

Be Confident



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Need Confidence?

**BELIEVE IN
YOURSELF.**

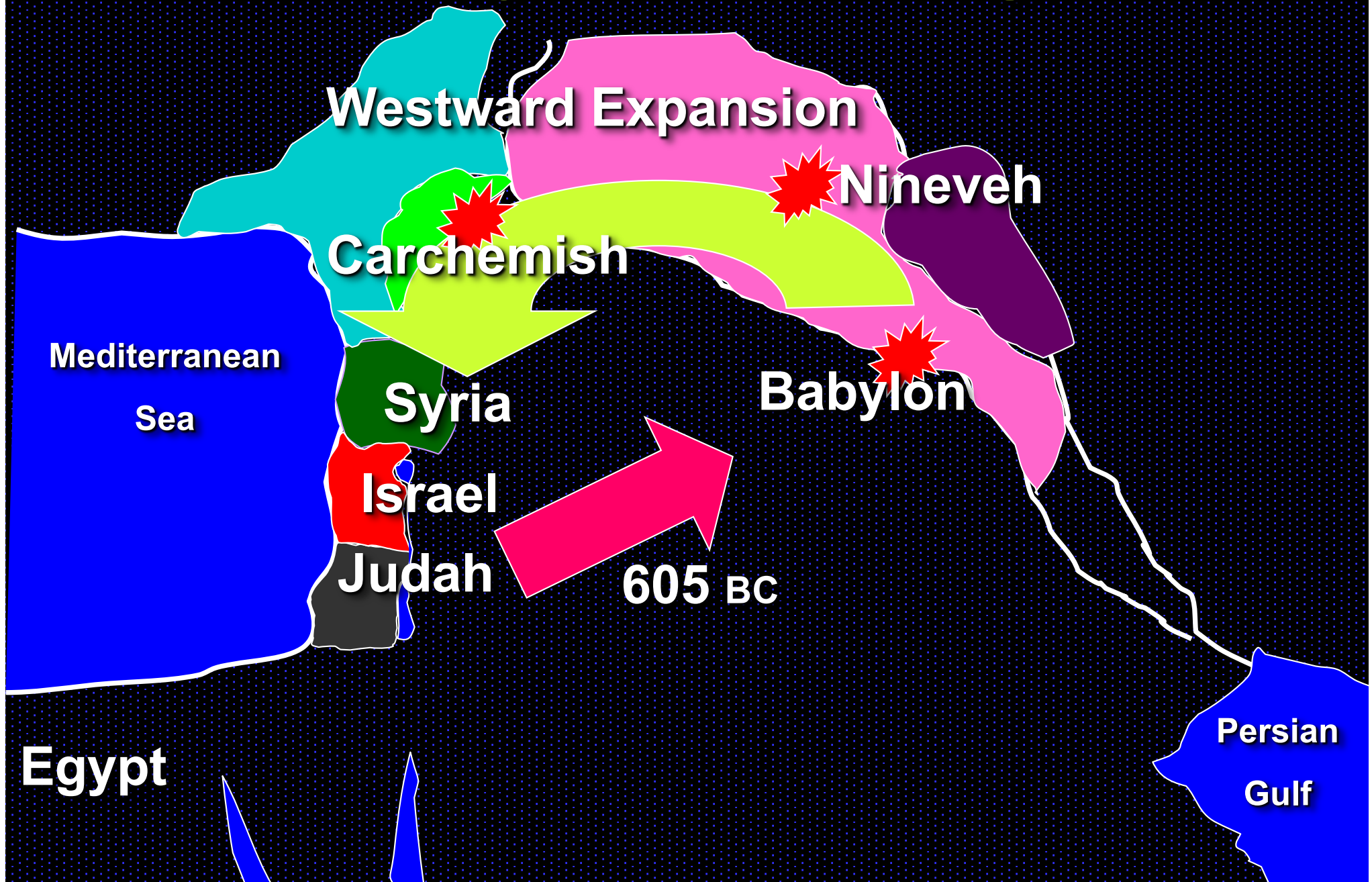
Release that lion in you!?





What do you need to know
to be *truly* **confident**?

The Babylonian Kingdom



The Context

***Was there ever a city
greater than Babylon?***



Jerusalem's Fall

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Key Dates

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Jeremiah

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Daniel

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Ezekiel

Jerusalem's
Fall

Zephaniah

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Habakkuk

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Joel

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Lamentations

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DANIEL = דַּנְיֵאל

(MEANS LITERALLY "EL [GOD] IS MY JUDGE")

KEY WORD: SOVEREIGNTY

KEY VERSE: 2:20-21a

Daniel said, "Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, for wisdom and power belong to Him. ²¹It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings."

Three truths...



What do you need to know
to be *truly* **confident**?

I. God rules over **you** (Dan 1).



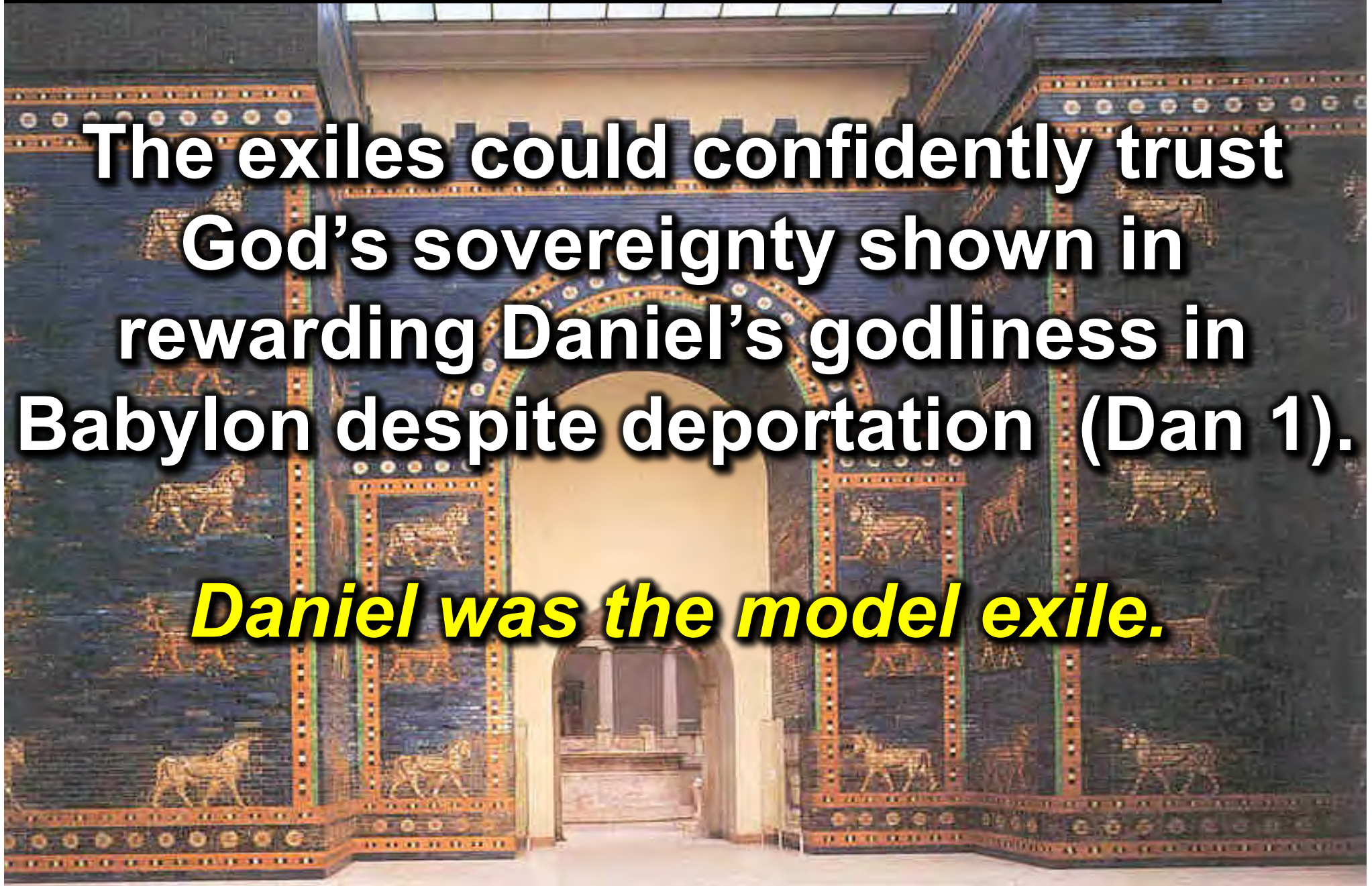
Daniel 1

The Point of Daniel 1

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**The exiles could confidently trust
God's sovereignty shown in
rewarding Daniel's godliness in
Babylon despite deportation (Dan 1).**

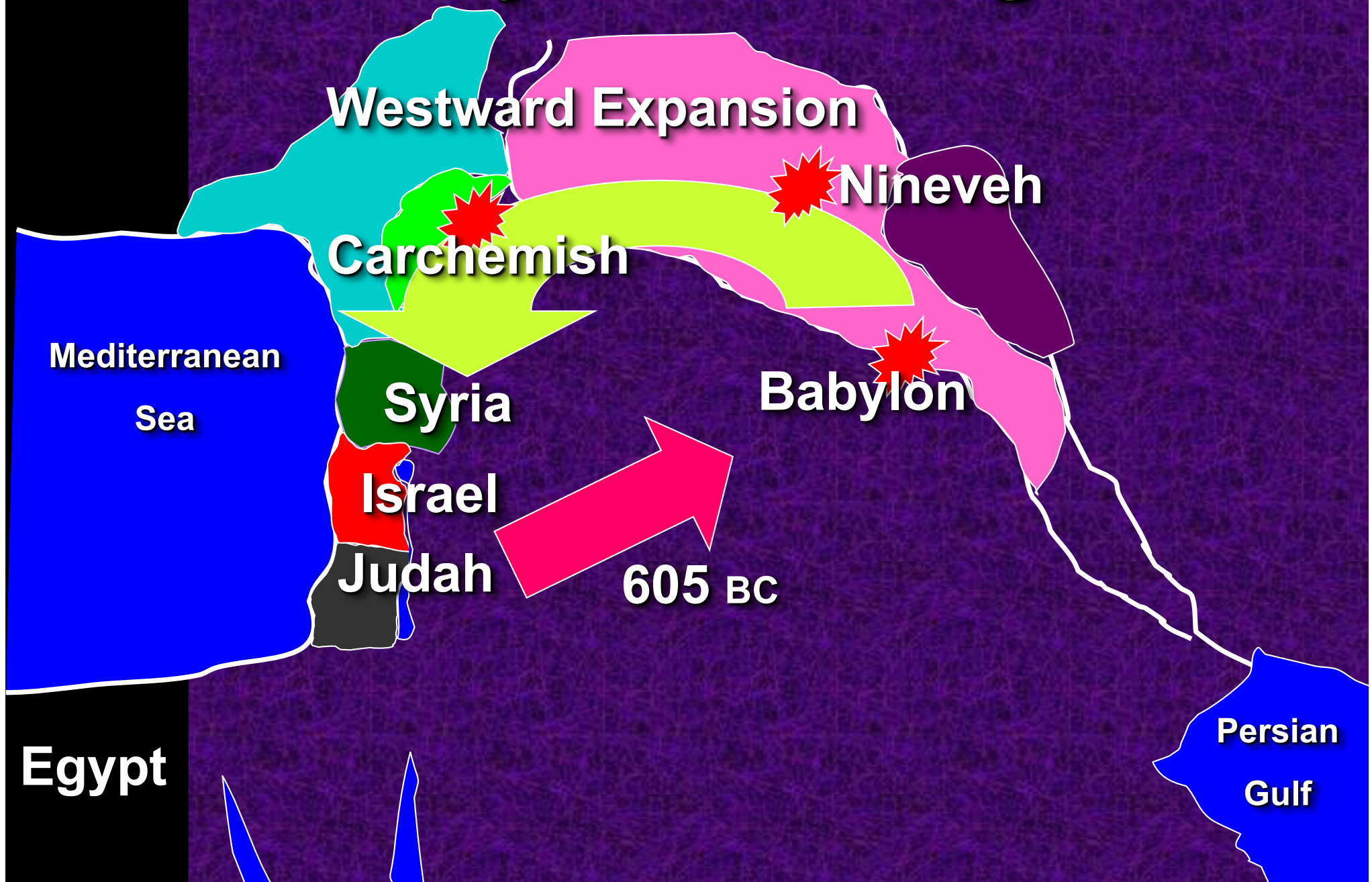
Daniel was the model exile.



