



# CH 4

The Revelation of DANIEL

# Ch 1 to 6 – The contest of wills

- Ch 1 – Standing before the king
- Ch 2 – Prophecy before the king
- Ch 3 – Defiance before the king
- Ch 4 – Counselling before the king
- Ch 5 – Giving sentence before the king
- Ch 6 – Deliverance before the king

*“The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water:  
he turneth it whithersoever he will”*



# Ch 4 breakup

- V1-3 The king's proclamation
- V4-18 The king's recollection of the dream
- V19-27 Daniels interpretation of the dream
- V28-33 The king's fulfilment of the dream
- V34-37 The king's praise of the God of heaven.

# The vision of the tree (Ch 4)



The 5 parts of the vision

1. **V11-12** The domination of the tree
2. **V13-14** The destruction of the tree
3. **V15** The banding of the stump
4. **V15-16** The bestiality of the man
5. **V17** The decree of the watchers

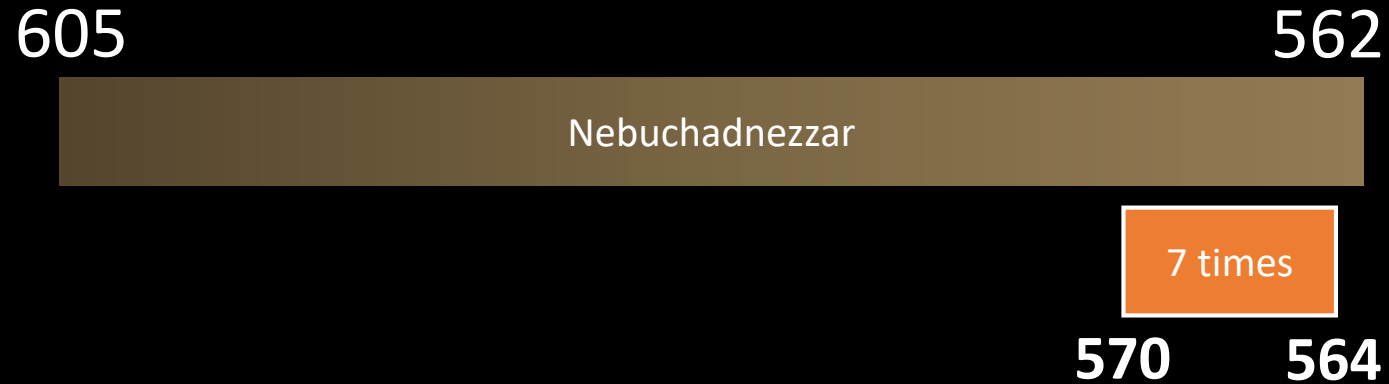
# “Is not this great Babylon that I have built ...”



“I constructed inside Babylon on the eastern side of the river a fortification such as no king had ever made before me... I excavated the ditch, with brick and mortar I bound its bed, a long rampart at its head I strongly built. I adorned its gates. The folding doors and the pillars I plated with copper. Against presumptuous enemies who were hostile to the men of Babylon, great waters, like the waters of the ocean, I made use of abundantly. .... thus I completely made strong the defences of Babylon. May it last forever”.



