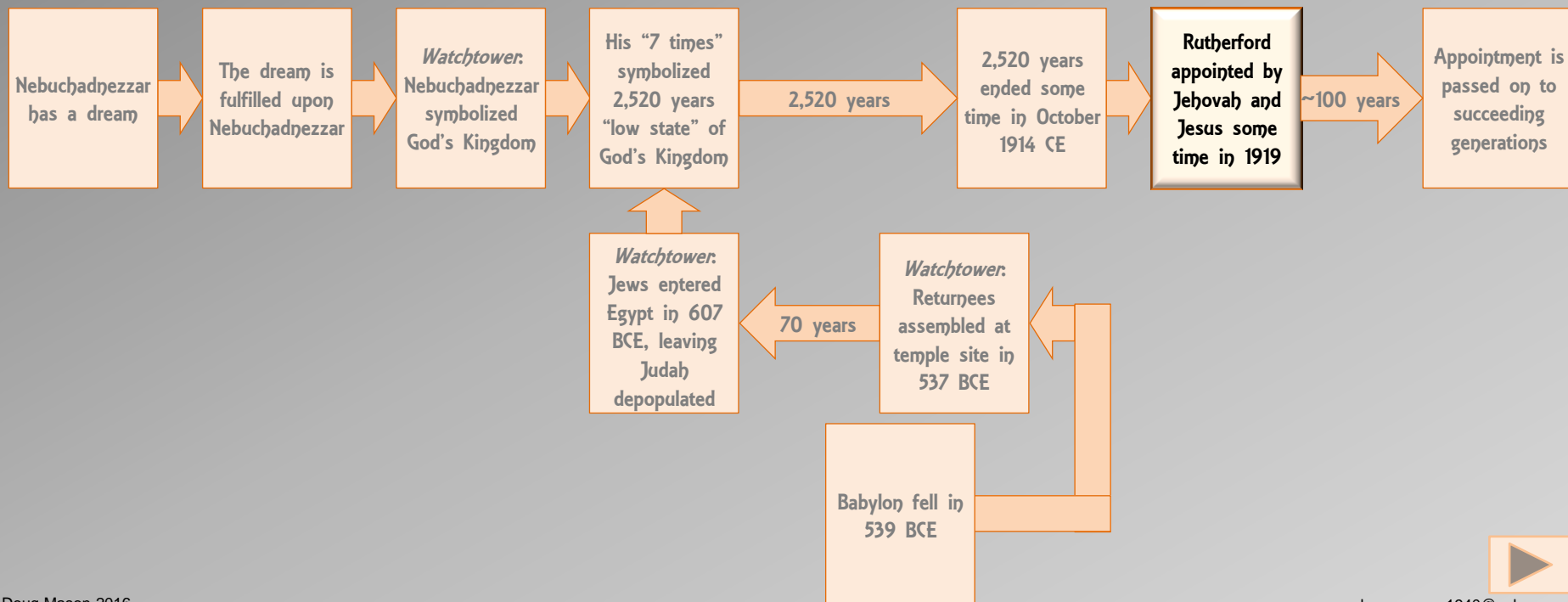


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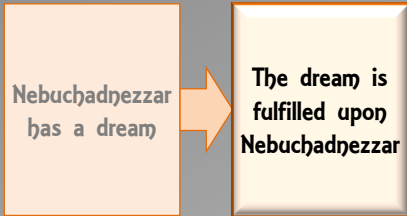
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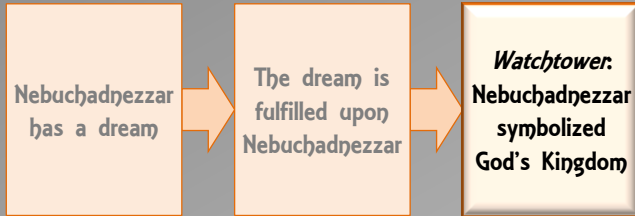
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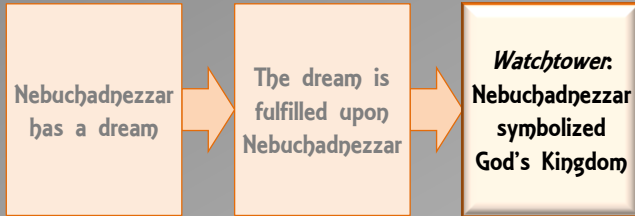
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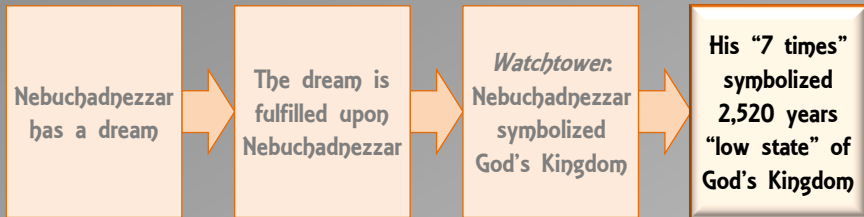


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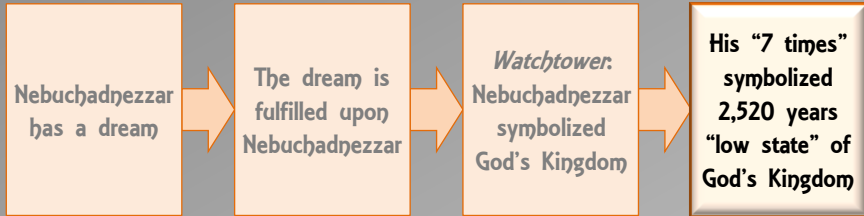


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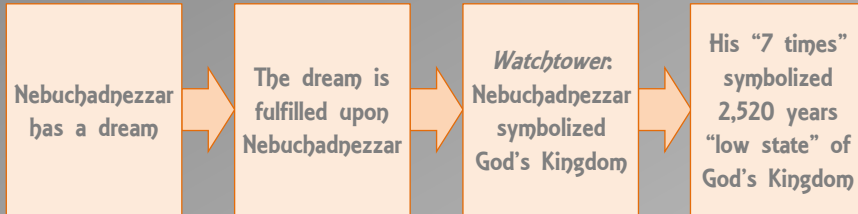


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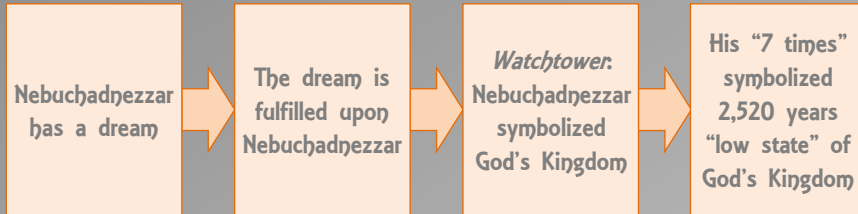
The Watchtower uses Revelation 11 to calculate the length of Nebuchadnezzar's "7 times". It does not use the length of the year in Nebuchadnezzar's time. It therefore does not use the actual length of the fulfilment experienced by Nebuchadnezzar.