UNIVERSAL SOVEREIGNTY IN TIMES OF THE GENTILES

Sovereignty over Daniel			Sovereignty over Gentiles						Sovereignty over Jews		
Chapter 1			Chapters 2–7						Chapters 8–12		
Narrative			Visions in Narrative						Vision		
Hebrew			Aramaic						Hebrew		
Gentile Names for God			Gentile Names for God						Jewish Names for God		
Third person ("Daniel")			Third person ("Daniel")						First person ("I")		
Daniel's Example			Daniel Interprets King's Dreams						Angel Interprets Daniel's Dreams		
The Man Daniel			Images		Kings				Israel's Future		
Exile	Food	Exalted	Varied	Gold	Neb.	Bel.	Dar.	All	Medo-Persia To Greece	Return to Seventy "7s"	Intertest-ament Period to Tribulation
2	3	4	5	6	7						
Promoted	Furnace	Exile	Party	Lions	Beasts						
1:1-7	1:8-16	1:17-21							8	9	10-12
Babylon											
605-536 BC											

The Babylonian Kingdom





**Handsome Men
in M.Div.
Studies at the
University of
Babylon**

Names of Daniel & His Friends

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Hebrew

Babylonian

Daniel

"God [El] is my judge"

Belteshazzar

"Bel, protect his life!"

Hananiah

"The LORD is gracious"

Shadrach

"Command of Aku (moon god)"

Mishael

"Who is what God is?"

Meshach

"Who is what Aku is?"

Azariah

"The LORD helps"
(or "Whom the LORD helps")

Abednego

"Servant of Nego"
(or Nebo, i.e., the god Nabu)

Hard to remember their names?

- Shad's shack

- My shack

- And a bungalow



Daniel says "no" to defiled food





**The King's
Choice
Food?**



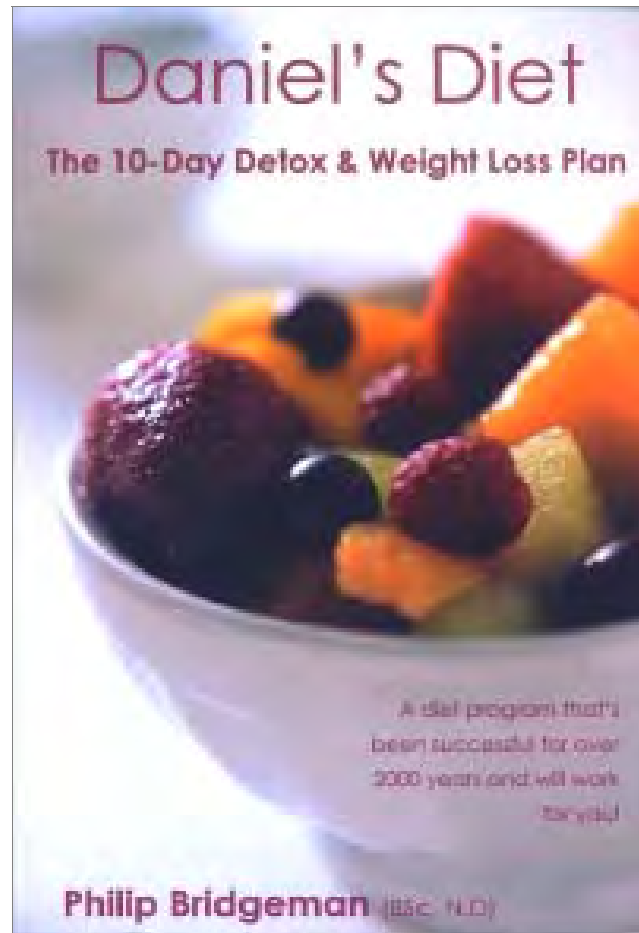
**Add Brussels
sprouts...**

**The King's
Choice
Food?**



**Daniel's Food
of Choice**

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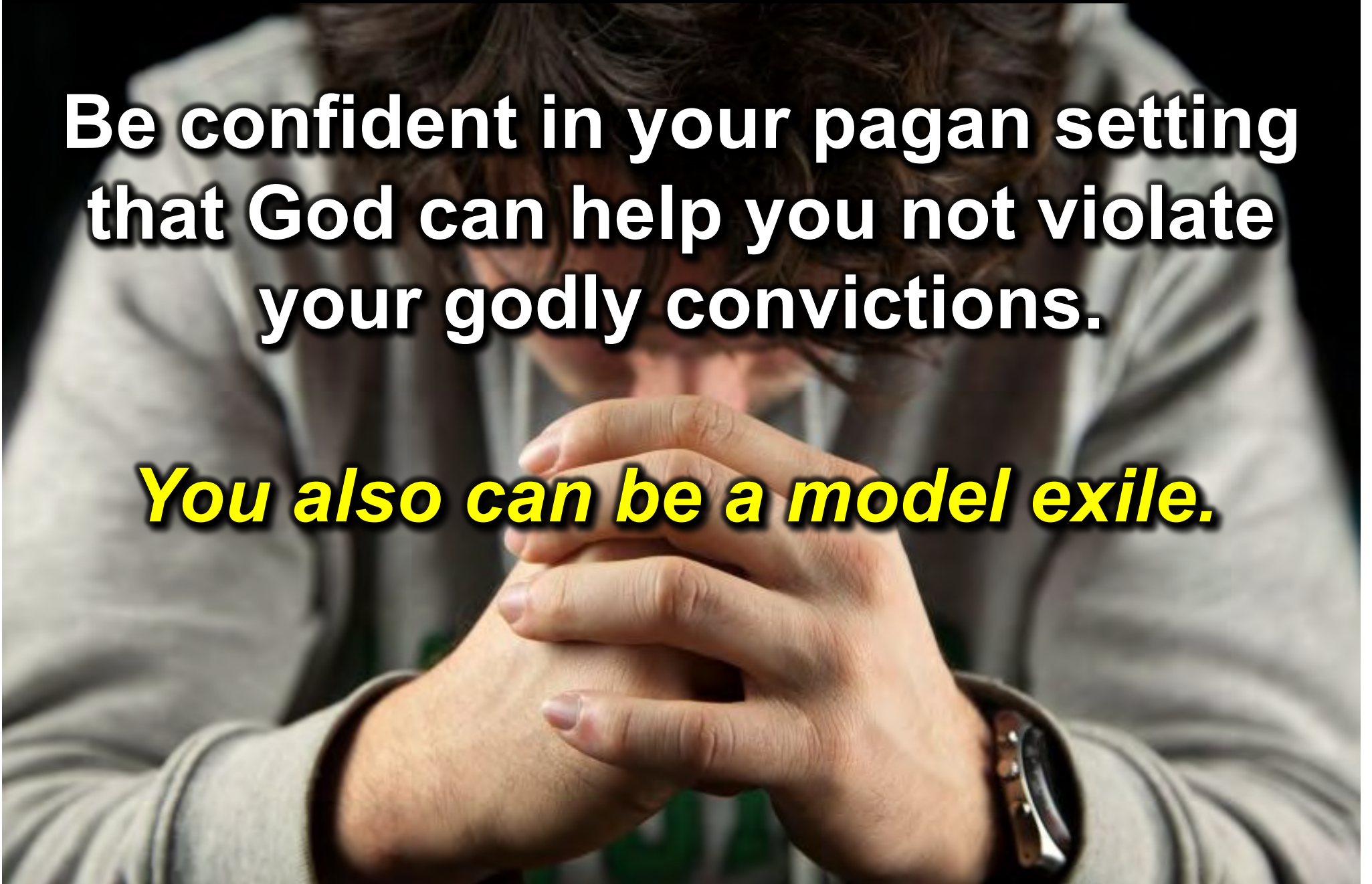
**Are our Christian
teenagers TODAY
doing better or worse
than Daniel at holding
to godly convictions?**



Applying Daniel 1

**Be confident in your pagan setting
that God can help you not violate
your godly convictions.**

You also can be a model exile.





