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Psalm 132:11 & 2 Samuel 7:12-16

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Jeremiah 31:15

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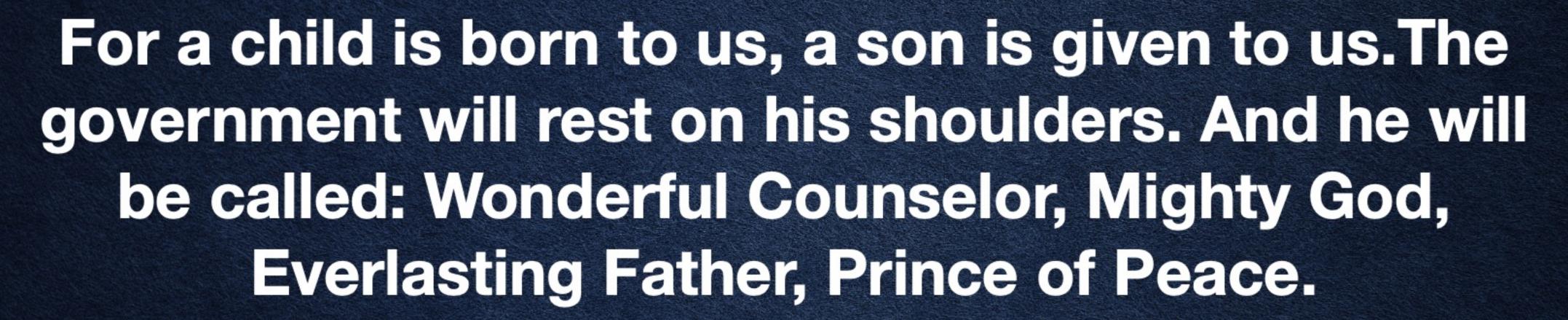
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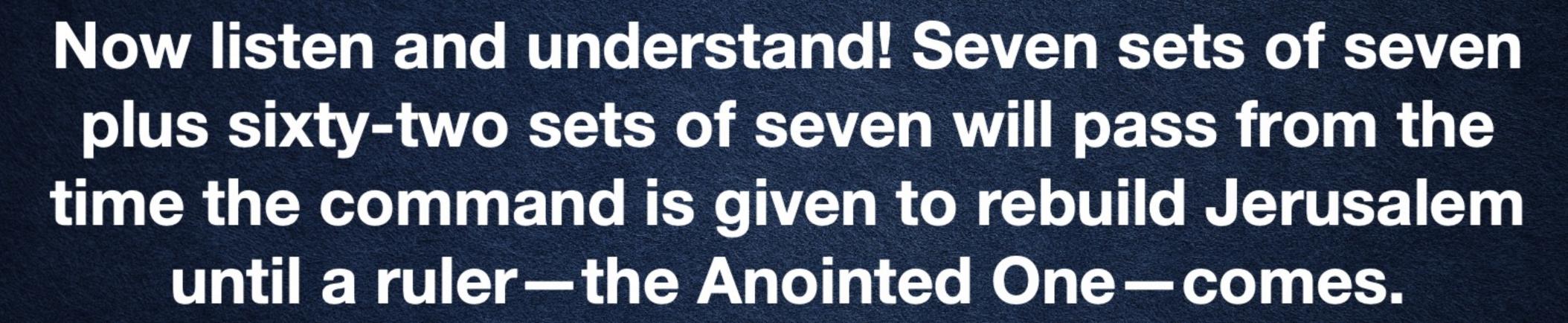
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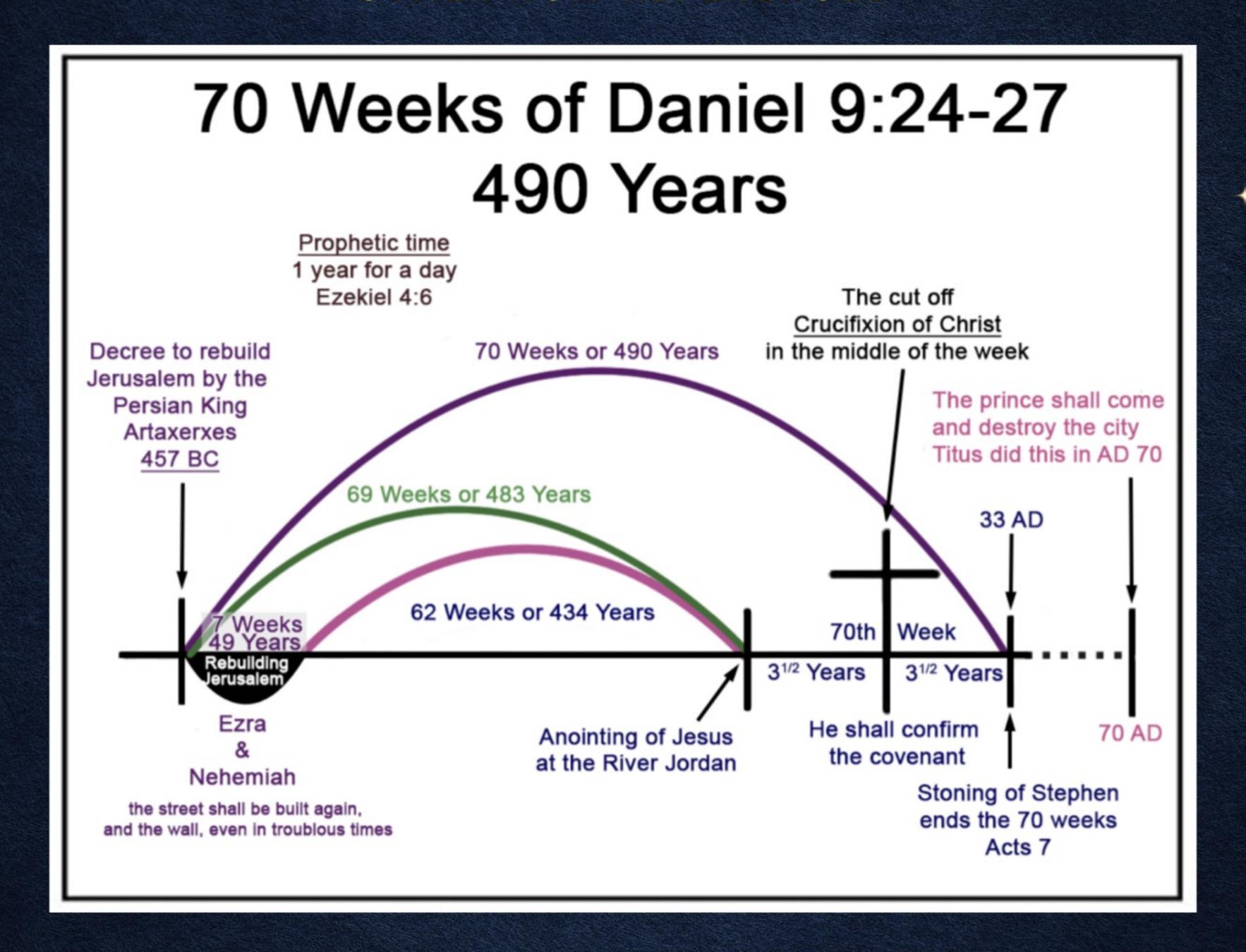
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For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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Prophecy in the Gospel Story

Angels to the Shepherds (Luke 2:8-15)

Zechariah & Gabriel (Luke 1:5-25)

Mary & Gabriel (Luke 1:26-38)

Mary & Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56)

Simeon (Luke 2:25-35)

Anna (Luke 2:36-40)



Let love be your highest goal! But [and] you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives—especially the ability to prophesy...one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them.

1 Corinthians 14:1, 3 (NLT)



At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him

Luke 2:25 (NLT)



and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

Luke 2:26 (NLT)



That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required,

Luke 2:27 (NLT)





Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,

Luke 2:28 (NLT)



"Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised.

Luke 2:29 (NLT)



I have seen your salvation,

Luke 2:30 (NLT)





which you have prepared for all people.

Luke 2:31 (NLT)





He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!"

Luke 2:32 (NLT)



Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him.

Luke 2:33 (NLT)



Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him.

Luke 2:34 (NLT)



As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul."

Luke 2:35 (NLT)





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CHURCH

that embraces prophecy by using it to build love through prophecy's proper use of

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