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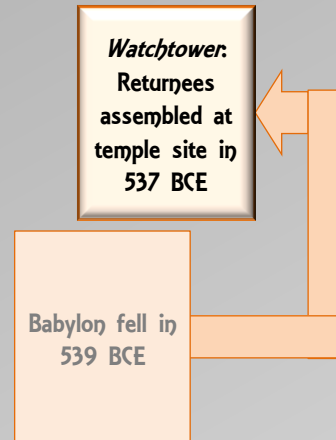
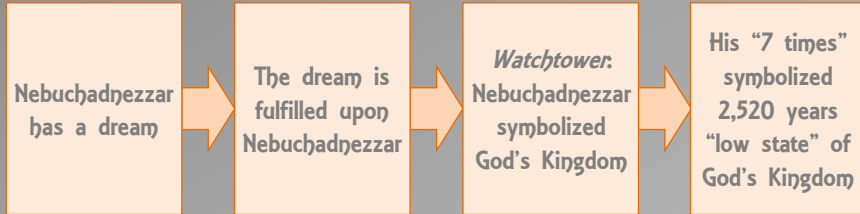
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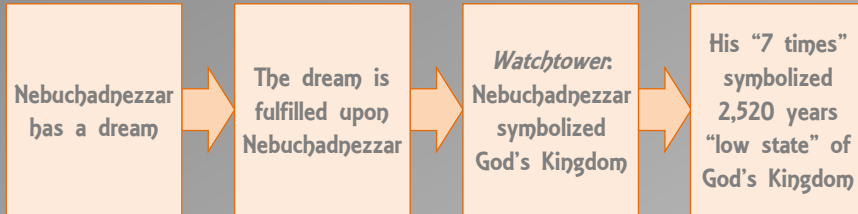
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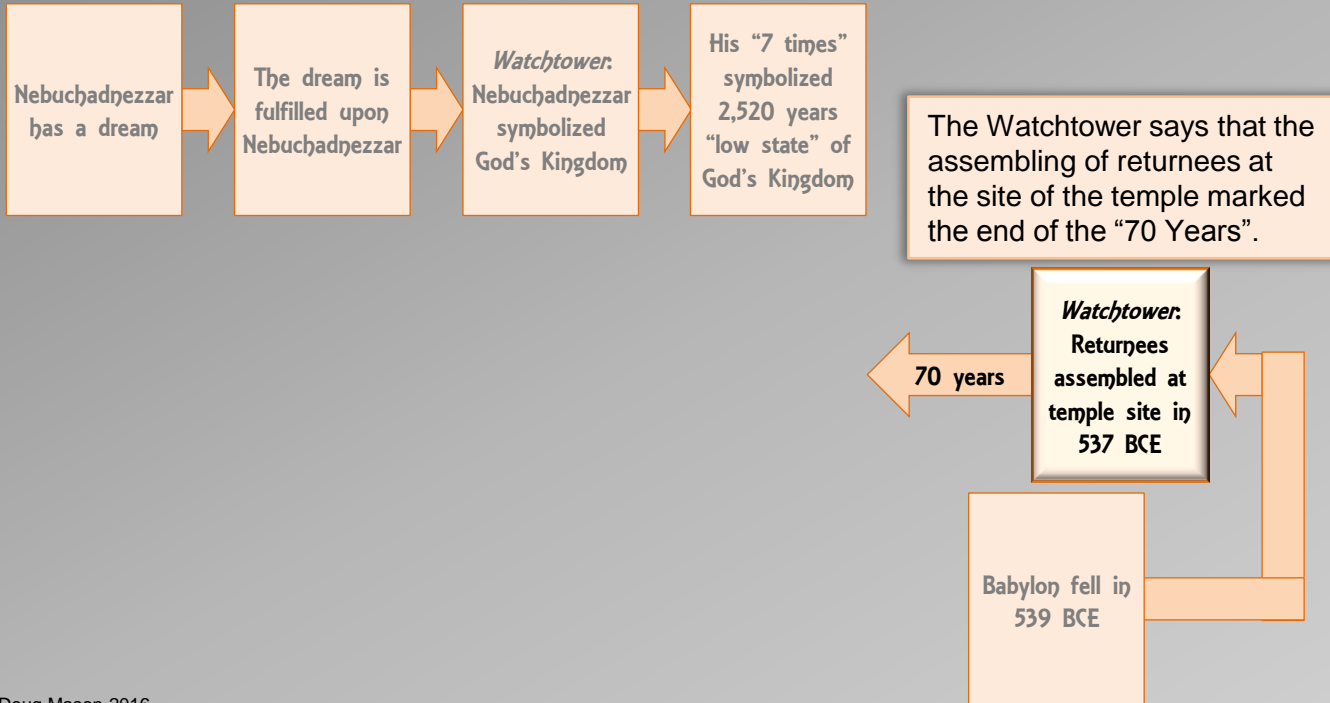