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Daniel 2

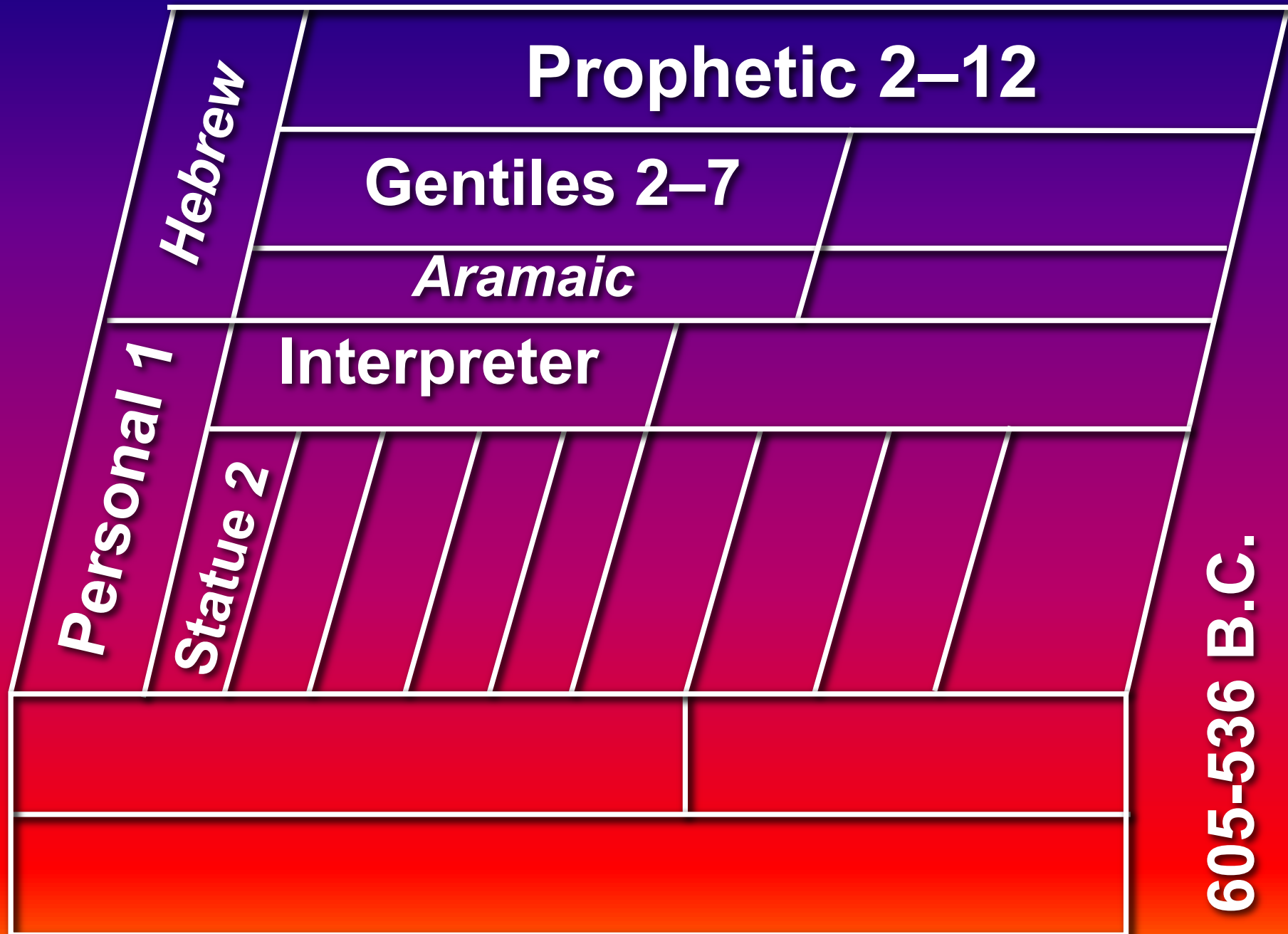
The Point of Daniel 2–7

**The exiles could confidently trust
God's sovereignty over the nations
seen in Daniel's devotion and
prophecy of "the times of the
Gentiles" (Dan 2–7).**

