



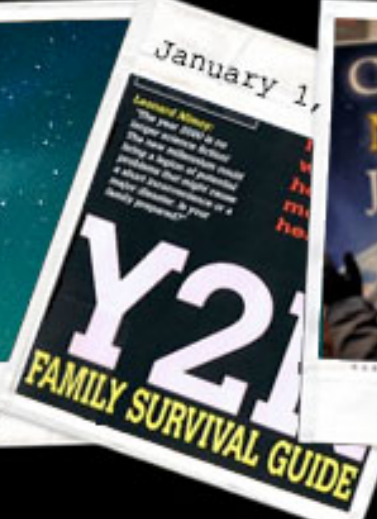
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# APOCALYPSE NOW?

INTERPRETING BIBLICAL PROPHECY

# One in Seven (14%) Global Citizens Believe End of the World is Coming in Their Lifetime

*One in Ten Believe Mayan Prophecy is True (10%), Fear World Will End in 2012 (8%)*

*Tuesday, May 01, 2012*

**New York** — One in seven (14%) global citizens agree ‘the world will come to an end during my lifetime,’ according to a new poll by global research company Ipsos on behalf of Reuters News. One in ten (10%) believe ‘the Mayan calendar, which some say ‘ends’ in 2012, marks the end of the world’ and another one in ten (8%) admit they ‘have been experiencing anxiety or fear because the world is

# 2012 Prophecies Sparking Real Fears, Suicide Warnings

**National Geographic News**

November 9, 2009

Survival kits, documentaries, and nearly 200 books presenting the "real" 2012 story are all on sale.

But amid all the hype, some people are developing honest "end times" anxiety that has experts seriously concerned.

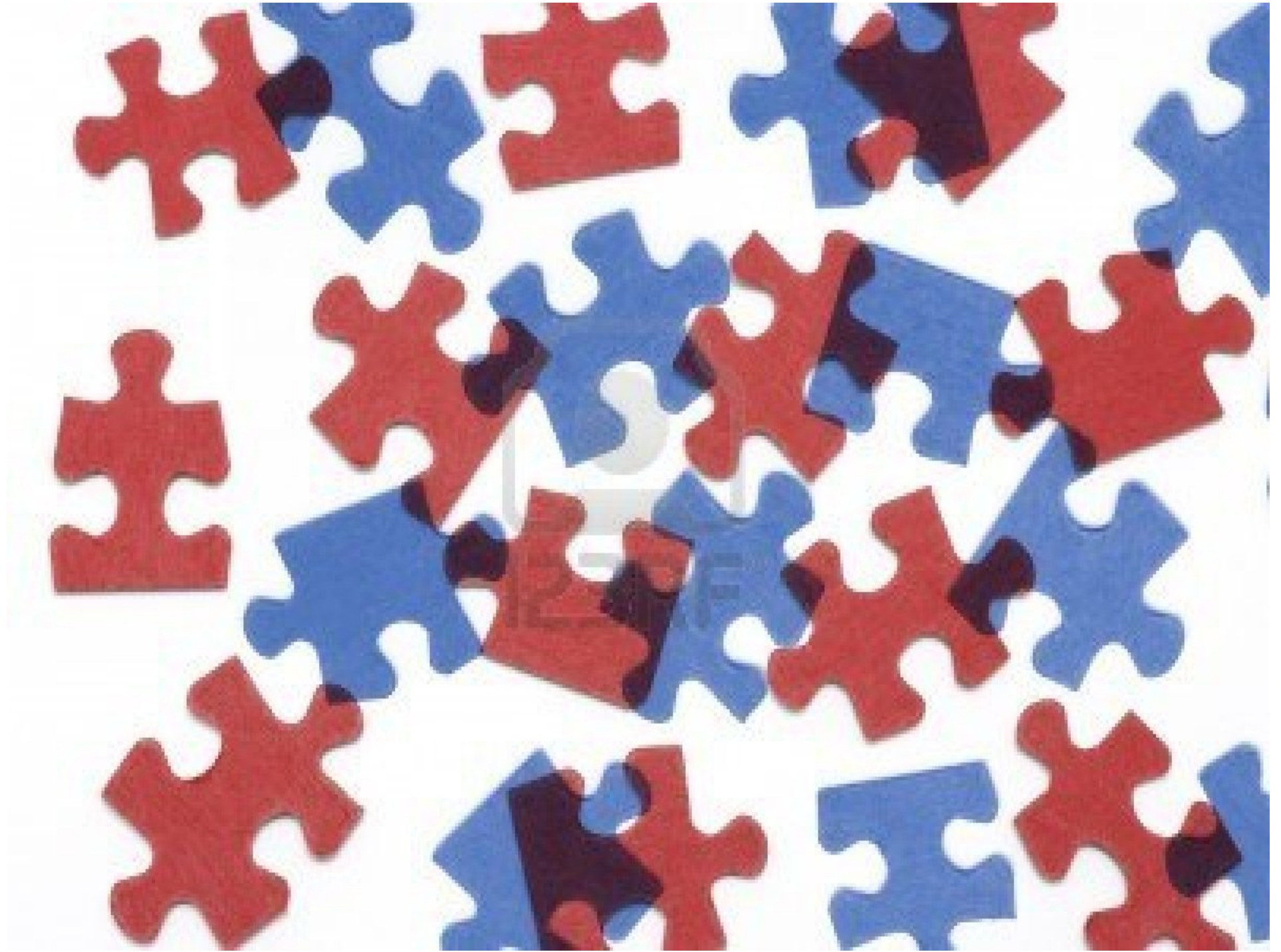
NASA's [Ask an Astrobiologist Web site](#), for example, has received thousands of questions regarding the 2012 doomsday predictions—some of them disturbing, according to David Morrison, a senior scientist with the NASA Astrobiology Institute.

