



Gaining A Strategic Grasp of Scripture

The Gospel Of The Kingdom & The Purpose Of Water Baptism

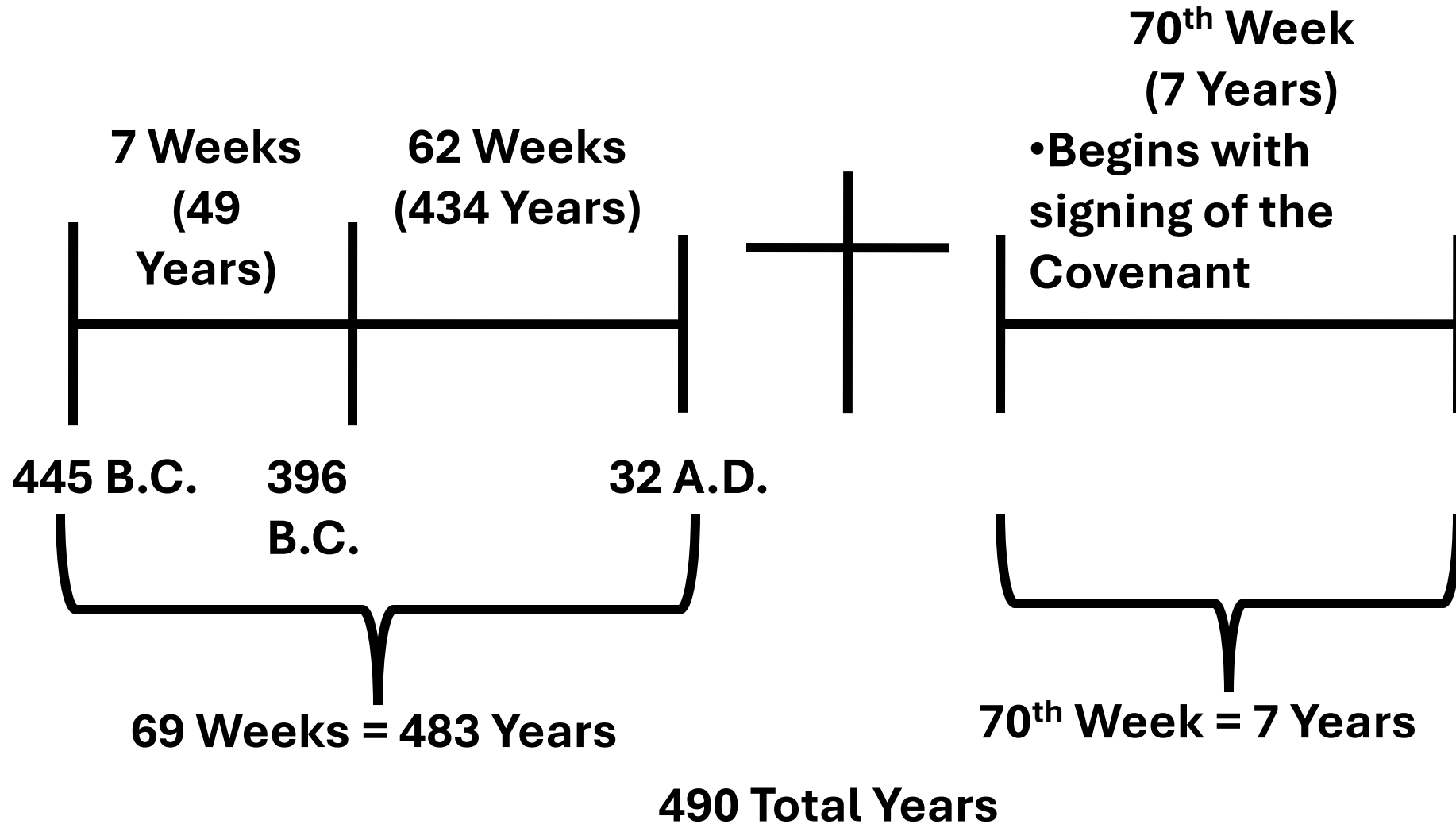
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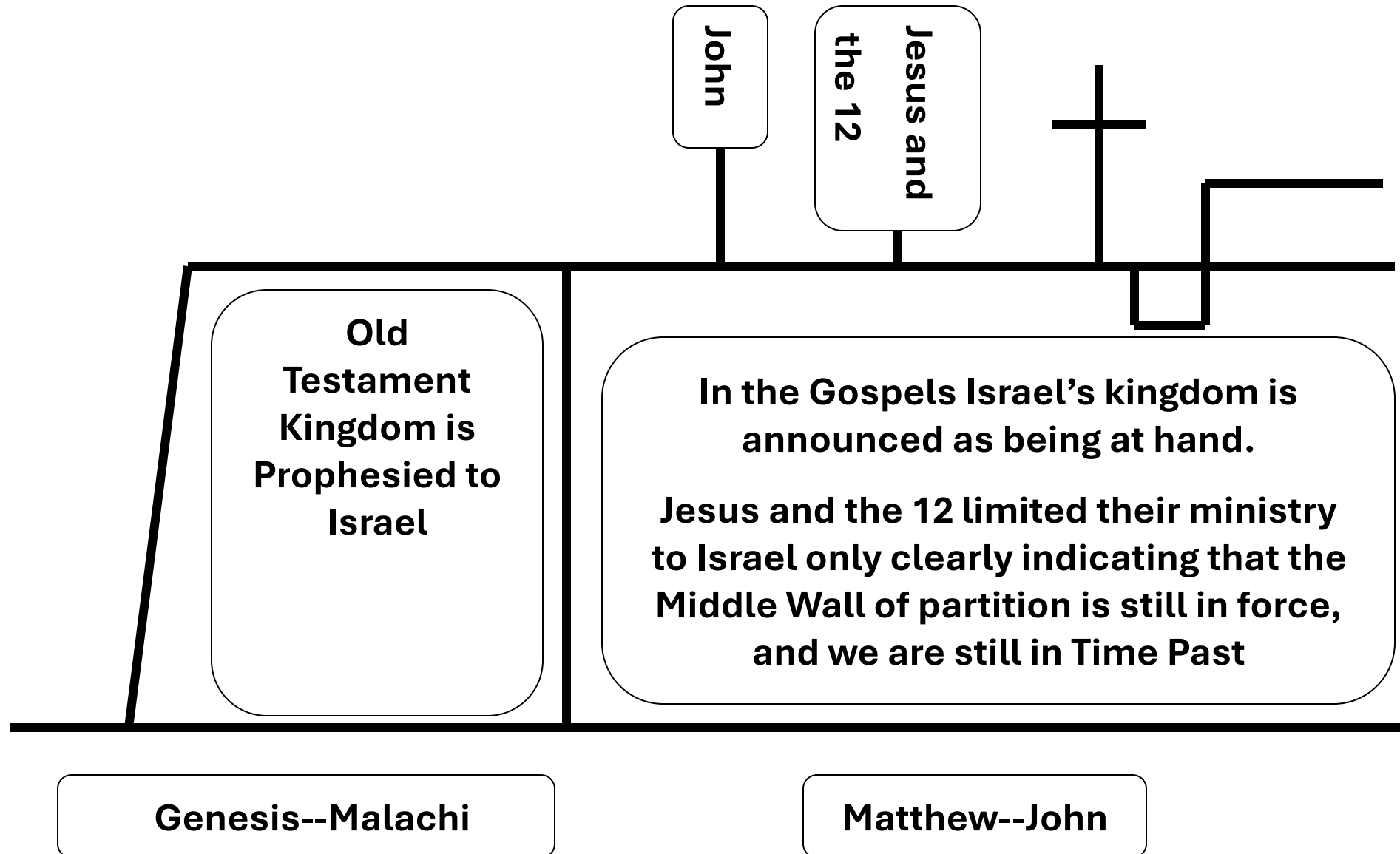
The Timing of the Kingdom