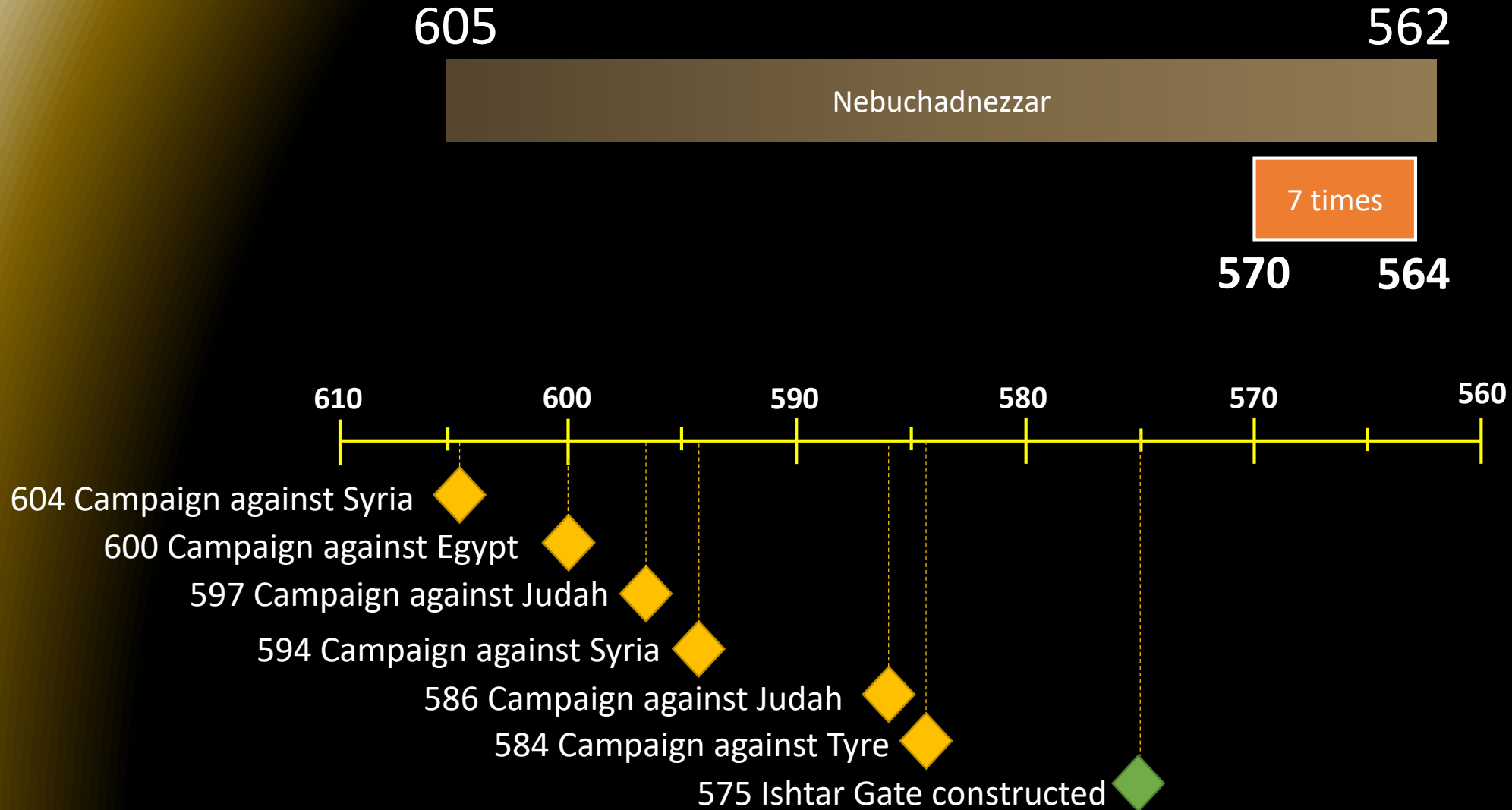
# Dating the “7 times” in Nebuchadnezzar’s life



This dating of the 7 times (+/- 1 year) is supported by:

- *A Manual of Ancient History*, George Rawlinson, 1869, p35
- *Ancient History*, Charles Rollin, 1729, Vol 1 p474

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# The symmetry in the Syriack chapters