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## **How to Overcome a Fear of 2012**

For some, 2012 means fear. This is thanks to recent, often vivid, interpretations of a centuries earlier Mayan civilization set of beliefs. Some people believe the world will end...







Creation of  
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Isaiah 66:22 “As the **new heavens and the new earth** that I make will endure before me,” declares the Lord, “so will your name and descendants endure.



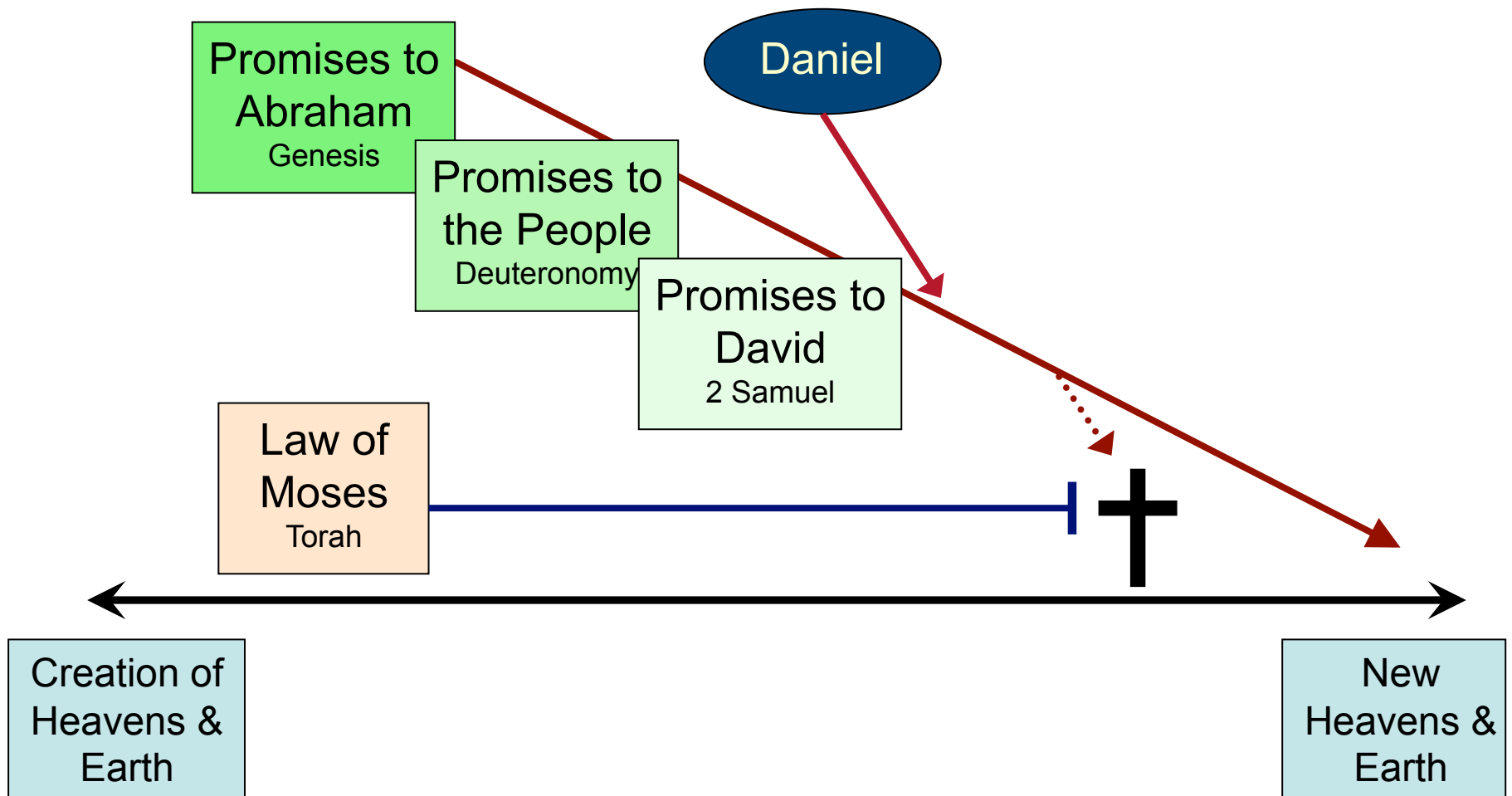
2 Peter 3:13 ...in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a **new heaven** and a **new earth**, where righteousness dwells.

