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Answer: The 144,000 sealed, the martyrs

2nd question: How can a loving God pour out such wrath on His creatures or on believers?

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God has a purpose, though we may not fully comprehend it

- 1. The nature of God;**
- 2. The nature of evil and suffering;**
- 3. The nature of justice;**
- 4. The Divine purpose for history.**

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

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Genesis 12:1–13

“land”

“seed”

“blessing”

ISRAEL LAND COVENANT

Deuteronomy 30

“land”

DAVIDIC COVENANT

2 Samuel 7

“seed”

NEW COVENANT

Jeremiah 31

“blessing”

DAVIDIC COVENANT

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2 Sam 7:12–16
Psa. 89
1 Chron. 17:11–14

ETERNAL HOUSE

2 Sam 7:11, 13a, 16
1 Chron 17:10

ETERNAL KINGDOM

2 Sam. 7:12c
1 Chron. 17:14

ETERNAL THRONE

2 Sam 7:13b
1 Chron. 17:12b, 14

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March 5,
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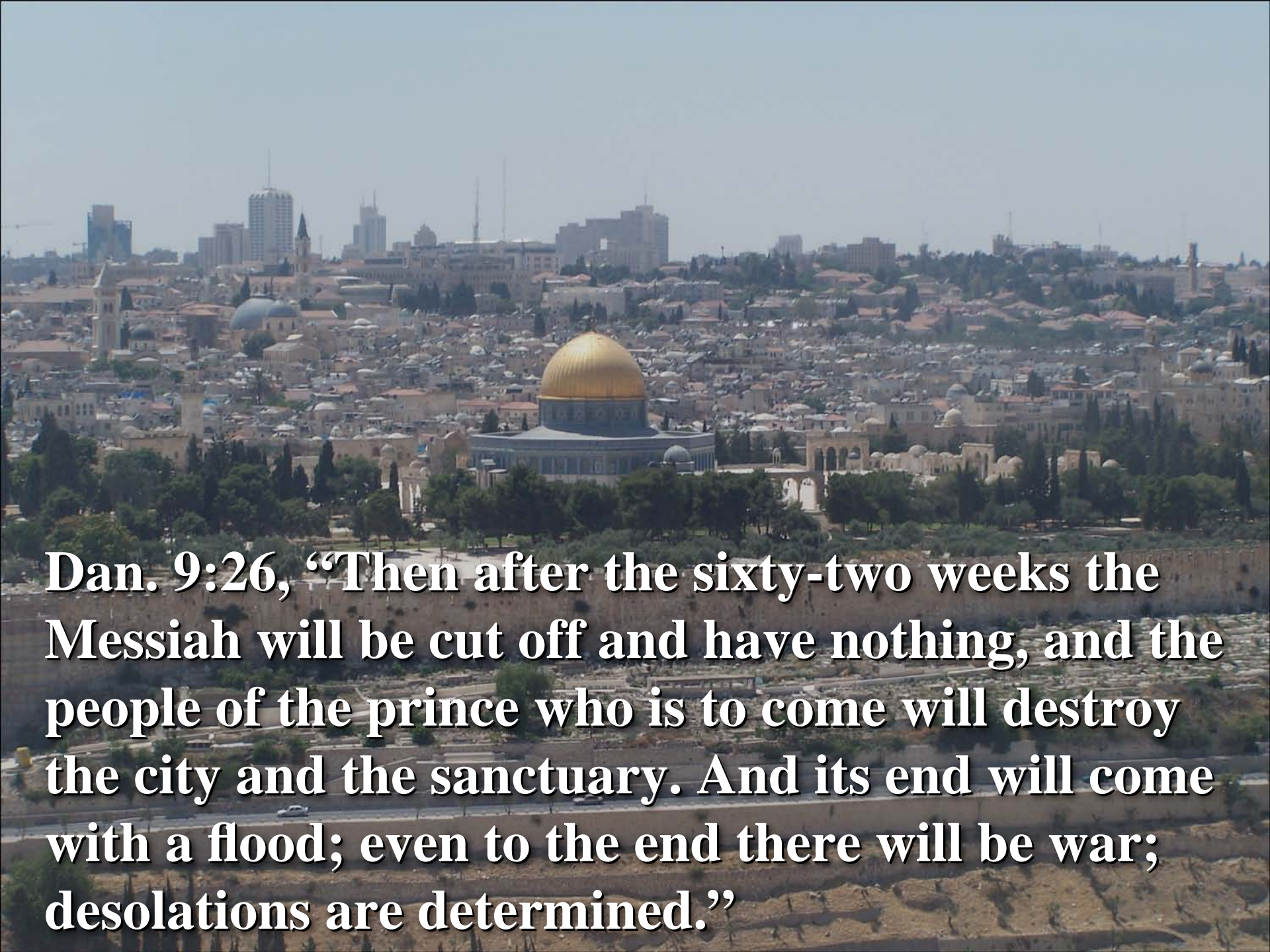
$$7 \times 7 = 49 \text{ years}$$

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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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$$70 \times 7 = 490 \text{ years}$$

