DANIEL 1



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Sovereignty

Theme

Universal Sovereignty in Times of the Gentiles

Key Verse

(Daniel to God) "...Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them..."

(2:20-21a).

Kingdom Statement

God's sovereignty remains steadfast despite the rise and fall of many nations until the establishment of kingdom blessing under His Messianic Ruler (9:24-27).



Summary Statement

The Judean exiles should be encouraged of God's sovereign control over all nations to preserve Israel between Nebuchadnezzar's invasion of Jerusalem (605 BC) and the establishment of the Kingdom blessings under the Messiah.

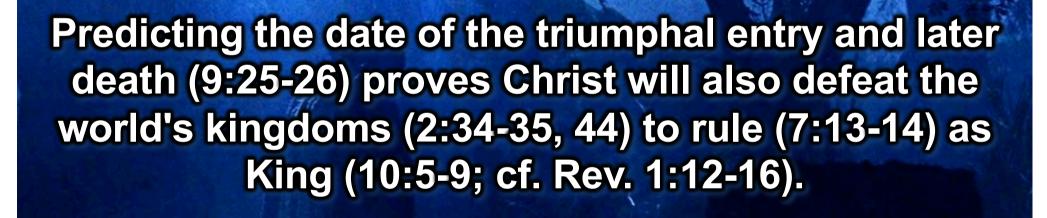
Covenant

The covenant of an imposter Messiah (9:27) in the mold of Antiochus (Dan. 11:22-32) will be squelched (11:36-45) and replaced with the True Messiah who alone keeps his covenants (9:4).

Redemption

God alone saves (3:17, 29; 6:27) since all other kingdoms and rulers are ultimately powerless.

Messiah



Outline of Daniel

UNIVERSAL SOVEREIGNTY IN TIMES OF THE GENTILES

Sovereignty over Daniel			Sovereignty over Gentiles						Sovereignty over Jews					
	Chapte	1	Chapters 2–7						Chapters 8–12					
200	Narrati	ve	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")					
Dani	iel's Ex	ample	Daniel Interprets King's Dreams						Angel Interprets Daniel's Dreams					
The Man Daniel			Images		Kings				Israel's Future					
Exile	Food	Exalted	Varied 2	Gold 3	Neb. 4	Bel. 5	Dar. 6	All 7	Medo- Persia To Greece	Return to Seventy "7s"	Intertest- ament Period to Tribulation			
1:1-7	1:8-16	1:17-21	Promoted	Furnace	Exile	Party	Lions	Beasts	8	9	10–12			
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Babylon

605-536 BC

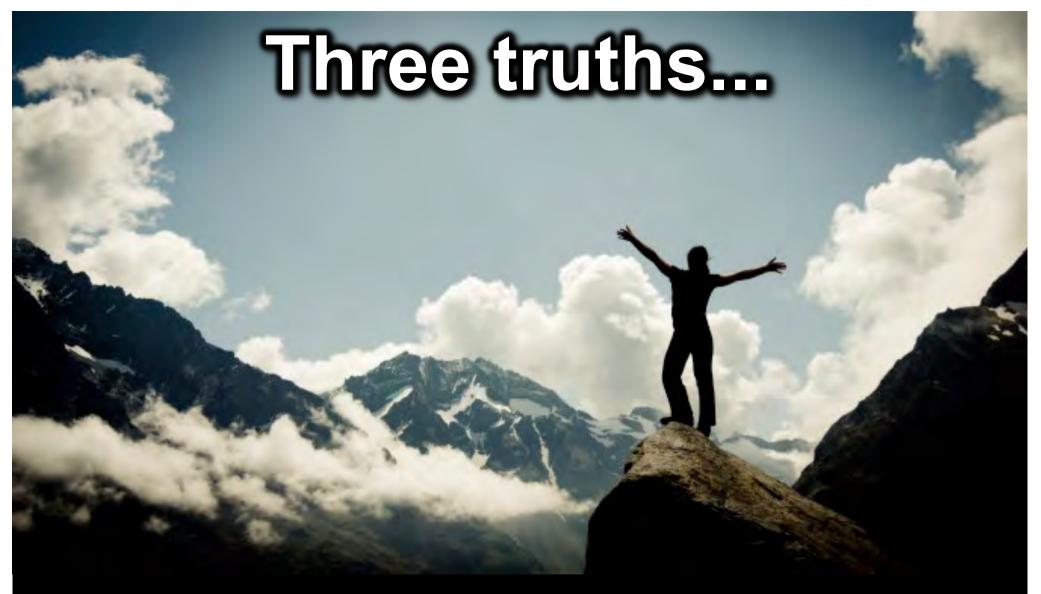


- 1 Daniel favored by Nebuchadnezzar
- 2 Answer to king's dream
- 3 Nebuchadnezzar's furnace of fire
- 4 Interpretation of tree vision
- 5 Events at Belshazzar's feast
- 6 Lion's den of Darius
- 7 Scenes of coming kingdom
- 8 Features of four beasts
- 9 Appointing the seventy weeks
- 10 Interpreting the final vision
- 11 **T**error of the king
- 12 Horror of end times

Be Confident



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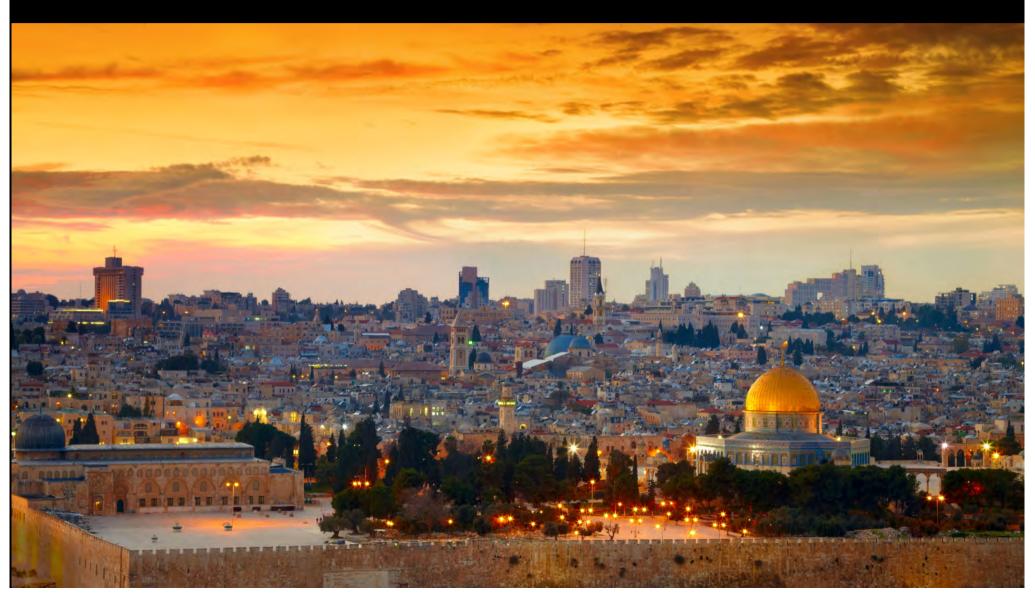
What do you need to know to be *truly* confident?

I. God rules over you (Dan 1).





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





God controls each level.

—Main Idea of Daniel-

70 Weeks Implications

- 1. The kingdom would not follow the return
- 2. The Tribulation will last 7 years
- 3. The Messiah would die before AD 70
- 4. The Antichrist will come in the end times

Daniel 9:24-27

Application

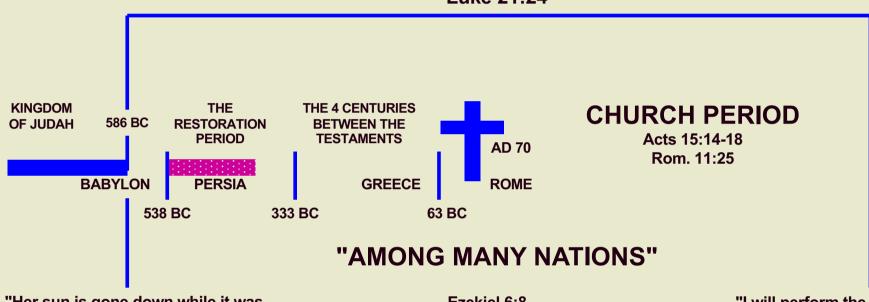
- Recognize God's sovereignty over all authority in history
- Resist evil without compromising
- Trust God for your ultimate salvation so that you can endure to the end (12:2, 3, 12; cf. Rev. 12:11)
- Seek God in prayer and intercession
- Live a godly life



Times of the Gentiles (Luke 21:24)

"TIMES OF THE GENTILES"

Luke 21:24



"The Throne of the LORD" Jer. 3:17 Isa. 62:6-7

"Her sun is gone down while it was yet day" Jer. 15:9

"Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord" Jer. 22:8-9
2 Kings 25:8-12
Jer. 15:4, 22:29-30, 30:24

Ezek. 10:4, 28. 11:22-25, 14:22-23

Ezekiel 6:8 Hosea 3:4-5 Hosea 8:8 Amos 9:8-9 Jer. 31:35-37 Jer. 46: 27-28

Jer. 51:5

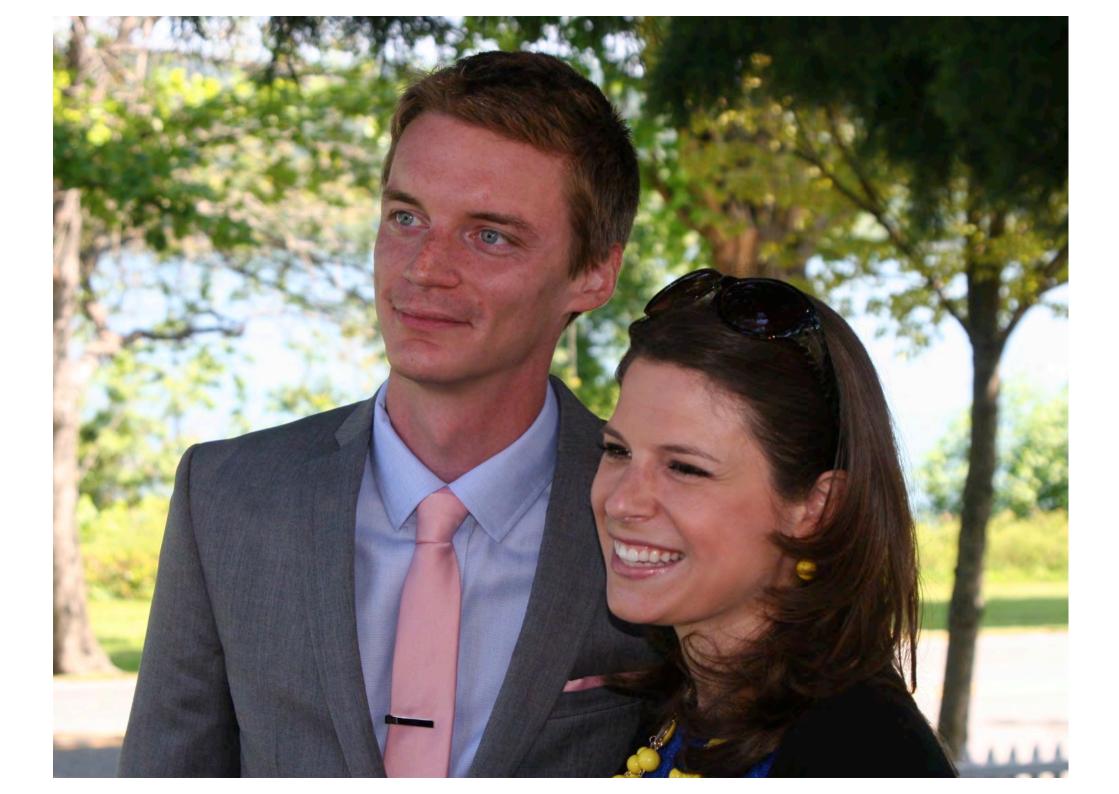
"I will perform the good thing that I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah"

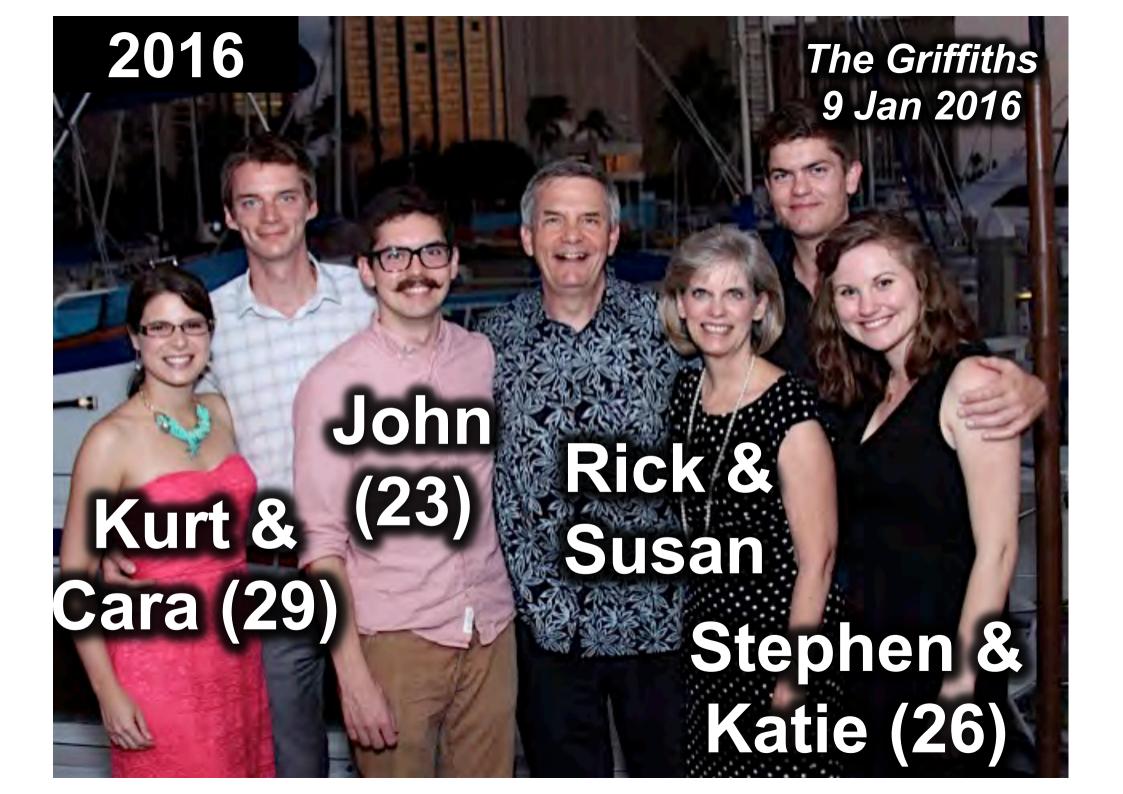
Jer. 33:7-14

Isa. 4:2-6 Ezek. 43:1-9 Zech. 2:10-13 Zech. 8:1-8

"Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled" (Jesus in Luke 21:24 NIV)



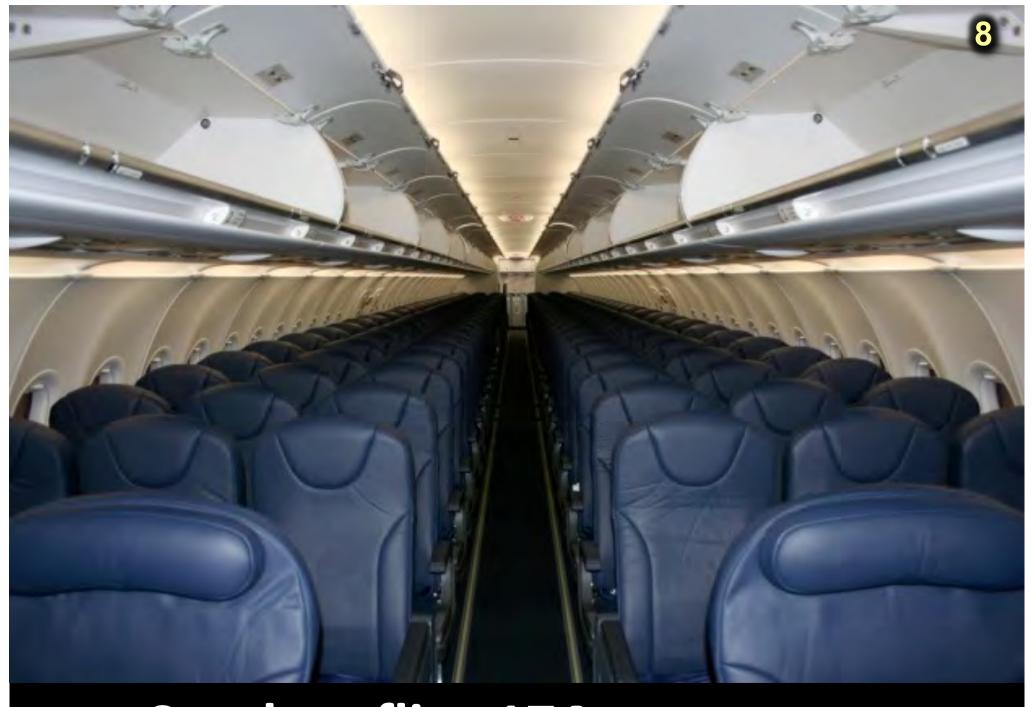






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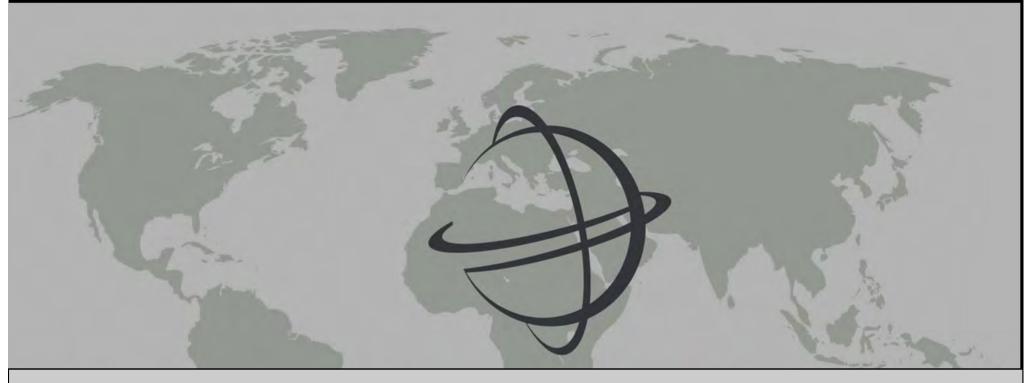