Rev 21:1 Then I saw “a **new heaven** and a **new earth**,” for the first **heaven** and the first **earth** had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.



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# What is the Bible?

*Increasing importance  
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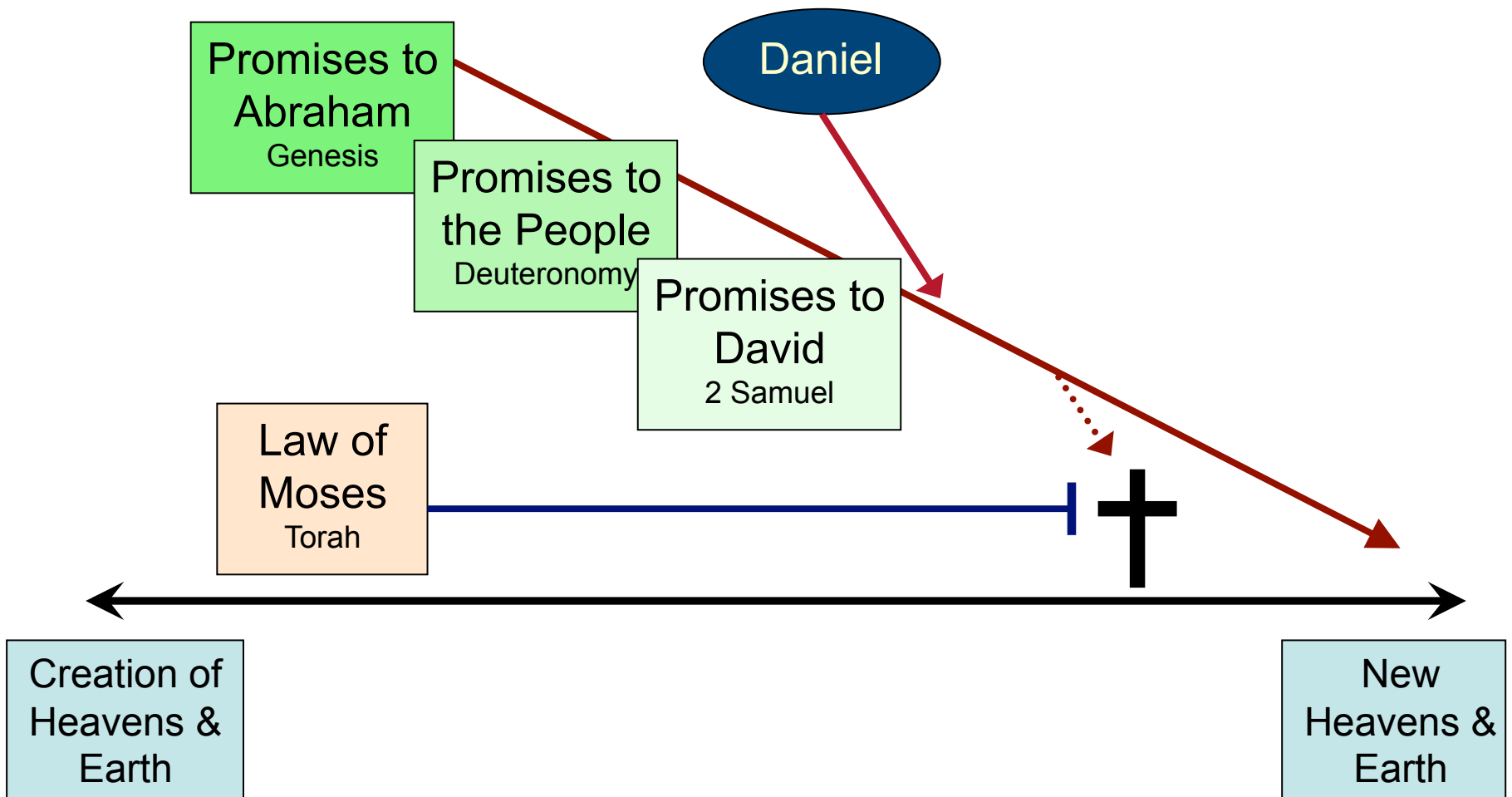
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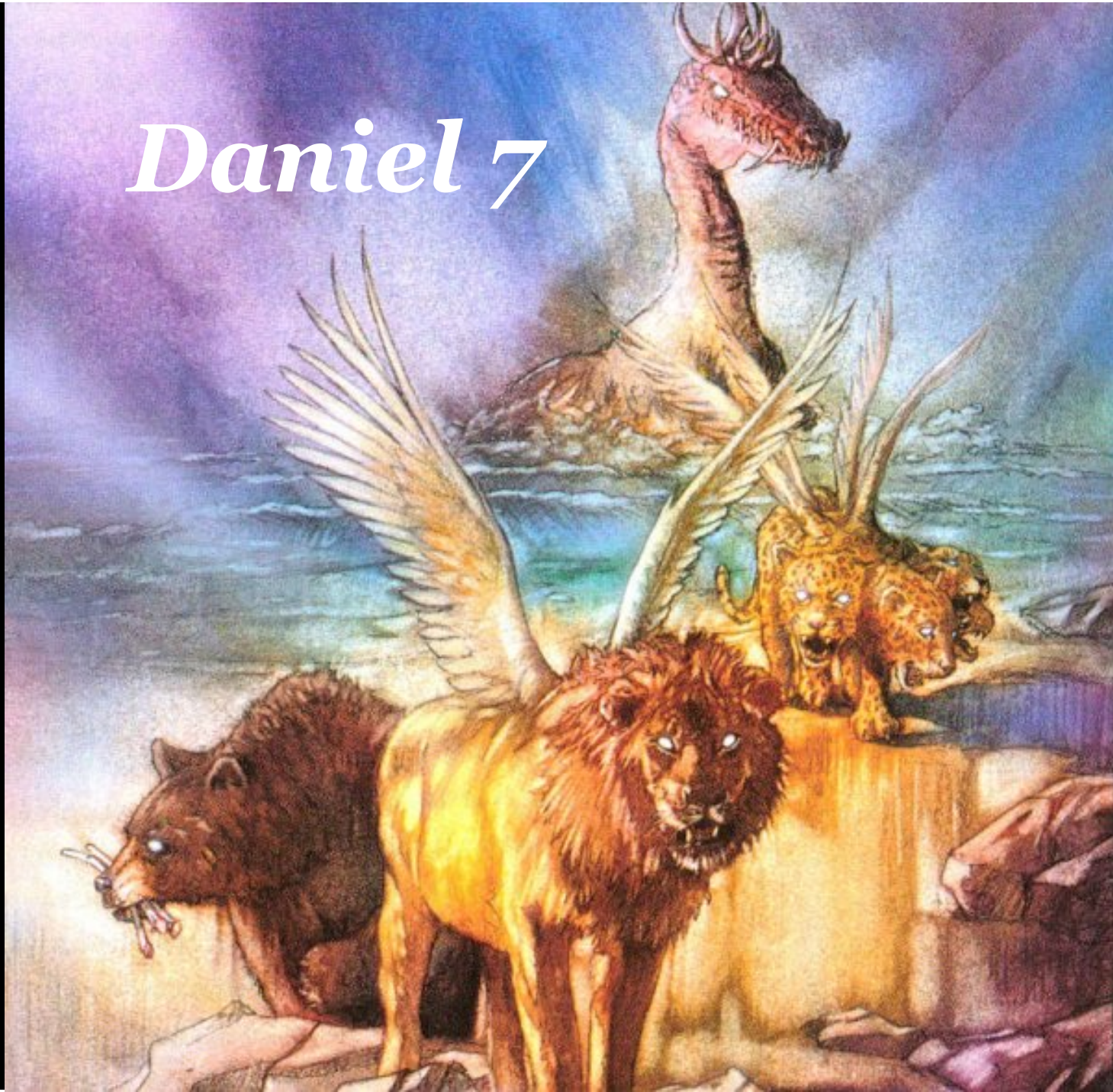