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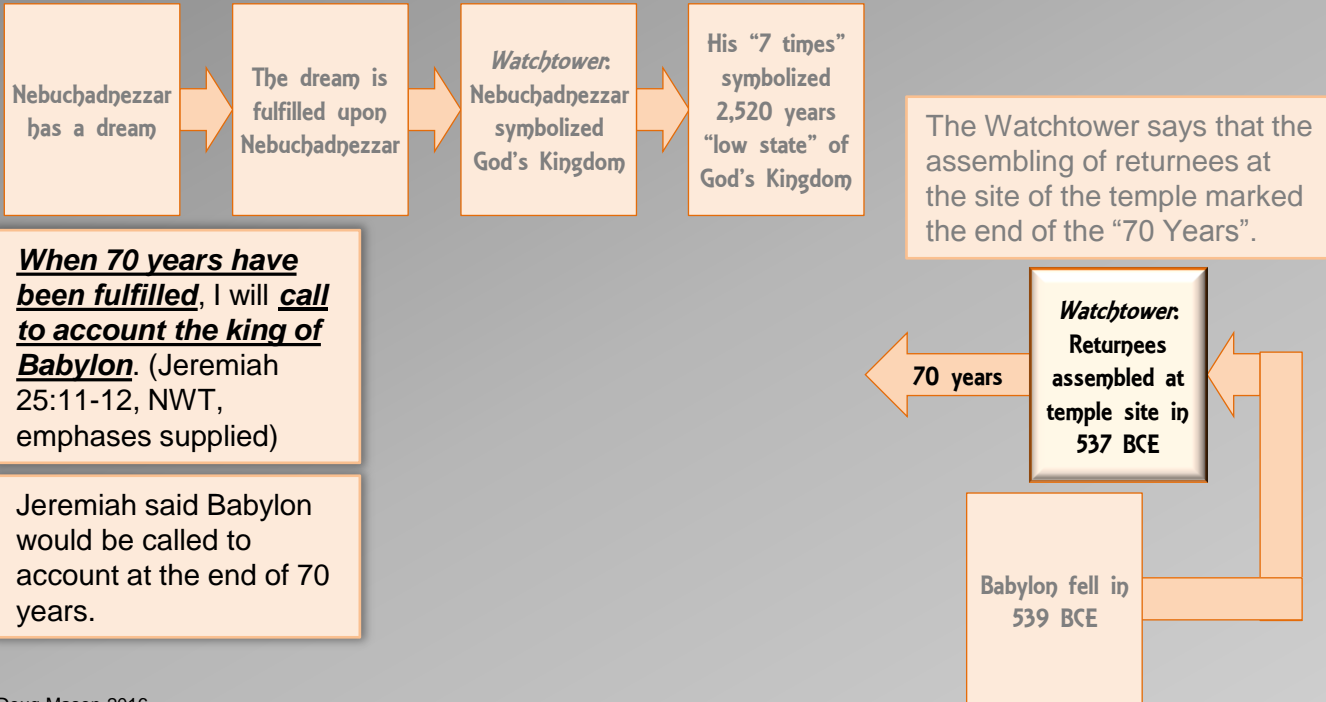
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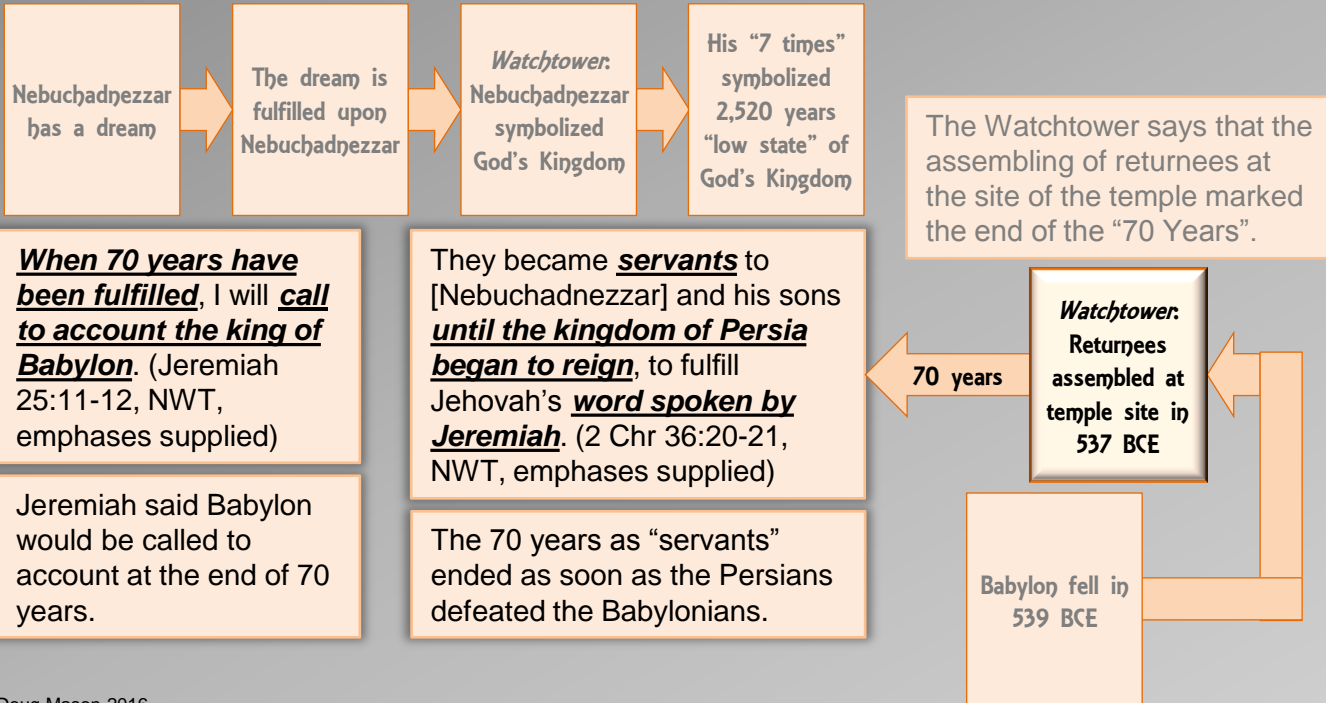
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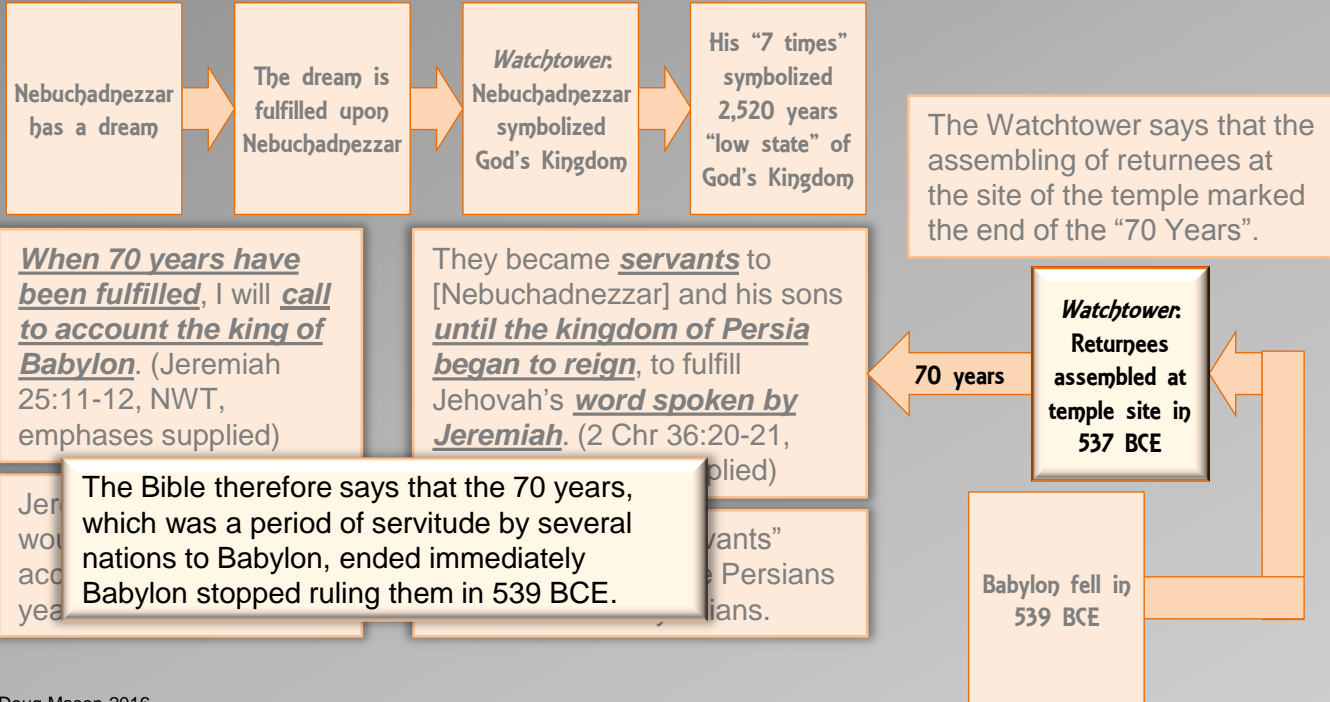
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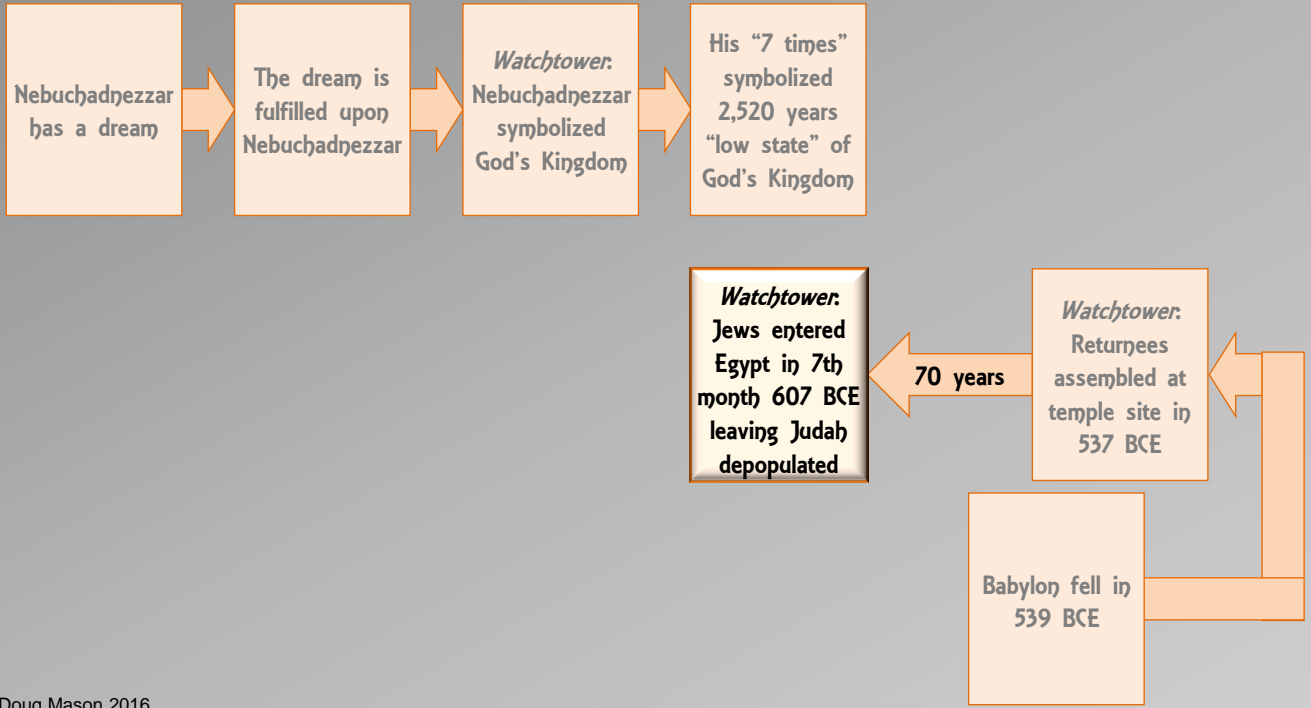