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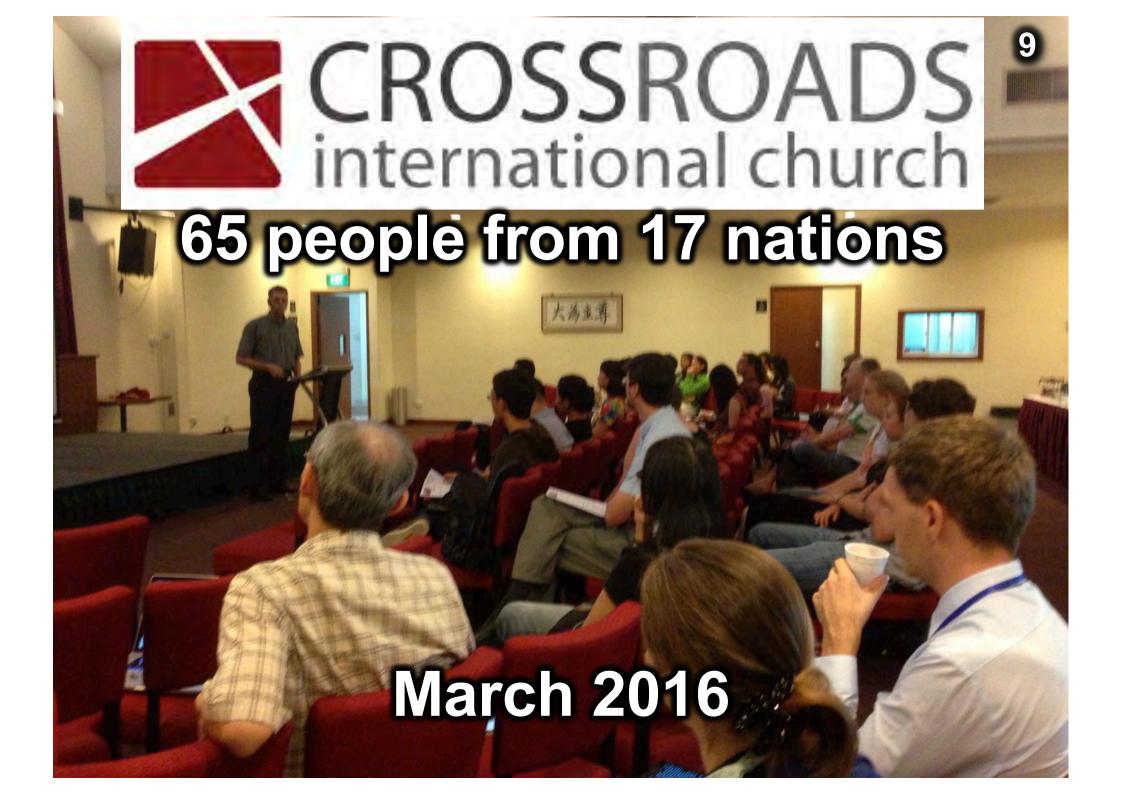
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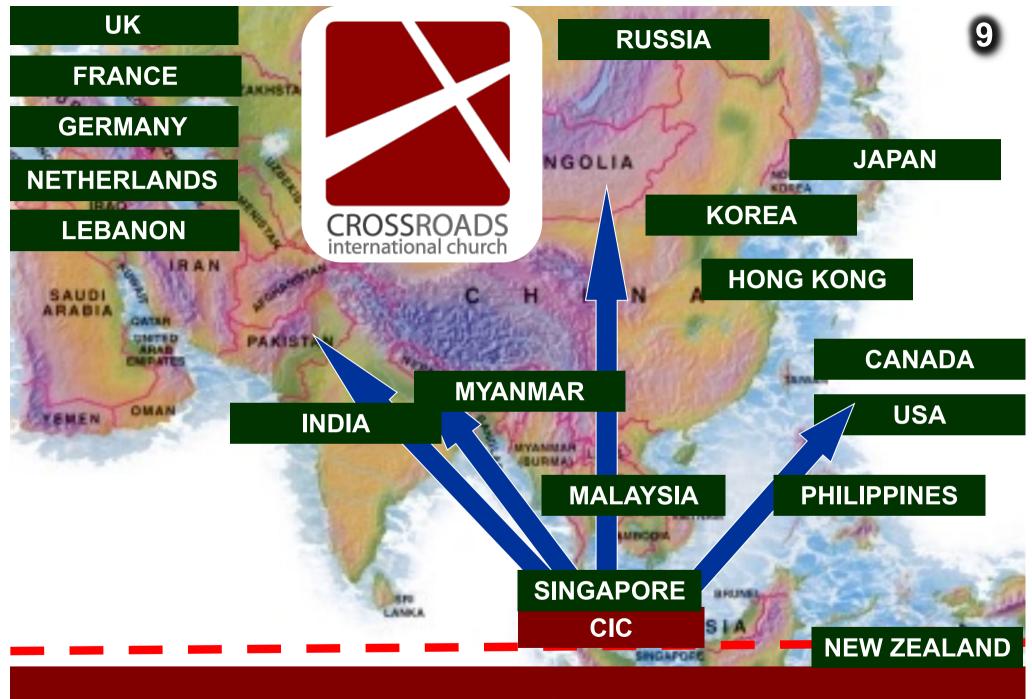
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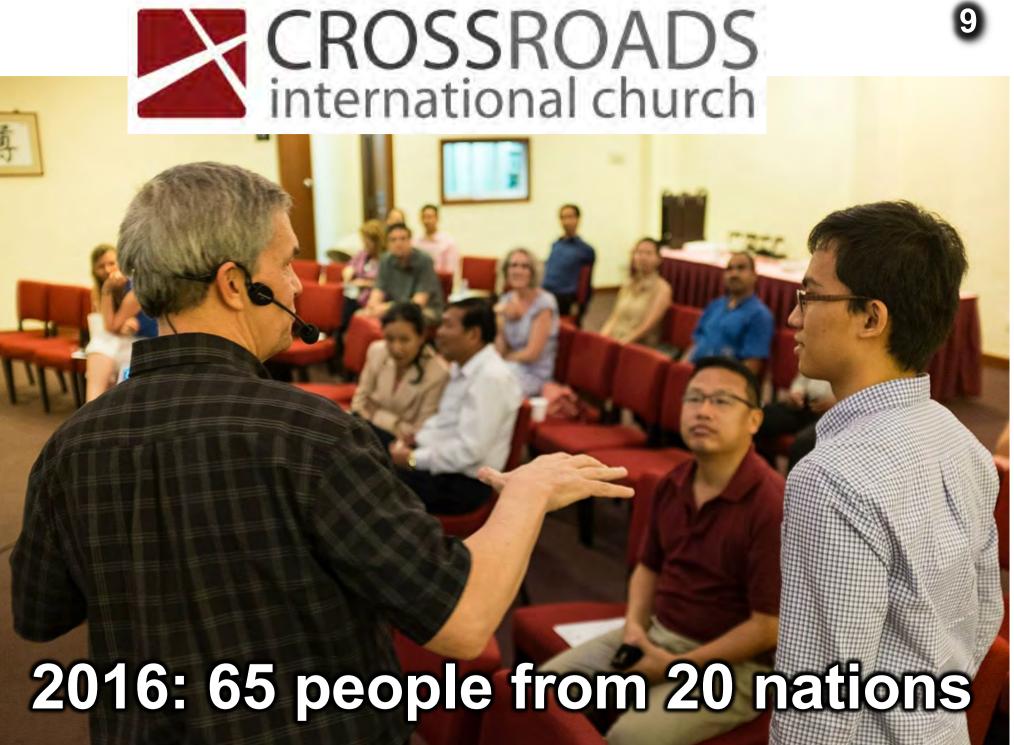
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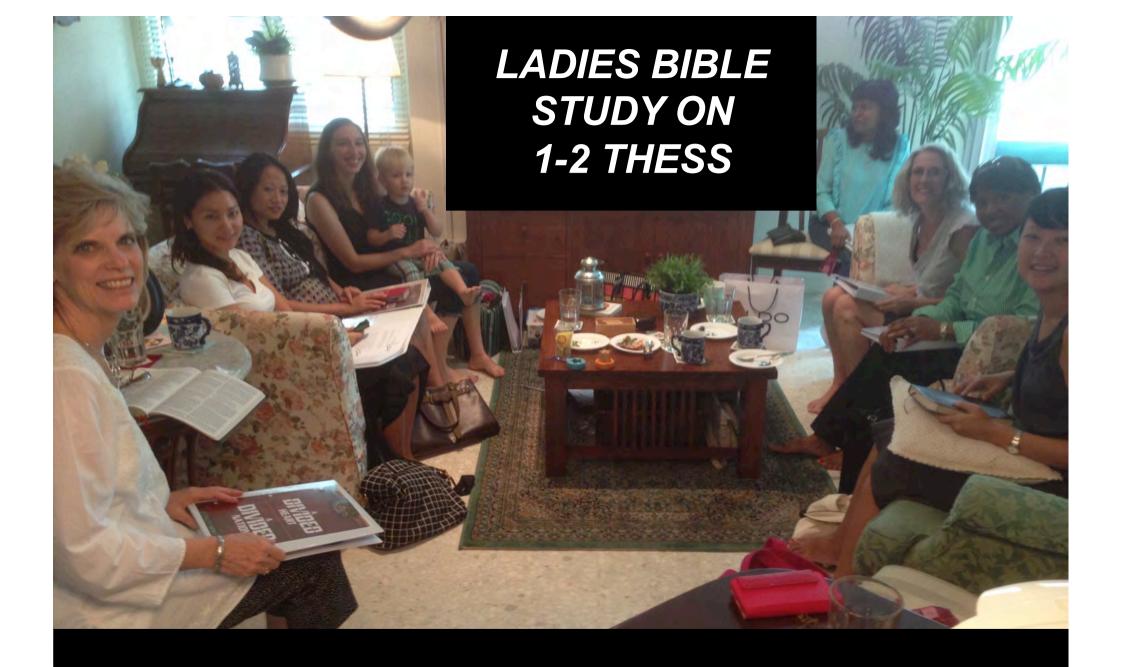
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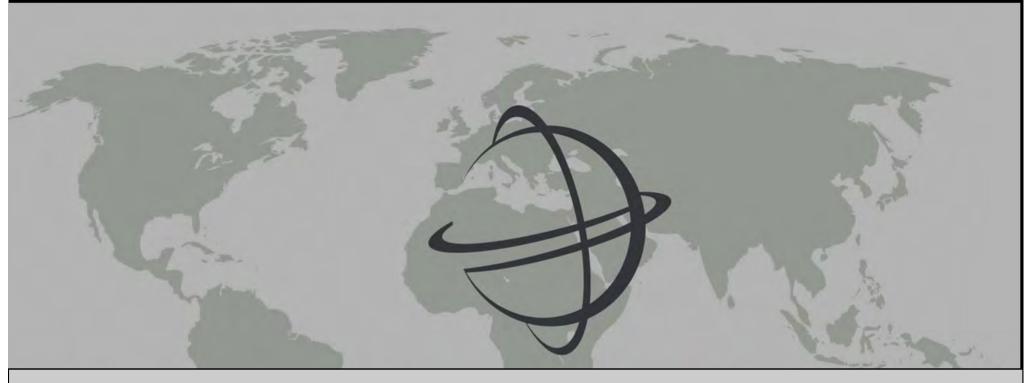
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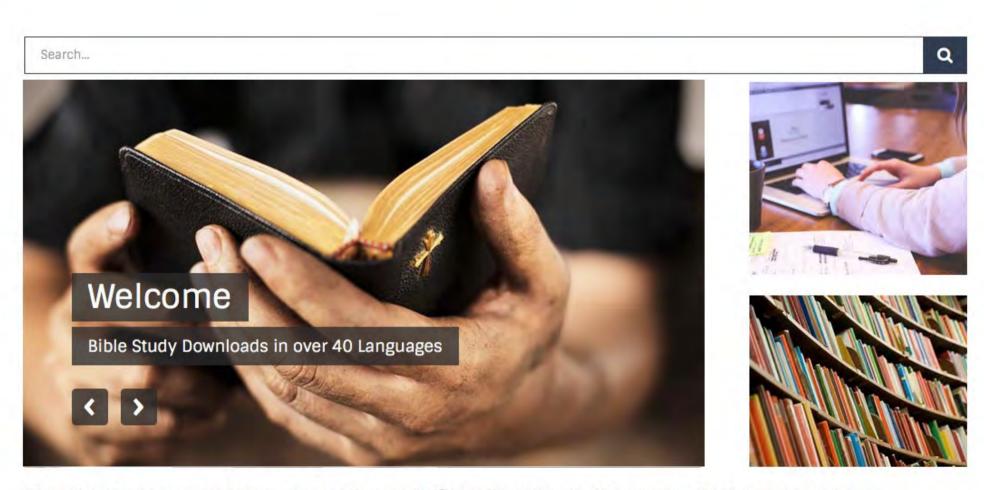
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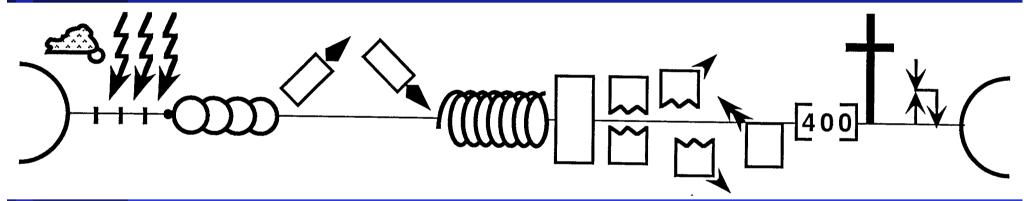


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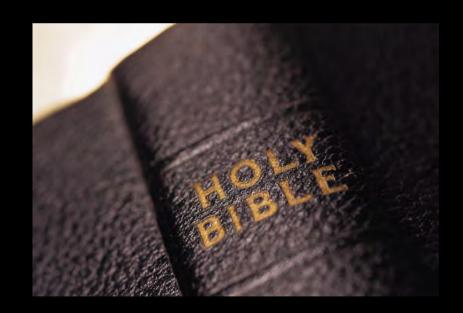
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What's the Main Theme of the Bible?

Write this out in a single sentence.



Kingdom & Covenants Timeline



Kingdom Teaching...

Adam rules with God (Gen. 1:26. 28: 2:19)

Satan rules as god of this world (Gen. 3:15: 2 Cor. 4:4)

God covenants with Abraham to reestablish man's rule via Israel witness to nations as a as a "kingdom of priests" (Gen. kingdom of priests is

12:1-3; Exod. 19:6)

Israel's failure to judged via exile under foreign rule

Israel rejects Messiah's offer of kingdom (Matt. 12:41-42: 23:37-39)

ISRAEL

(National Focus)

Jesus extends His kingdom in mystery form to the Church (Matt. 13)

Christ subdues Israel's enemies and nation believes (Rom. 11:26-27)

Christ rules over everything with saints (Eph. 1:9-10; Rev. 20:1-6; 22:5b)

Fall of Man (Gen. 3)

Noahic Covenant

land

Genesis 12:1-3

Genesis 6:18; 9:8-17

KINGDOM

Covenan

Land Covenant

Genesis 15:18 (cf. Deut. 30:1-10) promises:

- ·Land from Wadi of Egypt to Euphrates River (Isa. 27:12)
- •Eternal possession of land (Gen. 17:8) after exile/restoration
- •Whole world blessed via the land (Isa. 14:1-2)

CHURCH

The "New Man" (Eph. 2:15)

Israel judged for rejecting Messiah by dispersion away from land for 19 centuries (AD 70-AD 1948) but now partially restored (Ezek. 37:1-7)

MESSIANIC Millennial

Full. New Jerusalem restoration (Ezek. 37:8-28) (Rev. 21-Jerusalem 22) world capital

seed

Davidic Covenant

- 2 Samuel 7:12-16 promises perpetual:
- •Sons ("house" never wiped out)
- Kingdom (political dynasty)
- •Throne (right to rule by descendants)
- Temple (son to build it)

Christ is Head over His Church, which is a spiritual temple (Eph. 2:19-22: 2 Cor. 6:16)

Mosaic Law replaced

with first three elements

of the New Covenant

(Luke 22:20: 2 Cor. 3:6)

reigns over the world (Isa. 11) with saints (Rev. 5:10; 20:4-6)

(Isa. 2:1-5)

Christ

Christ hands kingdom over to Father (1 Cor. 15:24)

Eternal

blessing

New Covenant

- Jeremiah 31:31-34 promises:
- Forgiveness
- Indwelling Spirit
- New heart, nature, mind
- •Reunification of Israel and Judah
- •No need for evangelism

All 5 elements fulfilled in national restoration (Zech. 8)

ΑII things made new! (Rev. 21:5)

Mosaic Covenant

Temporary (Gal. 3:19) and conditional (Deut. 28) to reveal sin (Rom. 7:7) and regulate Israel (Gal. 3:23-25)

Law abolished, fulfilled, and replaced at the cross (Rom. 7:1-6;1 Cor. 9:19-21; Heb. 8:13)

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Scripture has a dual kingdom-covenant emphasis. Israel's role from Abraham to Christ expands to include the Church (continuity) yet the Church never replaces the nation as the "new Israel" (discontinuity). Israel will again enjoy world prominence after trusting in Christ at His second coming.

The Kingdom in Genesis 1

- Uncreated God (1:1)
- Creation by Word alone (1:4)
- Creation with ease
- Sun and moon [gods] created (1:16)
- Shared rule with man (1:26)

My View of the Bible's Theme

The Bible narrates

God's restoring man to participate in His kingdom rule for His own glory

mandated in Eden but lost in the Fall and accomplished by redeeming man through Israel as a kingdom of priests, through the Church proclaiming Christ, and ultimately through the Messiah, who will reign as Savior and King

to fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant



The Kingdom of God: The Bible's All-Encompassing Theme

Genesis 1:26-28

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish ... birds ... livestock ... all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground...' God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Revelation 22:5

"There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever."

The Bible's Theme: God extends His rule to man

Command Covenants



Fulfillment



Repeated Patterns in Reverse Order

Christ's Redemption

Christ's Rule

Man's Rule Lost at Fall

Man's Rule Restored at Millennium







The New Heaven & New Earth

The Babylonians

(Neo-Babylonian Empire) 625-539 BC



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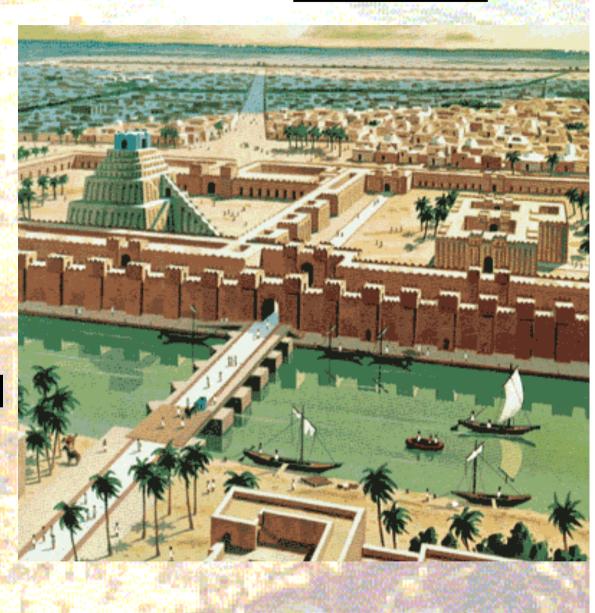
Genesis 10:8-10; 11:2, 9; Rev. 17:1-6
How did Babylon start?
What motivated this beginning?
What resulted from its founding?
What did Babylon signify?

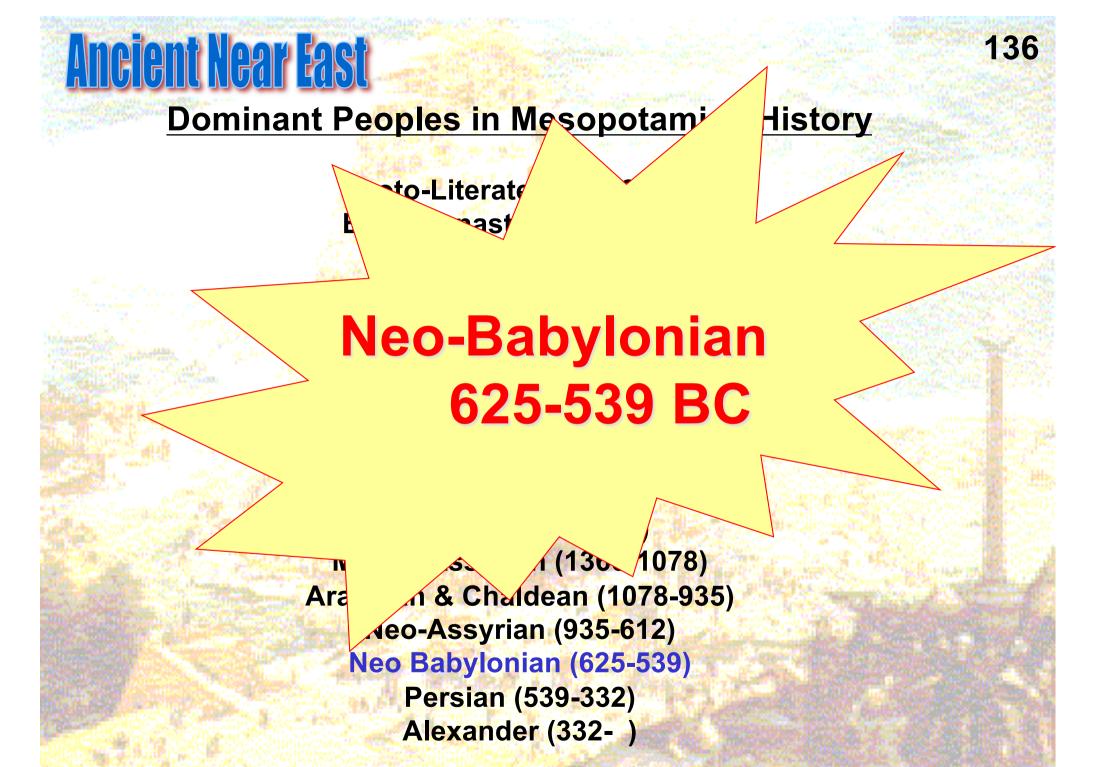


The Name

The Location

The Tower of Babel





Neo-Babylonian Empire

Neo-Babylonian Rulers

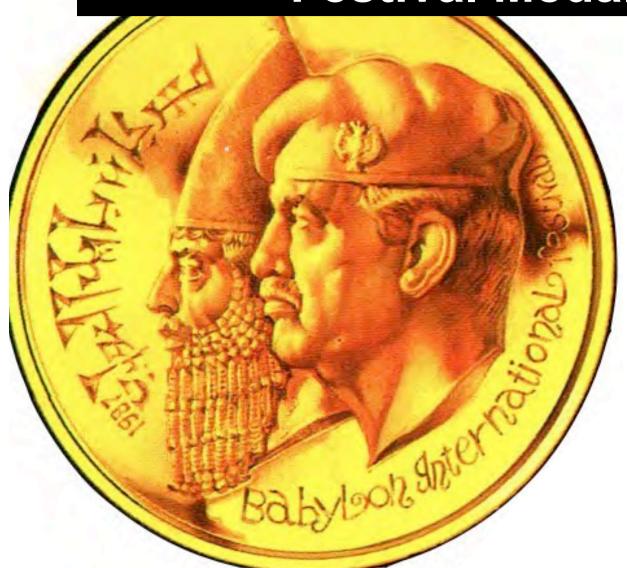
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Nebuchadnezzar II 604-568 BC

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SADDAM HUSSEIN and the ancient world conqueror Nebuchadnezzar. Not only do they look alike, but their mission was the same—to control the world. And the symbol of this world dominion is an ancient city...

BABYLON: Prelude to Armageddon?



Map of Mesopotamia

Babylonia

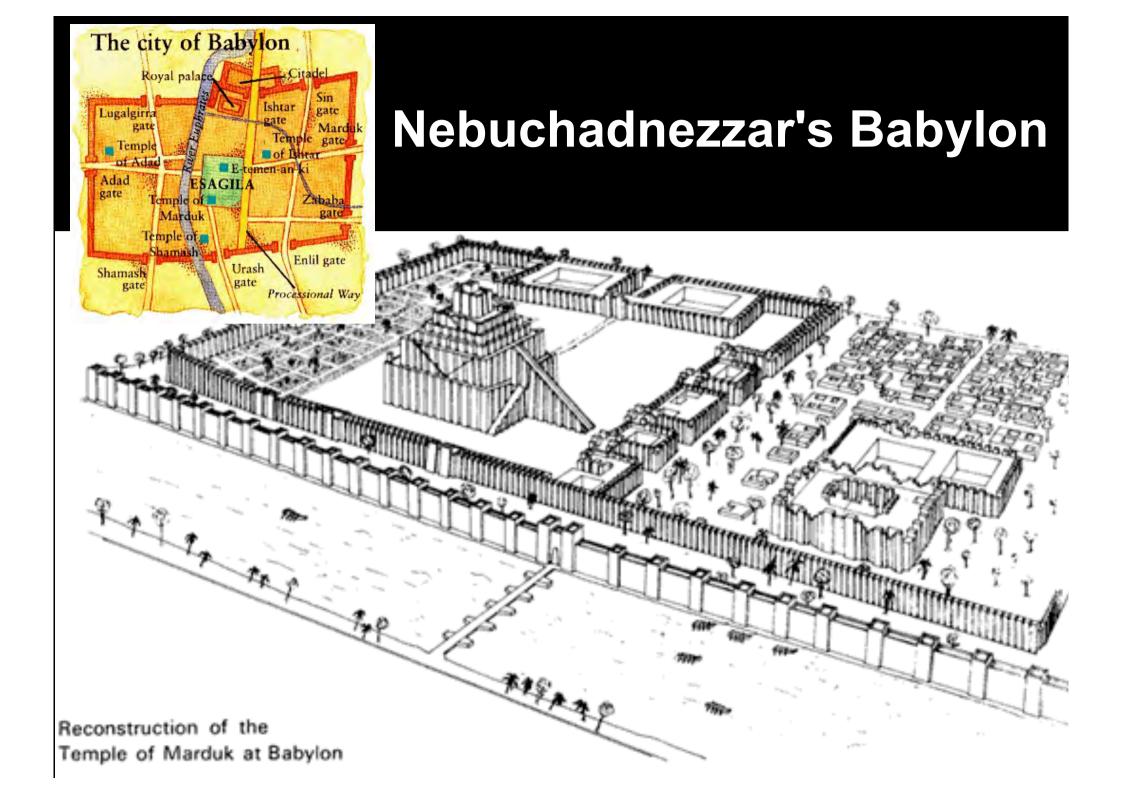
Babylonian Geography

Where was Babylonia?

Tigris & Euphrates

Climate

Ideal for Trade



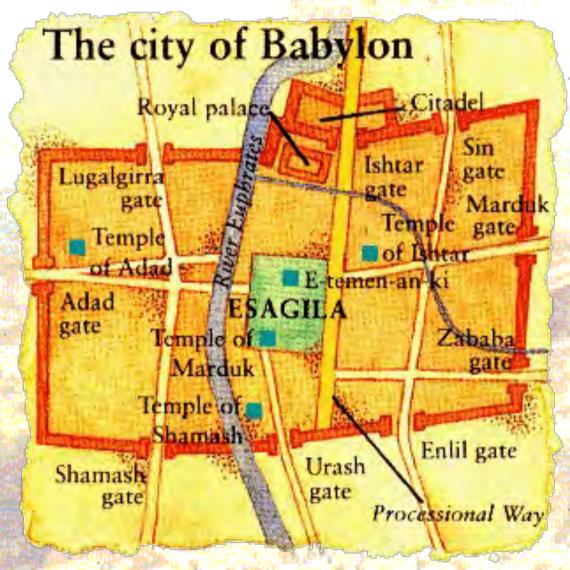
Babylonians had many gods – Sumerian, Akkadian, imports from mountainous regions (N & E of Meso.) – which reflected their needs and fears

Marduk (Bel / Baal)

- 1. Son of Ea (wisdom)
- 2. Chief of Babylon's gods (rising sun)
- 3. Temples & a huge ziggurat (the temple of Esgalia)
- 4. Wife called Sarpanitu / Son Nabu
- 5. Sacred number 10 / Planet Jupiter
- 6. Statue of pure gold Babylon
- 7. Made men and fashioned the world

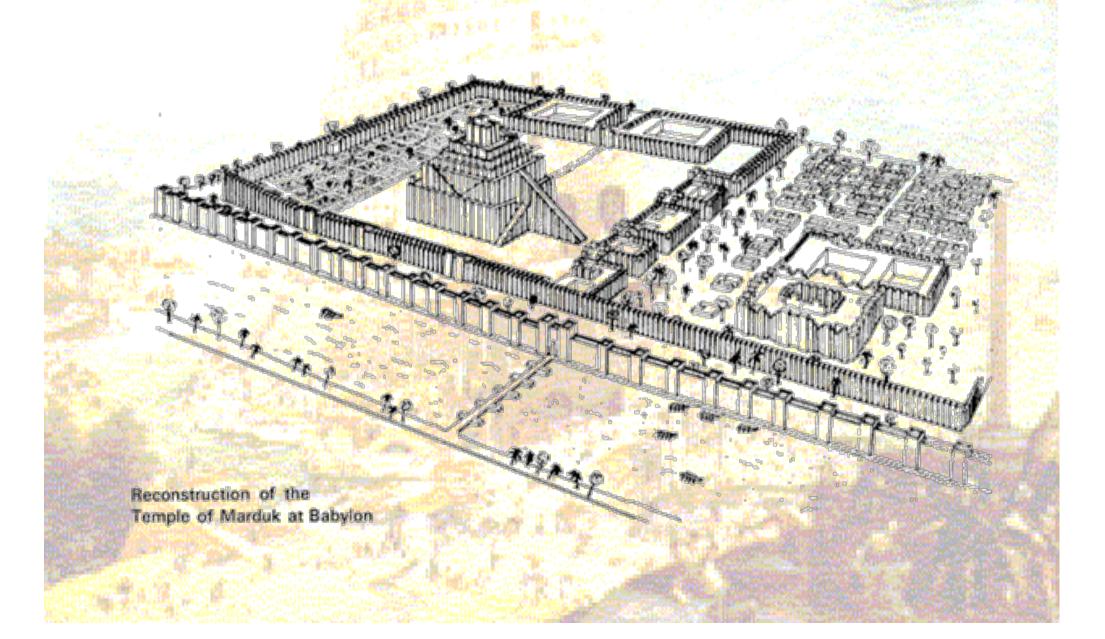


Worship of Marduk



Babylon - time of Nebuchadnezzar II Esagila - a huge sanctuary complex / temple of Marduk, and E-Temen-an-ki, the great ziggurat of Babylon, probably the prototype of the **Tower of Babel**

