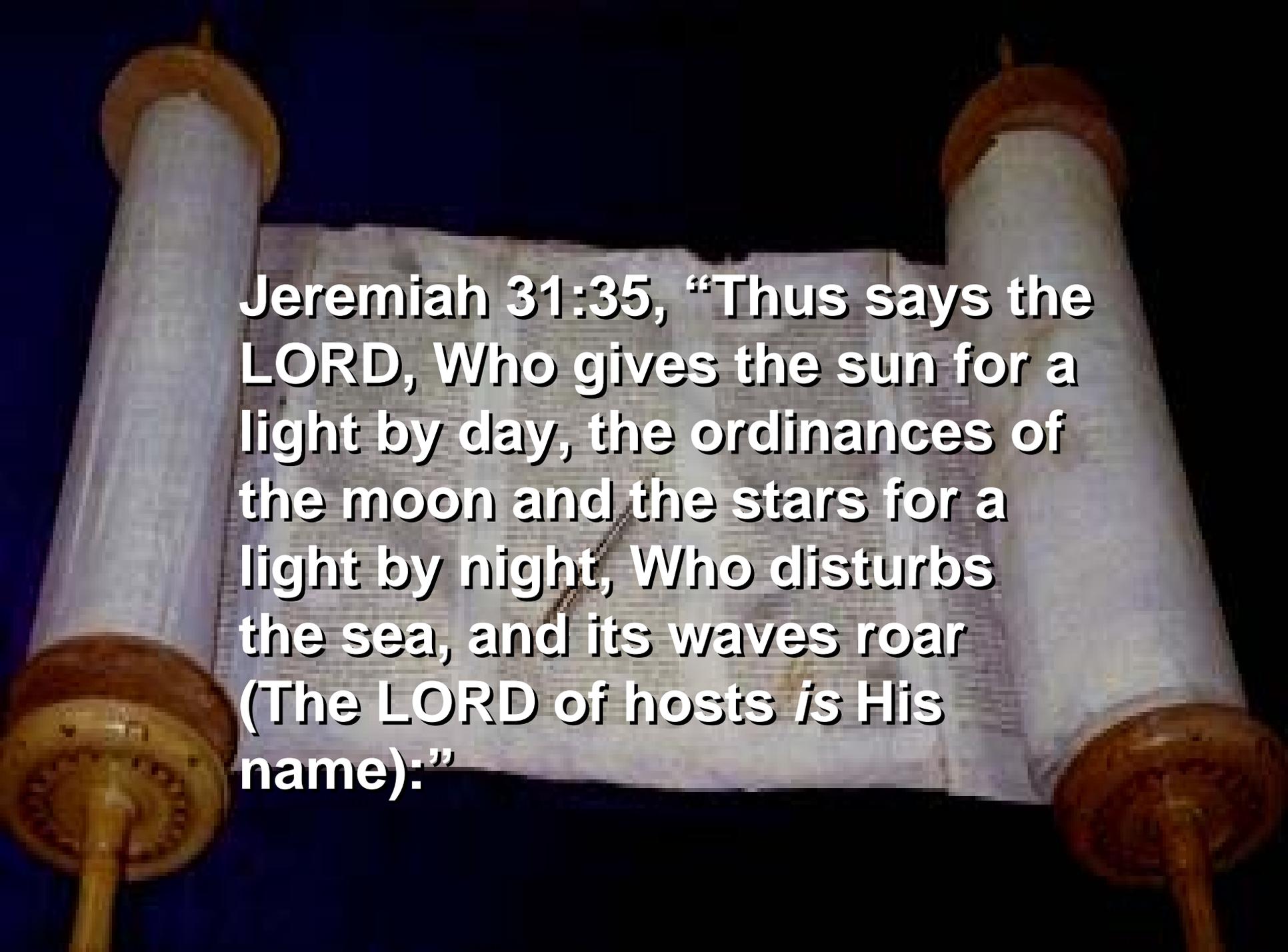




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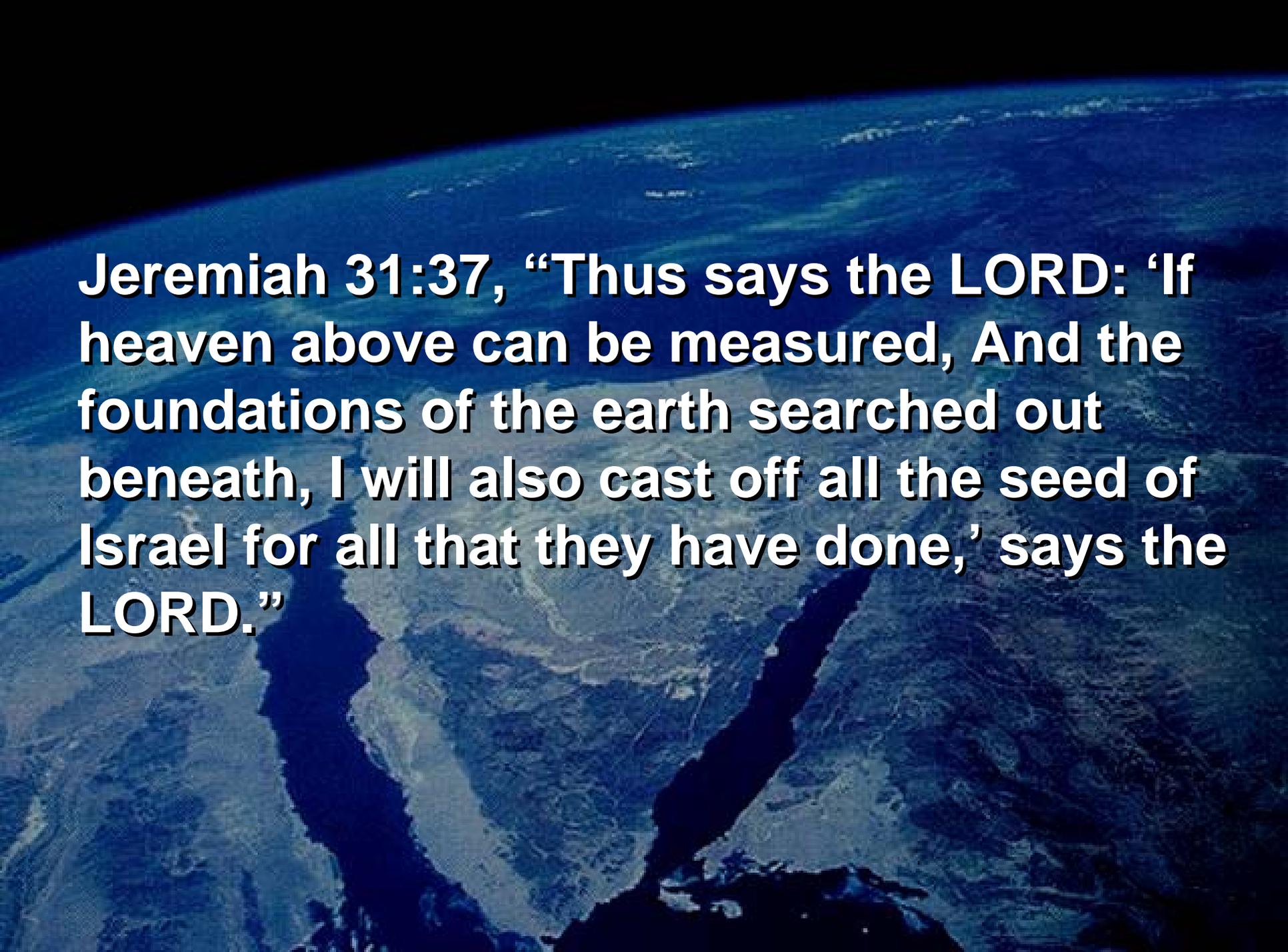
***Past, Present, and
Future***

The image features two lit candles in ornate holders, one on the left and one on the right. Between them is a scroll of parchment with text. The text is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a black outline, making it stand out against the dark background of the scroll and the blue background of the candles. The candles are lit, with a warm glow emanating from them.

Jeremiah 31:35, “Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for a light by day, the ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, and its waves roar (The LORD of hosts *is* His name):”

A sunset over a dark landscape. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that fades into a dark blue and black sky. The foreground is mostly black, suggesting a dark field or forest.