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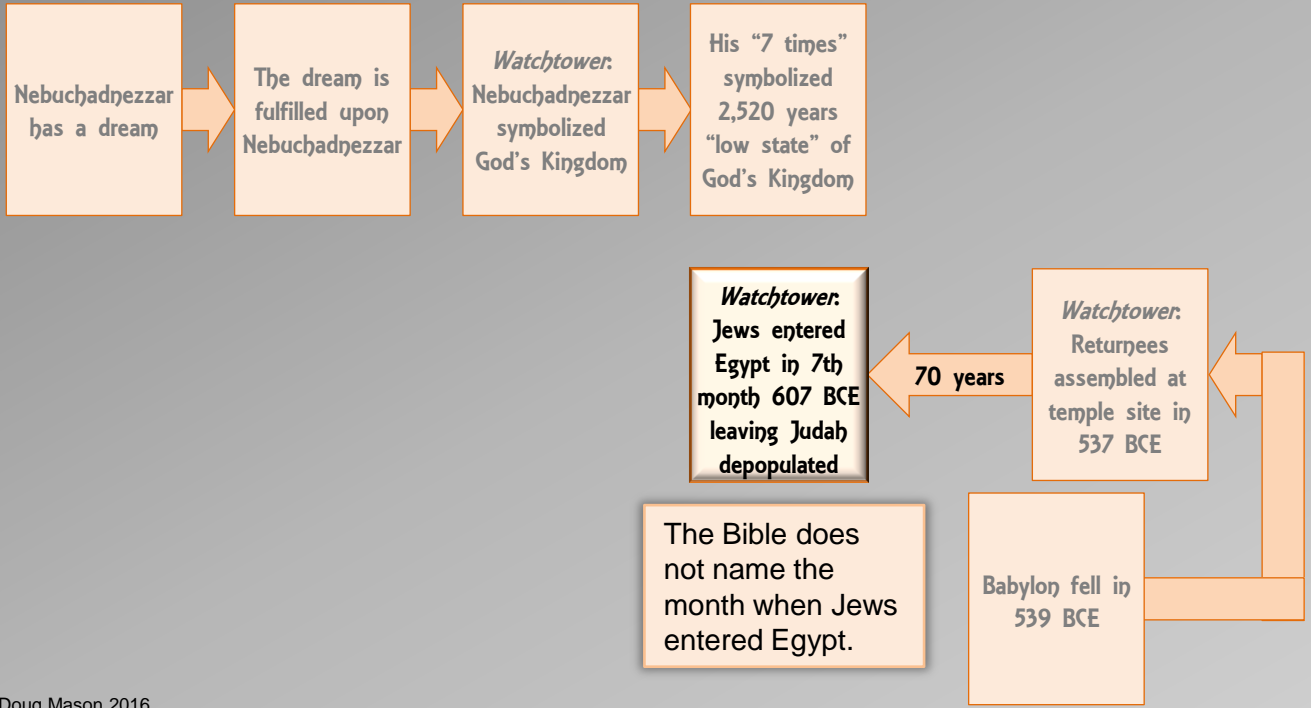
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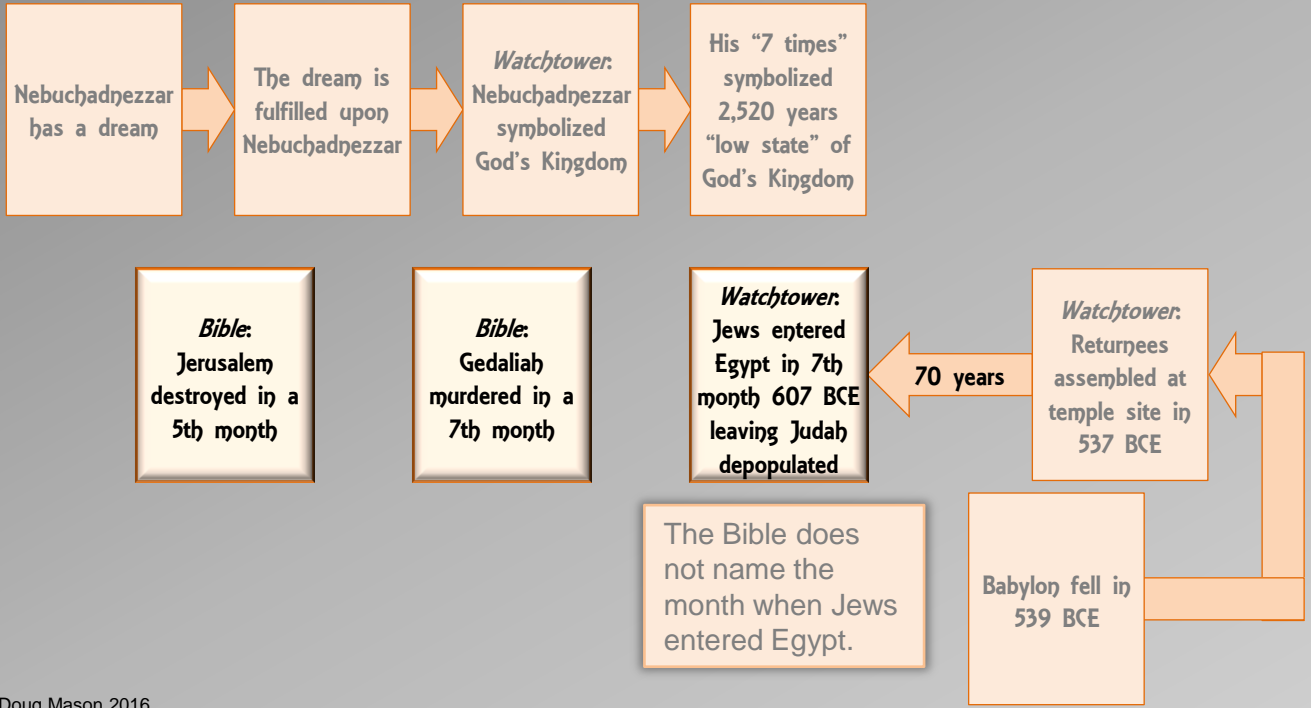
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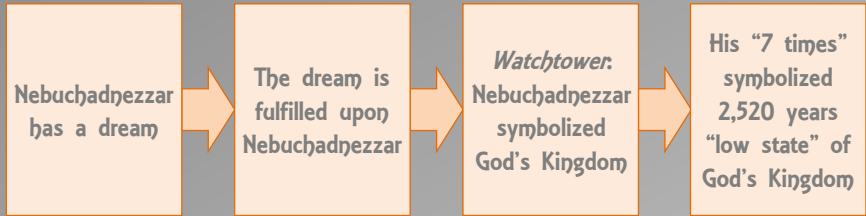