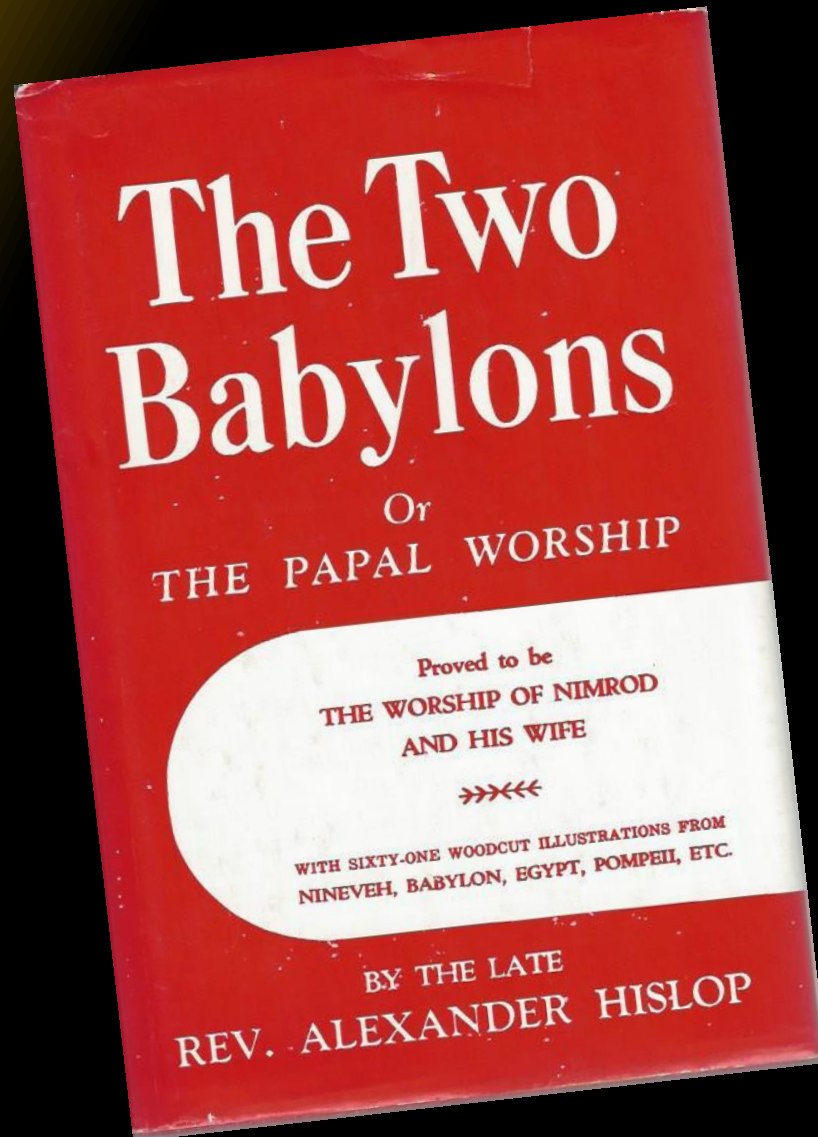
Ch 2							Ch 7
Vision of 4 world empires followed by a 5th – God’s Kingdom	<b>Ch 3</b>	<b>Ch 4:1-33</b>		<b>Ch 5</b>	<b>Ch 6</b>		Vision of 4 world empires followed by a 5th – God’s Kingdom
Neb had a vision at night on his bed	Divine deliverance from the fiery furnace	Divine judgement on Nebuchadnezzar		Divine judgement on Belshazzar	Divine deliverance from the lion’s den		Daniel had a vision at night on his bed
He was ‘troubled’ by it	Decree issued to worship only Neb’s god	Neb has a vision		Bel saw writing appear on a wall	Decree issued to worship only Darius		He was ‘troubled’ by it
Sought an explanation	The 3 friends defy	It troubled him and made him afraid		It troubled him and made him afraid	Daniel defies		Sought an explanation
Given divine meaning	Neb is enraged when he hears	All the wise men could not interpret	<b>Ch 4:34-37</b>	All the wise men could not interpret	Darius is distressed when he hears		Given divine meaning
Image was “terrible”	3 friends thrown into fiery furnace	Daniel at the last comes in and can interpret	Nebuchadnezzar’s conversion	Daniel at the last is called in and can interpret	Daniel thrown into a pit		4 <sup>th</sup> beast was “terrible”
	An angel is sent to delivers friends unscathed	The vision addresses Neb’s pride	Neb expresses his utter humility before God	The vision addresses Bel’s pride	An angel is sent to delivers Daniel unscathed		
	A new decree issued to worship only the true God	Judgement came “...the same hour”	Acknowledges the power of the Most High to control human affairs	Judgement came “... in that night”	A new decree issued to worship only the true God		