Jeremiah 31:36, “If those ordinances depart from before Me, says the LORD, *then* the seed of Israel shall also cease from being a nation before Me forever.”



Jeremiah 31:37, “Thus says the LORD: ‘If heaven above can be measured, And the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done,’ says the LORD.”

- 1. Does the modern state of Israel have a legitimate claim on their historic homeland today?**
- 2. Is the existence of the modern state of Israel prophetically significant?**
- 3. What should the role of the believer be in relationship to modern Israel?**
- 4. What is the history of the Jews since AD 70 in relation to their historic homeland?**

Israel:

Past, Present, and Future

Biblical Period 2091 BC–AD 70	Post-Biblical Period AD 70–1839	Modern Period 1839– 2006
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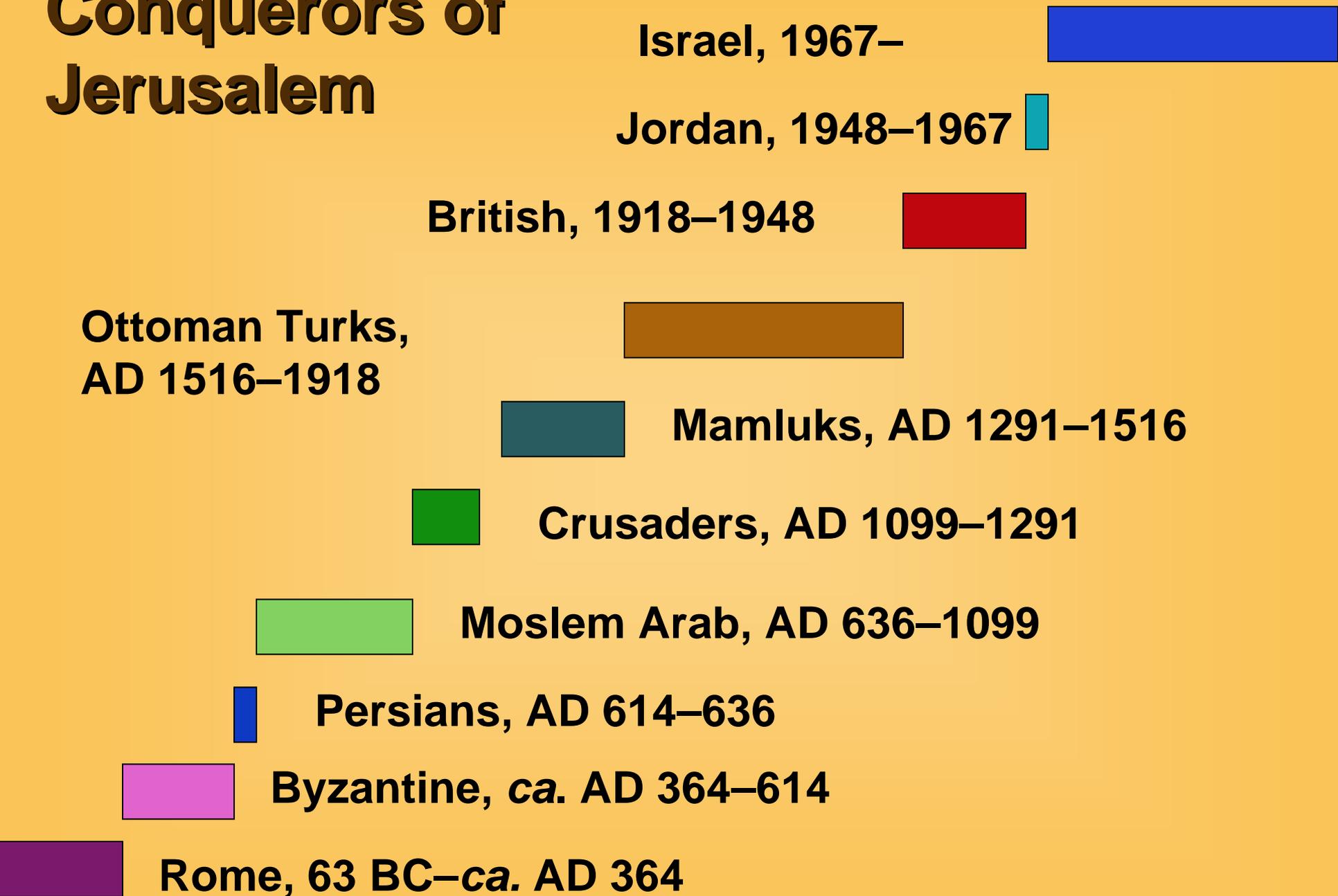
1. Patriarchal
2. Sojourn and
3. Theocracy
4. United Kingdom
5. Divided Kingdom
6. Exile
7. Post-exile
8. Hasmonean
9. Roman