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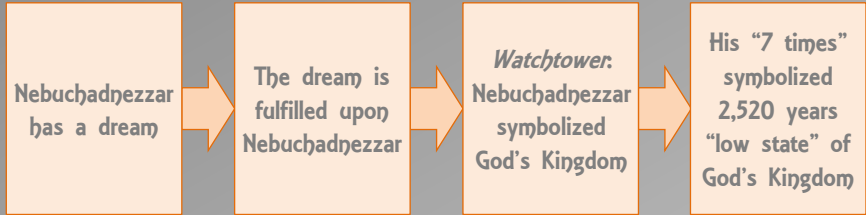
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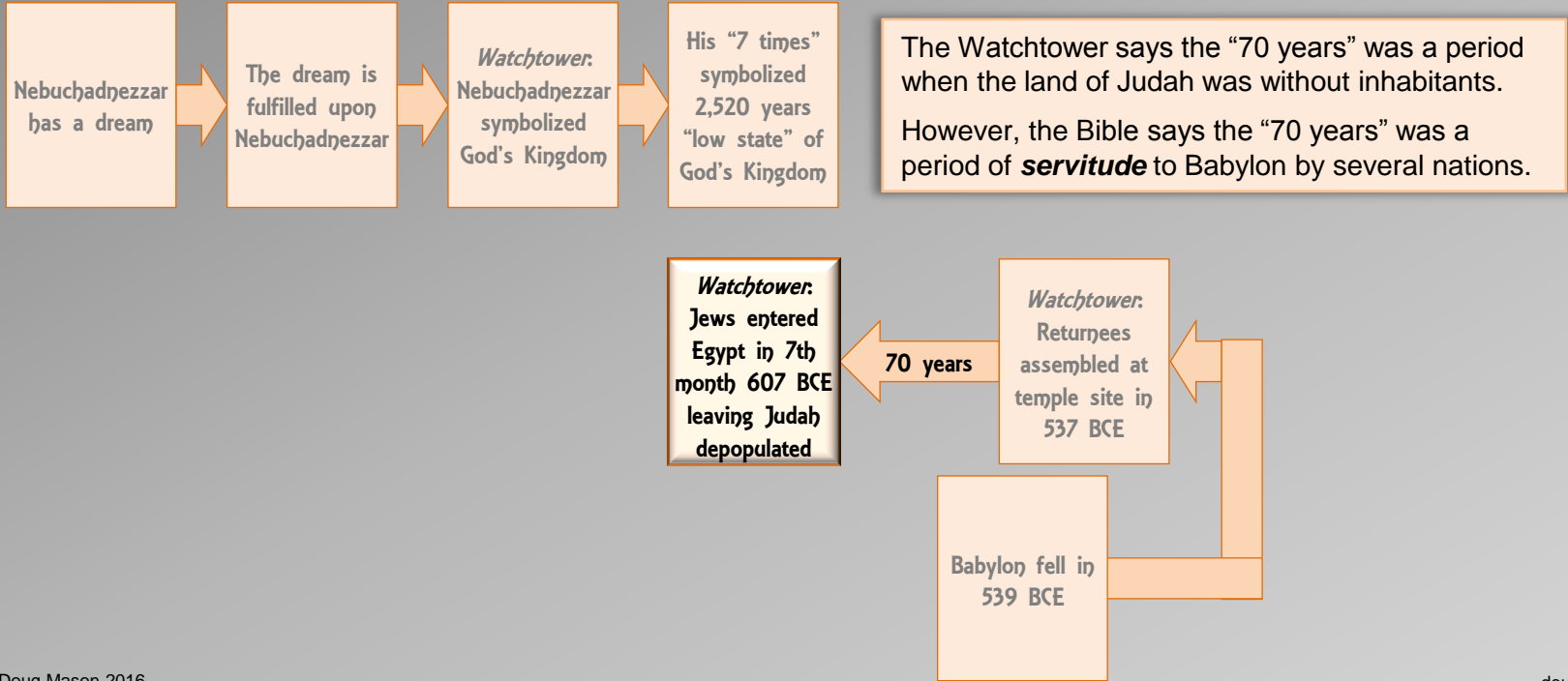
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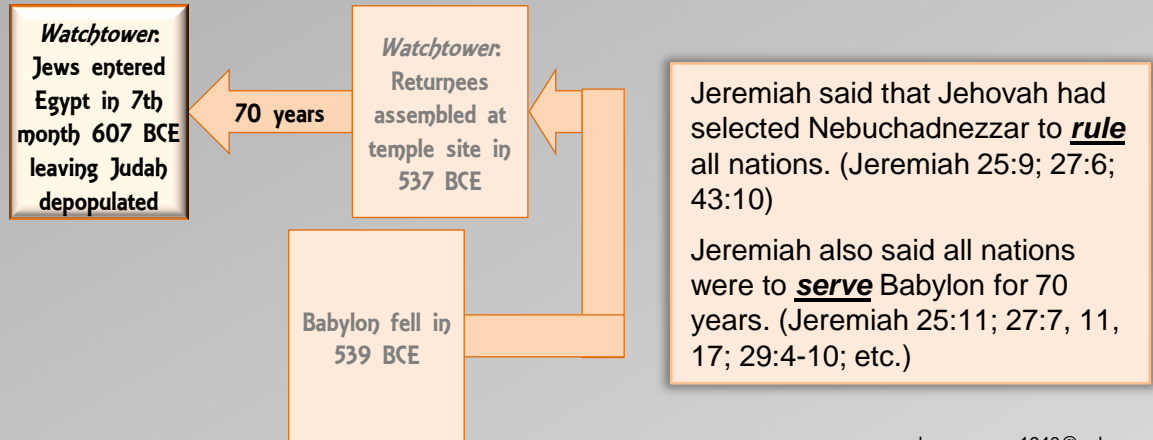
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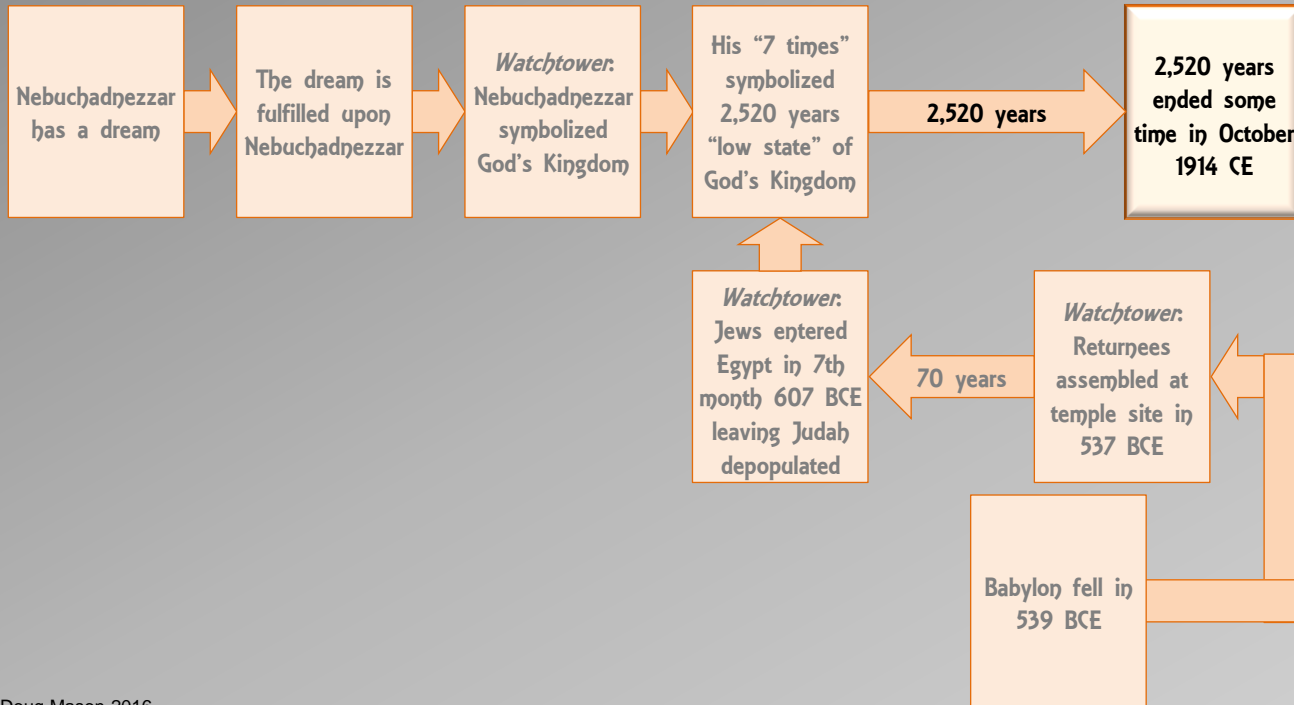