Worship of Marduk



OTHER BABYLONIAN GODS

Pantheons – overlapped many cities
Every street bore the name of one of the gods

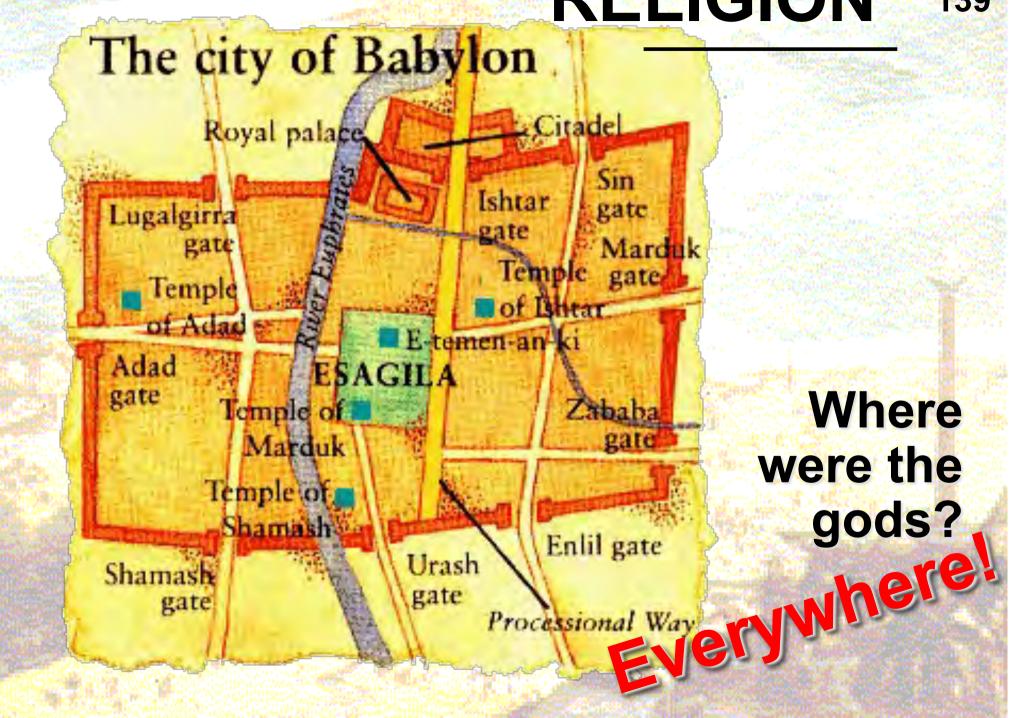
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RITUALS

- Daily presentation of offerings
- Cleaning garments of divine statues
- Purification of temples
- Special festivals (Akitu New Year)

TEMPLES

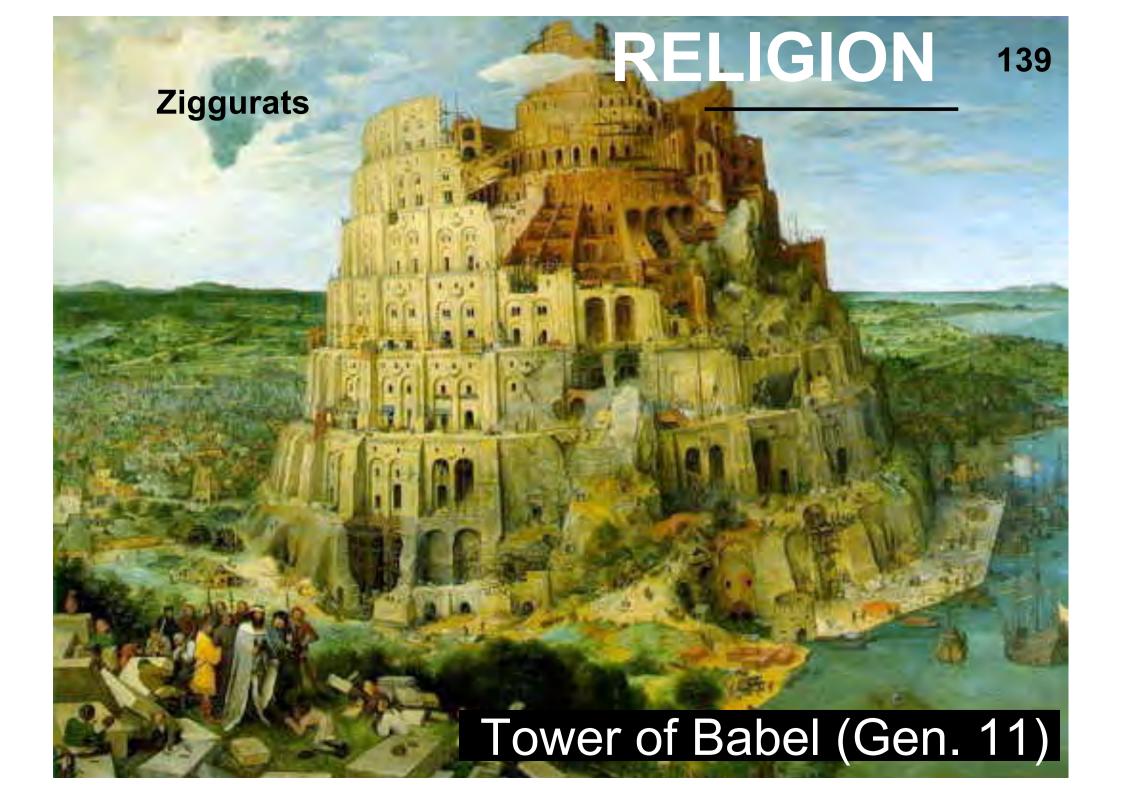
- Each city had its own god and temple
- · Had own land, slaves, animals & precious stones
- Priests foretold by reading nature & other elements
- Selling of charms and magical formulae

PERSONAL IDOLS

- Each Babylonian citizen had a 'personal' god
- Individuals made special requests (e.g., relief from illness)
- Acted as mediators from devotees to higher gods
- Benefit-driven so one would often abandon his god

Ziggurats

- Shows the city and king's devotion to their city god
- Huge stepped structure



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- Isaian 19-2:

Reconstruction of Ziggurat at Ur

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LITERATURE

IMPACT OF SUMERIA (continued)

- Sumerian writings incorporated translation to Akkadian (*lingua franca* of ANE)
- Schools of scribes copied compositions and created catalogs
- Sumero-Babylonian dictionaries popularized the myths, epics, hymns, etc.
- After fall of Babylon in 539 BC, Aramaic and Greek became the common languages

LITERATURE TYPES

POETRY

- Parallelism rendered ideas 2 different ways side by side
- Couplets, singlets and triplets
- No rhyme and meter
- Several Epics Enuma Elish & Gilgamesh Epic

MUSIC

- Story telling or chanting of a verse religious ceremonies & entertainment
- Used reed, flute, lyre, drum, trumpet and harp

LITERATURE TYPES

Gilgamesh Epic

BABYLONIAN VERSION OF THE FLOOD (2000 BC)

Babylonian Mythology

- Many gods (Polytheism)
- Gods quarrel /disagree
- Confusion as to why the Flood came
- Adad thunder
 Ninurta- winds
 Annunaki lightning

Biblical Account

- One God (Monotheism)
- A Holy God
- God saw evil and punished the corrupt people
- Yahweh:
 - Creator
 - Sustainer
 - Judge

WISDOM LITERATURE

- Many such writings problem of evil and suffering / devout pious observers
- Examples The Theodicy, Dialogue of Pessimism

PROPHECY

- Babylonian prophecy forerunner of many occult religions and mystical books
- Described past events in prophetic terms to validate their foretelling other events

LAW & ORDER

LAW CODES

- A number of documents called the Law Codes (from 2350 to 1750 BC)
- Almost all in verbal agreement showing no legal codes but royal decrees
- King's divine mission administer justly

THE CODE OF HAMMURAPI (1780 BC)

- Established legal practice in Babylon's institutions & customs
- Retaliation tit for tat in cases of physical injuries (lex talionois)



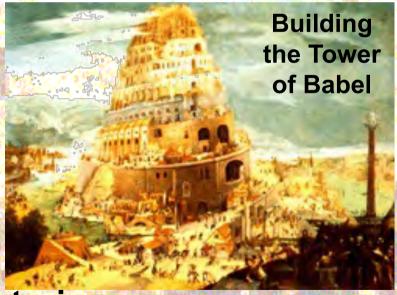
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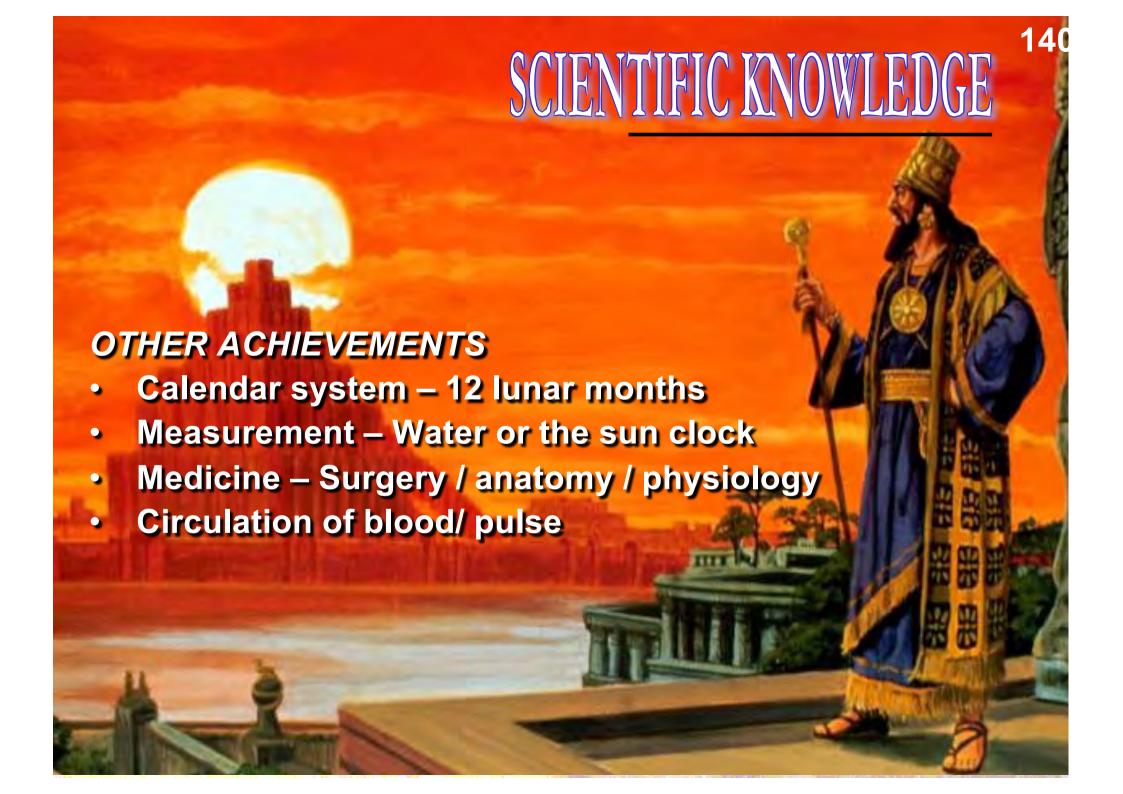
MATHEMATICS

- Geometry / algebra (Euclid & Pythagoras later developed)
- Developed the numerical system (sexagesimal)
- Measurement of time and degrees of the angles
- 60 mins (1 hour) / 360 degrees / decimal
- square roots / value of pi

SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Astronomy
- Astrology
 - recorded meticulously over centuries
 - correct calculations of the solar & lunar year





ECONOMY & SOCIAL STRUCTURE

AGRICULTURE

 Economic base – <u>barley</u>, wheat, fruits, vegetables, cattle & sheep

IRRIGATION SYSTEM

- Swamp and desert conditions
- Tigris and Euphrates –
 Sumerian (Idiglat & Buranin)
- Canal systems / flood banks



ECONOMY & SOCIAL STRUCTURE



Why the Exile?

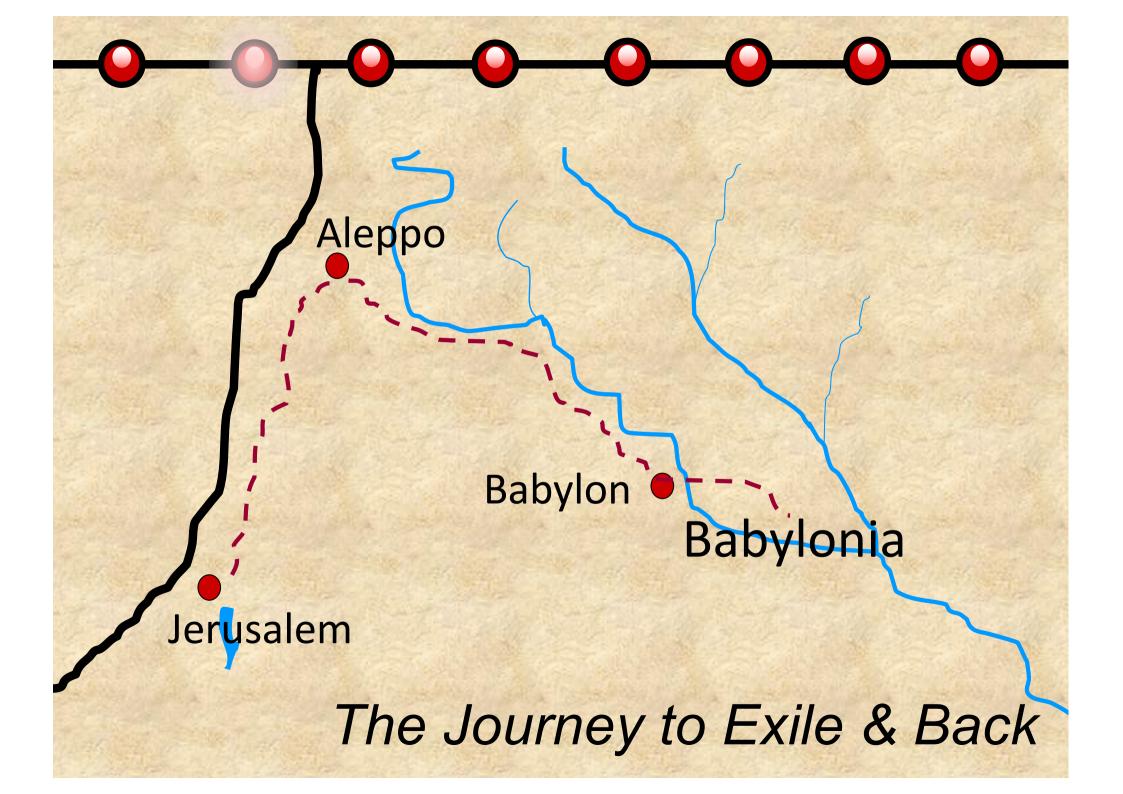
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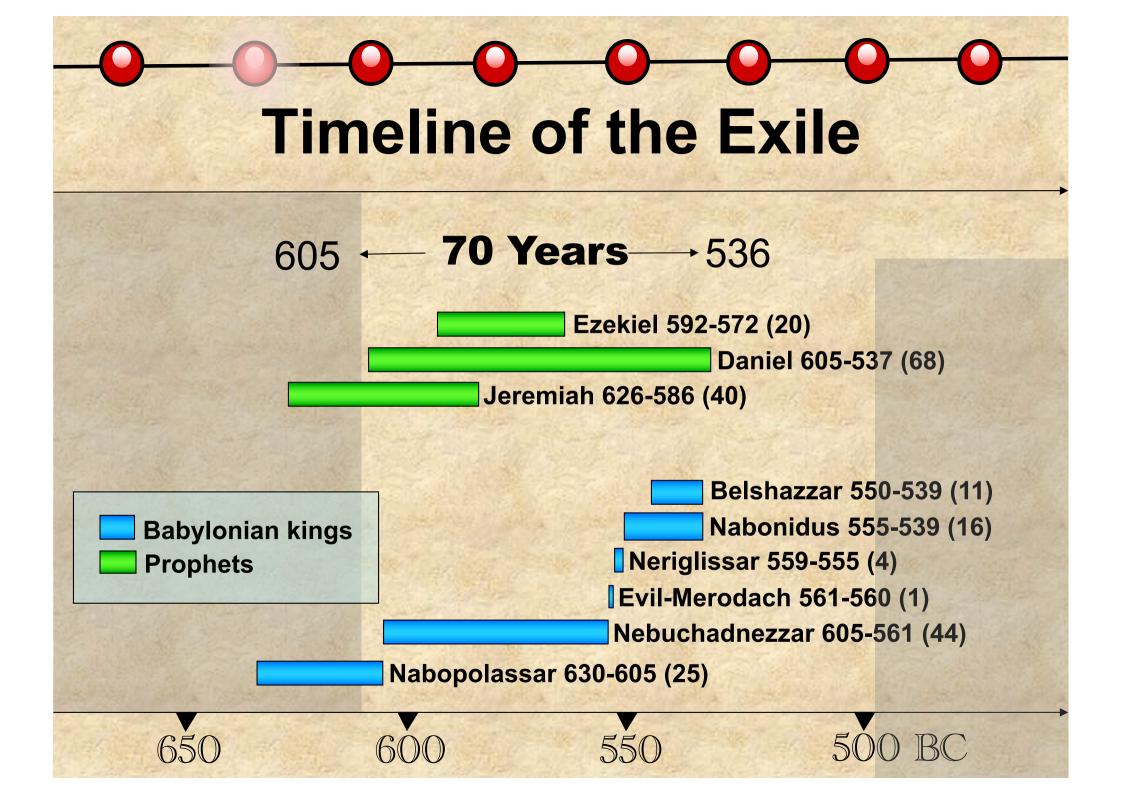


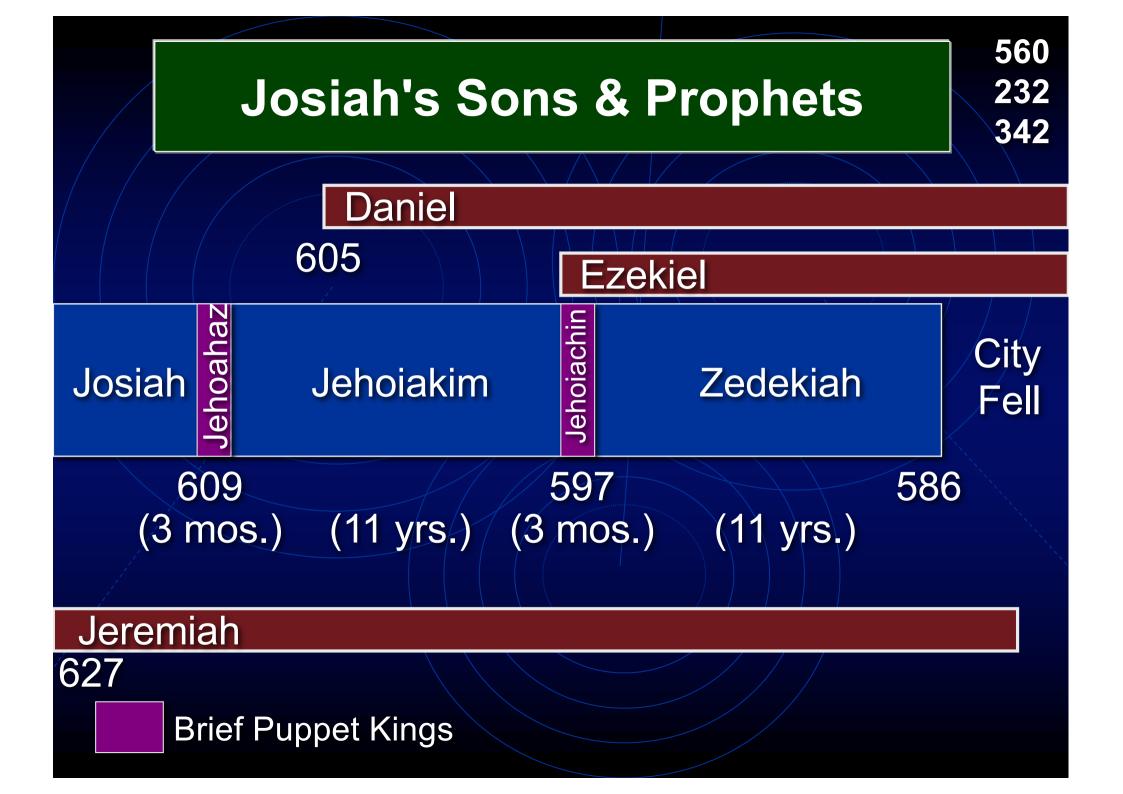
But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon.











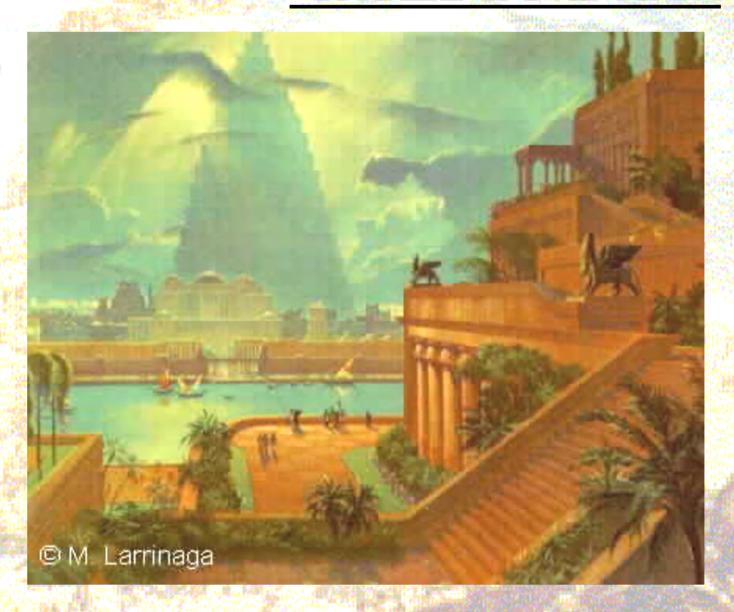
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> The Hanging Gardens



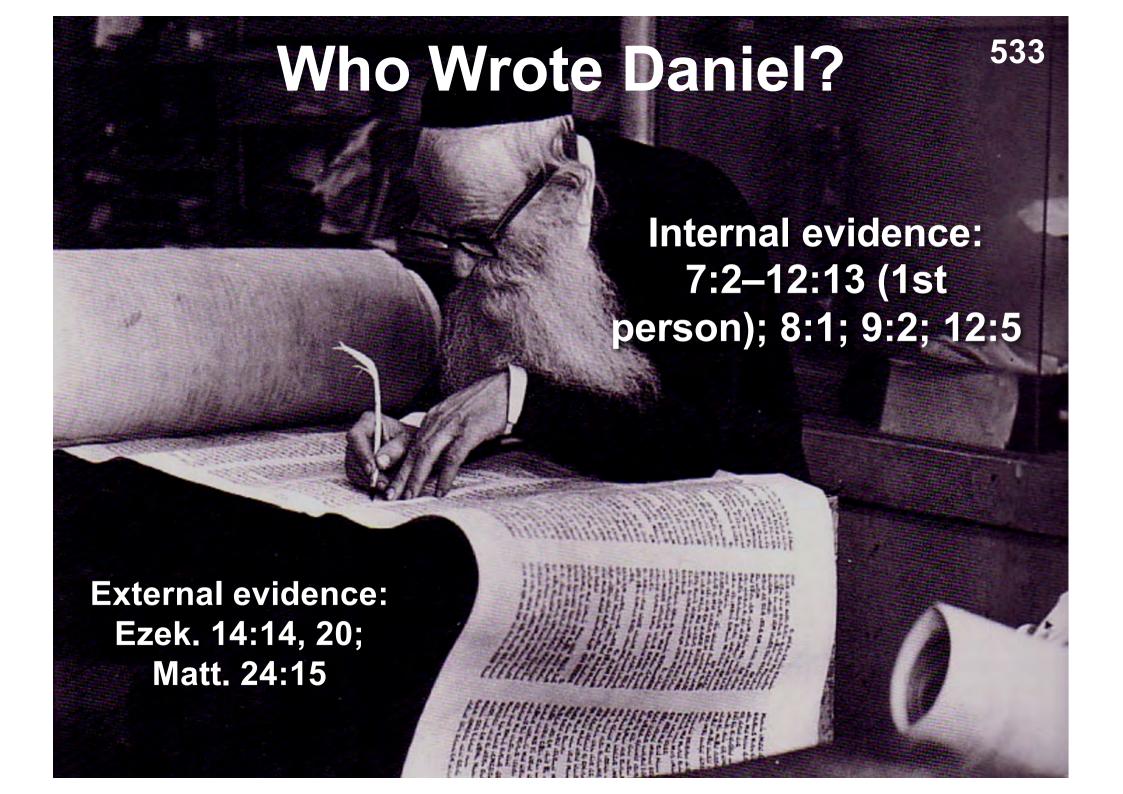
Before the Exile (- 605 BC) The Exile Period (605 - 538 BC)

After the Exile (538 - BC)





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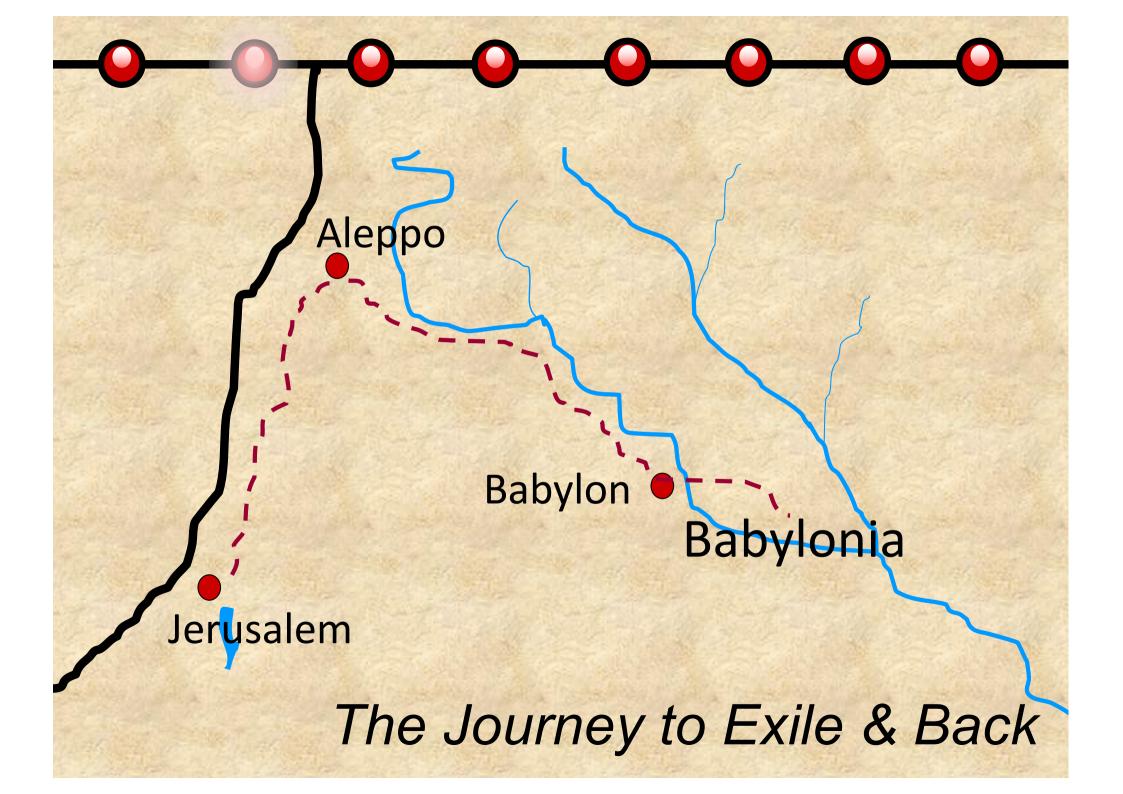


Support for Mosaic Authorship



"Earlier, during the first year of King Belshazzar's reign in Babylon, Daniel had a dream and saw visions as he lay in his bed. He wrote down the dream, and this is what he saw. ² In my vision that night, I, Daniel, saw a great storm churning the surface of a great sea, with strong winds blowing from every direction" (NLT).