***Daniel saw world history
—in advance!***

Daniel

Chapter 2





Dreaming of an Image

Daniel's Reputation

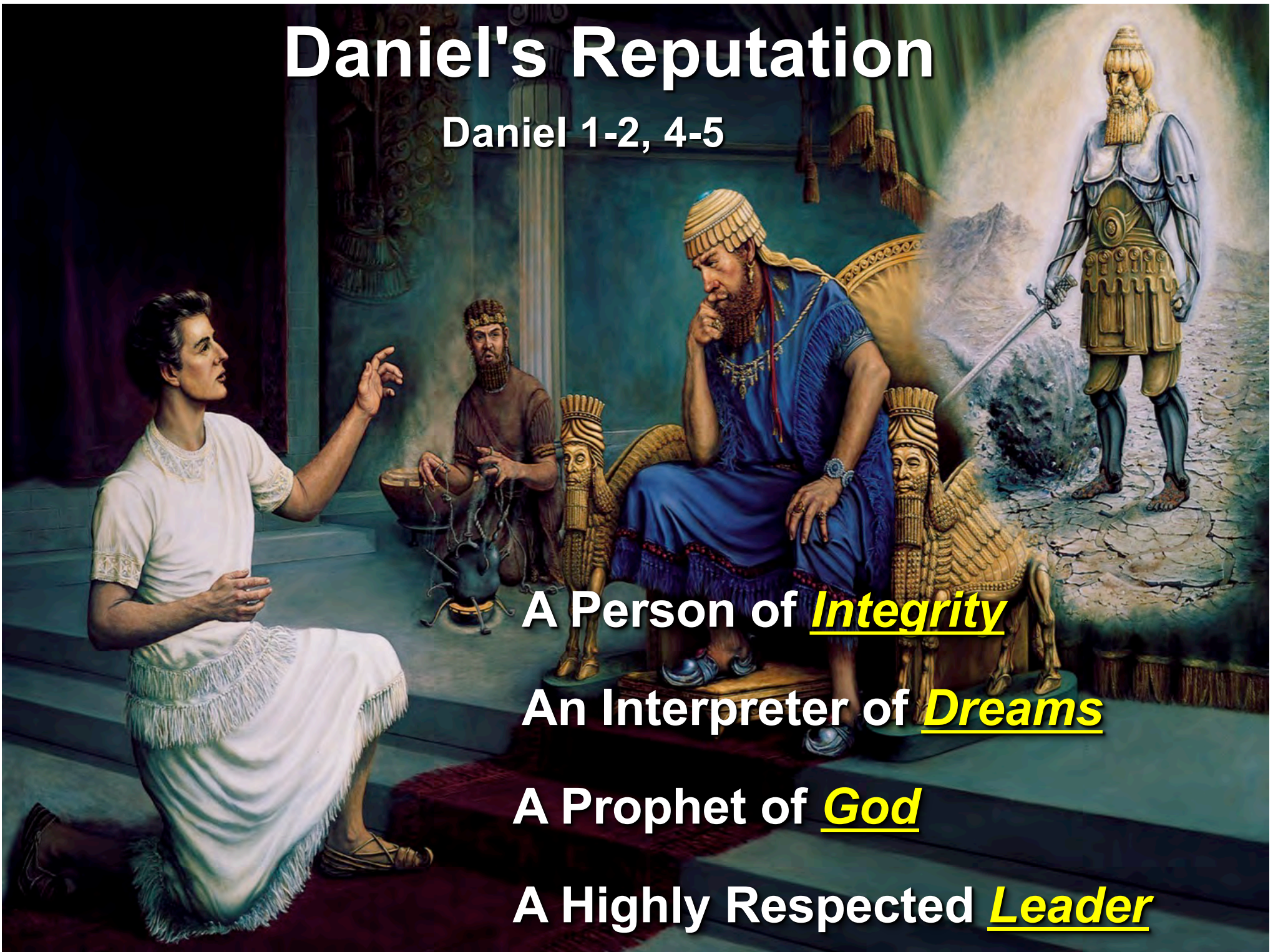
Daniel 1-2, 4-5

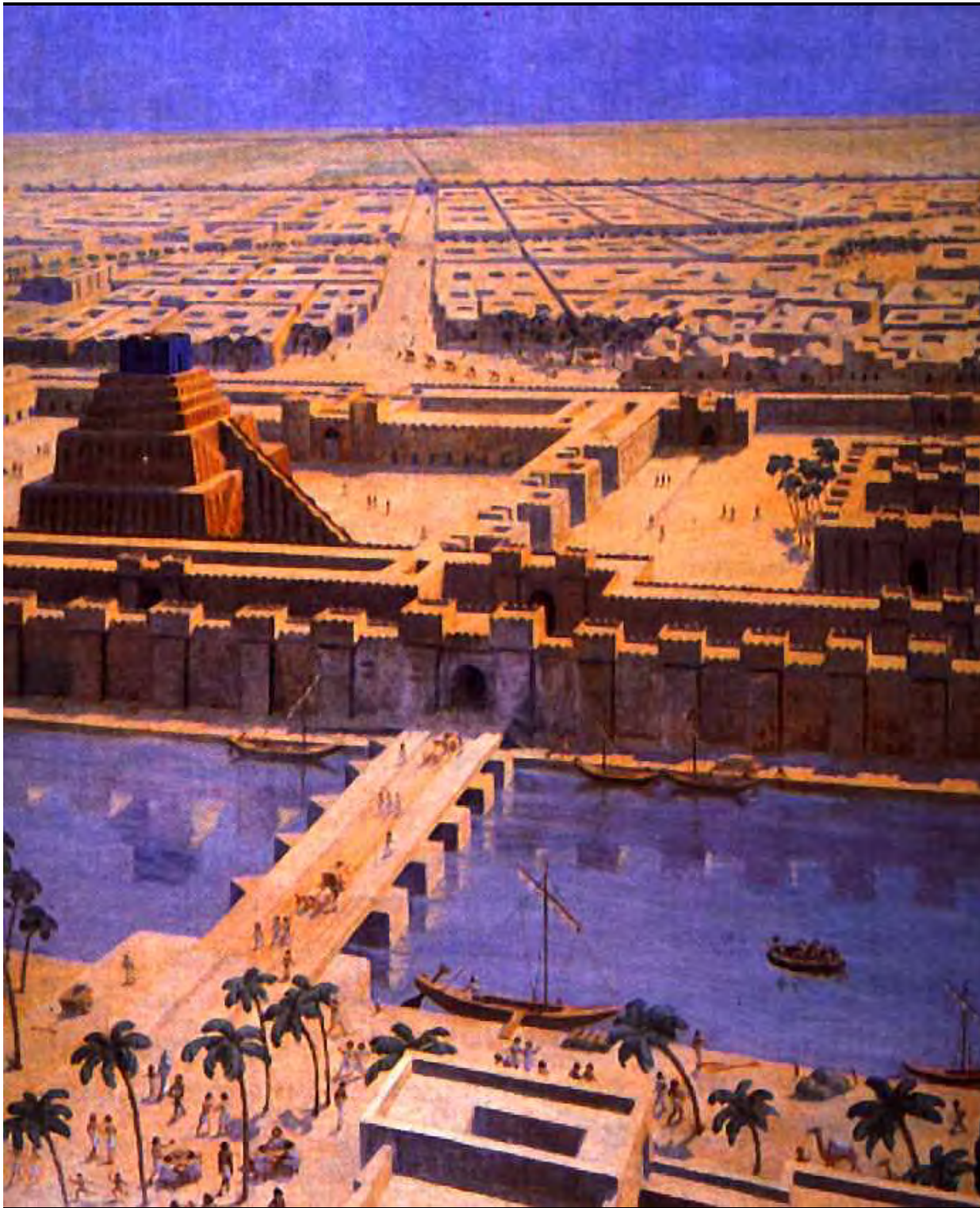
A Person of Integrity

An Interpreter of Dreams

A Prophet of God

A Highly Respected Leader





Babylon



Gold

Babylon

Silver

Persia

Bronze

Greece

Iron

Rome

Iron &

Antichrist

Stone

**The
Image of
Daniel 2**

Kingdom

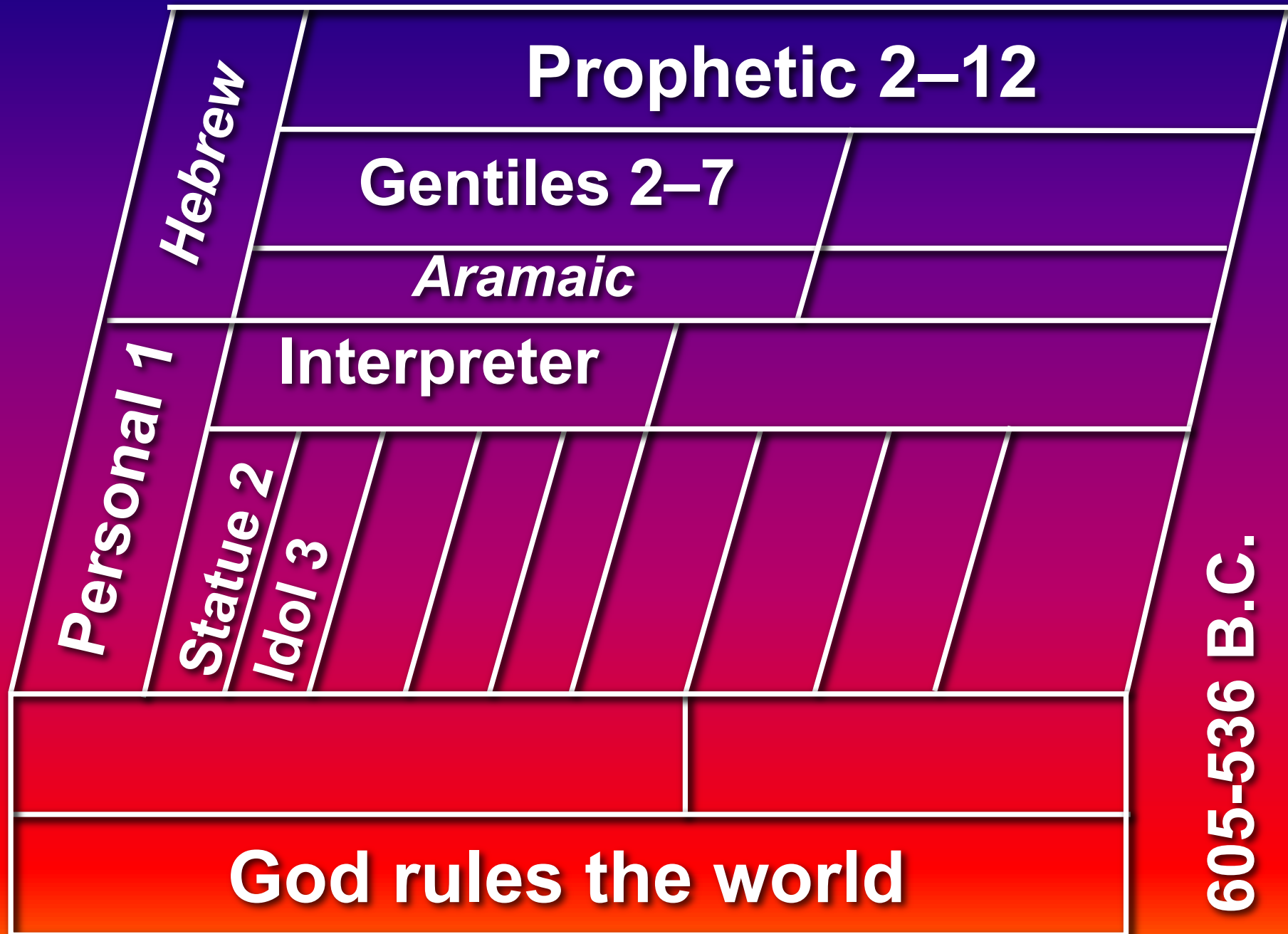


**Note that ALL of the
kingdoms will fall at
the same time!**

Daniel 3

Daniel

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Daniel 2
Many
materials

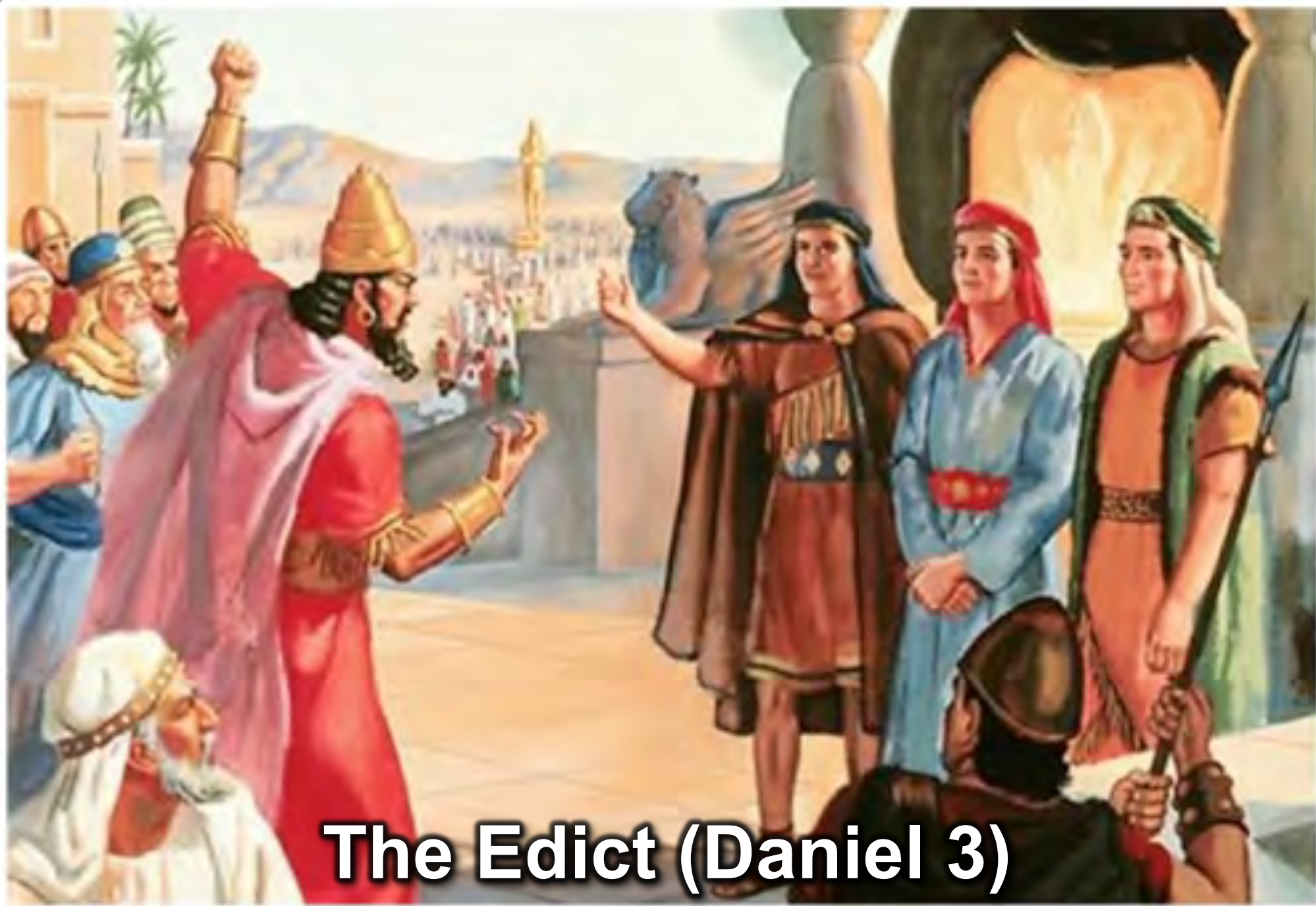
**Statues can
become a
bad habit**



Daniel 3
All Gold at
9 x 90 feet!



**Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah
(Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego)**



The Edict (Daniel 3)



Standing Alone

The Fiery Furnace



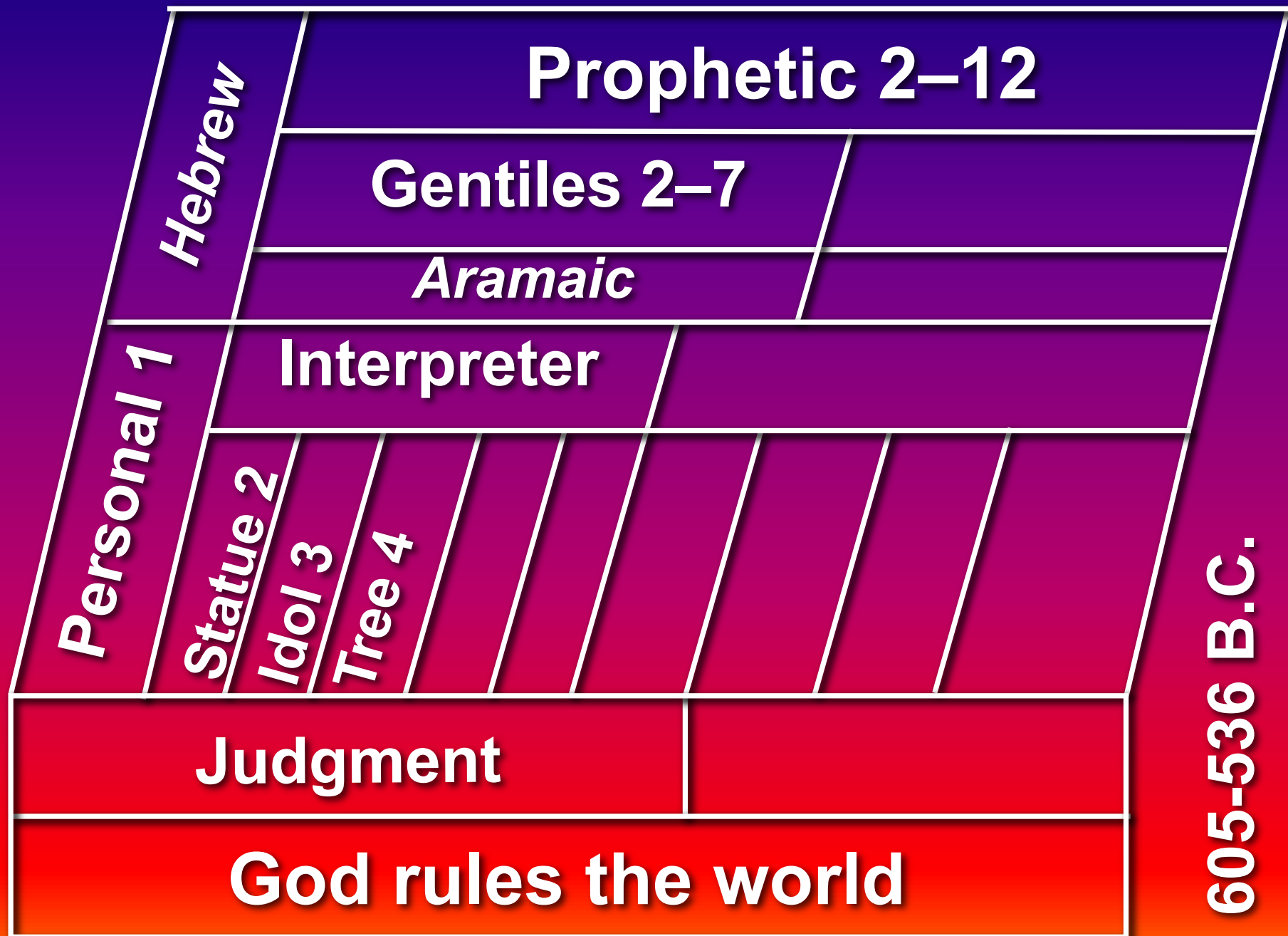
**"I see *four*
men..."**



Daniel 4

Daniel

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The Tree of Daniel 4





Nebuchadnezzar Exalts **Himself** (4:30)

"As he looked out across the city, he said, 'Look at this great city of Babylon! By **my** own mighty power, **I** have built this beautiful city as **my** royal residence to display **my** majestic splendor.'"