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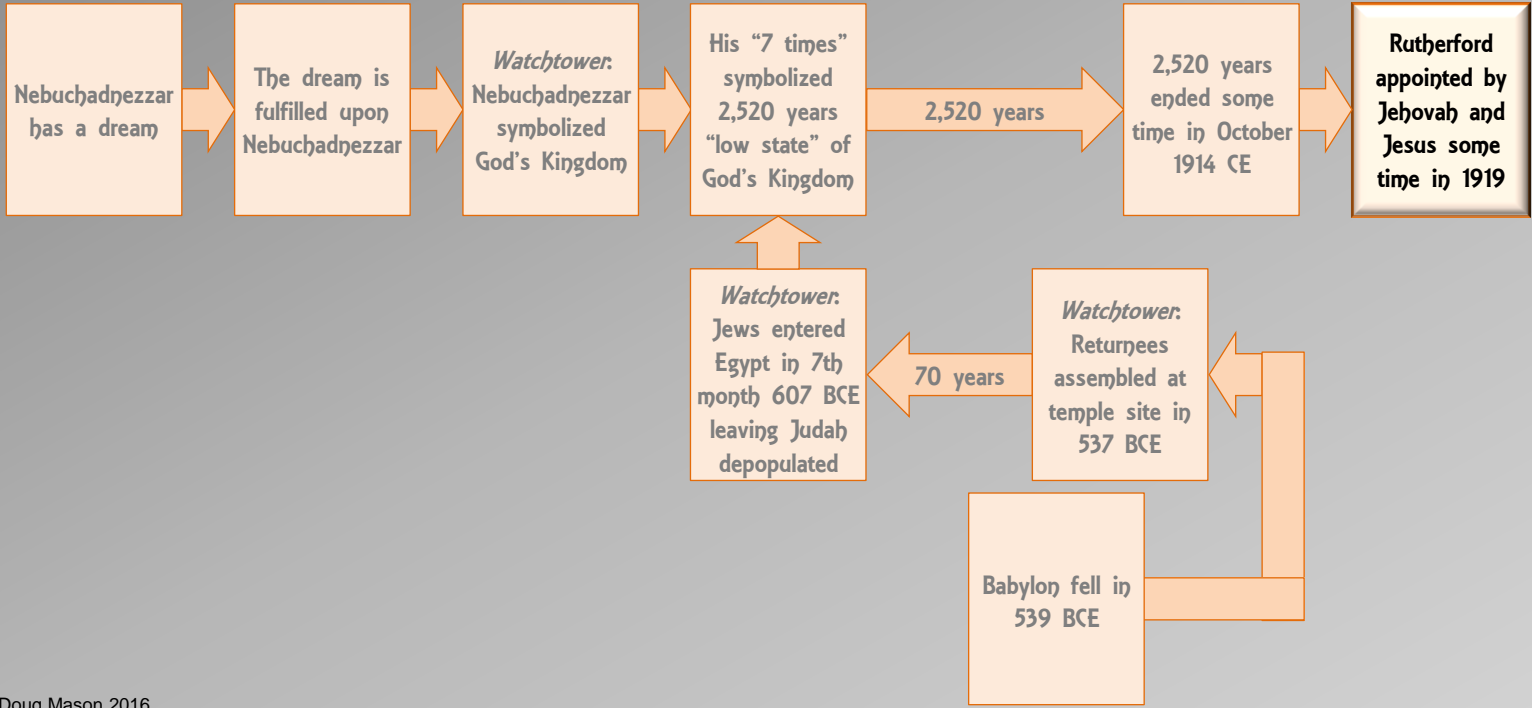
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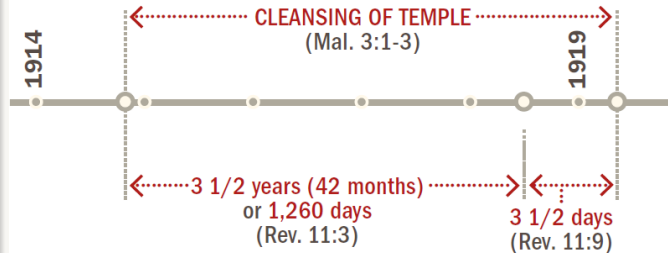
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Not selected for because they taught the truth