Daniel 7:2 is 1st Person





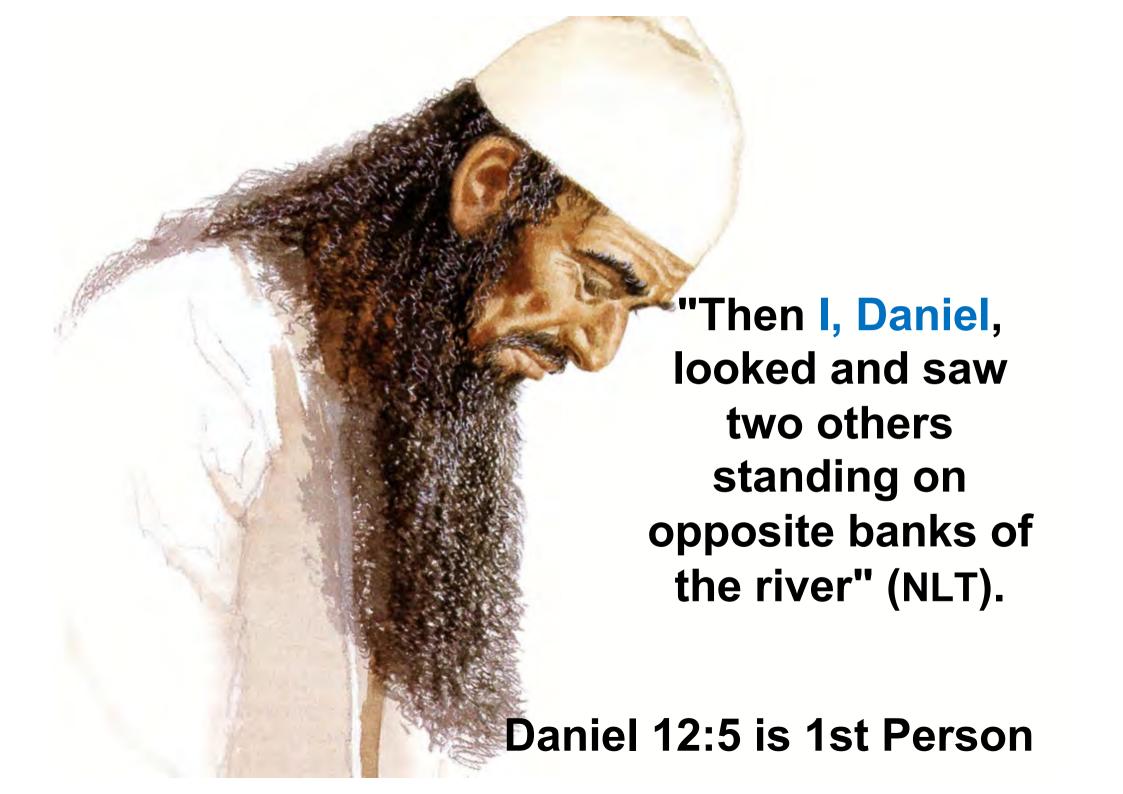
"During the third year of King Belshazzar's reign, I, Daniel, saw another vision, following the one that had already appeared to me" (NLT).

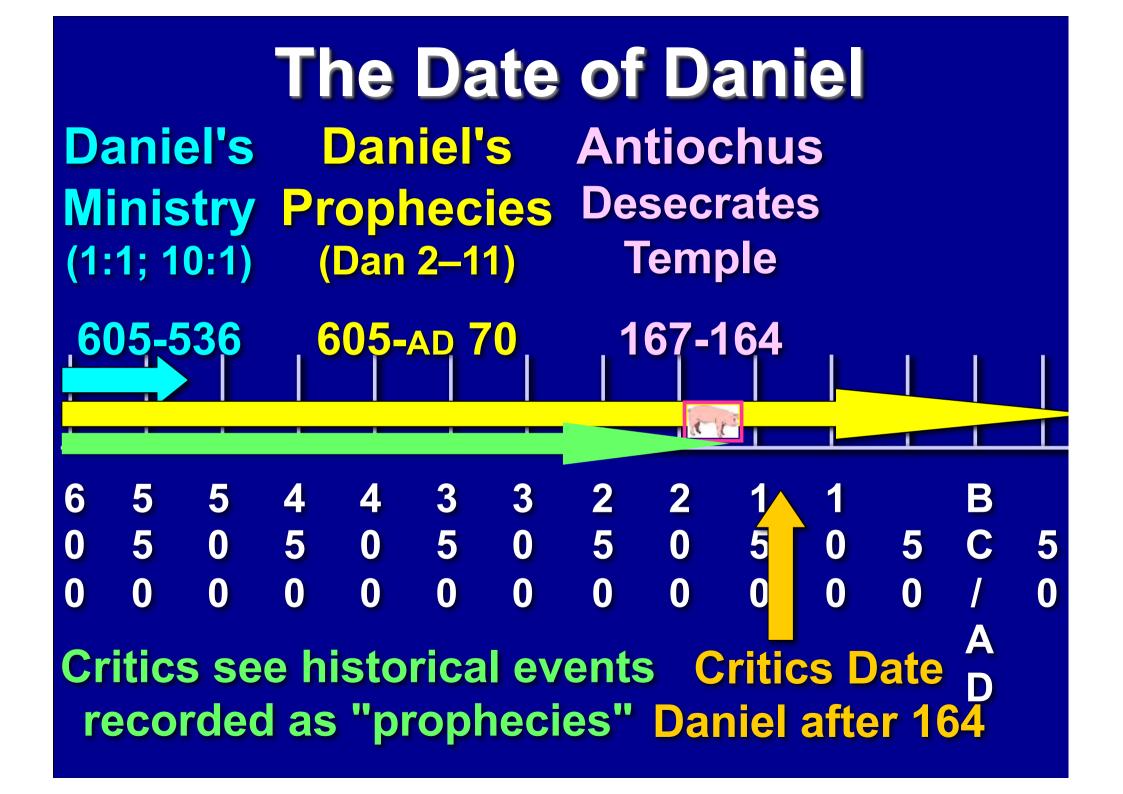
Daniel 8:1 is 1st Person

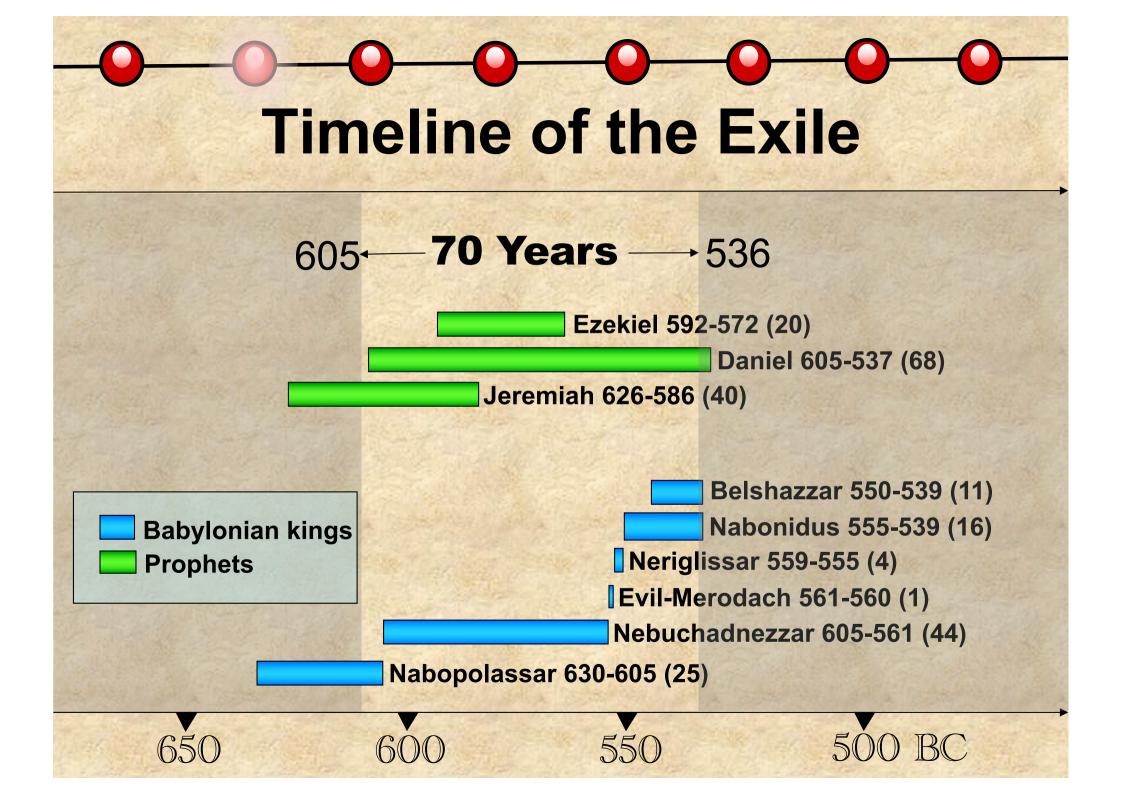
"During the first year of [Darius's] reign, I, Daniel, learned from reading the word of the LORD, as revealed to Jeremiah the prophet, that Jerusalem must lie desolate for 70 years" (NLT).



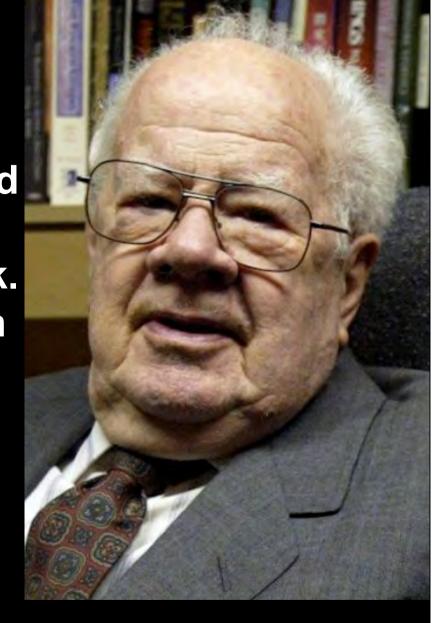
Daniel 9:2 is 1st Person







"Daniel's familiarity with the individuals spoken of in the book and with the historical events and customs mentioned in the book necessitates a sixth-century date for the book. The minute details included in the book could hardly have been retained accurately by oral tradition for some 400 years, as suggested by those who postulate a late date for the book."



Dwight J. Pentecost, "Daniel," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*; ed. John F. Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck; Accordance electronic ed. 2 vols.; Wheaton: Victor Books, 1985), 1:1324.

"Some critics hold that since God's name Yahweh is not used by Daniel and since the name was commonly used in Daniel's day by others, the book must have been written at a later time."

"However, this objection fails to note that in chapter 9 this name is used eight times (Dan. 9:2, 4, 8, 10, 13-14 [thrice], 20). The name for God an author used in a given passage was determined by his content, not by popular custom."

"Again, objection is made to Daniel's authorship because the writer refers in 1:21 to the time of Daniel's death."

"However, 1:21 does not state when Daniel died; it states that he 'remained there' (in Babylon) till Cyrus' first year. Cyrus' decree liberated the Jews from their exile in Babylon, thus bringing the 70-year Captivity to a near end. Daniel 1:21 is simply pointing out that Daniel lived through the span of the Captivity. The verse does not specify the time of his death. In fact, he lived on into at least Cyrus' third year (10:1)."

Support for Mosaic Authorship

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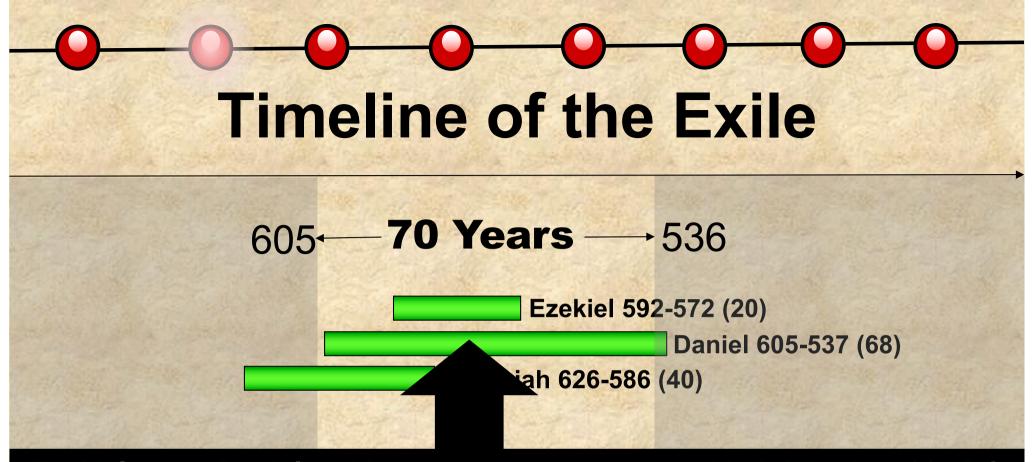
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Ezekiel notes Daniel as his contemporary on par with Job in the 580s BC (four centuries before 164 BC), so Daniel was well-known—not a myth!

Ezek. 14:14 Even if Noah, Daniel, and Job were there, their righteousness would save no one but themselves, says the Sovereign LORD.

Ezek. 14:20 As surely as I live, says the Sovereign LORD, even if Noah, Daniel, and Job were there, they wouldn't be able to save their own sons or daughters. They alone would be saved by their righteousness.

Daniel 9:25-27 (NLT)

²⁵ Now listen and understand! Seven sets of seven plus sixty-two sets of seven will pass from the time the command is given to rebuild Jerusalem until a ruler—the Anointed One—comes. Jerusalem will be rebuilt with streets and strong defenses, despite the perilous times. 26 "After this period of sixty-two sets of seven, the Anointed One will be killed, appearing to have accomplished nothing, and a ruler will arise whose armies will destroy the city and the Temple. The end will come with a flood, and war and its miseries are decreed from that time to the very end. 27 The ruler will make a treaty with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings. And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration, until the fate decreed for this defiler is finally poured out on him."

1. Critical View

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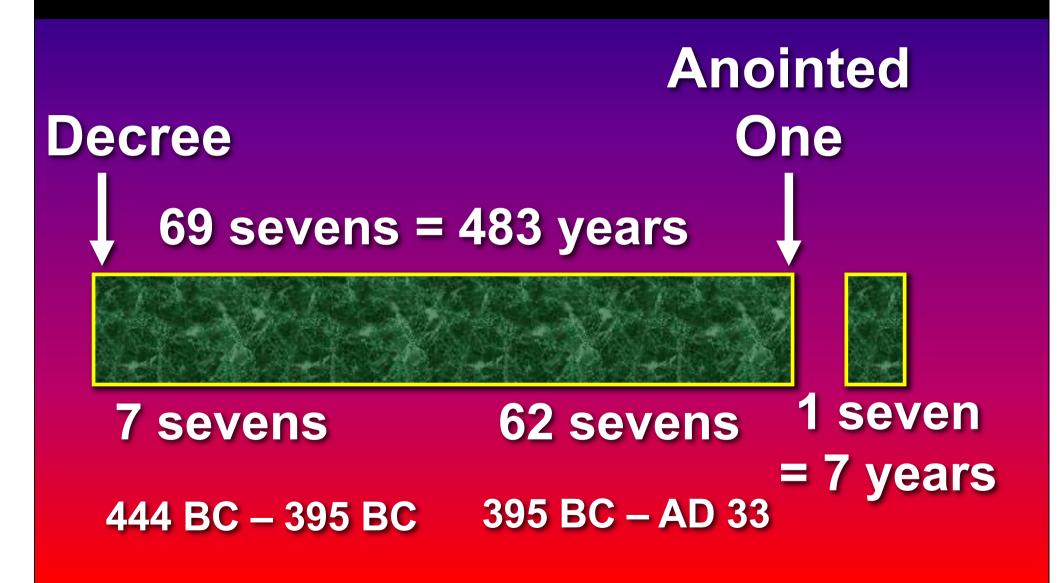
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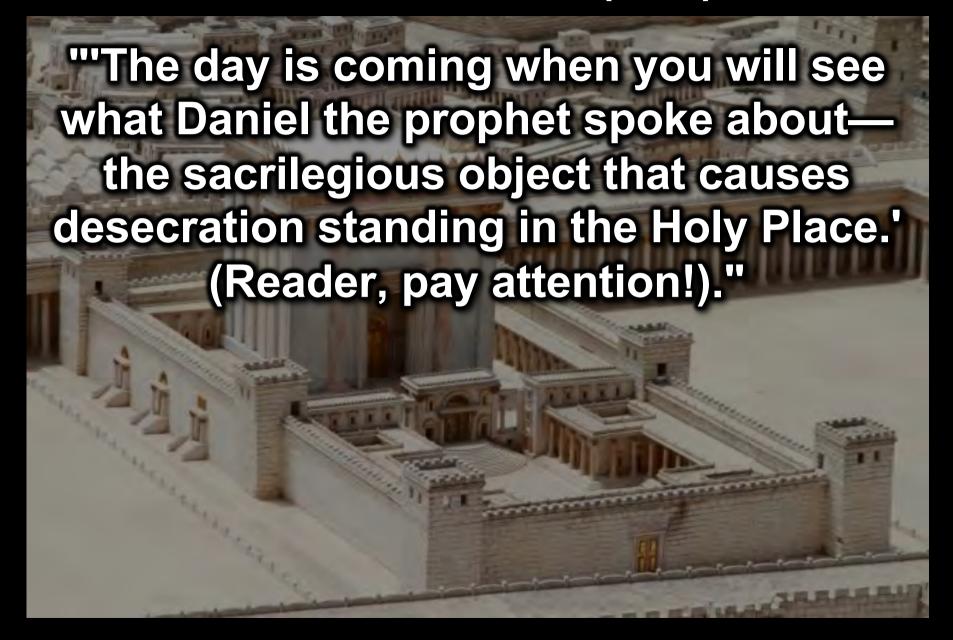
Critique of Critical View:

- Weeks add up to 422 or 441 years (not 490)
- Antiochus was hardly a Messianic figure!
- Antiochus IV made no covenant with Israel
- Prophecy seen only as imaginative prediction

The Seventy "Weeks" of Daniel



Matthew 24:15 (NLT)



Jesus says that Daniel 9:27 was written by Daniel

Confirmed ANE Chronologies

"...The Hebrew writers in Kings, etc., have their Assyrian and Babylonian monarchs impeccably in the right order..."

(Kitchen, 23)

Mesopotamia:

- Old Babylon (1432-1180)
- Assyria (912-609)
- Neo-Babylon (626-539)

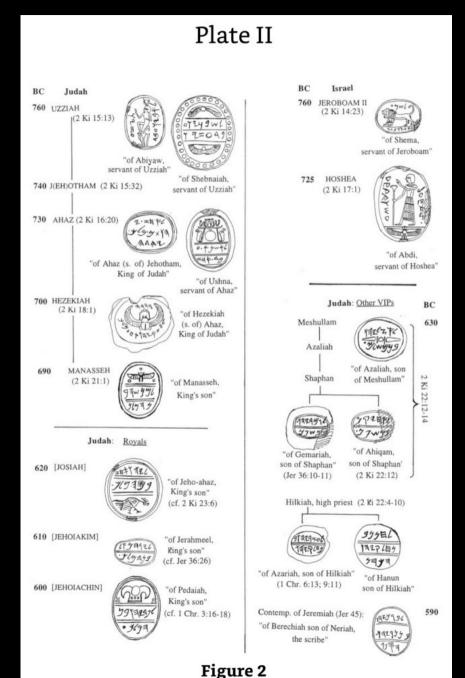
Israel

(dates confirmed)

Egypt (1550/1540-525)

"... Taharqa reigned from 690 to 664, Necho II from 610 to 595, and Hophra from 589 to 570, all in sequence alongside their Hebrew contemporaries..." (Kitchen, 23)

17 Seals Attesting to Jewish Kings



These seals with many close-ups in the following slides show ample archaeological support for the monarchies of Israel and Judah. The same is true for the kings of Babylon noted in Daniel's prophecy.