The Gospels Are Still Time Past

- John the Baptist, Jesus Christ, and the 12 Apostles were all preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom.
- **The four things we learned about *Time Past* are all still true during the earthly ministry of Christ:**
- Israel is still God's chosen nation in the earth.
- The Law of Moses is still the operating system.
- Gentile salvation was still available only through Israel.
- The goal is still the establishment of the earthly Kingdom promised and prophesied in Scripture.

What About the Gospels?



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- John the Baptist, Jesus Christ, and the 12 Apostles were all preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom.
 - Mark 1:14-15
 - Matthew 4:23—“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”
 - Matthew 9:35
 - Matthew 10:5-8
 - Matthew 24:14
- The purpose of the Gospel of the Kingdom was for identify the Believing Remnant within the Apostate Nation, i.e., forming the Little Flock.
 - Matthew 21:43
 - Luke 12:31-32
 - Matthew 19:28—gathering the governmental structure of the kingdom through the GOK.

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- This identification of the Believing Remnant stress the important of water baptism in the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom.
 - Mark 1:4
 - Luke 7:29-30
- Acts 13:24—John preached a “national baptism” as a means of Nation Repentance.
- John 1:30-34—John’s baptism was the means of identifying Messiah to Israel.
 - Matt. 3:13-17—“fulfill all righteousness”
 - Exodus 19:5-6
 - Exodus 29:1, 4, 7
- John’s baptism was a National Cleansing (Ezek. 36:25-28) so that the Little Flock could function in their role as a Kingdom of Priests (Isa. 61:6, I Pet. 2:9).