*Romans 7:4-6*

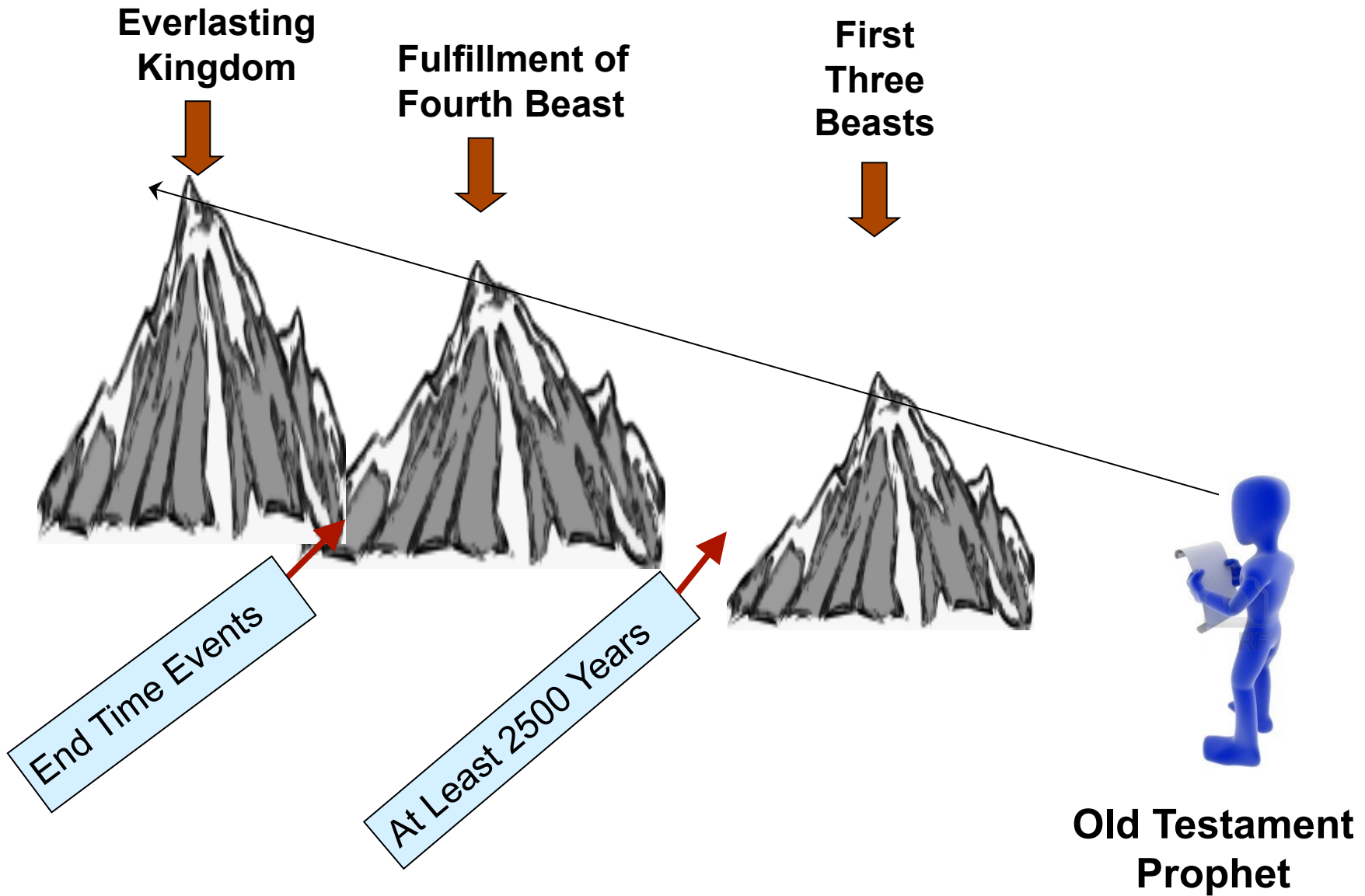
*So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another... now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.*

*Principle #3: Prophecy is often  
used to confirm truth rather  
than reveal it*

# *Daniel 7*



# The "Mountain Peaks" of Prophecy



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## *Ephesians 3:17-21*

*Join together in following my example...[For] many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.*

## *1 John 3:2-3*

*Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.*