Kenneth A. Kitchen, On the Reliability of the Old Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2003), 16-21, 604

Seals of Uzziah & Jotham

BC Judah

760 UZZIAH (2 Ki 15:13)



"of Abiyaw, servant of Uzziah"

740 J(EH)OTHAM (2 Ki 15:32)

"of Shebnaiah, servant of Uzziah"

Seals of Jeroboam II & Hoshea

BC Israel

760 JEROBOAM II (2 Ki 14:23)



"of Shema, servant of Jeroboam"

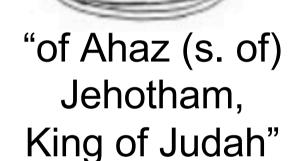
725 HOSHEA (2 Ki 17:1)

"of Abdi, servant of Hoshea"



Seals of Ahaz & Hezekiah

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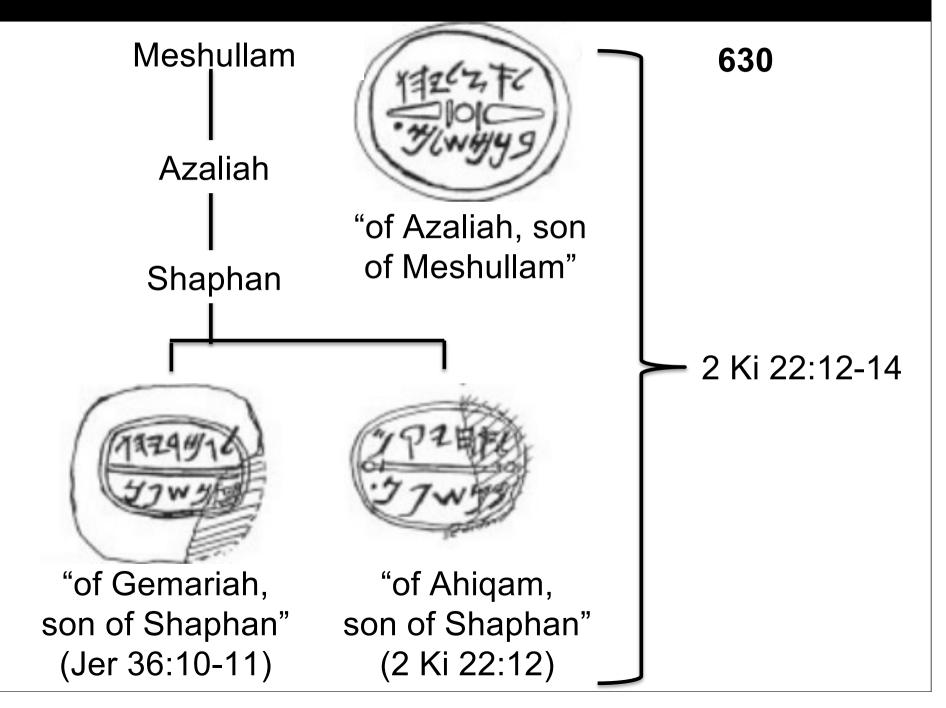
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"of Hezekiah, (s. of) Ahaz, King of Judah"

Seals of Other Judah VIPS



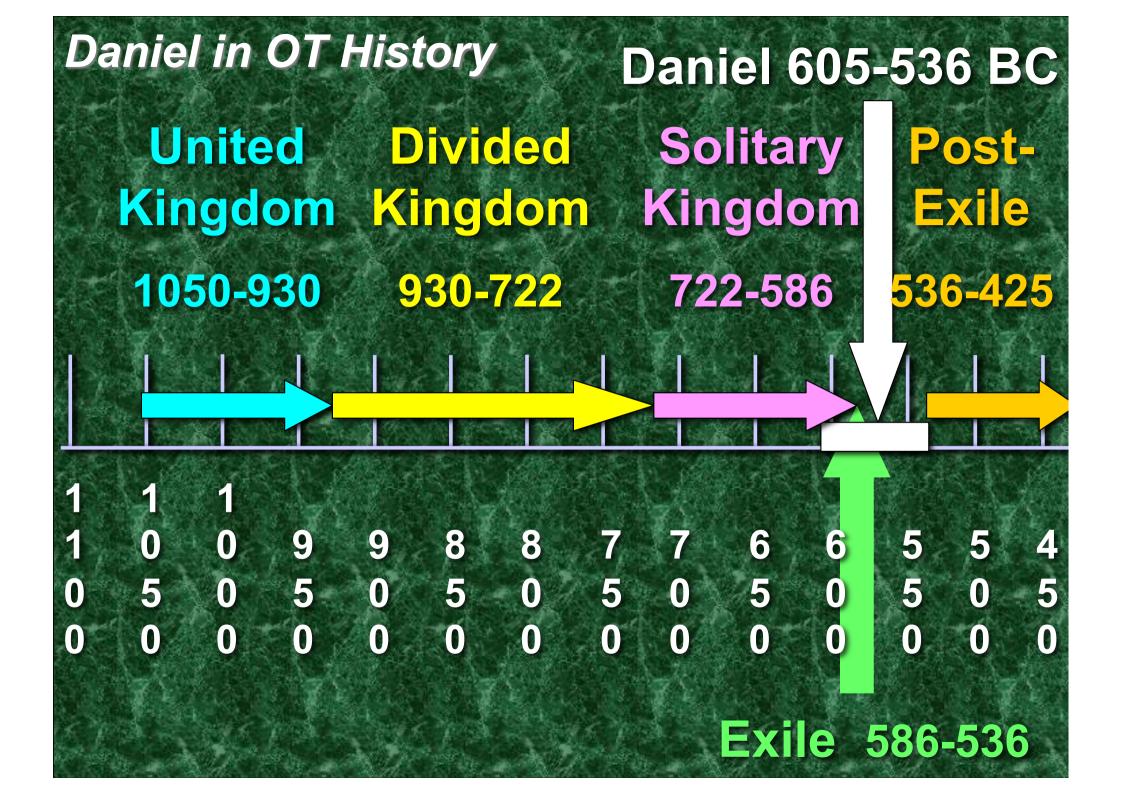
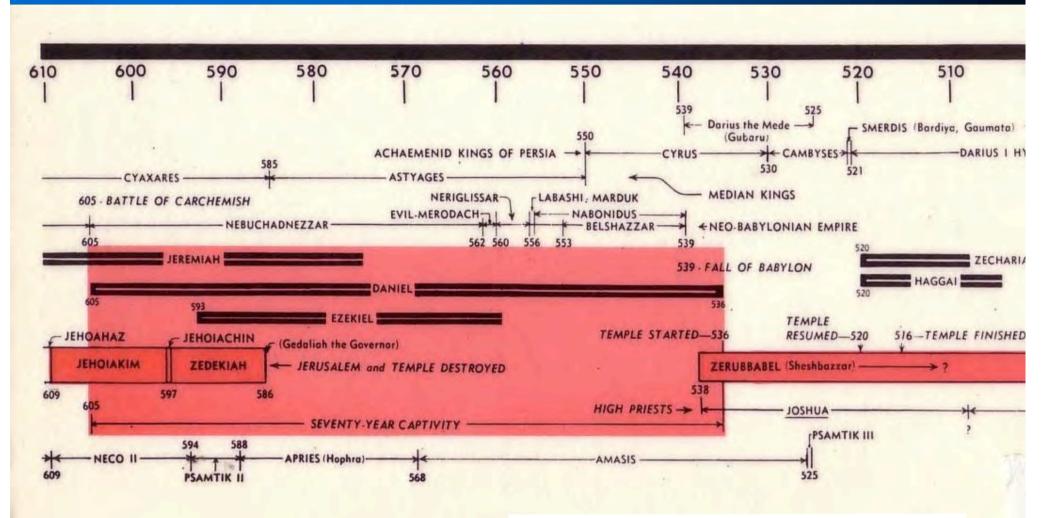


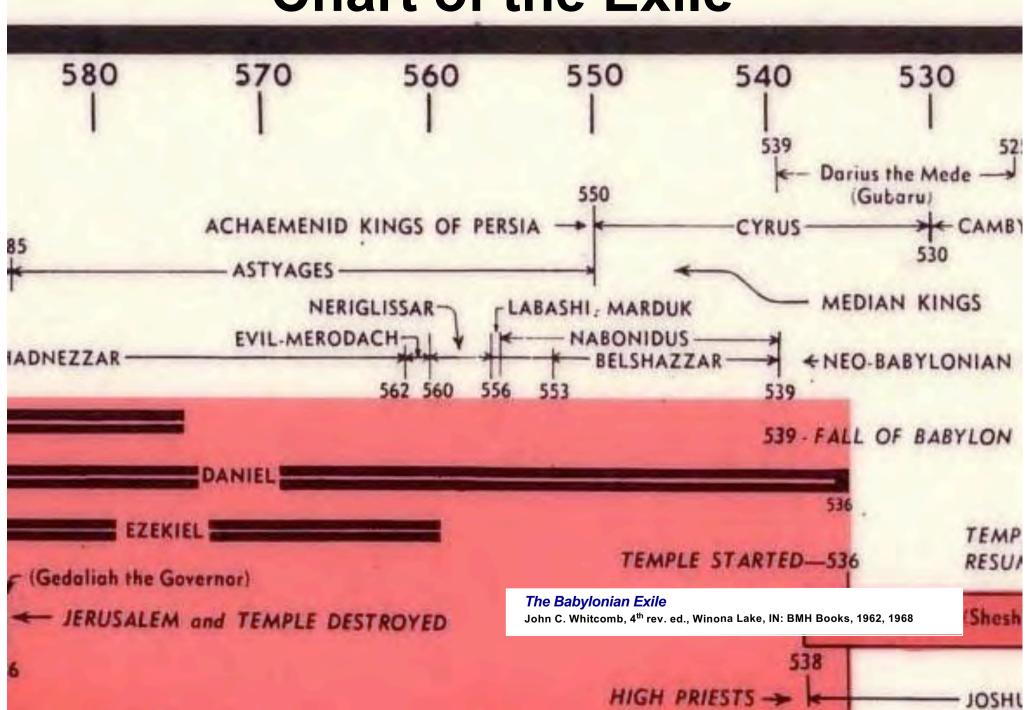
Chart of the Exile



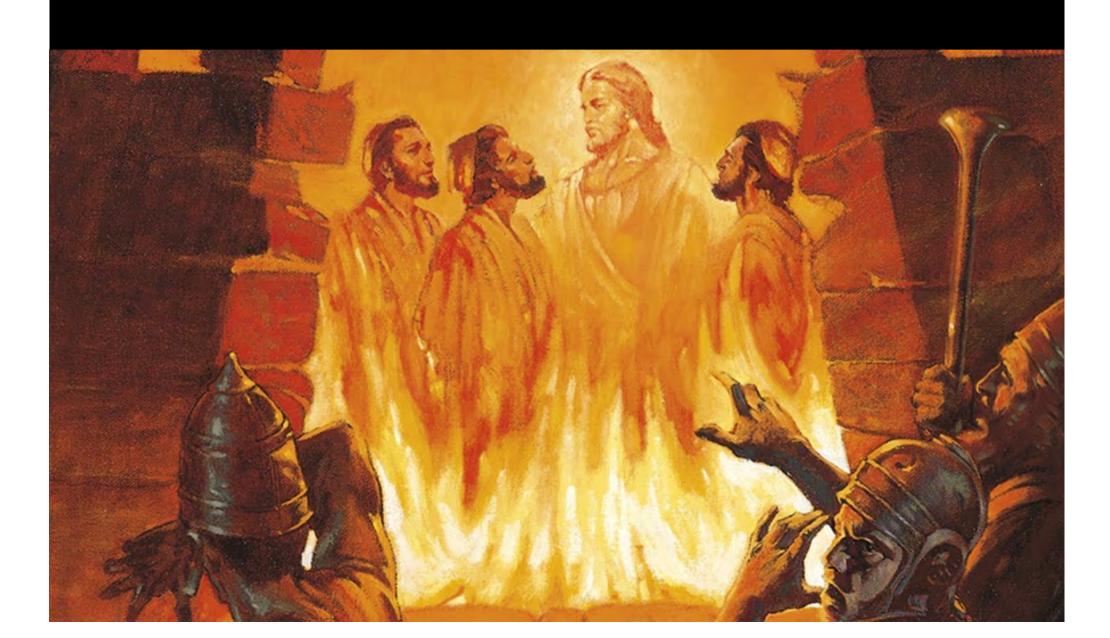
The Babylonian Exile

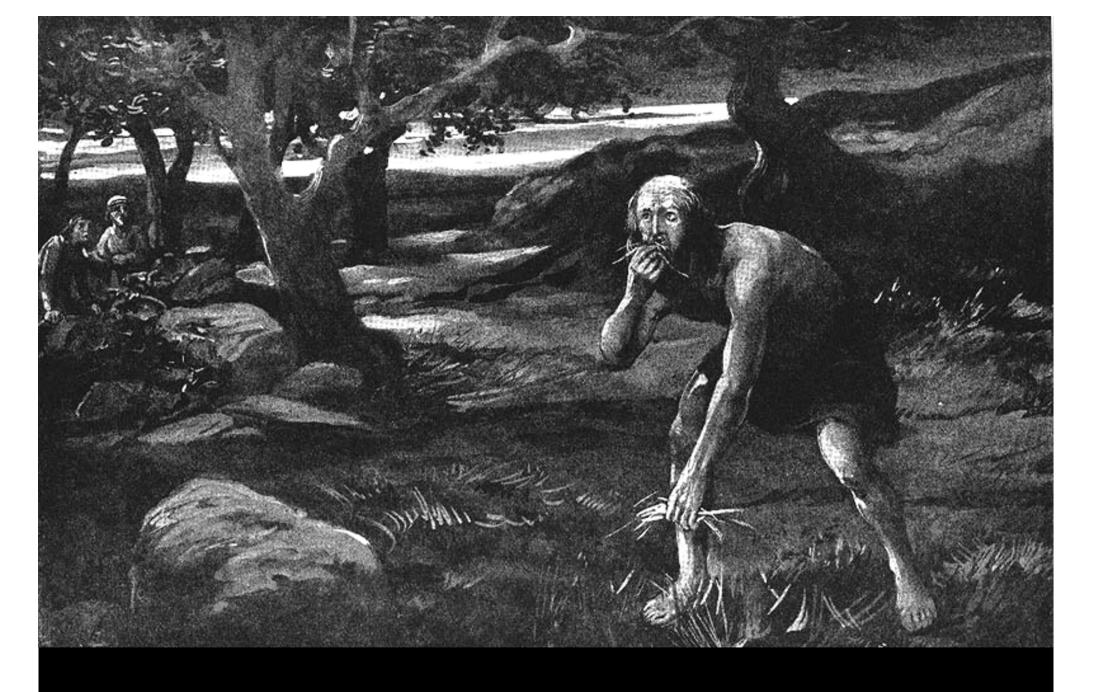
John C. Whitcomb, 4th rev. ed., Winona Lake, IN: BMH Books, 1962, 1968

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The Fiery Furnace



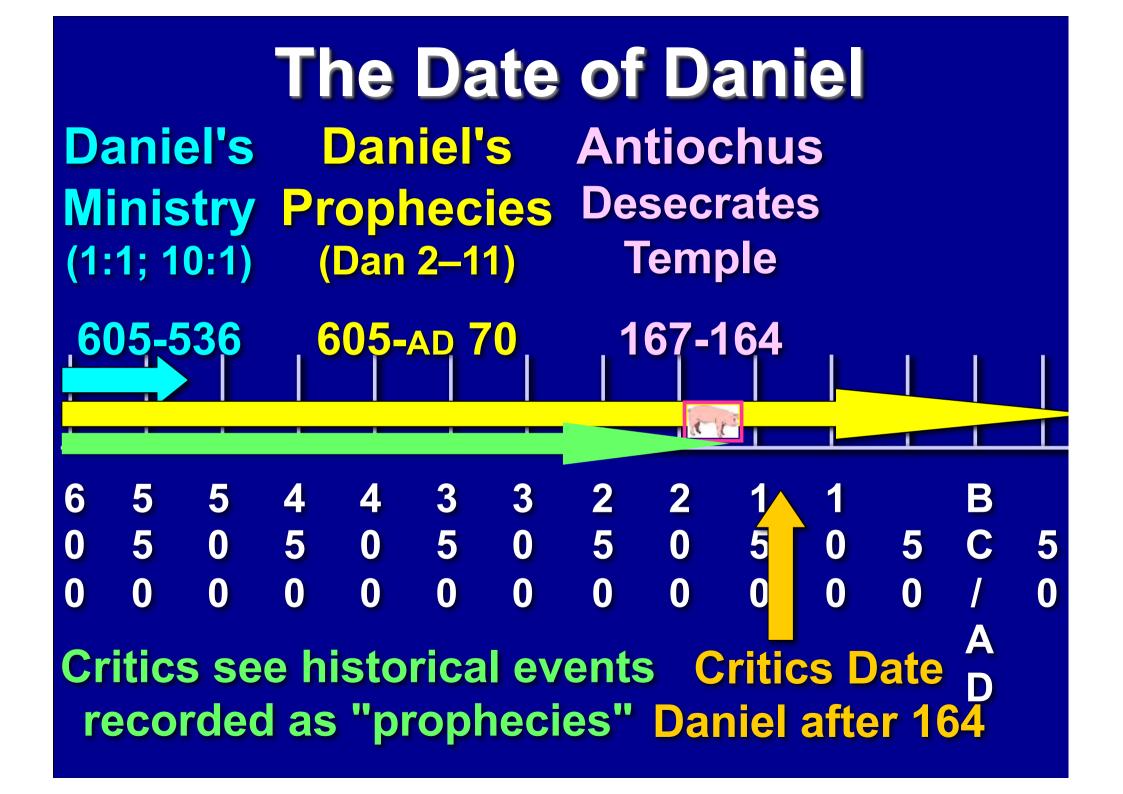


Involuntary Vegetarianism

Are these tales?

"The observation that the book contains many historical inaccuracies is the most important clue for the fact that the book originated in the second century. These inaccuracies are explained once it is realized that the writer wrote about the events of her own period, the second century."

M. Nel, "A Literary-Historical Analysis of Daniel 2: Two Powers in Opposition," *Acta Theologica 22* (2002): 78; cited by Tanner, *Daniel*, 2



"Some have objected to Daniel's authorship because of supposed historical errors found in the book. Some have asserted, for instance, that Nebuchadnezzar was not the father of Belshazzar, as indicated in Daniel 5:2, 11, 13, 18 (cf. v. 22). They argue that if Daniel had written the book, he would not have made such an error."

"However, it has been demonstrated that a royal successor to the throne was called a 'son' (5:22) even if he had no blood relationship to an earlier king."

Greek & Persian Loan Words in Daniel

Greece Persia

"Then a herald shouted out, 'People of all races and nations and languages, listen to the king's command! ⁵ When you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes, and other musical instruments, bow to the ground to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's gold statue. ⁶ Anyone who refuses to obey will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace'" (Daniel 3:4-6 NLT).

—How do we explain these many Greek and Persian words in 600 BC before the Greek and Roman empires were established?

Babylon

Greek & Persian Loan Words in Daniel

Greece

Persia

"A number of other objections have been raise... against the early date for the book. For example, some argue that the several Persian and Greek words in the book indicate that it must have been written much later than the sixth century B.C. However, archeology has revealed that commerce existed between Greece and Babylon even before Daniel's day. This would explain the presence of Greek words. And the Persian words in the book were from an official or literary form of the Persian language which was in wide use throughout the Near East. (Cf. D.J. Wiseman et al., Notes on Some Problems in the Book of Daniel, pp. 23-7, 35-50.)"

Babylon

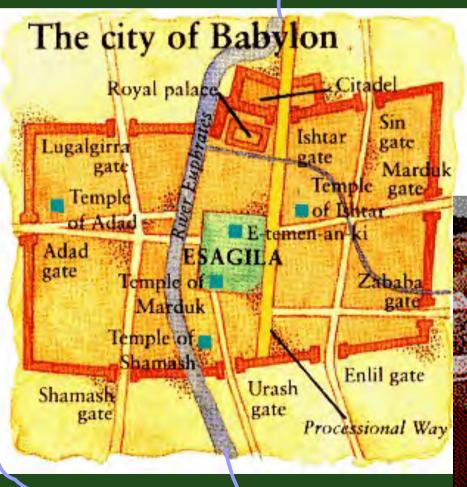
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Belshazzar's Feast (Daniel 5)

Fall of Babylon

BABYLON FELL (539 BC) Cyrus entered under the water gates



Daniel 5
(Belshazzar's Feast)



Babylon's Fall (Herodotus)

The History of the Persian Wars 1.191 (430 BC)

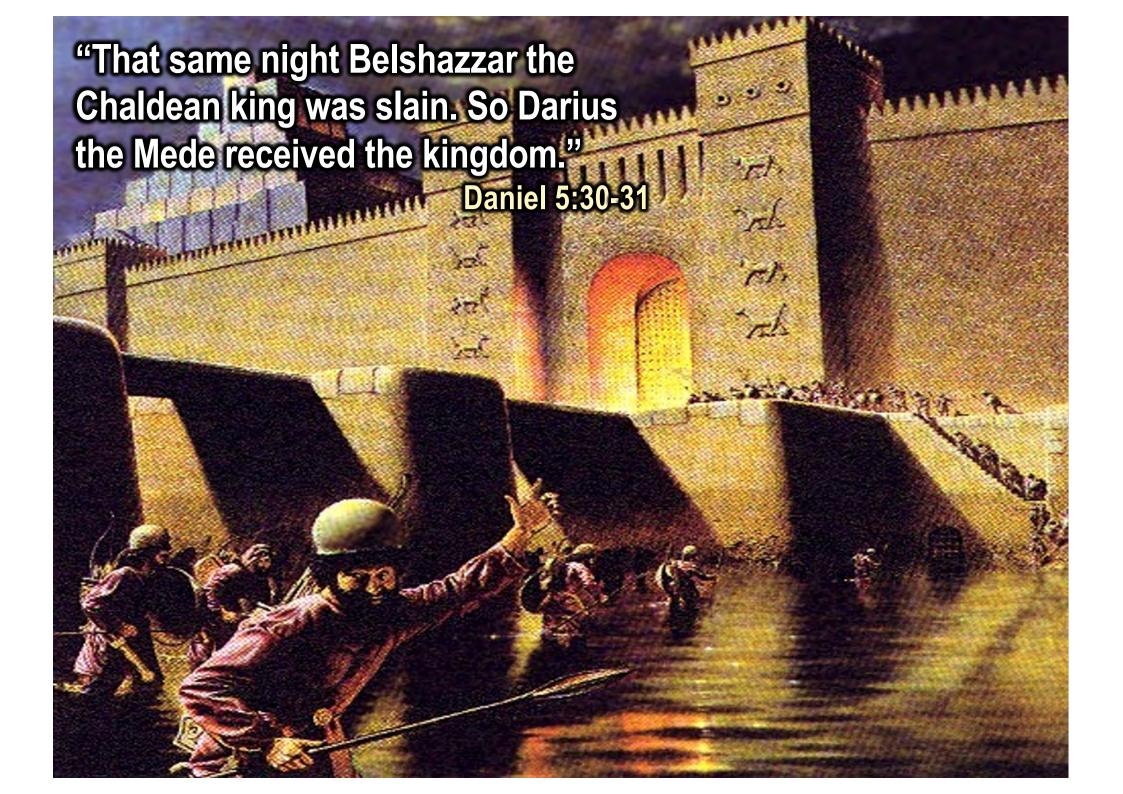
"[Cyrus] placed a portion of his army at the point where the river enters the city, and another body at the back of the place where it issues forth, with orders to march into the town by the bed of the stream, as soon as the water became shallow enough: he then himself drew off with the unwarlike portion of his host, and made for the place where Nitocris dug the basin for the river, where he did exactly what she had done formerly: he turned the Euphrates by a canal into the basin, which was then a marsh, on which the river sank to such an extent that the natural bed of the stream became fordable.

"Hereupon the Persians who had been left for the purpose at Babylon by the river-side, entered the stream, which had now sunk so as to reach about midway up a man's thigh, and thus got into the town.

Babylon's Fall (Herodotus)

"Had the Babylonians been apprised of what Cyrus was about, or had they noticed their danger, they would never have allowed the Persians to enter the city, but would have destroyed them utterly; for they would have made fast all the street-gates which gave upon the river, and mounting upon the walls along both sides of the stream, would so have caught the enemy, as it were, in a trap. But, as it was, the Persians came upon them by surprise and so took the city. Owing to the vast size of the place, the inhabitants of the central parts (as the residents at Babylon declare) long after the outer portions of the town were taken, knew nothing of what had chanced, but as they were engaged in a festival, continued dancing and reveling until they learnt the capture but too certainly. Such, then, were the circumstances of the first taking of Babylon."

The History of the Persian Wars 1.191 (written over a century later in 430 BC)

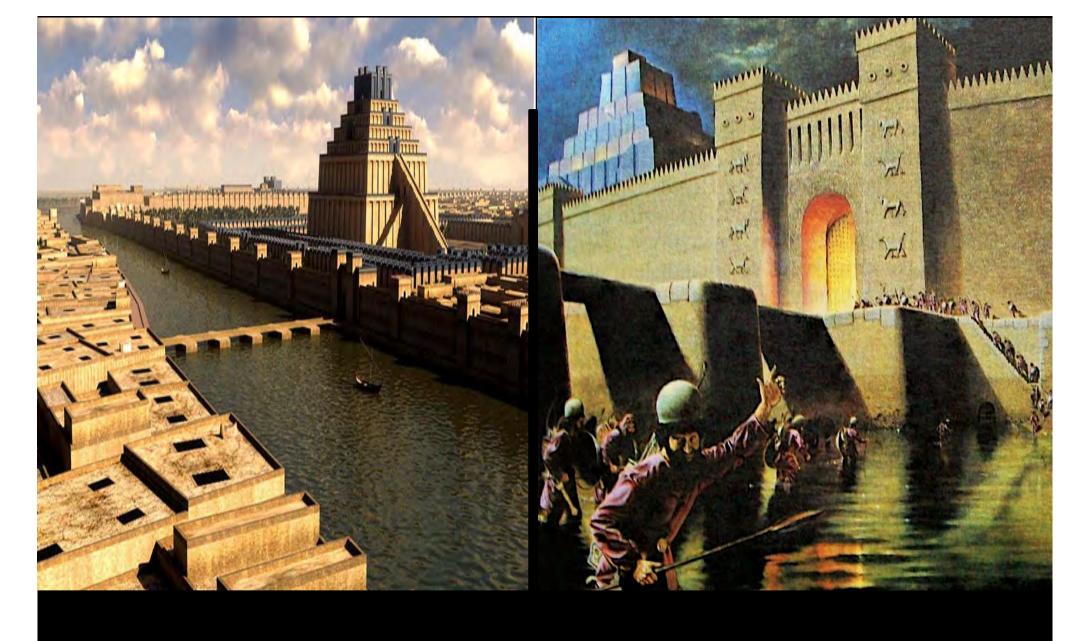


The Identifications of Darius the Mede

Stephen D. Anderson







On 12 Oct 539 BC, after Cyrus' engineers diverted the waters of the Euphrates, the soldiers entered Babylon without fighting.