1. Rome
2. Byzantine
3. Persian
4. Moslem Arab
5. Crusaders
6. Mamluks
7. Ottoman Turk
(1517–

1. Ottoman
Turks (–1918)
2. British
3. Jordanian
4. Israel

Conquerors of Jerusalem



The Image of Daniel 2

605–539 B.C. – Babylon

539 B. C.–331 B.C. – Medo-Persia

331 B.C.–146 B.C. – Greece

146 B.C.–A.D. 1453 – Rome/Byzantine

**Revived Roman Empire
(future)**

Gold

Silver

Brass

Iron

Iron/Clay



Daniel 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;”

Leviticus 26:31, “I will lay your cities waste and bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the fragrance of your sweet aromas.

Leviticus 26:32, “I will bring the land to desolation, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it.

Leviticus 26:33, “I will scatter you **among the nations** and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste.

Leviticus 26:34, “Then the land shall enjoy its **sabbaths** as long as it lies desolate and you *are* in your enemies’ land; then the land shall rest and enjoy its **sabbaths**.

Leviticus 26:35, “As long as *it* lies desolate it shall rest — for the time it did not rest on your **sabbaths** when you dwelt in it.”

The Sabbatical Year

- Every seventh year was to be a sabbath unto the Lord with no work.
- Thus Israel's calendar was built on a 7-year cycle, each cycle having one year of rest.
- Between 1406 BC and 586 BC, 70 of these sabbatical years were ignored.
- 70 sabbatical years involved a total of 490 years.

Deuteronomy 4:26, “I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you will soon utterly perish from the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess; you will not prolong *your* days in it, but will be utterly destroyed.

Deuteronomy 4:27, “And the LORD will **scatter you among the peoples [*ha ‘am*]**, and you will be left few in number among the nations [***goyim***], where the LORD will drive you.

Deuteronomy 4:28, “And there you will serve gods, the work of men’s hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell.

Deuteronomy 4:29, “But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find *Him* if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

[positive volition precedes this restoration]

Deuteronomy 30:1, “Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call *them* to mind **among all the nations** where the LORD your God drives you,

Deuteronomy 30:2, “and you **return to the LORD your God and obey His voice**, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul,

Deuteronomy 30:3, “that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and **gather you again from all the nations** where the LORD your God has scattered you.”

Isaiah 11:11, “It shall come to pass in that day *that* the LORD shall set His hand again the **second time** to recover the remnant of His people who are left, from Assyria and Egypt, from Pathros and Cush, from Elam and Shinar, from Hamath and the islands of the sea.”

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’.”

Daniel 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;

Daniel 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.”

2 Chr. 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.”

Leviticus 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,

Leviticus 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 –

Leviticus 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.”

Daniel 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.”

Daniel 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.”

Daniel 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.

Daniel 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.

Daniel 9:23. ““At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell *you*, for you *are* greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:

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

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 7 + 62 = 69 \\ \hline \text{weeks} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

March 5,
444 B.C.
Artaxerxes'
Decree
Neh. 2:1-3

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

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

$$434 + 49 = 483$$

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

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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.*"

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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

Explanation of Daniel's 70 Weeks of Years

- $69 \times 7 \times 360 = 173,880$ days
- March 5, 444 B.C. + 173,880 = March 30, A.D. 33

Verification

- 444 B.C. to A.D. 33 -1 (no year 0) = 476 years
- 476 years \times 365.2421989 days = 173,855 days
+ days between March 5 and March 30 = 25 days