Involuntary Vegetarianism

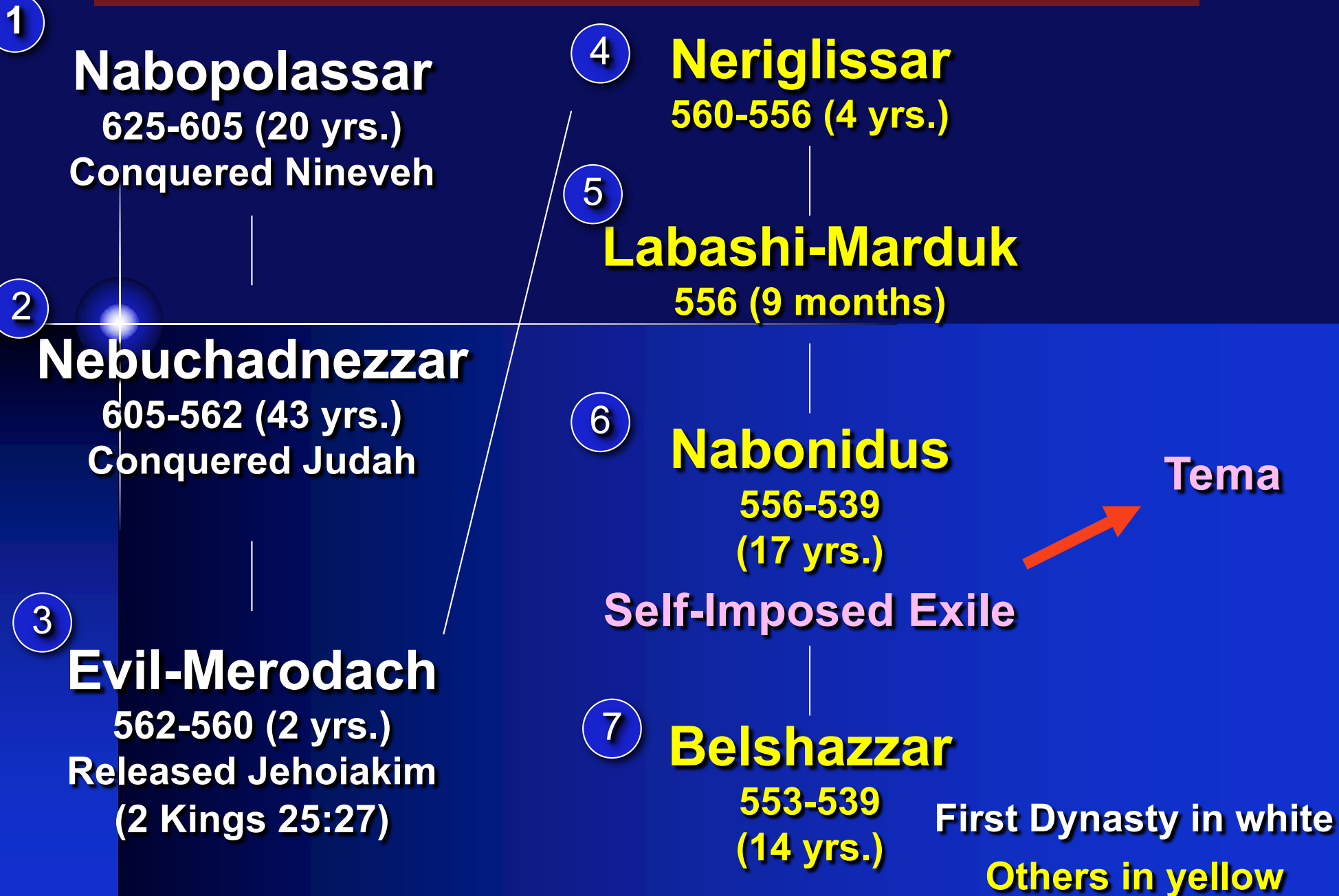
He lived as an animal



Famous Painting "Nebuchadnezzar" by William Blake

Neo-Babylonian Kings

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outline

1 NARRATIVE

1:1-7 Exile

1:8-16 Food

1:17-21 Exaltation

Chiasm in Daniel 2–7

2–7 VISIONS IN NARRATIVE

2 Kingdom: "Image" of history destroyed

3 Deliverance from fiery furnace

4 Nebuchadnezzar humbled

5 Belshazzar humbled

6 Deliverance from lion's den

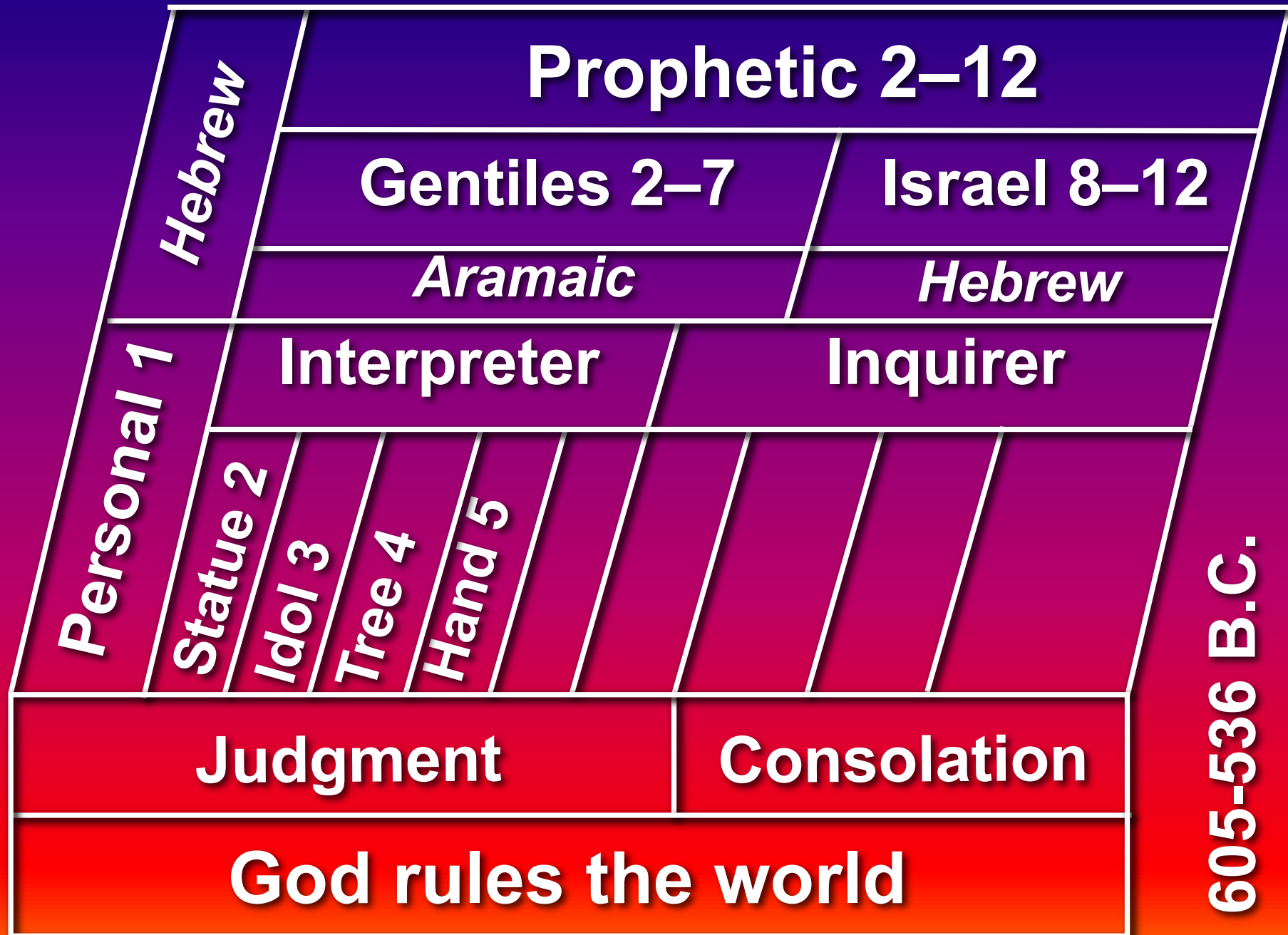
7 Kingdom: "Beasts" of history destroyed

Chiasm

Daniel 5

Daniel

Chapter 5



605-536 B.C.

Belshazzar Humbled

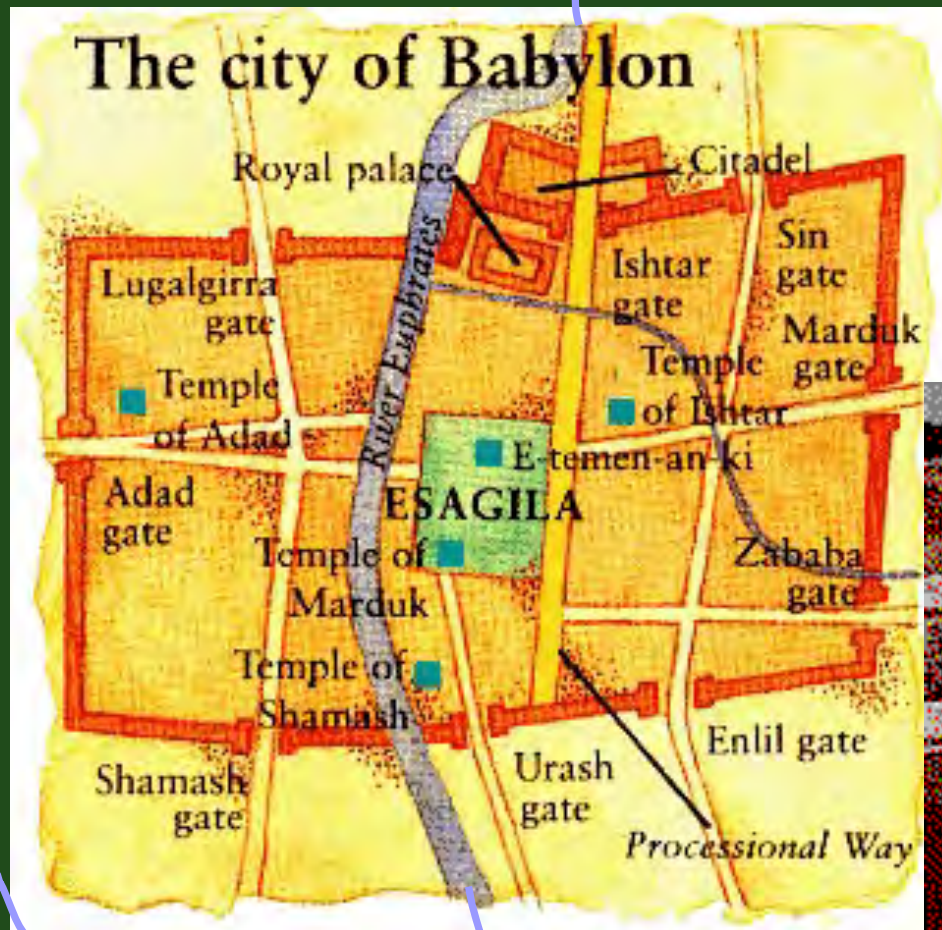


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BABYLON FELL in 539 BC

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Persians entered under the water gates!