The secondary application  
of the vision

# The band of iron



“Rome is in very deed the Babylon of the Apocalypse that the essential character of her system the grand objects of her worship her festivals her doctrine and discipline her rights and ceremonies her priesthood and their orders have all been derived from ancient Babylon”

The Two Babylons, A. Hislop, 1959, p3

# The band of brass and iron

Roman &  
Greek  
religions



Kingdom of Babylon

How was the religious element of the Babylonian kingdom preserved by iron and brass

- The worship and doctrines of Babylon were adopted by the Roman Catholic religion
- In 1054 the Greek Orthodox church split from the Roman church but retained its key beliefs

# The uniting of iron and brass

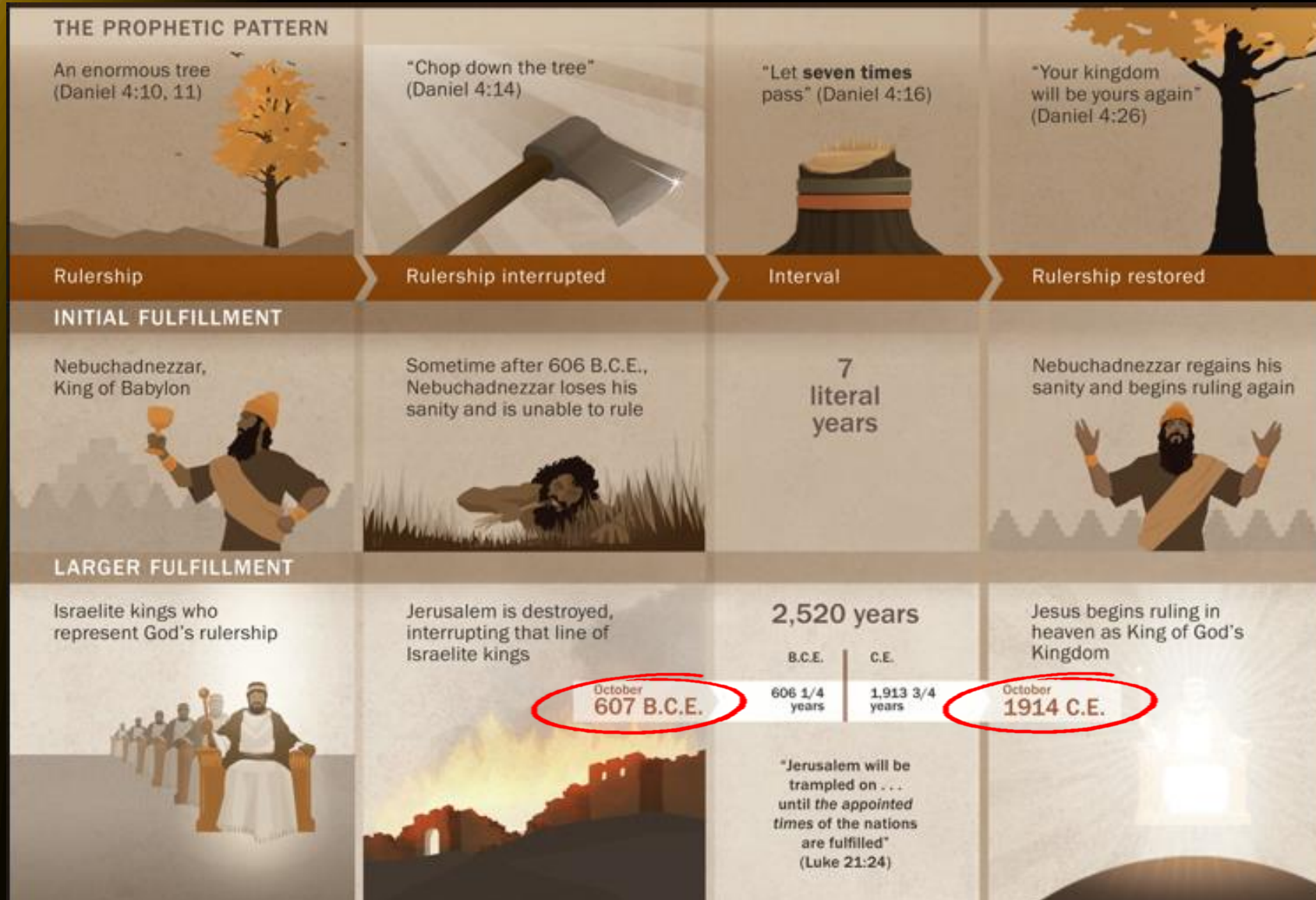


In 2016 for the first time since 1054, the leaders of the Roman Catholic church and Eastern Orthodox church met to talk about re-union.

Pope Francis and Patriarch Kirill meet in Havana.



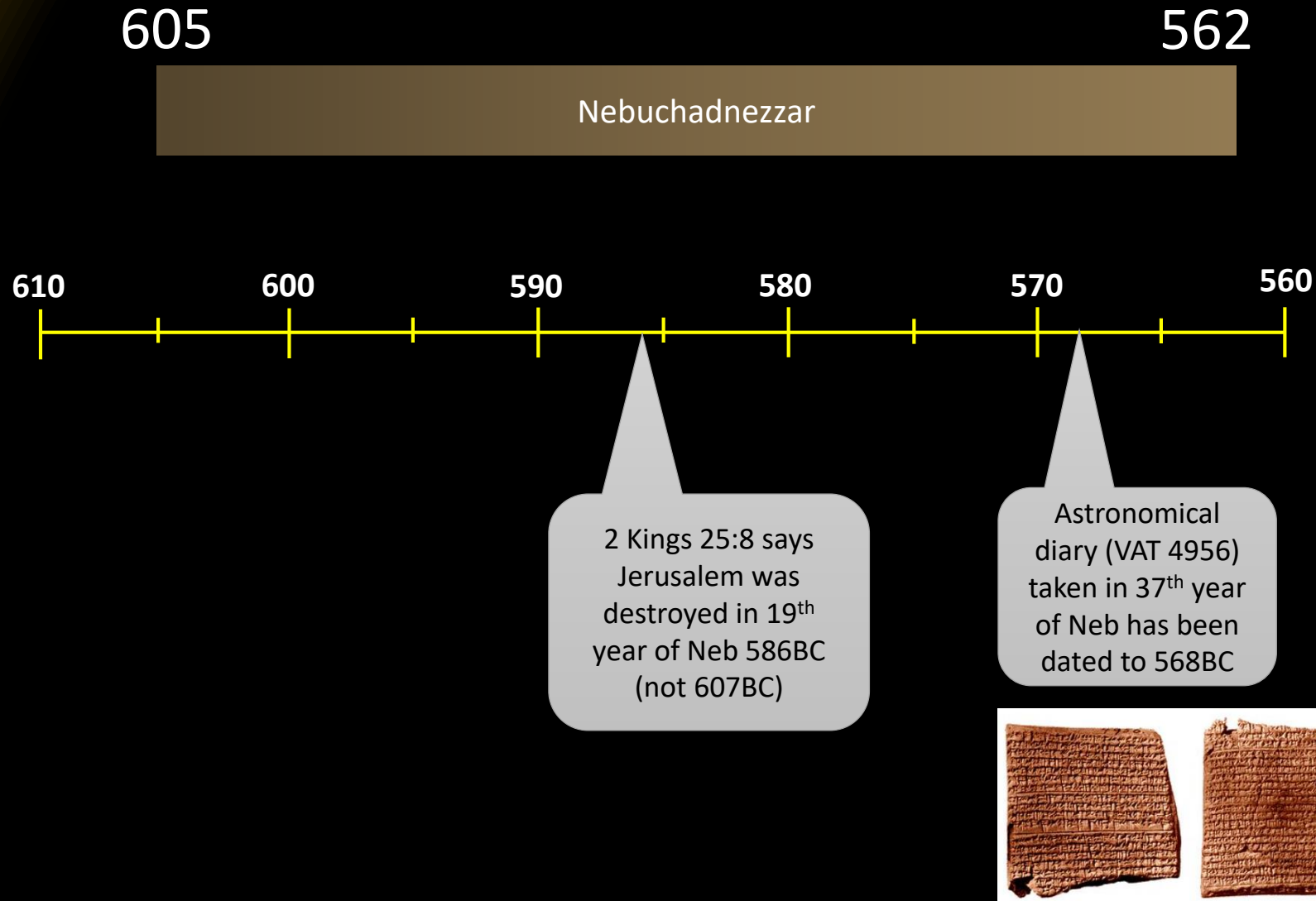
# The JW's incorrect view of the 2520 years