Totals = 173,880 days

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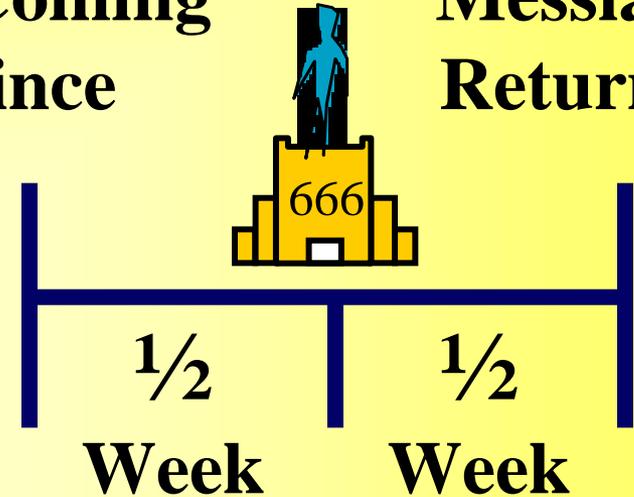
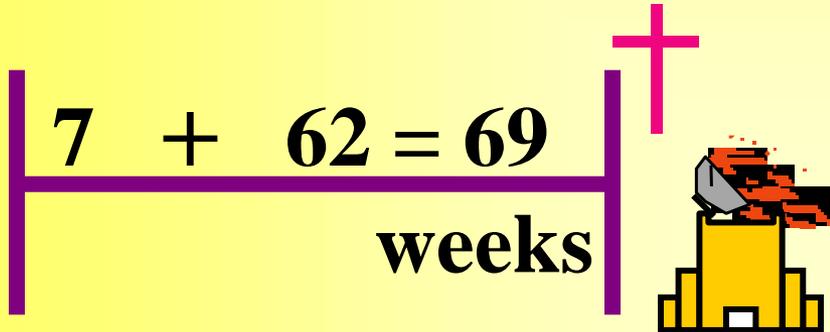
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**The Decree
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**Messiah
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**The Coming
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Returns**



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$$69 \times 7 = 483 \text{ years} = \\ 173,880 \text{ days}$$

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What happened to the
other seven years???

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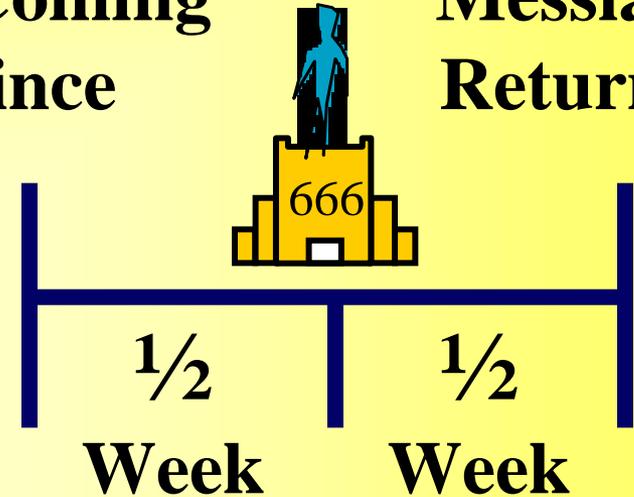
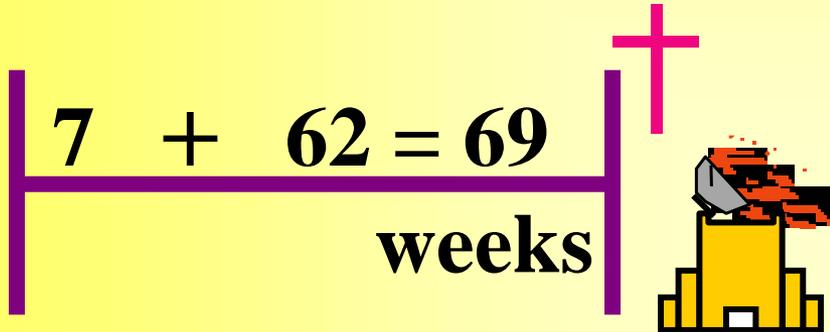
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