Daniel 5
(Belshazzar's Feast)



Cyrus Conquers Babylon

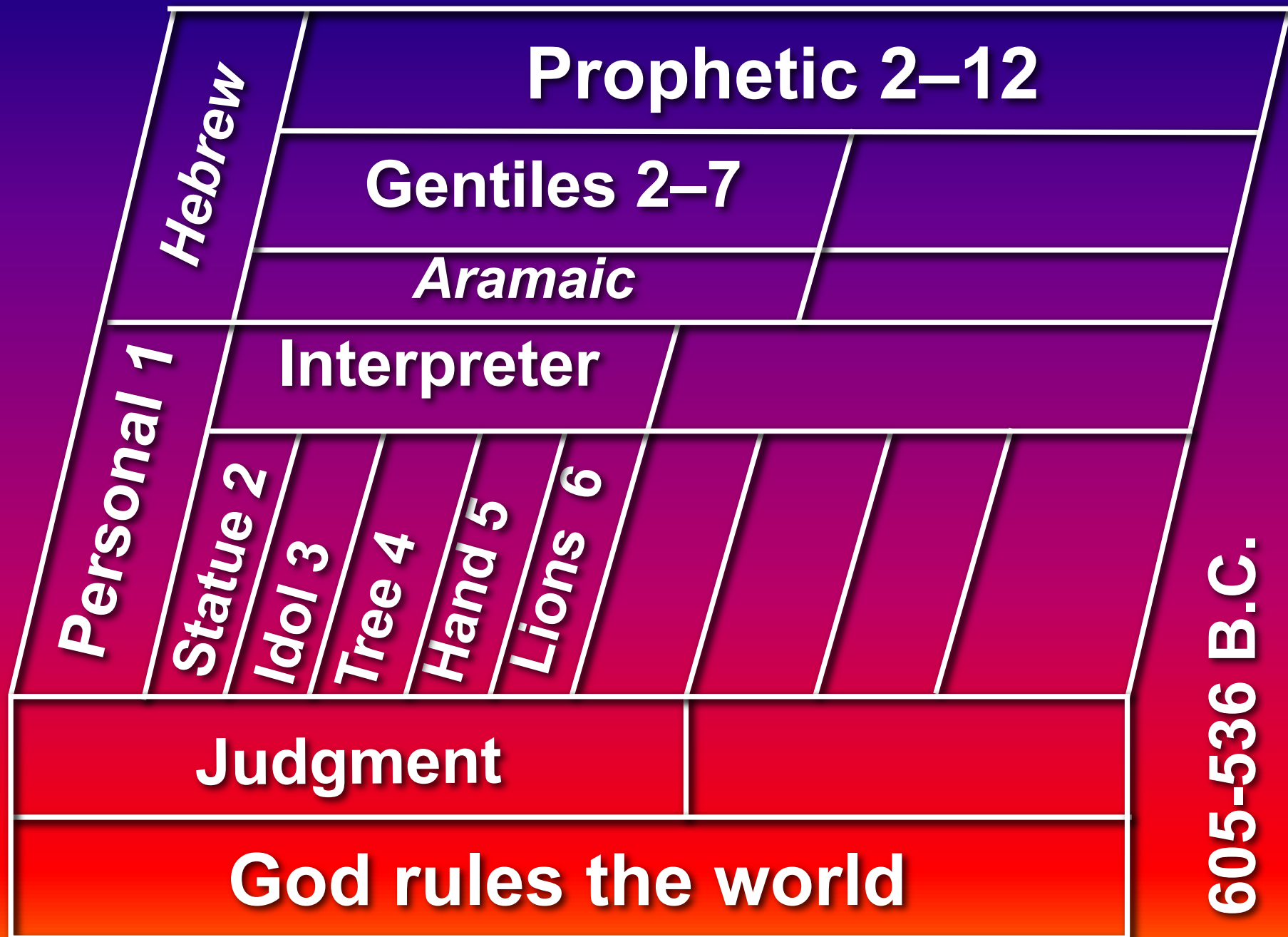
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Daniel 6

Daniel

Chapter 6





**Daniel prayed with
windows open to
Jerusalem**



Hungry lions (but not for Daniel)

Darius Humbled



Darius the Mede conquered Belshazzar (grandson of Nebuchadnezzar). Darius also acknowledged God's sovereignty:

"I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel; For He is the living God and enduring forever, and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed and His dominion [will be] forever. He delivers and rescues and performs signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, who has [also] delivered Daniel from the power of the lions."

Daniel 6:26-27

Daniel 7

Four Beasts of Daniel 7



Beast 1: Winged Lion (Babylon)



Beast 2: Bear (Medo-Persia)



Beast 3: Leopard (Greece)



Beast 4: Terrifying (Rome)



Daniel 7:7

Little Horn on Beast 4 (Antichrist)



Daniel 7:8



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Chronology of Major Empires in Daniel



Applying Daniel 2–7

**Be confident that God still rules
over all nations today.**





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III. God rules over **Israel's** future (Dan 8–12).



The Point of Daniel 8–12

The exiles could confidently trust God's sovereignty over Israel in "the times of the Gentiles" by being faithful to his covenant (Dan 8–12).

***Daniel saw Jewish history
—in advance!***

Daniel 8

Daniel 8

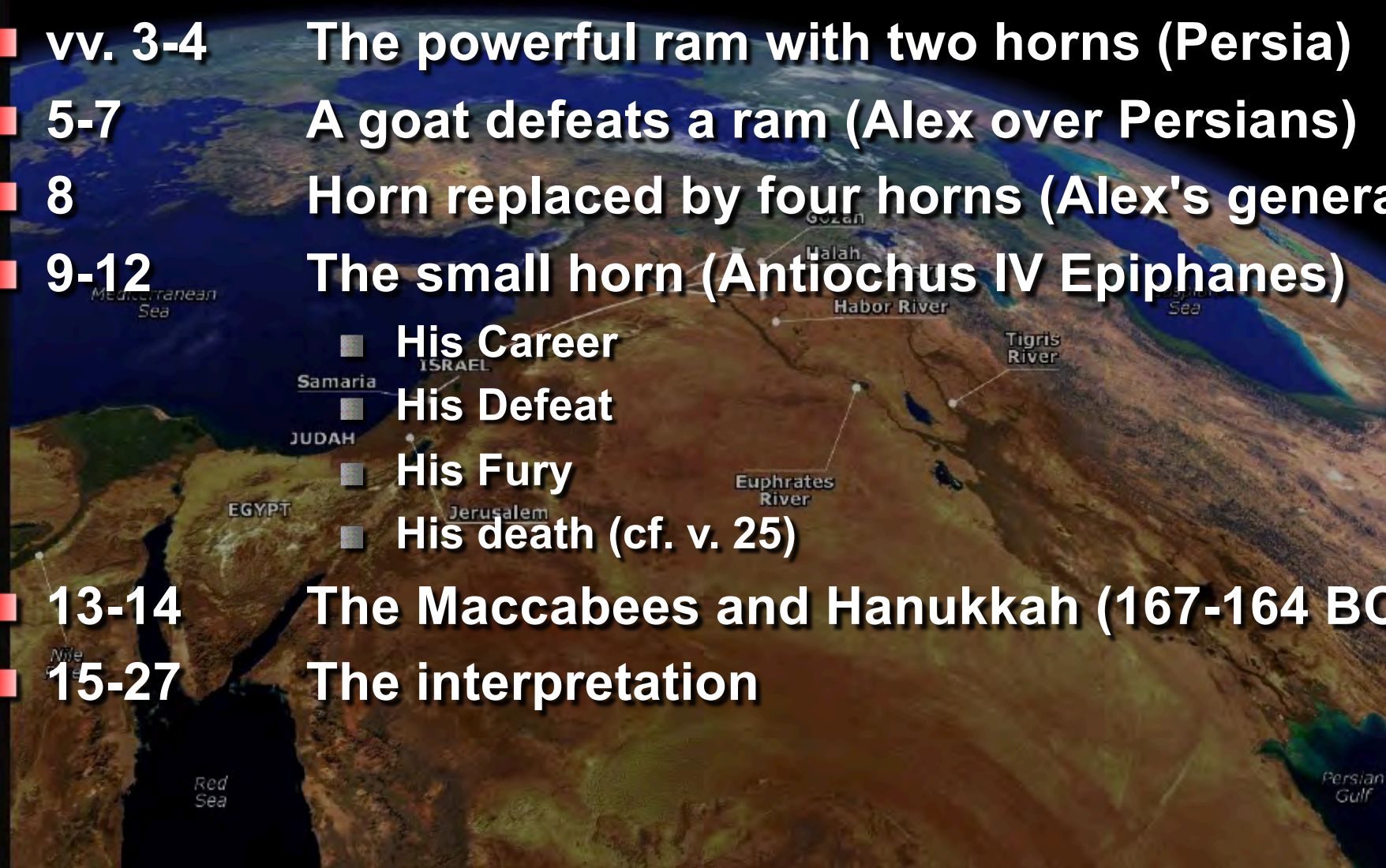
*Can God know
the future
almost 300
years in
advance?*

*Well, of course
He can!*

Flow of Daniel 8

Chapter 8

- vv. 3-4 The powerful ram with two horns (Persia)
- 5-7 A goat defeats a ram (Alex over Persians)
- 8 Horn replaced by four horns (Alex's generals)
- 9-12 The small horn (Antiochus IV Epiphanes)
 - His Career
 - His Defeat
 - His Fury
 - His death (cf. v. 25)
- 13-14 The Maccabees and Hanukkah (167-164 BC)
- 15-27 The interpretation



Which is stronger & faster?



Goat?



Ram?

**A goat never touching the
ground (Dan. 8:5)?**

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Goat Beats Ram (Dan. 8:7)?

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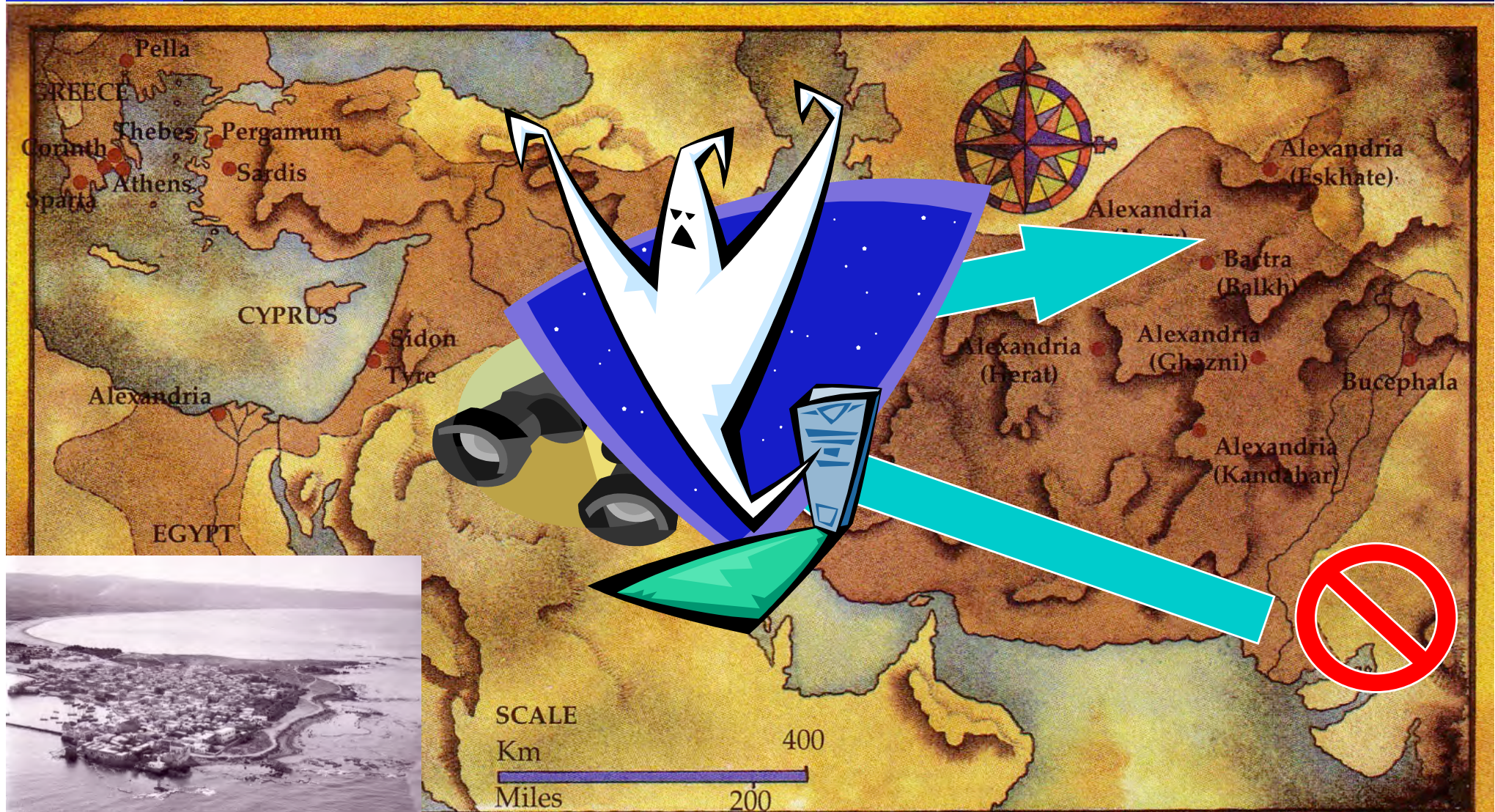
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Alexander Made Headlines...