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**What happened to the
other seven years???**

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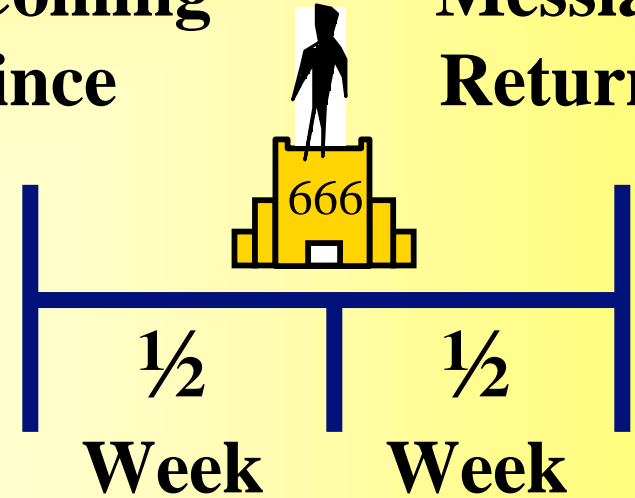
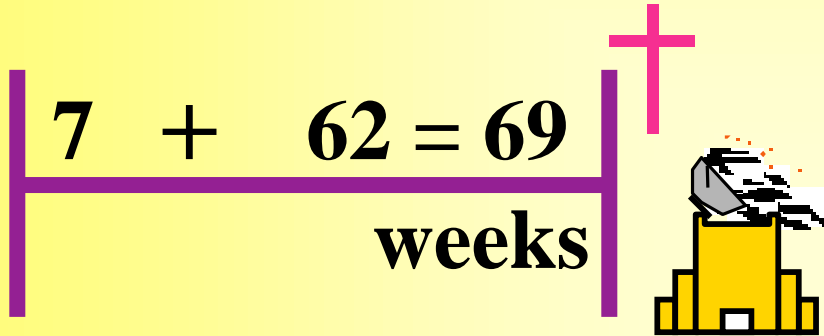
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**The Coming
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**Messiah
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Satan's Engineered Attacks on the Seed of Abraham and the Seed of David


1. Attempts to destroy the Davidic Seed through the false religion of Ba'alism. (Ahab, Jezebel, Jehoram, Ahaziah, and Athaliah).
2. The Assyrian and Babylonian invasions.
3. Herod's murder of the infants, Matt 2.
4. The assassination of the Messiah.
5. Anti-semitism: Roman, Islamic, European.

Rev. 7:4, “And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:”





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 with mountains in the background. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright glow and creating a lens flare effect. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and pink. The foreground is dark and silhouetted, suggesting a valley or a field of crops. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

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.’”

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.”

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.”

Ezekiel 20:32, “What you have in your mind shall never be, when you say, ‘We will be like the Gentiles, like the families in other countries, serving wood and stone.’

Ezekiel 20:33, “‘As I live,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘surely with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and **with fury poured out, I will rule over you.’”**

Ezekiel 20:34, “I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and **with fury poured out.**

Ezekiel 20:35, “And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face.”

Ezekiel 20:36, “Just as I pleaded My case with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead My case with you,’ says the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 20:37, “I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;”

Ezekiel 20:38, “I will purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I *am* the LORD.”

Ezekiel 22:17, “The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

Ezekiel 22:18, ““Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to Me; they *are* all bronze, tin, iron, and lead, in the midst of a furnace; they have become dross from silver.

Ezekiel 22:19, “Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Because you have all become dross, therefore behold, I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.’”

Ezekiel 22:20, “*As men gather silver, bronze, iron, lead, and tin into the midst of a furnace, to blow fire on it, to melt it; so I will gather you in My anger and in My fury, and I will leave you there and melt you.*”

Ezekiel 22:21, “*Yes, I will gather you and **blow on you with the fire of My wrath**, and you shall be melted in its midst.*”

Ezekiel 22:22, “As silver is melted in the midst of a furnace, so shall you be melted in its midst; then you shall know that I, the LORD, **have poured out My fury** on you.’