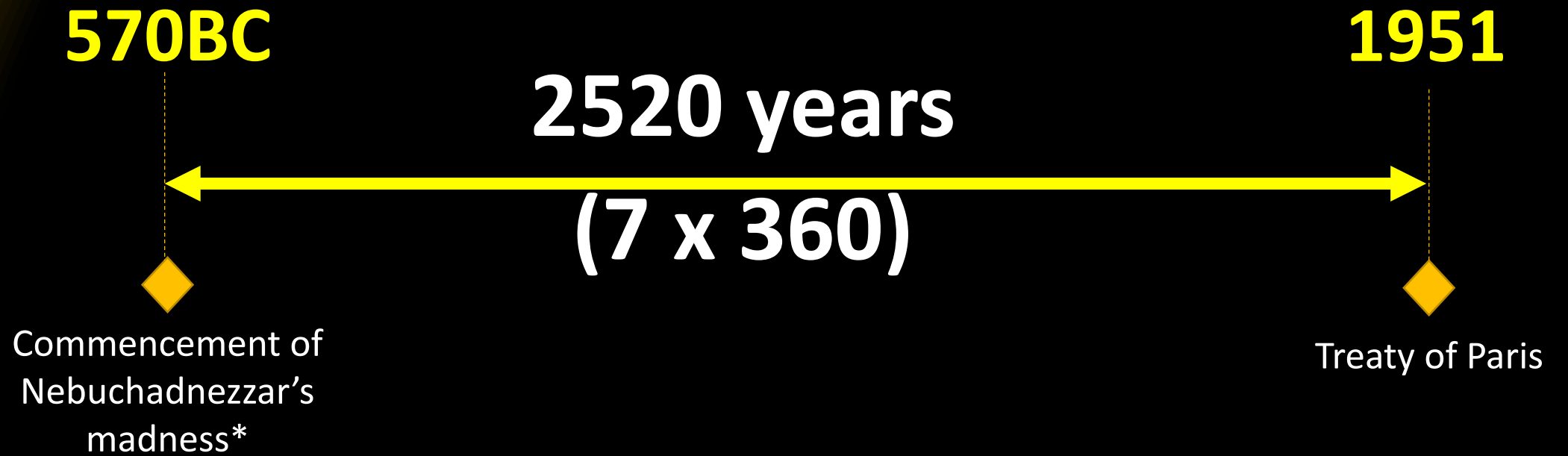
➤ The JW's claim that the 2520 period started in **607BC** when Jerusalem was destroyed, and terminated in **1914** when the kingdom of God supposedly commenced.

➤ However the destruction of Jerusalem occurred in **586BC** not 607BC.

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# Dating the 2520 years



# The termination of the 2520 years (1951)

- In 1951, the Foreign Ministers of West Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg issued a joint statement called “**The Europe Declaration**” (also known as the Charter of the Community). The Declaration was issued at the signing of the Treaty of Paris, which created the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC).
- The Declaration included the statement - "By the signature of this Treaty, the involved parties give proof of their determination to create the first supranational institution and that thus they are laying the true foundation of an organised Europe”.