"It is I who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd! And he will perform all My desire.' And he declares of Jerusalem, 'She will be built,' and of the Temple, 'Your foundation will be laid. Thus says the LORD to Cyrus His anointed, Whom I have taken by the right hand, to subdue nations before him, and to loose the loins of kings; to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: I will go before you and make the rough places smooth; I will shatter the doors of bronze, and cut through their iron bars. And I will give you the treasures of darkness, and hidden wealth of secret places, in order that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name." Isaiah 44:28-45:3

God's Shepherd Cyrus



"Anointed"



Mashiach (Messiah)

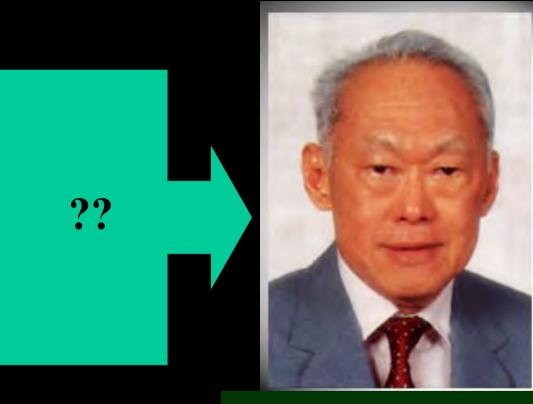
God's "anointed," whether a patriarch (Ps. 105:15), priest (Lev. 4:3, 5, 16), king (1 Sam. 24:6; 2 Sam. 1:14, 16), or prophet (1 Kgs. 19:16) was a person chosen and "set apart" (the act of "anointing" with oil) to do a special work for God. In the case of Cyrus, he was set apart to serve God's purpose in releasing the captive Jews and returning them to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple, as He had promised: "Then it will be when seventy years are completed I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation,' declares the LORD, 'for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it an everlasting desolation" (Jeremiah 25:12). God would subdue nations before Cyrus and give him the wealth of those nations in order that Cyrus would come to recognize that Israel's God had done this for him.



Amazing Prophecies



Stamford Raffles (1819)



Lee Kwan Yew (1959)

Did you hear that Raffles wrote 140 years before Lee Kwan Yew, "Behold, a man named Lee will arise to make Singapore its own country..."?

Amazing Prophecies



41:2-3, 25

44:28

45:1-2

45:13-15



Isaiah (700 BC)

Cyrus (539 BC)

"When I say of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd,' he will certainly do as I say. He will command, 'Rebuild Jerusalem'; he will say, 'Restore the Temple' "
(Isa. 44:28 NLT)

Cyrus Prophesied



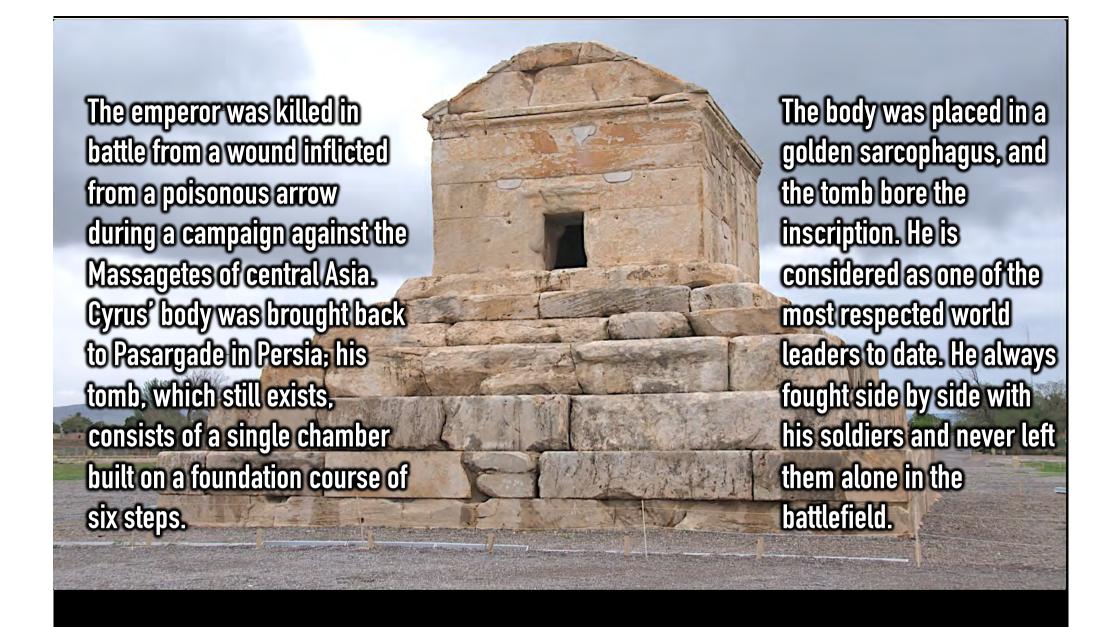
"Who has stirred up this king from the east, rightly calling him to God's service? Who gives this man victory over many nations and permits him to trample their kings underfoot? With his sword, he reduces armies to dust.

With his bow, he scatters them like chaff before the wind" (Isaiah 41:2 NLT).

"He delivers up nations before him, and subdues kings. He makes them like dust with his sword, as the wind-driven chaff with his bow. He pursues them, passing on in safety, by a way he had not been traversing with his feet." Isaiah 41:2b-3

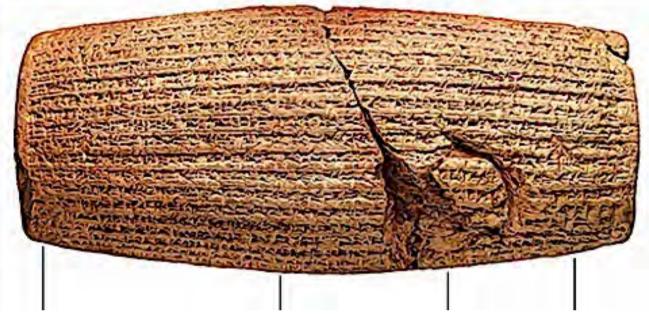


Cyrus moved from country to country, conquering every king in his path. Around 550 BC he unified the Medes and Persians to defeat the powerful kingdom of Lydia (Asia Minor) in 546 BC. Turning south to Babylon, his army under the command of Darius conquered the city in 539 BC.



Tomb of Cyrus the Great

CYRUS CYLINDER



What: Clay cylinder, 22.5 cm by 10 cm, inscribed with arguably the world's first known human rights charter

Antiquity:
539 BC
when
Persian
emperor
Cyrus
conquered
Babylon

Contents:
Freedom of
worship for
all, call for
repatriation
of
deportees

Place: London Museum "I am Cyrus, king of the world, great king, legitimate king, king of Babylon, king of Sumer and Akkad, king of the four rims (of the earth), son of Cambyses, great king, king of Anshan, descendant of Teispes, great king, king of **Anshan, family** (which) always (exercised) kingship."

Policies of Cyrus the Great



"I am Cyrus, king of the universe..."

"Nabonidus, the king who did not fear me..."

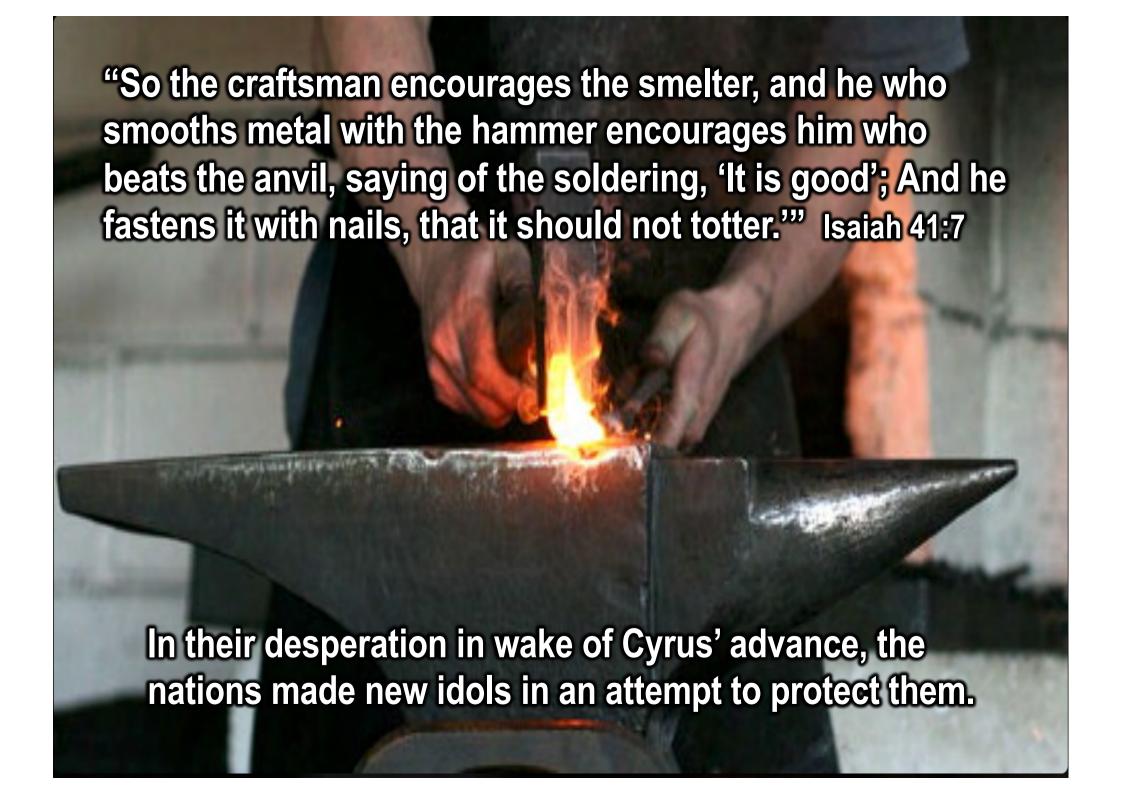
"Since the gods of foreign lands made permanent sanctuaries which are now dilapidated, I returned people to their lands and made provisions to rebuild"

"Now that I put the crown of kingdom of Persia, Babylon, and the nations of the four directions on the head with the help of god I announce that I will respect the traditions, customs and religions of the nations of my empire and never let any of my governors and subordinates look down on or insult them until I am alive. From now on, till god grants me the kingdom favor, I will impose my monarchy on no nation. Each is free to accept it, and if any one of them rejects it, I never resolve on war to reign. Until I am the king of Persia, Babylon, and the nations of the four directions, I [will] never let anyone oppress any others, and if it occurs, I will take his or her right back and penalize the oppressor."

"And until I am the monarch, I will never let anyone take possession of movable and landed properties of the others by force or without compensation. [While] I am alive, I [will] prevent unpaid, forced labor. Today, I announce that everyone is free to choose a religion. People are free to live in all regions and take up a job provided that they never violate other's rights. No one [can] be penalized for his or her relatives' faults. I prevent slavery and my governors and subordinates are obliged to prohibit exchanging men and women as slaves within their own ruling domains. Such traditions should be exterminated the world over. I implore to god to make me succeed in fulfilling my obligations to the nations of Persia, Babylon, and the ones of the four directions."

"Who has performed and accomplished it, calling forth the generations from the beginning?

'I, the LORD, am the first, and with the last. I am He.'" Isaiah 41:4 The focus is on time. God is the same God to the first generations of man as the very last. He is always God for all time.





"But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, descendant of Abraham My friend, you whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called from its remotest parts, and said to you, 'You are My servant, I have chosen you and not rejected you. 'Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:8-10

Is Trump a Cyrus?

Neither claimed to be a Jew/Christian, but they worked tirelessly for biblical causes



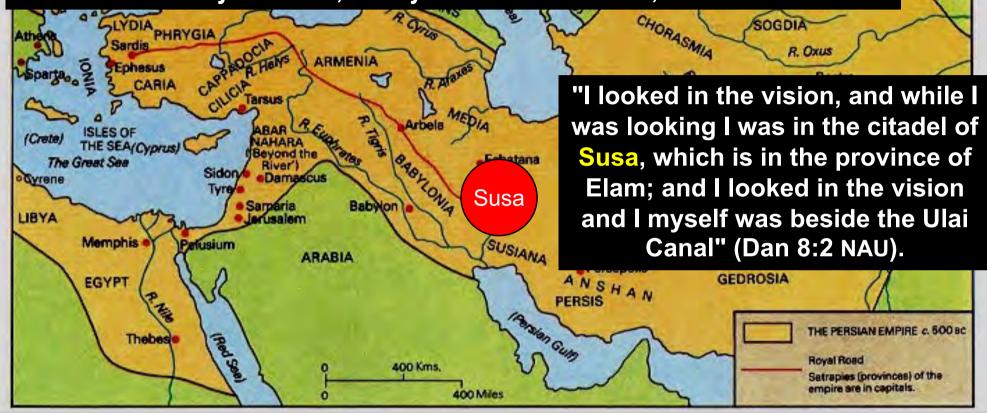
Israel the servant nation should not fear since God is sovereign over Babylon's puny idols as he will appoint Cyrus (41:25) as the only one who knows the future.



Map of the Persian Empire

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Barry J. Beitzel, Moody Atlas of Bible Lands, 150-51



The Persian Empire in the 5th century BC extended "from India and Ethiopia" (Esther 1:1)

The boundaries of the empire that Cyrus II initiated and Darius I consolidated stretched from Greece to India







The Image of Daniel 2 is Apocalyptic too

Kingdom

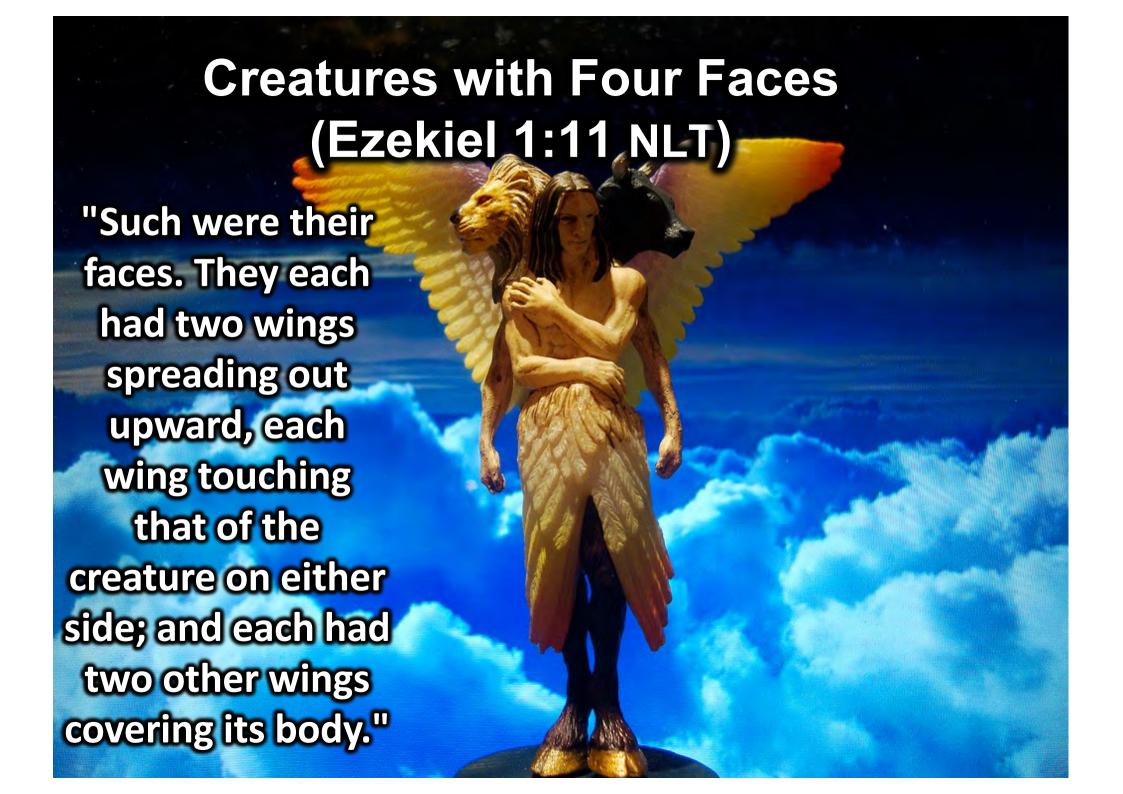




Another apocalyptic vision at the time of Daniel



Ezekiel 1



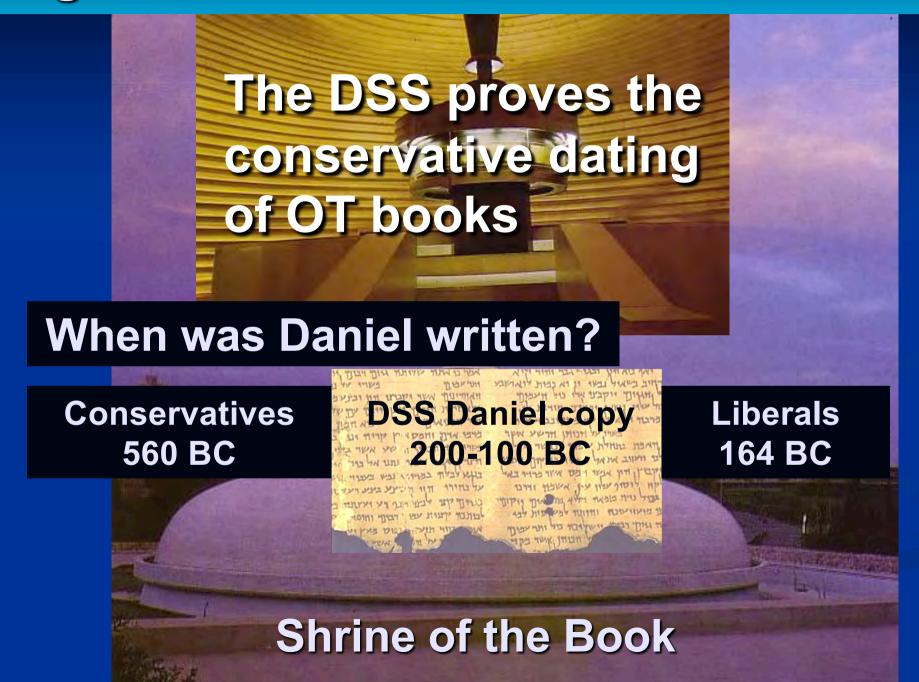


"Some have objected to Daniel's sixth-century date on the grounds that the book is included in the Writings, the third section of the Hebrew Bible, rather than among the Prophets, the second division. The last prophetic book (Malachi) was written in the fifth century B.C. Those arguing for a late date for Daniel allege that if his book were written in the sixth century, it would have been included in the second division (the Prophets) rather than relegated to the third (the Writings)."

Your response?

"However, as previously noted, the prophets were set apart by God as His messengers with a special ministry to the nation Israel. Since Daniel was counted by his contemporaries as a governmental leader rather than a prophet, his writings were included in the third division rather than in the second. Thus the status of the author rather than the date of his book determined the division in which his book was included in the Hebrew Bible."

Significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls



But could Daniel have had an advanced theology of angels and the resurrection?

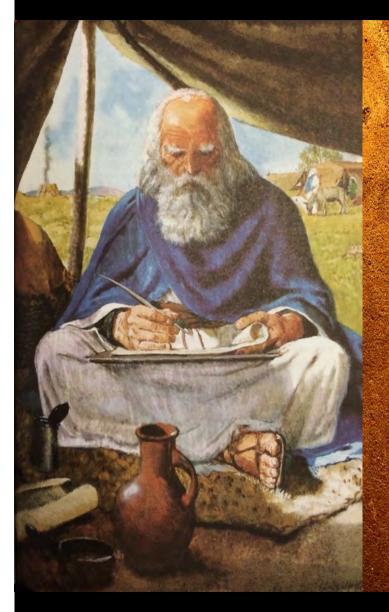
—Another argument of the critics

Michael will arise (Daniel 12:1)



Judgment of Old Testament Saints

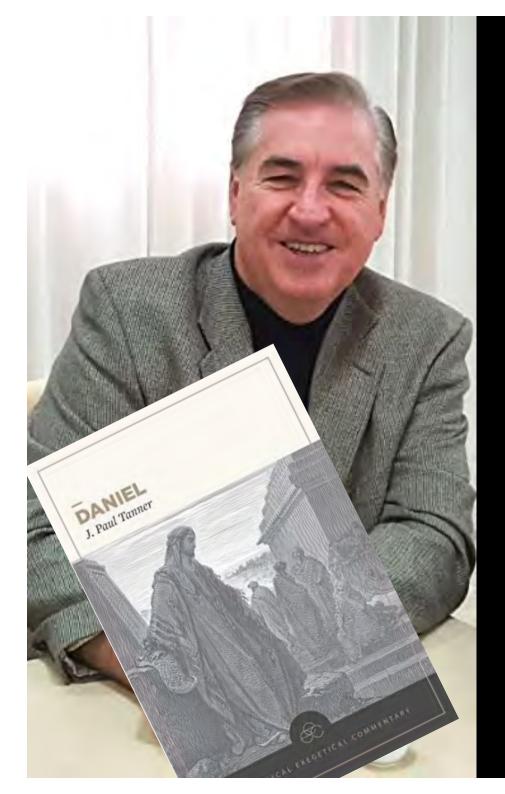
"Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. 3Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever" (Daniel 12:1-3 NAU).



"Your dead will live; Their corpses will rise. You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy, for your dew is as the dew of the dawn, and the earth will give birth to the departed spirits."

Isaiah 26:19

"For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave" (Psalm 16:10 NLT). Peter noted this as predictive prophecy of the resurrection of Christ (Acts 2)



J. Paul Tanner

—Finally, a substantial evangelical commentary on Daniel

Daniel, Evangelical Exegetical Commentary (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2020)

Conclusion

Do you have any doubts that Daniel wrote the book bearing his name?

DANIEL = >x?j7

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

CHARACTERISTICS:

- A. Apocalypse of the OT
- B. God kept him in his profession as a politician
- C. The date is debated more than any other biblical book
- D. In 2 languages (Hebrew: 1, 8–12 and Aramaic: 2–7)
- E. Recorded outside of Israel
- F. Daniel saw God's rule over the nations
- G. Times of Gentiles (Luke 21:24)

"...and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled" (Luke 21:24)



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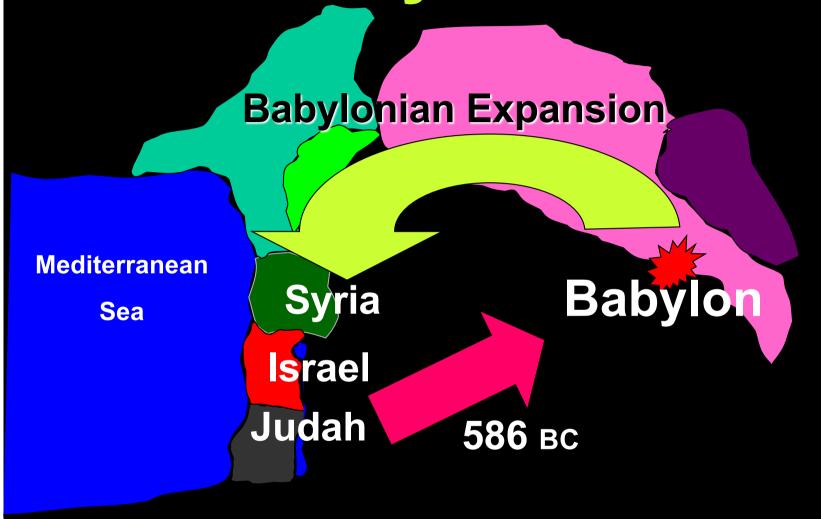
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Temple Exile

"This entire land will become a desolate wasteland. Israel and her neighboring lands will serve the king of Babylon for seventy years. ¹²Then, 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" (Jeremiah 25:11-12).