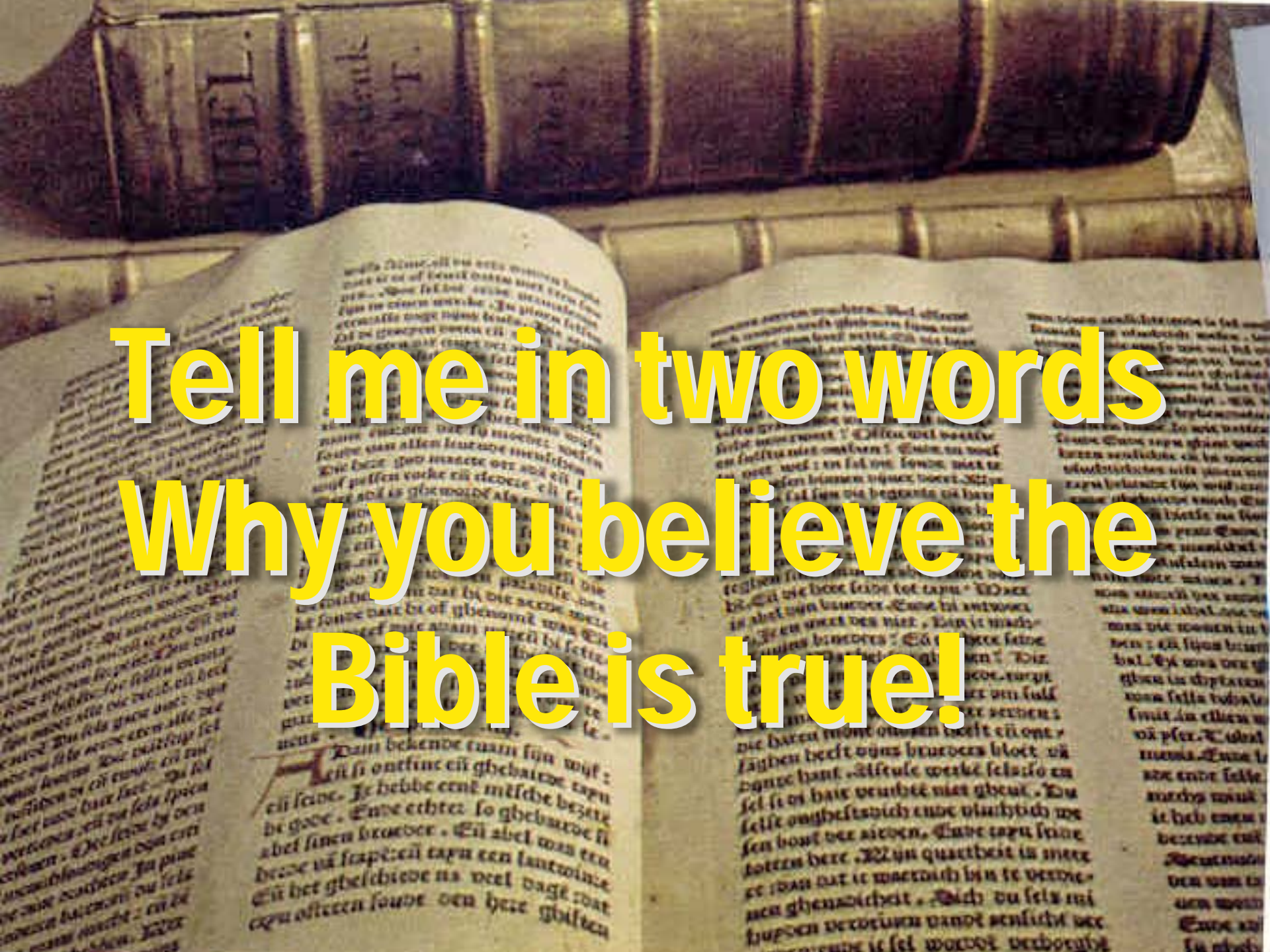
Ezekiel 36:22, “Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “I do not do *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name’s sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went”.’”

Ezekiel 36:23, ““And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I *am* the LORD,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘when I am hallowed in you before their eyes.

Ezekiel 36:24, ““For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.””

Zephaniah 2:1, “Gather yourselves together, yes, gather together, O undesirable nation,

Zephaniah 2:2, “Before the decree is issued, *or* the day passes like chaff, before the LORD’s fierce anger comes upon you, before the day of the LORD’s anger comes upon you!”

An open antique book with text in a historical script, likely Dutch or Flemish, is shown. The text is written in a dense, cursive hand. A large, bold, yellow text overlay is centered over the pages. The background shows the book's binding and other volumes on a shelf.

**Tell me in two words
Why you believe the
Bible is true!**

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TWO REGATHERINGS
TO THE LAND - *PHYSICAL*
TO THE LORD - *SPIRITUAL*



Israel's Two Regatherings to the Land



**CHURCH
AGE**

**REGATHERING
IN UNBELIEF**

**7-year
Tribulation**

**REGATHERING
IN BELIEF**

Ezek 20:32–38;
22:17–22; 36:22–24;
Isa. 11:11–12
Zeph. 2:1–2

Deut. 4:29–31; 30:1–10;
Isa 27:12–13; 43:5–7;
Jer. 16:14–15; 31:7–10
Ezek 11:14–18; Amos 9:14–15;
Zech 10:8–12; Matt 24:31

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The Time of Regathering

“Then it will happen on that day that the Lord will recover *the second time* with His hand the Remnant of His People who will remain ...”

Isaiah 11:11

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5. Modern Israel parallels the Israel predicted to exist in the end time.

Modern Israel

1948 — Israel becomes a state

1967 — Jerusalem united as capital

2000 - Battle for Temple Mount begins

Jewish people in Israel in unbelief

Pseudo-peace plan internationally enforced

Jerusalem center of international conflict

Concluding Concepts

1. Israel is still the chosen People of God
 2. Despite Israel's sin she will still be saved
 3. National Israel today is part of God's preparation for the future fulfillment of His prophetic plan
 4. Christian support for Israel is in accord with God's purpose to bless all mankind
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