

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with tire tracks leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The terrain is sandy and sparsely covered with small, dry bushes. In the background, a range of rugged, brown mountains stretches across the horizon under a pale, overcast sky. The overall mood is desolate and expansive.

The Gospel of Matthew

WHY DID THE KING COME BUT NOT THE KINGDOM?

Outline to the book of Matthew:

I. The King Has Come 1:1-13:53

1. *The Incarnation and the preparation of the King 1:1 – 4:11*
2. *The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29*
3. *The Manifestation of the King 8:1 – 11:1*
4. *The Opposition to the King 11:2 – 13:53*

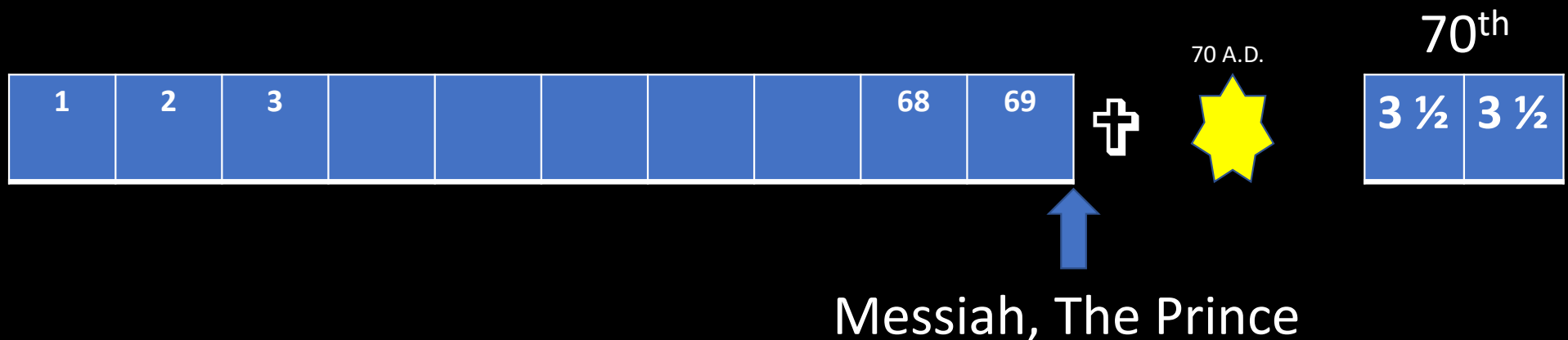
II. The Kingdom Has Not 13:54-28:20

5. *The Reaction of the King, 13:54 – 19:2*
6. *The Formal Presentation and Rejection of the King, 19:3 – 25:46*
7. *The Crucifixion and the Resurrection of the King, 26:1 – 28:20*

***Subpoints follow Stanley Toussaint's seven main divisions outlined in his commentary.

The Prophetic Time of Matthew

Daniel 9:24-27...Daniel's Seventy "7s"



Jesus' entire ministry was during the 69th "7" of Daniel 9...MOST of it during the last half!

Messianic expectation should have been
extremely high!

Which makes the Jewish rejection of
Jesus all the more tragic!!!

Matthew 3...John the Baptist

Mat 3:2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Why? How did he know?

1. The King is on the scene! John 1:33-34

2. It is the middle of the 69th "7" of Daniel 9:24-27!

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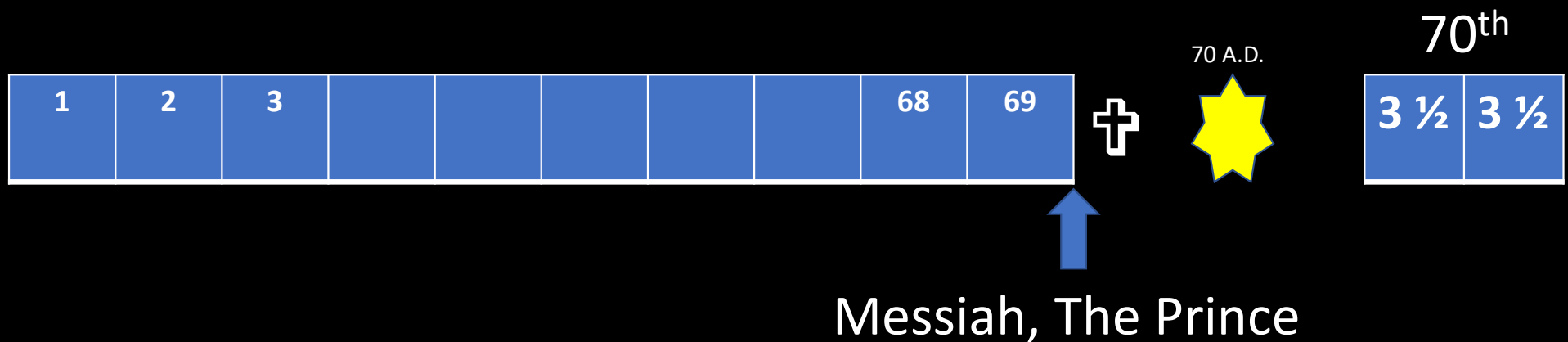
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Compare 1 Thessalonians 1:10.  Pre-Tribulation Rapture

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Mat 3:11 "...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Is this referring to Pentecost, Acts 2?

1. Many commentators assume it is.
2. But the Church was a "mystery" ...unknown in the Old Testament, and until God revealed it after Jesus' death and resurrection.

The indwelling of believers by the Holy Spirit was part of the promises of the New Covenant for Israel in the Millennial Kingdom!

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Isaiah 59:21

Ezekiel 36:21-28

I believe Jesus clarifies the matter, Himself!

He will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit and fire.

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He will gather His
wheat into the barn,

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He will burn up the
chaff with
unquenchable fire."

See also the parable of the wheat and tares in Matthew 13:37-43...the "time" is the 2nd Coming!

Matthew 4...The Temptations...

“It is written” occurs over 60 times in the New Testament.

In 4:4, “word” is ῥῆμα (not λόγος) implying a “specific utterance”

Memorize specific Scriptures that deal with the temptations you are facing!

Cf. Ephesians 6:17, “...and take the sword of the Spirit which is the word (ῥῆμα) of God.”

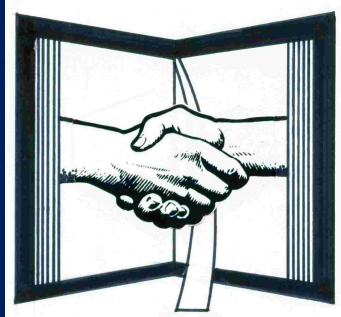
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Cf. Luke 4:13, “...the devil...left Him until an opportune time.”

An “opportune time” for Satan would be a “vulnerable time” for Jesus!

Why was this a “vulnerable time” for Jesus?

What might be a “vulnerable time” that we should watch out for in our lives?



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