The Babylonian Threat



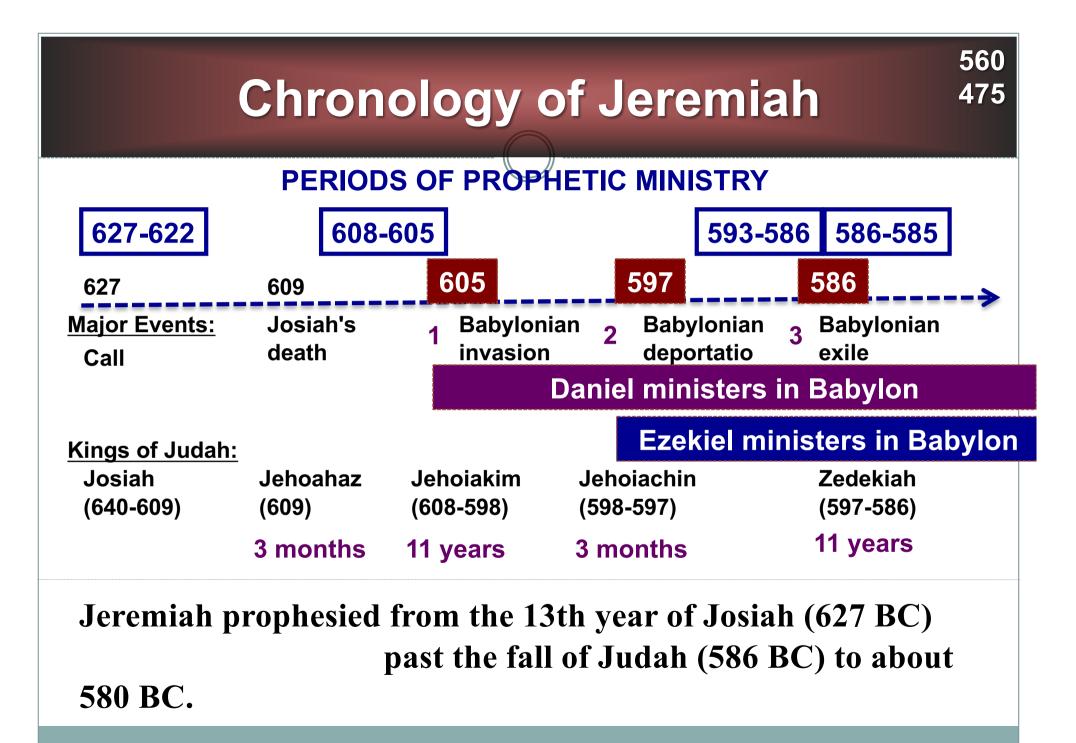
Egypt

Persian Gulf

ISRAEL & BABYLON

Summary of the Exiles

Sequence and Size	Date	King of Judah	Key Captives
1: Minor	605 BC	Jehoiakim	Daniel, 3 friends and other nobility and royalty (Dan 1:3)
2: Moderate	598 BC	Jehoiakim	3023 people (Jer 52:28)
3: Major	597 BC	Jehoiachin	10,000 (Jehoiachin, Ezekiel, Mordecai) (2 Kings 24:12b, Ezek. 1:2, Esther 2:6)
4: Minor	587 BC	Zedekiah	832 people (Jer 52:29)
5: Major (Temple Ruin)	586 BC	Zedekiah	ca. 10,400 people (2 Kings 25:11)
6: Minor	582 BC		745 people (Jer. 52:30)



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An Evil End to Judah



Good king in white Evil kings in yellow

Jehoahaz **Jehoiakim** Zedekiah Johanan (Shallum) (no rule) (Eliakim) (Mattaniah) 609-597 597-586 609 (11 yrs.) (11 yrs.) (3 mos.) **Jehoiachin** (Jeconiah/Coniah) **Babylon 597 Exiled** (3 mos.)

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BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.

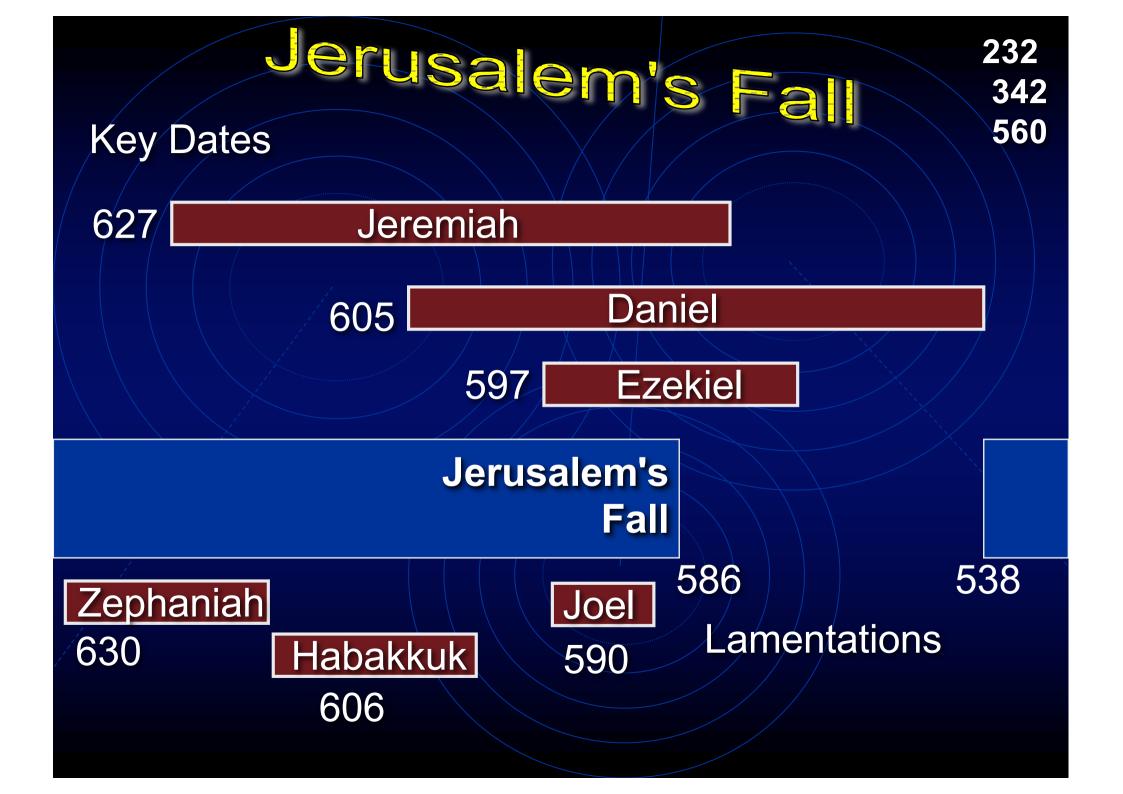
Release that lion in you!?





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





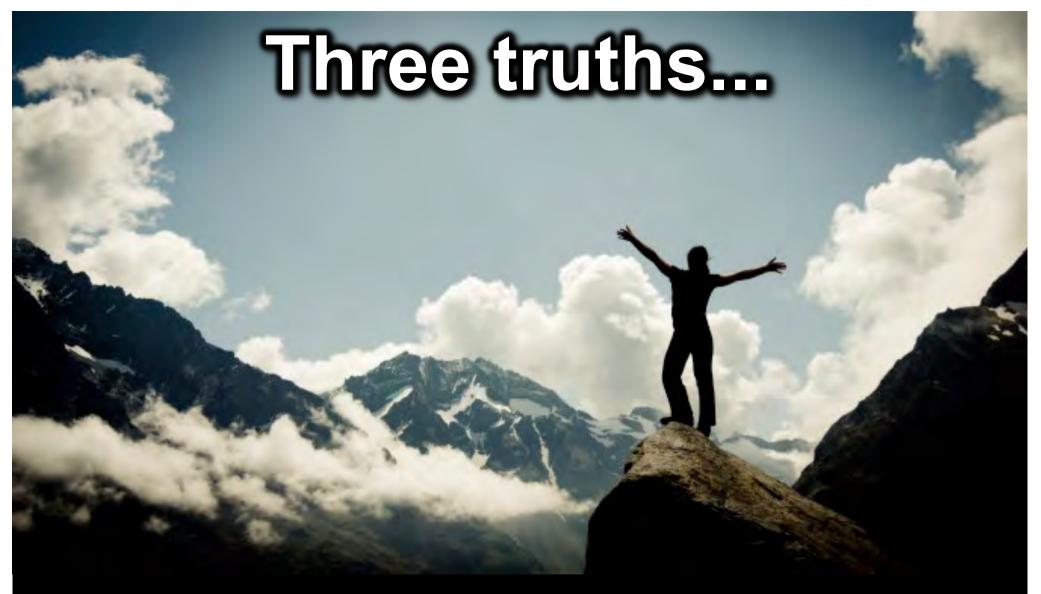


(MEANS LITERALLY "EL [GOD] IS MY JUDGE")

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."

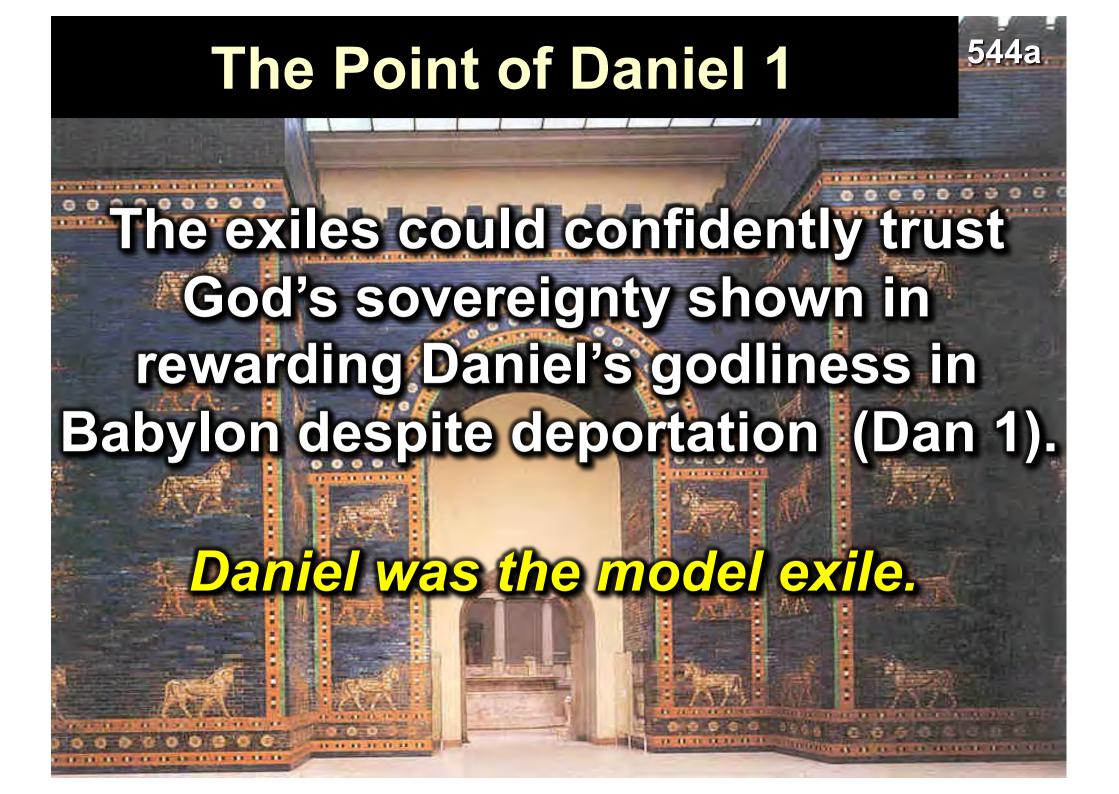


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I. God rules over you (Dan 1).



Daniel 1



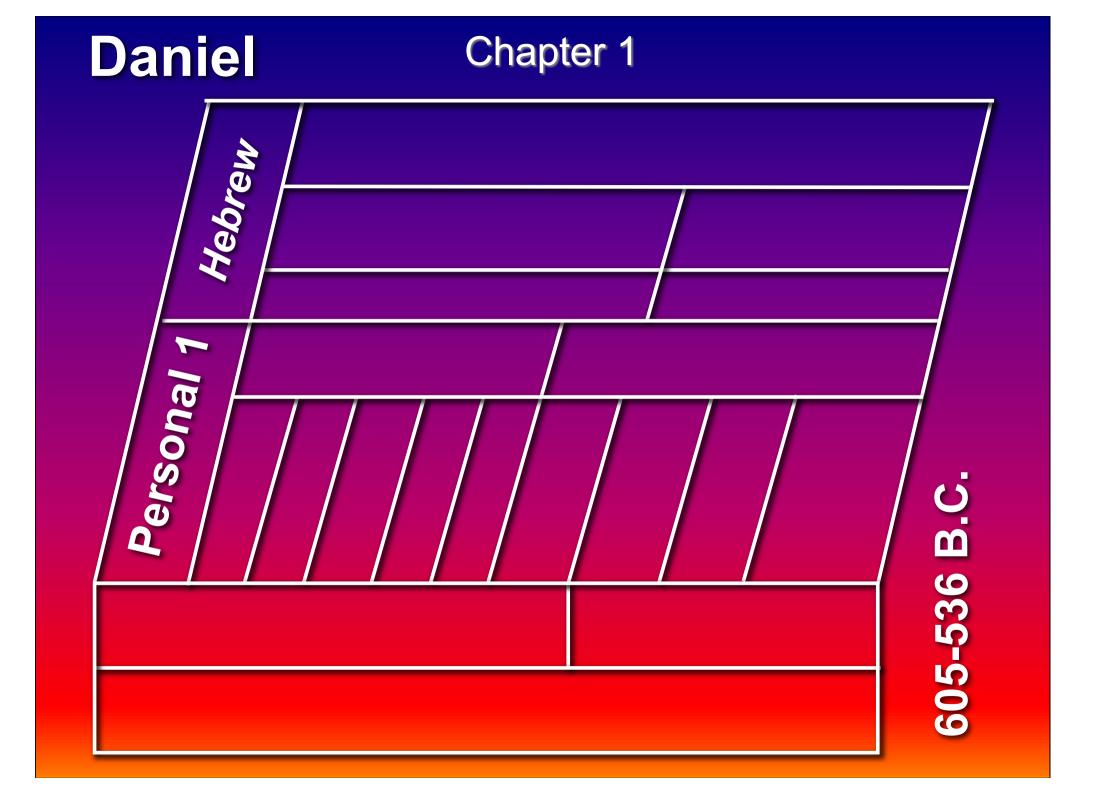
Outline of Daniel

UNIVERSAL SOVEREIGNTY IN TIMES OF THE GENTILES

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200	Narrati	ve	Visions in Narrative						Vision		
	Hebre	N	Aramaic						Hebrew		
Gentile Names for God			Gentile Names for God						Jewish Names for God		
Third person ("Daniel")			Third person ("Daniel")						First person ("I")		
Dani	iel's Ex	ample	Daniel Interprets King's Dreams						Angel Interprets Daniel's Dreams		
The Man Daniel			lmag	ges	Kings				Israel's Future		
Exile	Food	Exalted	Varied 2	Gold 3	Neb. 4	Bel. 5	Dar. 6	All 7	Medo- Persia To Greece	Return to Seventy "7s"	Intertest- ament Period to Tribulation
1:1-7	1:8-16	1:17-21	Promoted	Furnace	Exile	Party	Lions	Beasts	8	9	10-12
Babylon Babylon											

Babylon

605-536 BC







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

Names of Daniel & His Friends

Hebrew

Babylonian

Daniel
"God [El] is my judge"

Hananiah
"The Lord is gracious"

Mishael"Who is what God is?"

Azariah
"The Lord helps"
(or "Whom the Lord helps")

Belteshazzar
"Bel, protect his life!"

Shadrach
"Command of Aku (moon god)"

Meshach"Who is what Aku is?"

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?

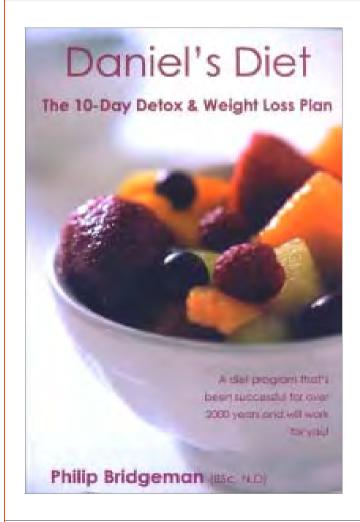


Add Brussels sprouts...

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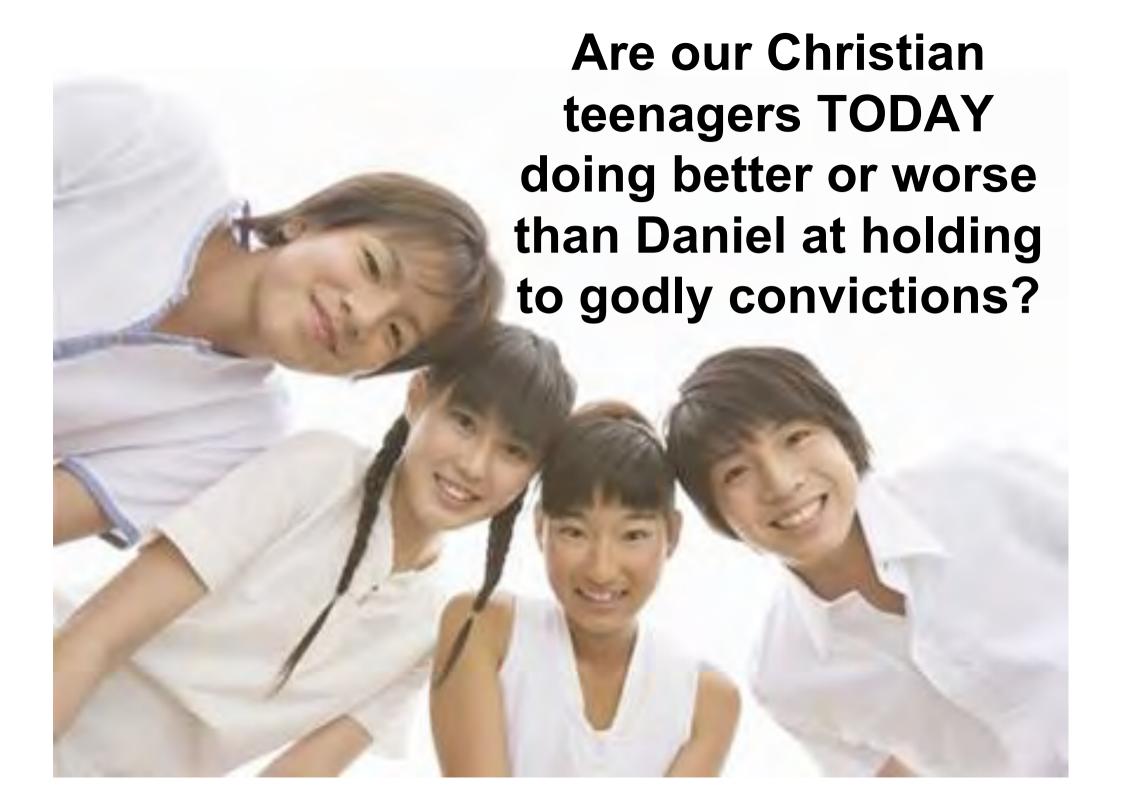
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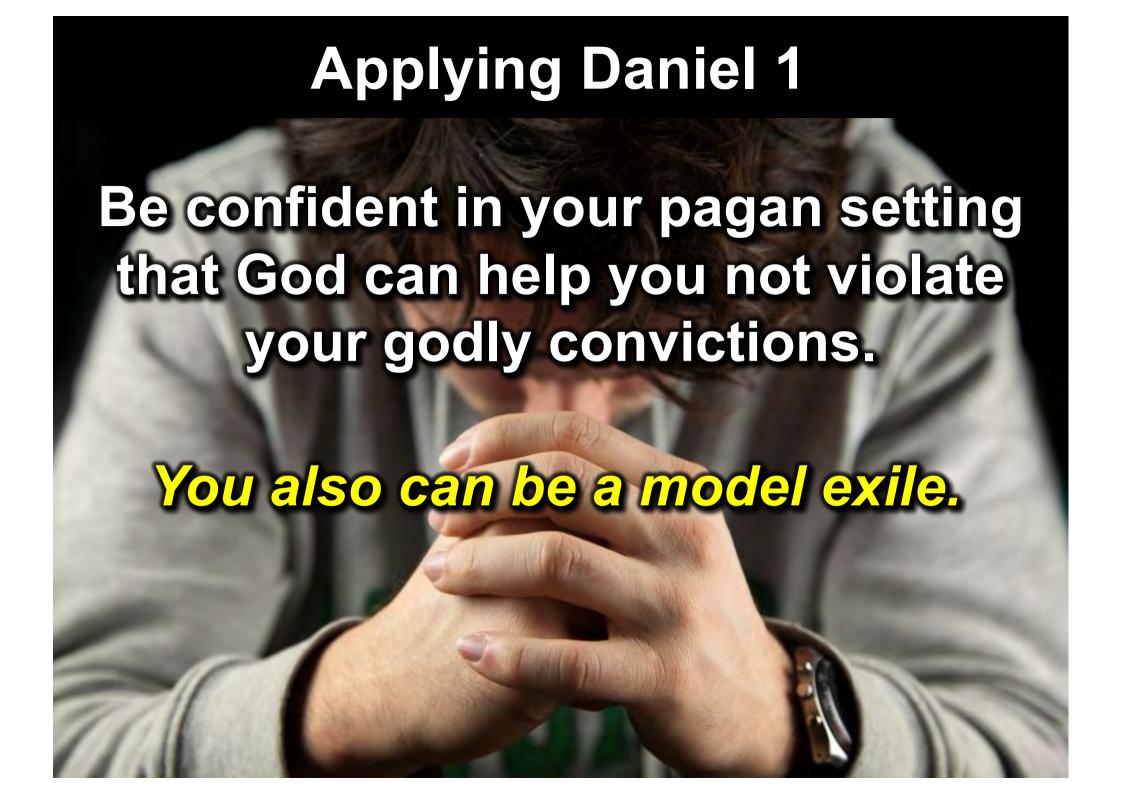
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"A minority of born-again adults (44%) and an even smaller proportion of bornagain teenagers (9%) are certain of the existence of absolute moral truth."

Barna Research Online, 'The Year's Most Intriguing Findings, From Barna Research Studies,' December 12, 2000, www.barna.org.