After being enthroned in 1914, Jesus came with his Father to inspect the spiritual temple—the arrangement for pure worship. As a result of that inspection, the King saw that anointed Christians, “the sons of Levi,” needed some refining and cleansing. (Mal. 3:1-3)

From 1914 to early 1919, the Refiner, Jehovah, allowed his people to go through various trials and hardships that served to refine and cleanse them. ...

Was that the end of the refining and cleansing for God’s people? No. ... They needed some further cleansing spiritually.

(“God’s Kingdom Rules!” 2014, pages 100)

The process of refining and cleansing would continue, and ... the testing and sifting has continued to our day. ... From 1919 to the present a veritable flood of newly understood truths has flowed. ...

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1919 is a memorial to Joseph Rutherford

"1919" is about the man, Joseph Franklin Rutherford, not about what was being taught at the time.

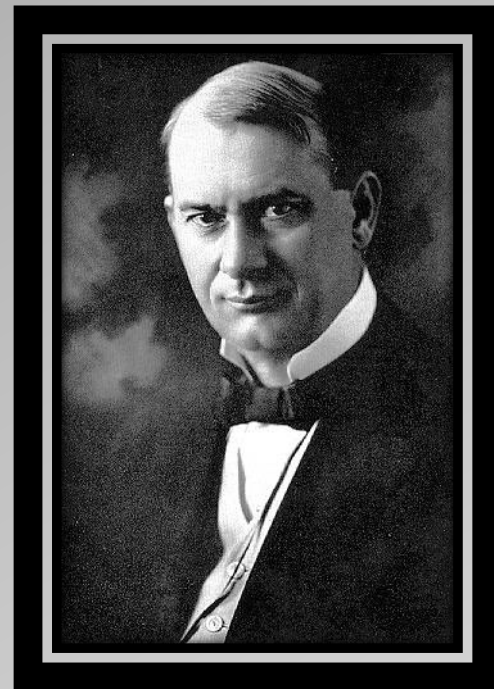
Following Russell's death in 1916, Rutherford forcibly took control of the organization away from Russell's nominated heirs.

In the following decades, Rutherford totally changed the organization and its teachings, setting in place the Society's present operation and direction. Rutherford dropped virtually everything that Russell believed and he introduced ideas that Russell had never imagined.

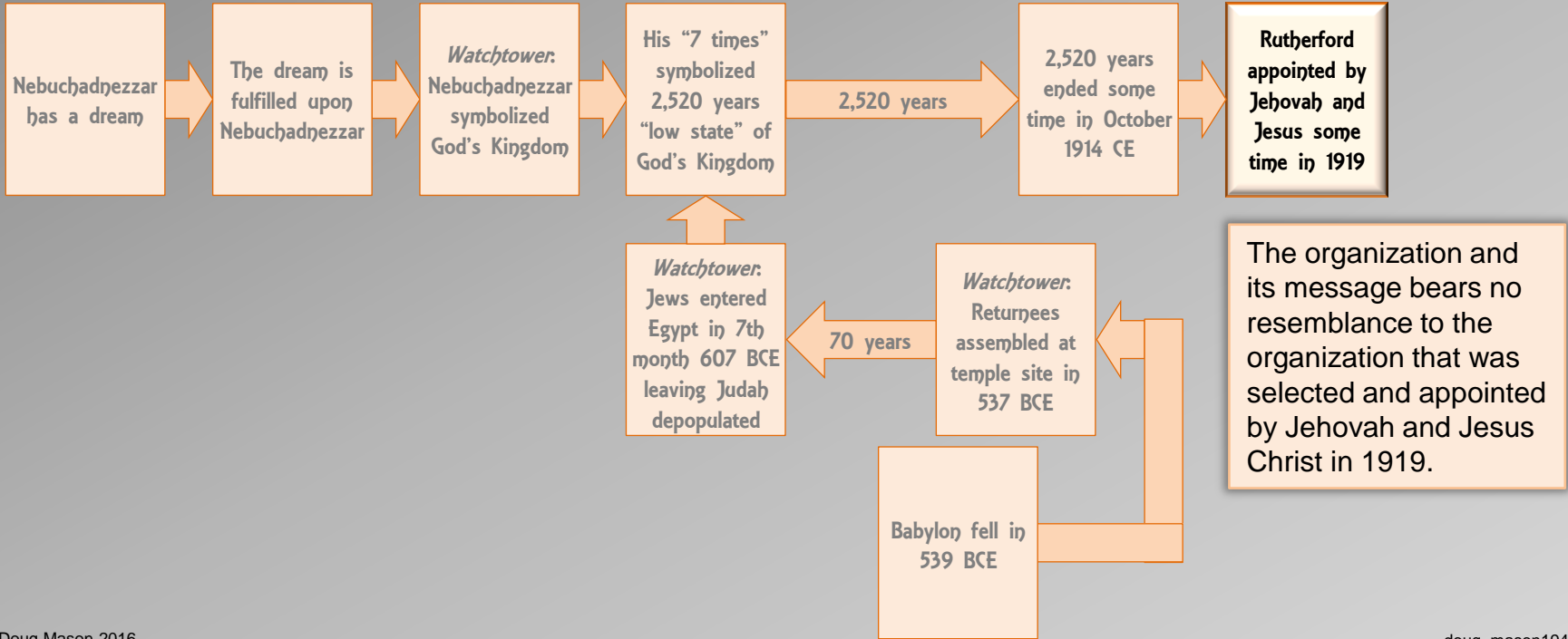
There is little wonder that the present organisation sees Rutherford as the one whom Jehovah and Jesus appointed, even if they are unable to locate in Scripture or in the Society's records when, where, or how this appointment took place.

The Watchtower Society is decidedly vague over this foundational event other than to say it happened.