The Ram and Goat (Dan. 8) ⁵⁵⁷



Alexander's Conquests





His Downfall

Due to Pride:

- **Desire for worship**
- **Wine**
- **Women**
- **Song**



After Alexander...

Greek Empire

Cassander

Lysimachus

Ptolemy

Seleucus



"And the he-goat is the king of Greece; and the great horn between his eyes is the first king. As for the horn that was broken, in place of which four others arose, four kingdoms shall arise from his nation but not with his power" (Daniel 8:21-22 RSV)

Daniel 9

Daniel

Chapter 9

Prophetic 2–12		Hebrew	Personal 1	Gentiles 2–		Israel 8–12	
				7		Hebrew	
				Aramaic			
Interpreter		Inquirer					
Statue 2		Idol 3		Tree 4			
Hand 5		Lions 6		Beasts 7			
Horns 8		Prayer 9					
Judgment				Consolation			
God rules the world						605-536 B.C.	

605-536 B.C.

Two 70-Year Exiles

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People Exile



Temple Exile

"This entire land will become a desolate wasteland. Israel and her neighboring lands will serve the king of Babylon for **seventy years**.¹² Then, after the **seventy years** of captivity are over, I will punish the king of Babylon and his people for their sins," says the Lord. I will make the country of the Babylonians a wasteland forever"
(Jer. 25:11-12).

Chapter 9 Outline

- Daniel's prayer: How long? (9:1-19)



Before the Curtain Closes (9:24 NLT)

“A period of seventy sets of seven has been decreed for your people and your holy city

Tribulation

- 1. to finish their rebellion,**
- 2. to put an end to their sin,**
- 3. to atone for their guilt,**

Millennium

- 4. to bring in everlasting righteousness,**
- 5. to confirm the prophetic vision, and**
- 6. to anoint the Most Holy Place.”**

**These were NOT fulfilled in the first century—
so the 70 weeks must have a future fulfillment**

70 "Weeks" in Daniel 9:25-27

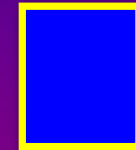
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Decree

Anointed One



69 sevens = 483 years



7 sevens

+ 62 sevens

**1 seven
= 7 years**

"Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. ²⁶After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed" (Dan. 9:25-26 NIV).

**Zech. 9:9
Dan. 9:25**

**Triumphal Entry:
"Anointed One
comes"**

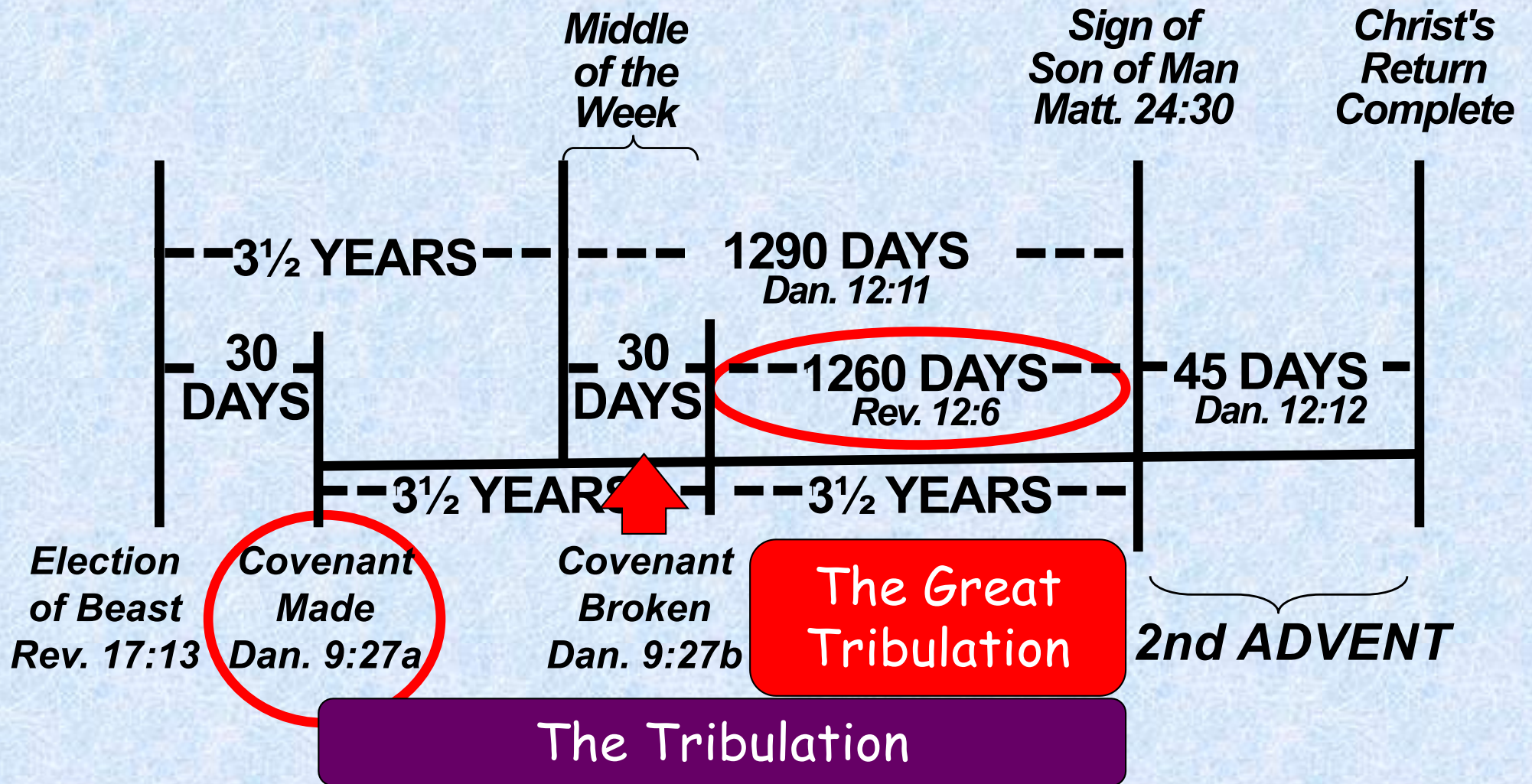


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Chronology of the 70th "Week"

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Events of the 70th "Week"

70th "Week"

*All Israel
shall be saved*



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**Antichrist will make a 7-year treaty
with Israel**



**This will likely enable the rebuilding of the
Jerusalem temple**

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Daniel 10



Angels



Gabriel? (Daniel 10:4-12)



Michael (Daniel 10:13b)



The Prince of Persia **(Daniel 10:13a)**

- Daniel's prayer and fasting for 21 days (10:1-13a)
- Victory Over Satan's opposition to Israel's restoration (10:13b-20)
 - Persia, Samaritans (book of Ezra)
 - Haman (book of Esther)
 - Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Hitler, UN, etc.
- The certainty of the prophecies = God prevails (10:21)



Daniel 11

Daniel 11 Prophecies

Between the Old and New Testaments



King of the NORTH SYRIA

(Seleucid Empire)

Jerusalem

King of the SOUTH EGYPT

ALEXANDER'S EMPIRE DIVIDED:

1. Macedon
2. Pergama
3. Seleucus
4. Ptolemy

Chapter 11

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Previews intertestamental & end times history

- Intertestamental History—11:1-35 has over 100 prophecies of the Persian and Greek Empires from Alexander the Great to Antiochus IV fighting over the land of Israel
- End Times History—11:36-45 prophesies the Antichrist's final assault on Israel

Daniel 11:40

- Israel's enemies will invade her land



Daniel 11:40-45

- Even ships in the Mediterranean will join the battle



East Meets West (Dan. 11:44)





Christ will defeat Antichrist (Dan. 11:45)

Daniel 12

Daniel 12:7



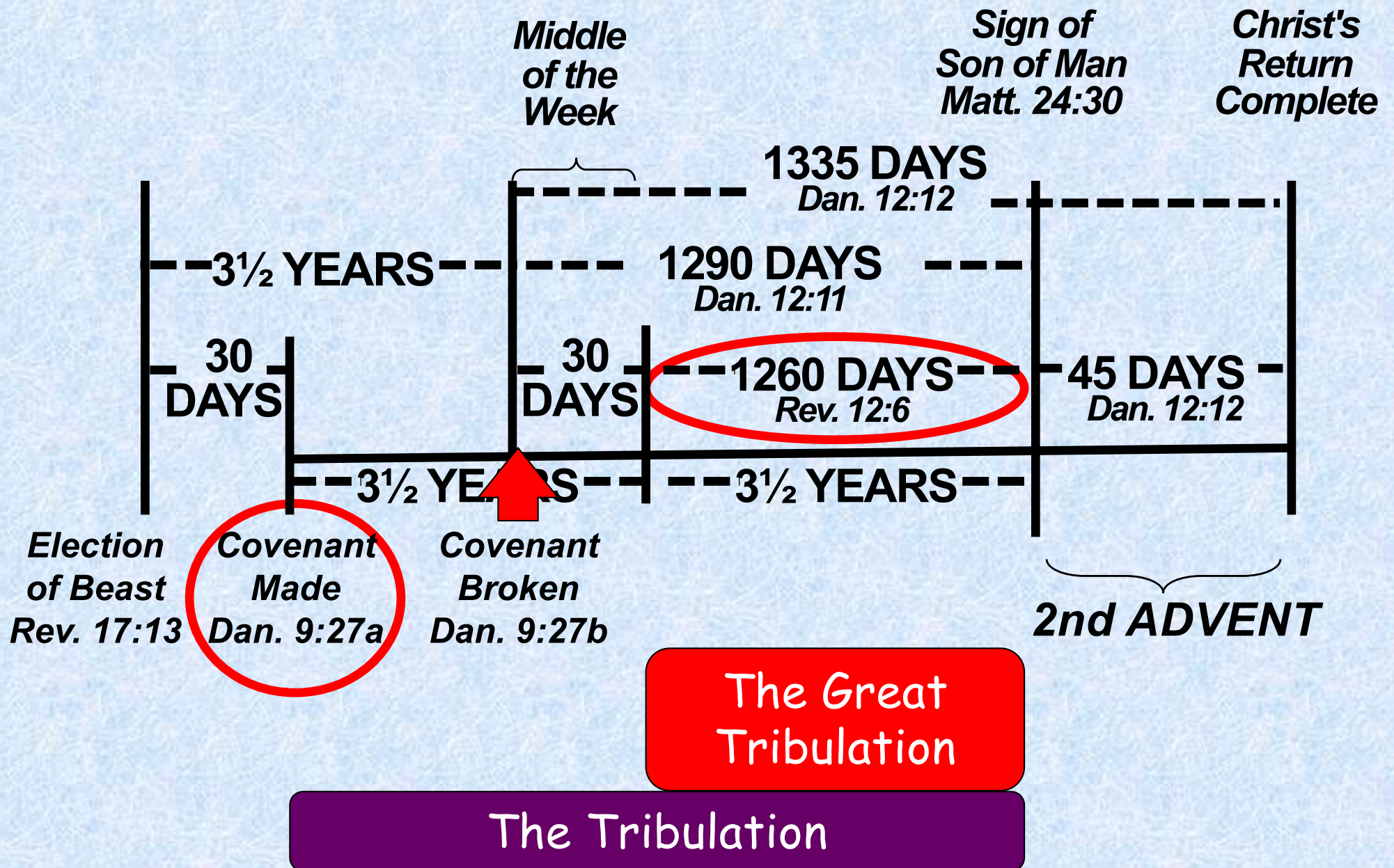
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Daniel 12