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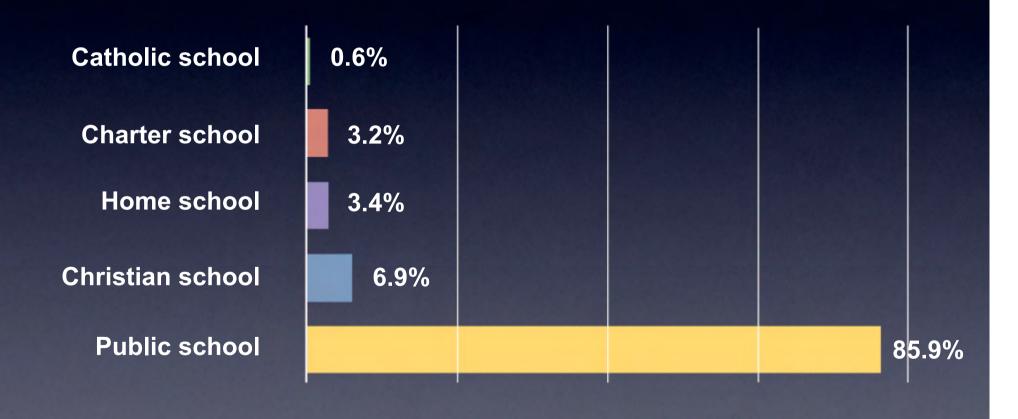
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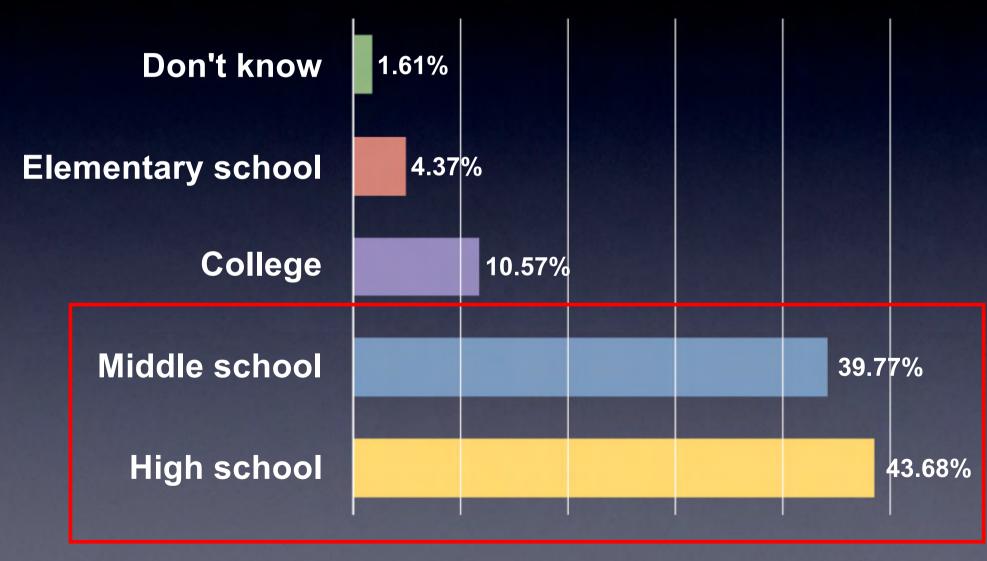


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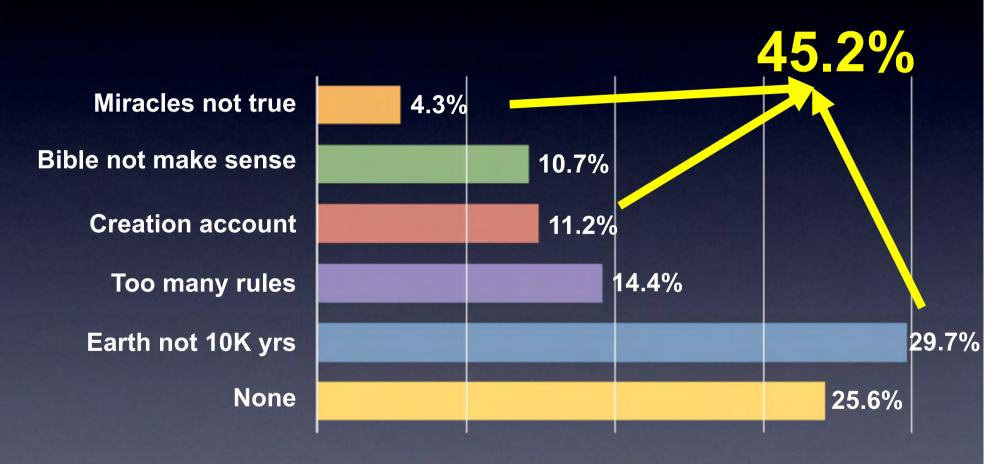
High school attended



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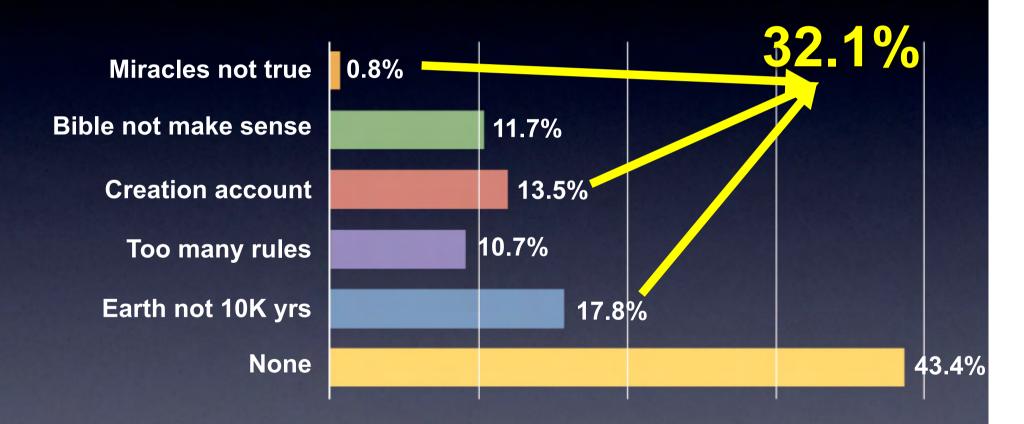


Which of these makes you question the Bible the most?



Those Who Often Attended Sunday School

Which of these makes you question the Bible the most?



Those Who Rarely Attended Sunday School

Psalm 11:3

If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?









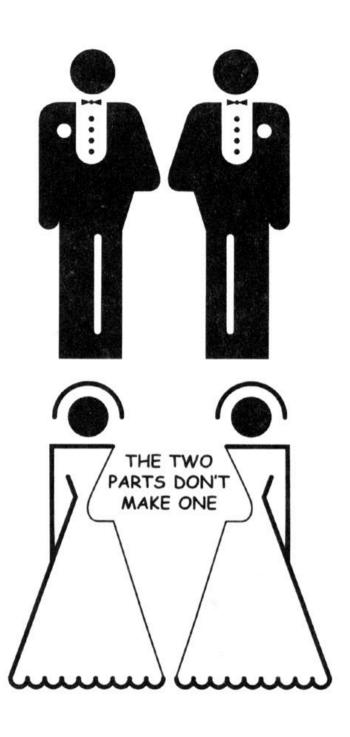


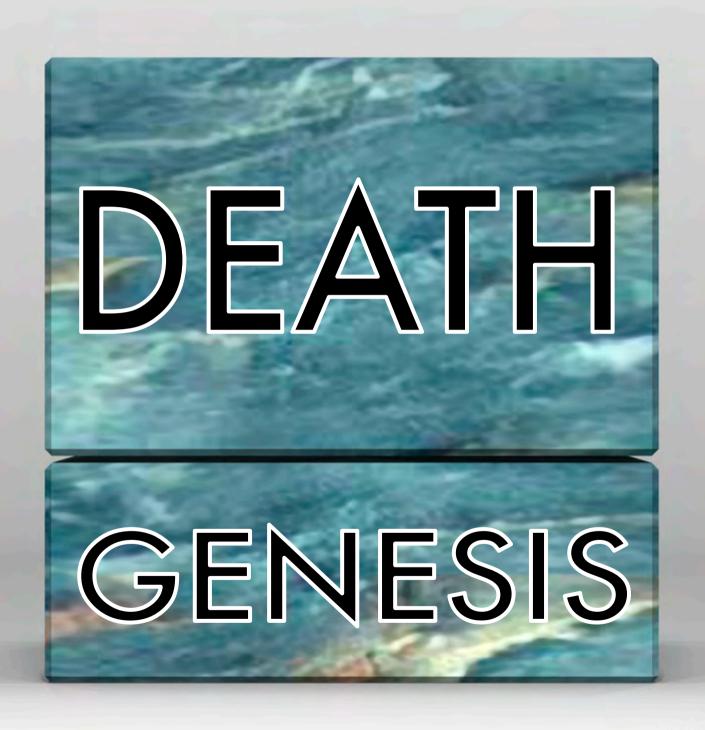


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Why would a loving God allow earthquakes?



FOSSIL RECORD PAIN

DEATH

KILLING

DISEASE

STRUGGLE

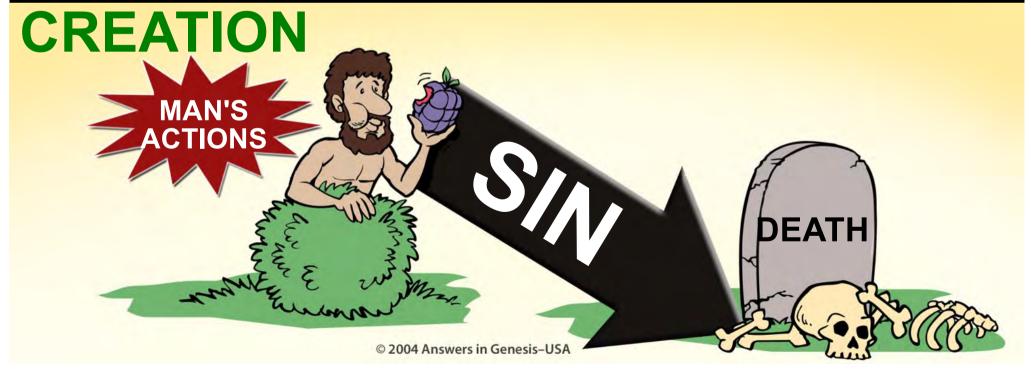
SUFFERING

EXTINCTION

MILLIONS OF YEARS

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Genesis 1:29-30

29. Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; 30. and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so.

Which will you believe?

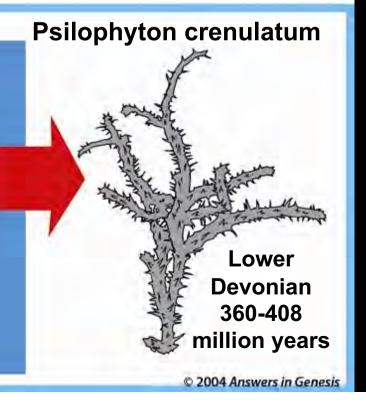
If God cursed the earth with thorns **AFTER** Adam sinned...

Genesis 3:18

"Both thorns and thistles will grow for you"



WHY
do we find
FOSSIL
THORNS
from
"millions of
years ago"?





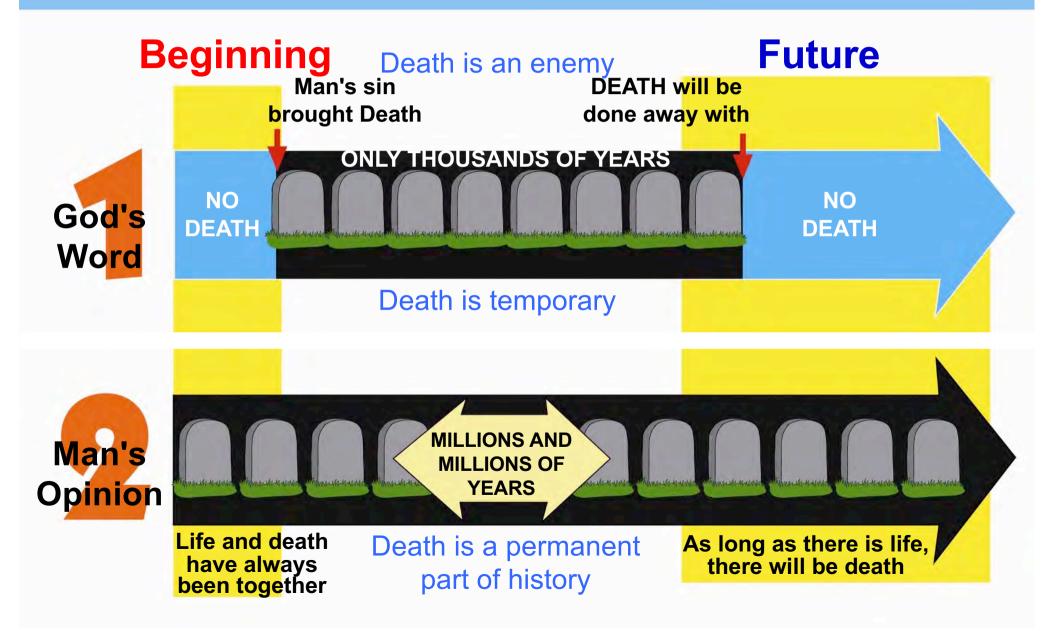
One of 10,000 dinosaur bones X-rayed in the USA

"Many dinosaurs had cancer, researchers have discovered. Their tumours were like those of human patients, showing that cancer has been around, essentially unchanged, for a very long time. 'Diseases look the same independent of what critter is affected,' says Bruce Rothschild ..."

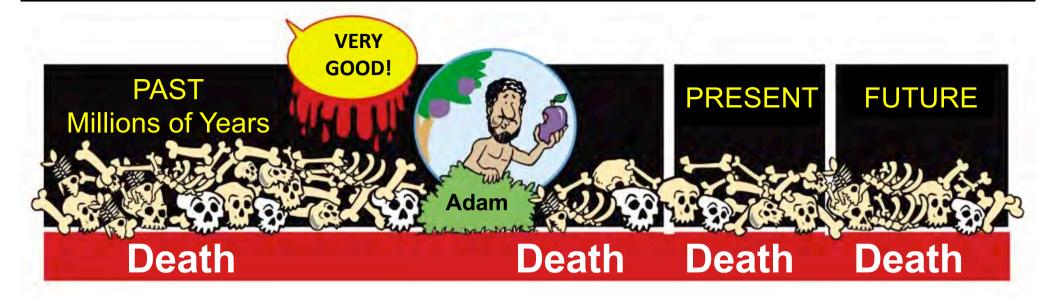
John Whitehead, "Dinosaurs got cancer," *Discover*, 21 Oct. 2003, <www.nature.com>.

How long has death existed (Rom. 5:12)?

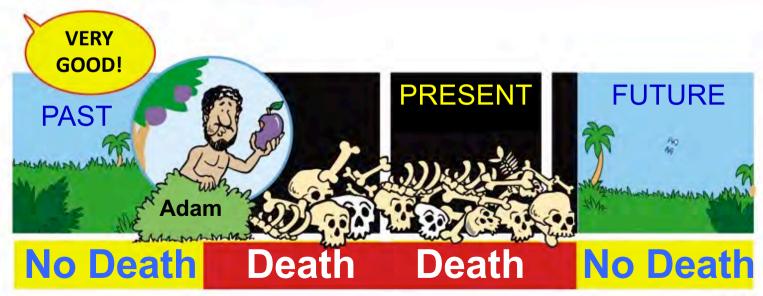
Two Histories of Death



Which View of Death Matches Romans 5:12?



Genesis is foundational to the doctrine of God



WHERE DO YOU "FIT" MILLIONS OF YEARS?

Somewhere?

Between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 (gap theorists)

Spread the millions of years out in the six "days" (progressive creationists and theistic evolutionists)













Principles of Obedience

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Despite their pagan names, these men exemplified many *principles of obedience*:

- Choose your battles carefully—don't insist on your "godly" name (1:7)
- 2. Obey God even when others compromise (1:8a)
- 3. Appeal to proper authority when asked to do something wrong (1:8b)
- 4. Test God's faithfulness by setting yourself apart (1:11f.)
- 5. Show "staying power" despite changes in authorities (1:21)
- 6. Appeal to proper authority when threatened (2:16)
- 7. Wait on God instead of doing something rash (2:16

- 8. Involve others in solving problems (2:17)
- 9. Pray to God for wisdom and mercy (2:18)
- 10. Give God the credit for abilities he has given you (2:19, 28-30)
- 11. Worship God alone despite the outcome (3:12; 6:7)
- 12. Accept the consequences of obedience (3:16-18; 6:16)
- 13. Humble yourself so God will not have to humble you (4:28-37; 5:22)
- 14. Handle all your affairs with utmost integrity (6:3-4)
- 15. Obey publicly—not just privately (6:10)
- 16.Respect your persecutors with authority even over your life (6:21-22)



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

I. God rules over you (Dan 1).







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



God controls each level.

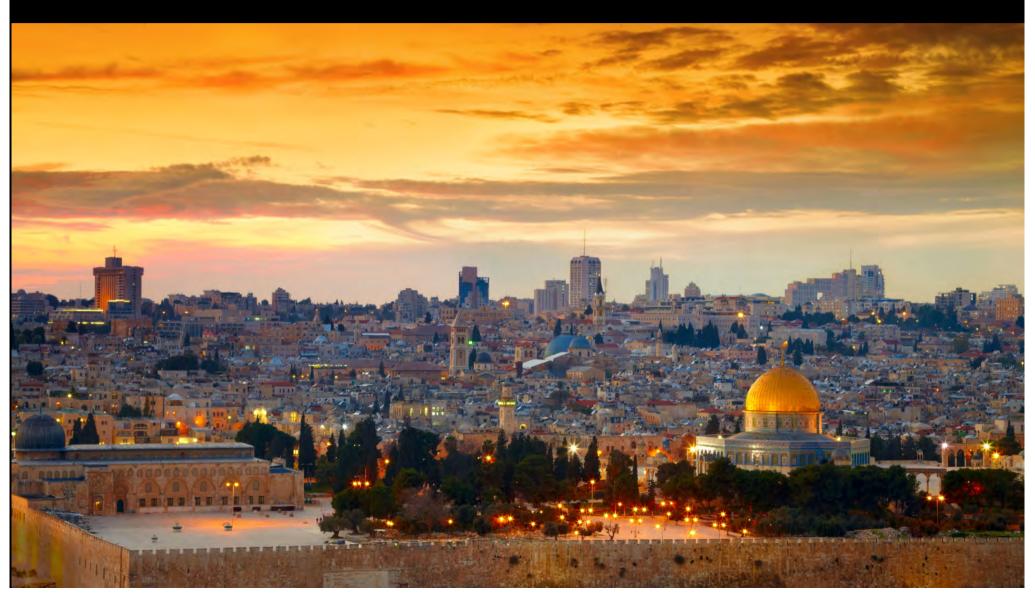
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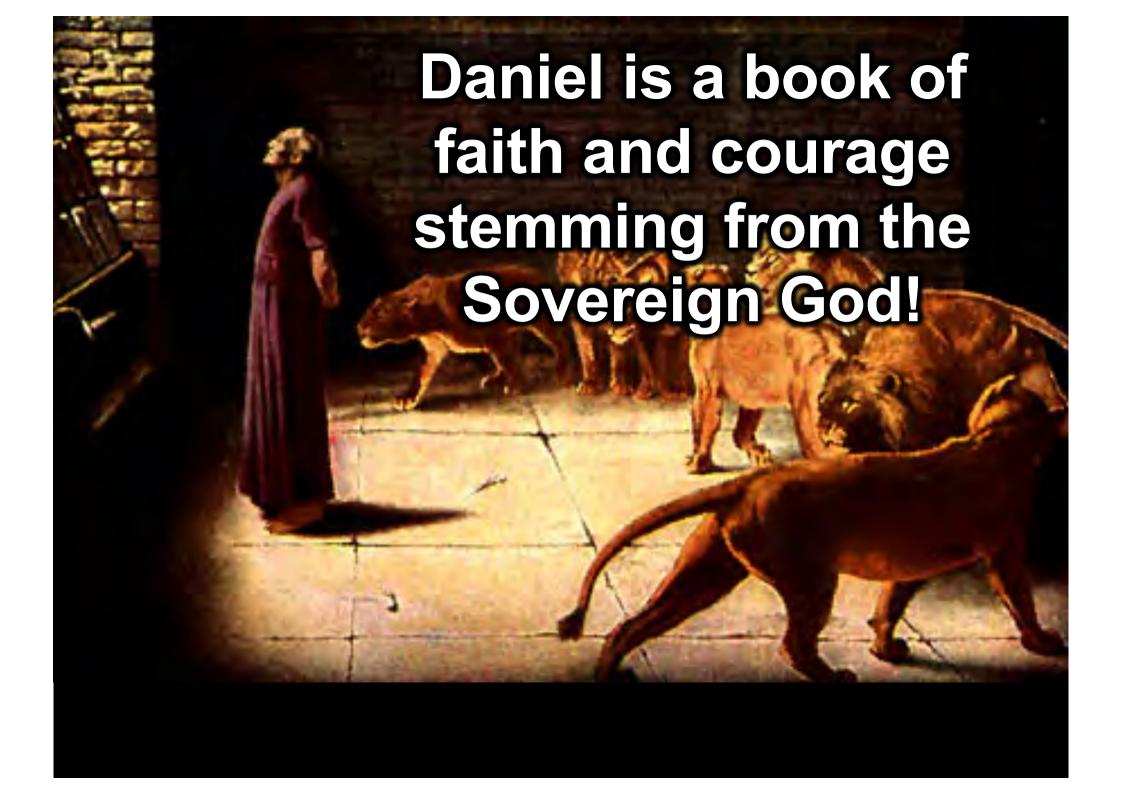
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III. God rules over srael's future (Dan 8–12).





Application

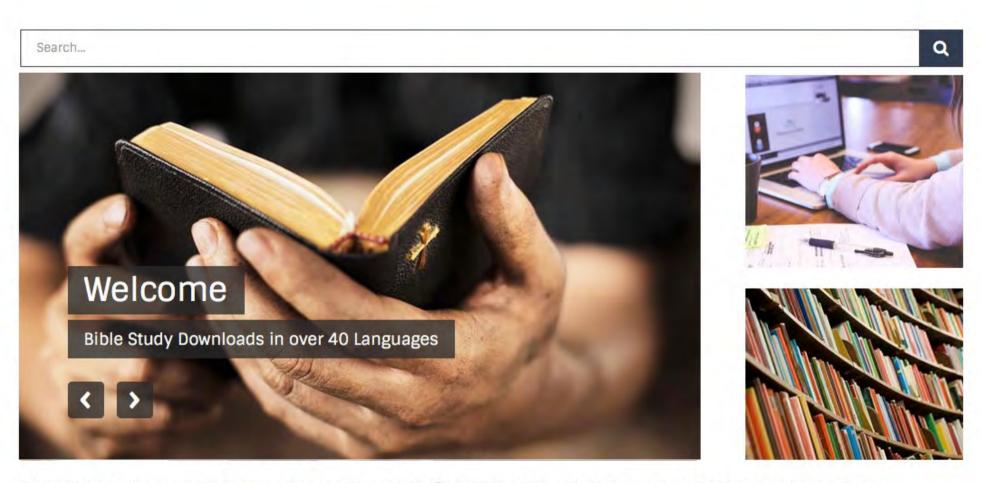
- Recognize God's sovereignty over all authority in history
- Resist evil without compromising
- Trust God for your ultimate salvation so that you can endure to the end (12:2, 3, 12; cf. Rev. 12:11)
- Seek God in prayer and intercession
- Live a godly life



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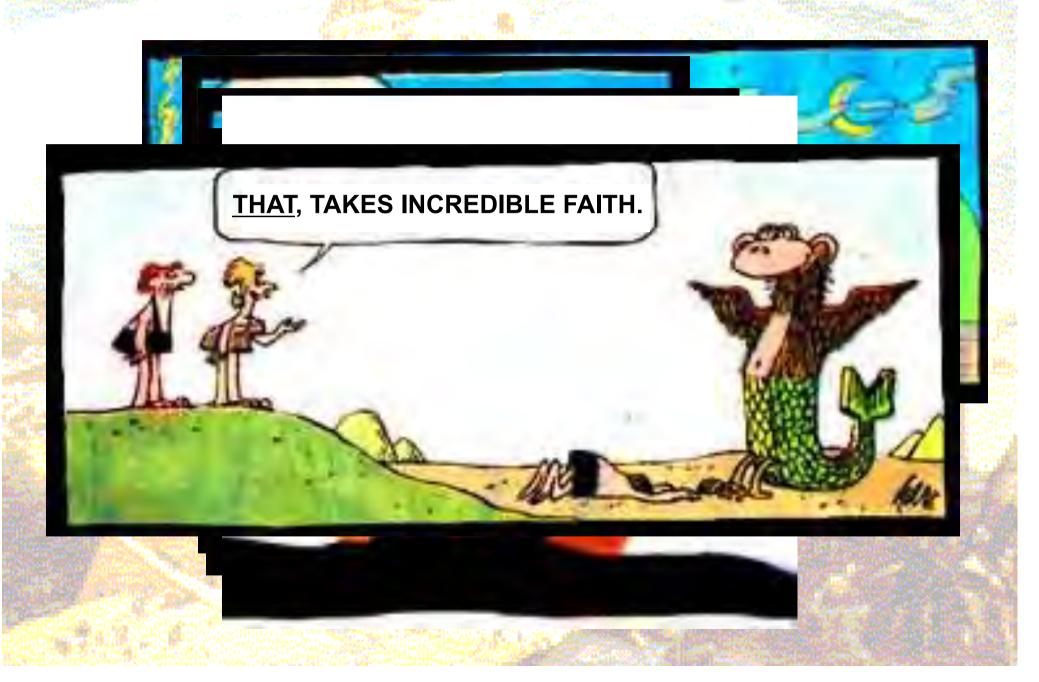


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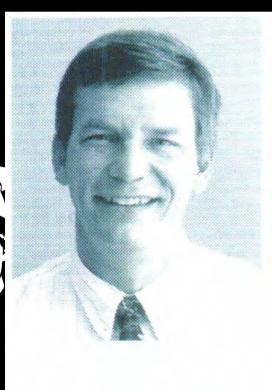


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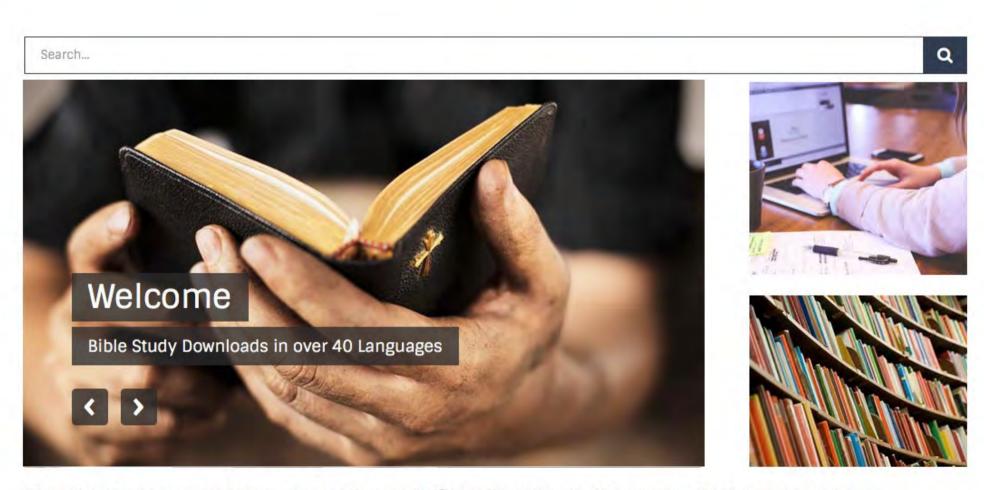
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