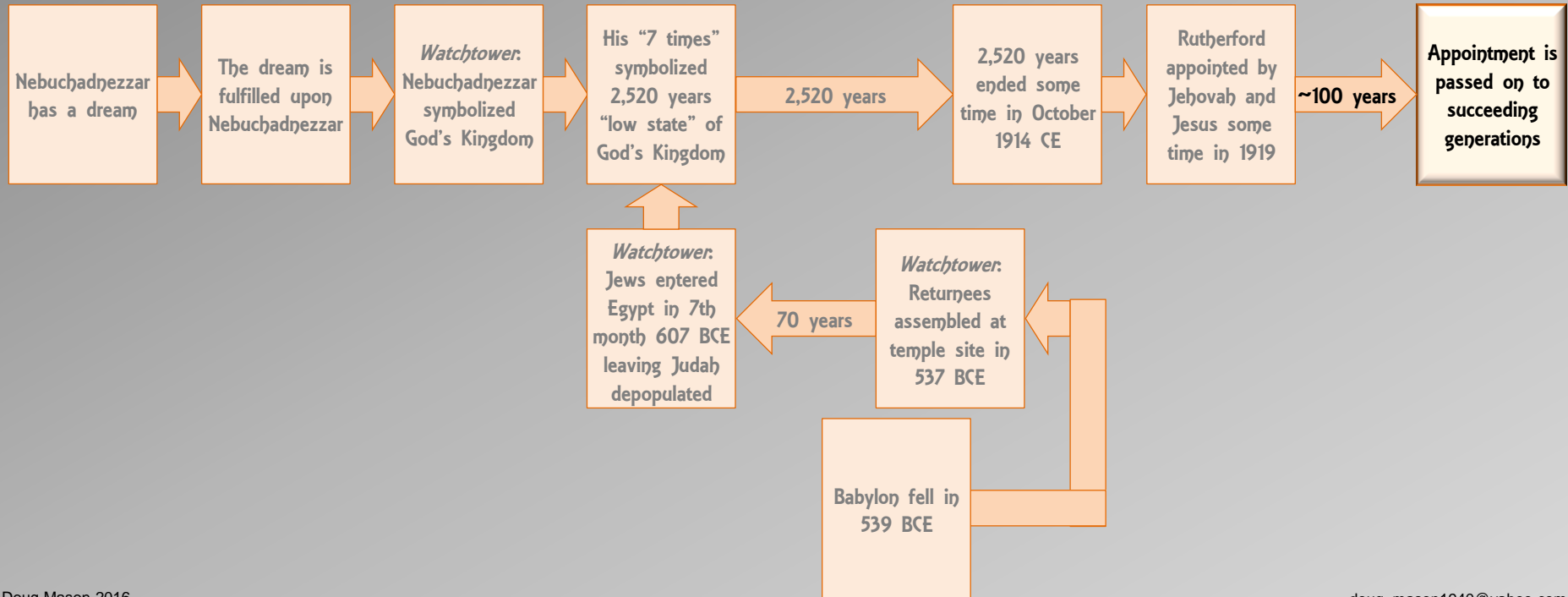
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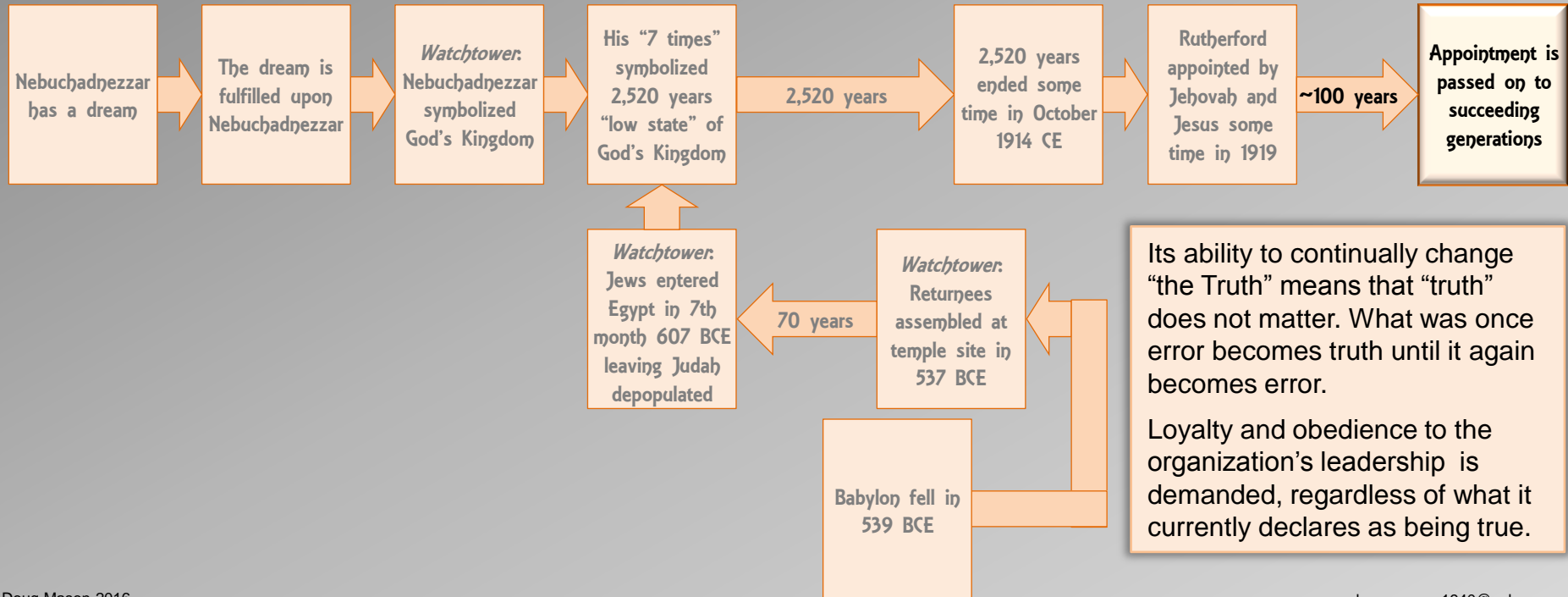
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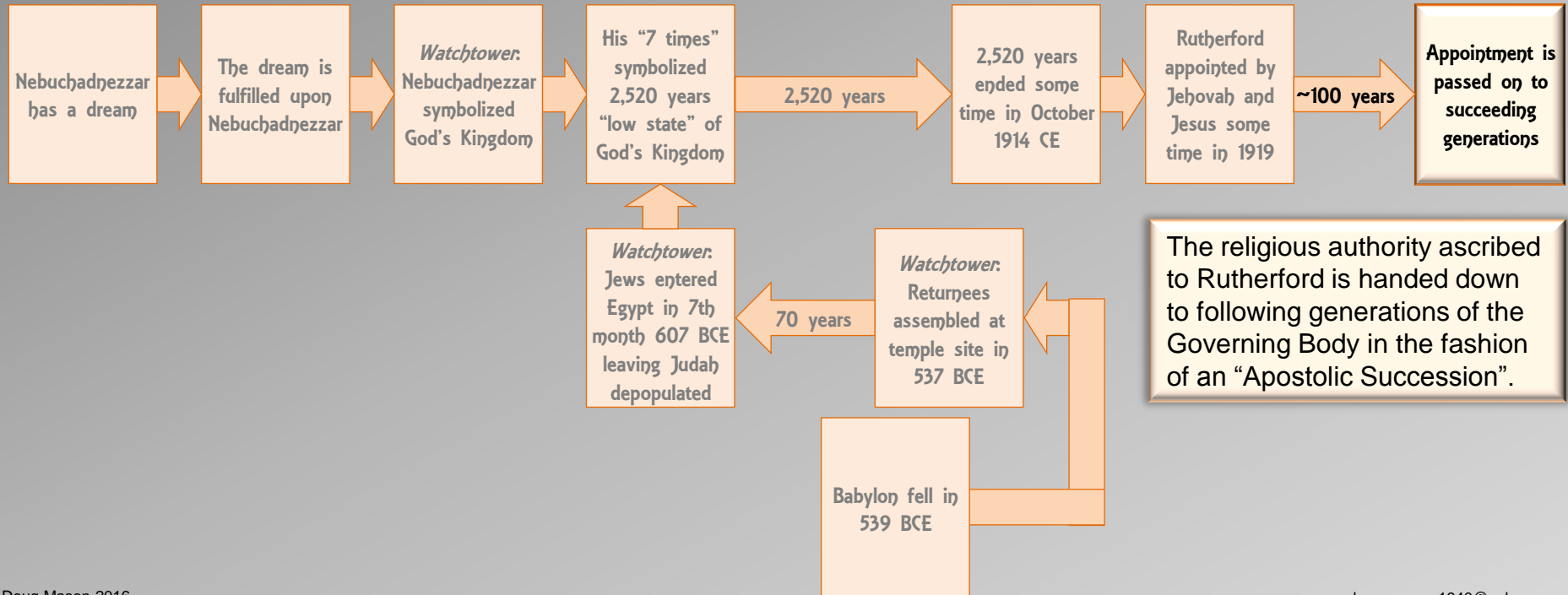
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