- The revelation given to Daniel is sealed up for the end time
- The great tribulation (Dan. 12:1; cf. Matt. 24:21)
- "After which" => the resurrection
- Endure to the end to be blessed (Matt. 24:14)
- When Daniel asked for the time of these events, the reply was:
 - The time, times, half a time (Dan. 7:25; 12:7; Rev. 11:2; 13:5; 12:6, 14) = 1 yr. + 2 yrs. + ½ yr. = 3.5 years
 - *The end*, the power of Israel broken (Dan. 12:7; Zech. 14:12-16; Rev. 19:15-19)
- What are the 1290 and 1335 days???

Chronology of the 70th "Week"

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Applying Daniel 8–12

**Be confident that God still rules
over Israel today.**





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God **controls** each level.

——Main Idea of Daniel——

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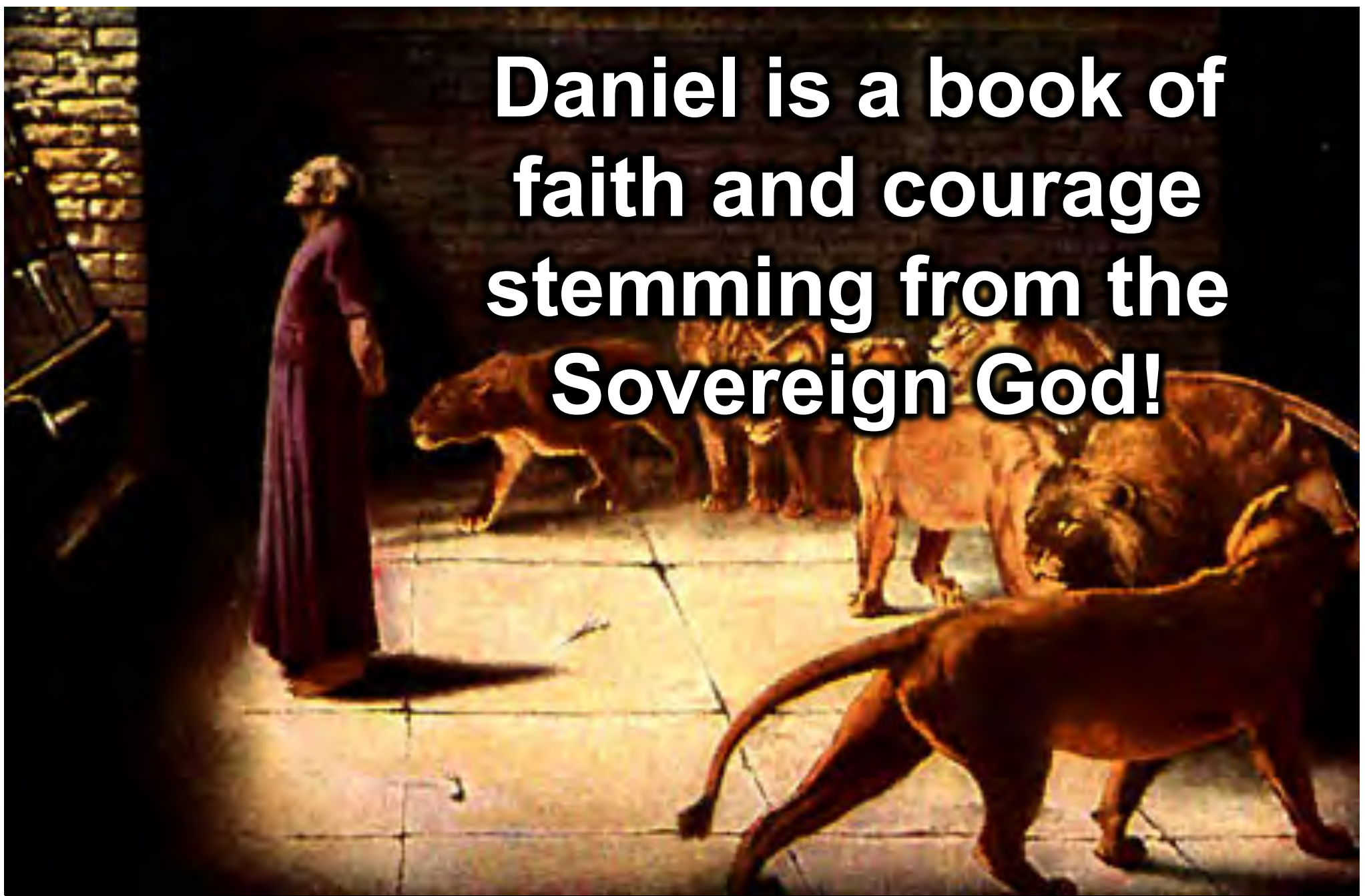
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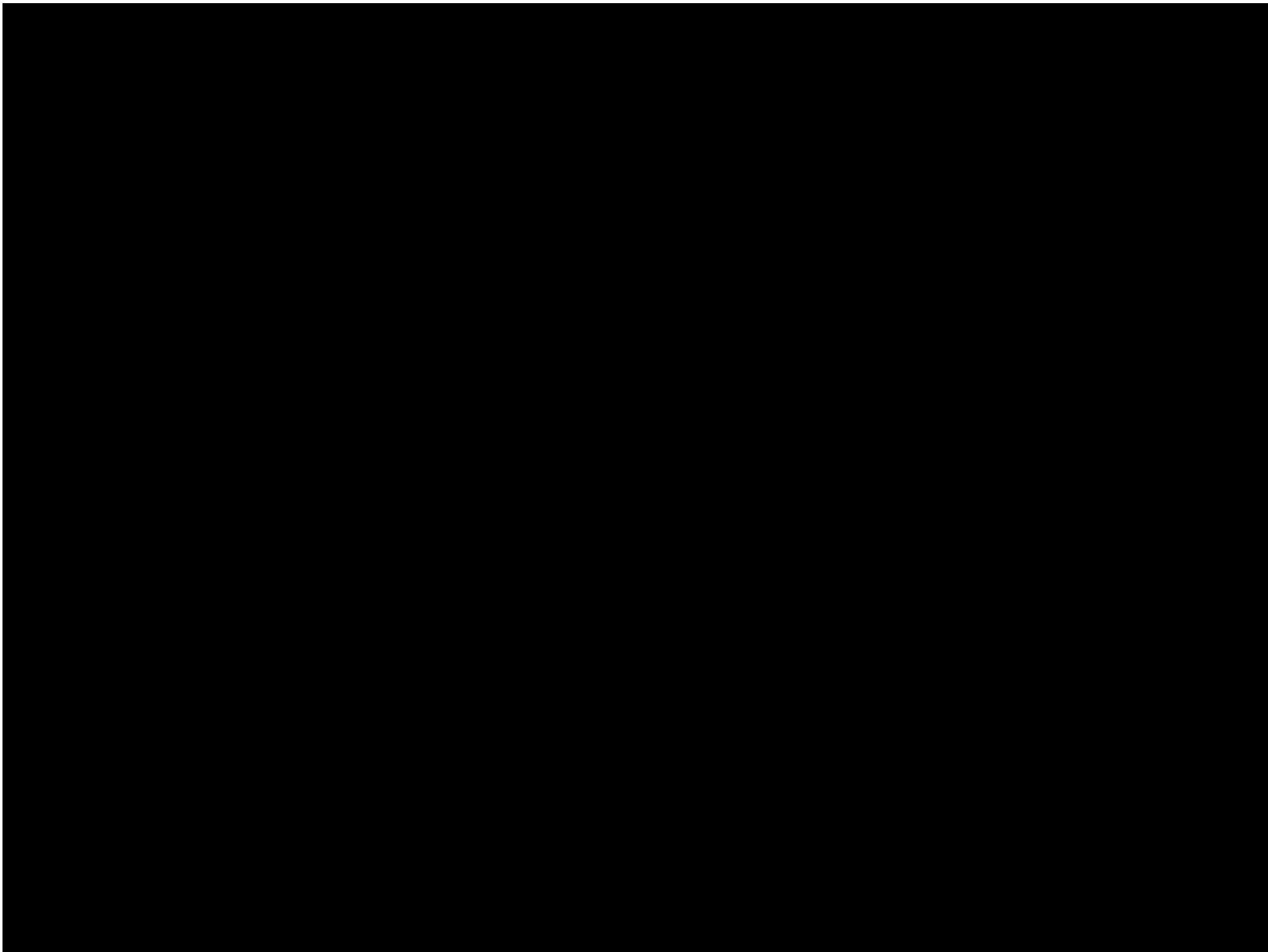


**Daniel is a book of
faith and courage
stemming from the
Sovereign God!**

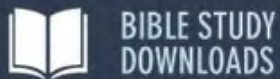


Application

- Recognize God's sovereignty over all authority in history
- Resist evil without compromising
- Trust God for your ultimate salvation so that you can endure to the end (12:2, 3, 12; cf. Rev. 12:11)
- Seek God in prayer and intercession
- Live a godly life




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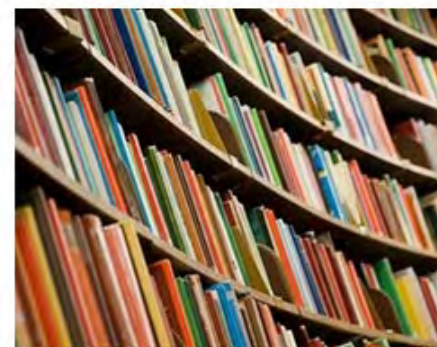
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