



THE BOOK OF

DANIEL

God of gods, Lord of kings

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Traditional and Conservative Authorship and Date

Author: Daniel

Date: 605-535 B.C.

Evidence:

- Internal Claims: 1st person/3rd person
- NT Testimony: Matt. 24:15; 26:64
- Tradition of Church & Synagogue:
Ezekiel 14:14, 20, 28:3, Noah, & Job

Key Characters

Daniel = “my judge is God” —> Belteshazzar = “Bel protect the king”

Hananiah = “gracious is Yah” —> Shadrach = “command of Aku/Murduk”

Mishael = “who is what God is?” —> Meshach = “who is what Aku/Murduk is?”

Azariah = “Yah has helped” —> Abed-Nego = “servant of Nebo”

Start of Daniel

end of 2 Kings, informed by Jeremiah,
parallel with Ezekiel, Habakuk, Lamentations

End of Daniel

Haggai, Zechariah, Esther, Malachi, Ezra, Nehemiah

Daniel In the Christian Cannon

LAW

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Number
Deuteronomy

HISTORY

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
Samuel
Kings
Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

POETRY

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Songs

PROPHETS

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

Daniel In the Jewish Cannon

TORAH (Law)

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Number
Deuteronomy

NEVI'IM (Prophets)

Joshua
Judges
Samuel
Kings
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Ezekiel
The Twelve

KETHUVIM (Writings)

Psalms
Job
Proverbs
Scrolls
Ruth
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Daniel
Ezra
Nehemiah
Chronicles

HISTORICAL EPOCH	DATE	BOOKS	
Primeval	– 2165 BC	Genesis	
Patriarch	2165 – 1800 BC		
Exodus	1800 – 1400 BC	Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy	
Conquest & Judges	1400 – 1040 BC	Joshua, Judges, Ruth	
United Monarchy	1040 – 931 BC	1 & 2 Samuel, 1 Kings 1-11, 1 Chronicles, Books of Poetry [Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs]	
Divided Monarchy	931 – 605 BC	1 Kings 12-22, 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles	
		PROPHETS:	
		To Israel (Northern Kingdom)	Amos, Hosea
		To Judah (Southern Kingdom)	Habbukuk, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Joel, Micah, Zephaniah, Lamentations
		To Edom	Obadiah
		To Assyria	Jonah, Nahum
Exile	605 – 538 BC	Ezekiel, Daniel	
Return	538 – 400 BC	Ezra, Esther, Nehemiah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi	

Genesis 29-30	Numbers 1	Revelation 7
Reuben	Reuben	Reuben
Simeon	Simeon	Simeon
Levi	Judah	Levi
Judah	Dan	Judah
Dan	Naphtali	Manasseh
Naphtali	Gad	Naphtali
Gad	Asher	Gad
Asher	Issachar	Asher
Issachar	Zebulun	Issachar
Zebulun	Ephraim	Zebulun
Joseph	Manasseh	Joseph
Benjamin	Benjamin	Benjamin

Judah:

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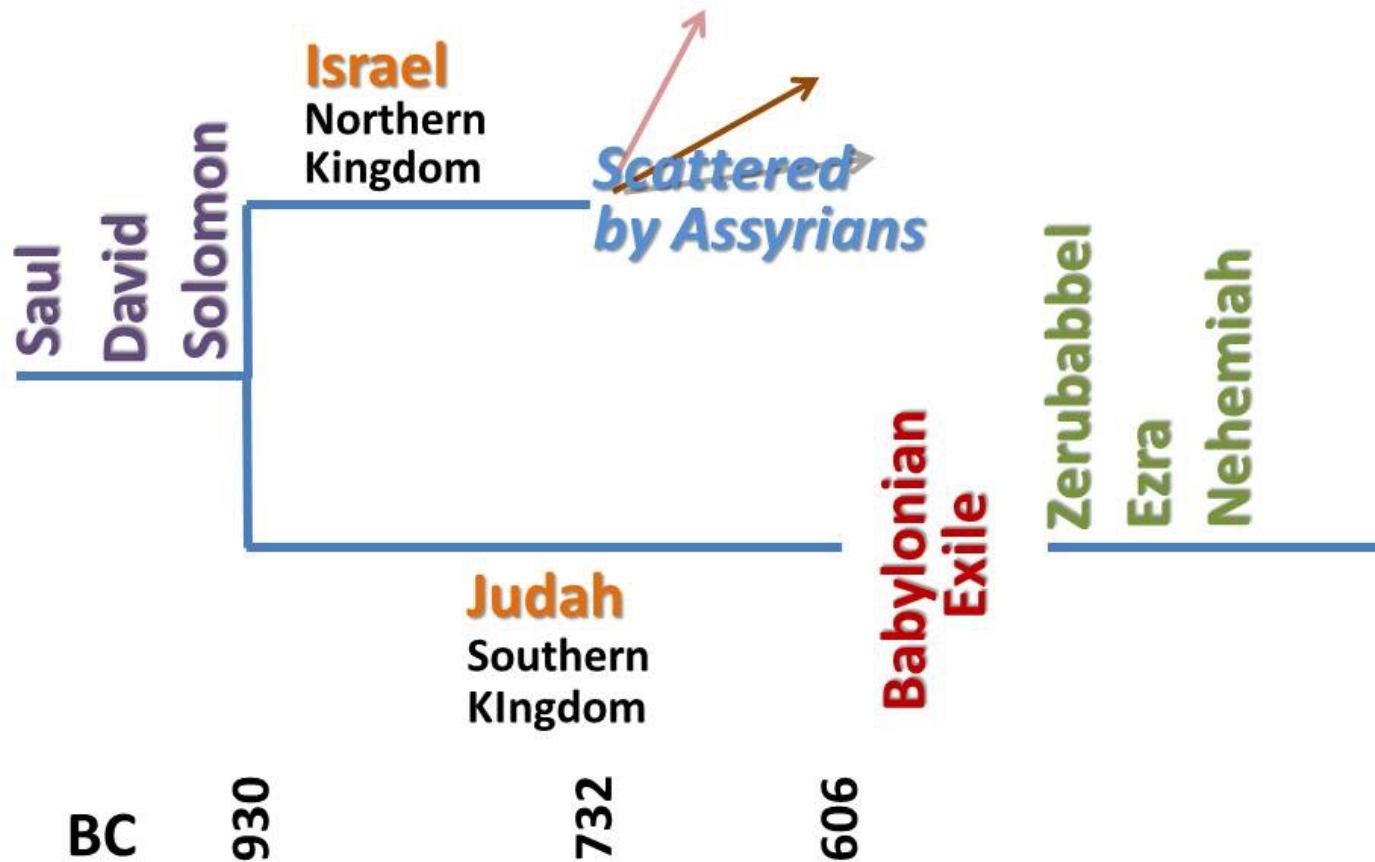
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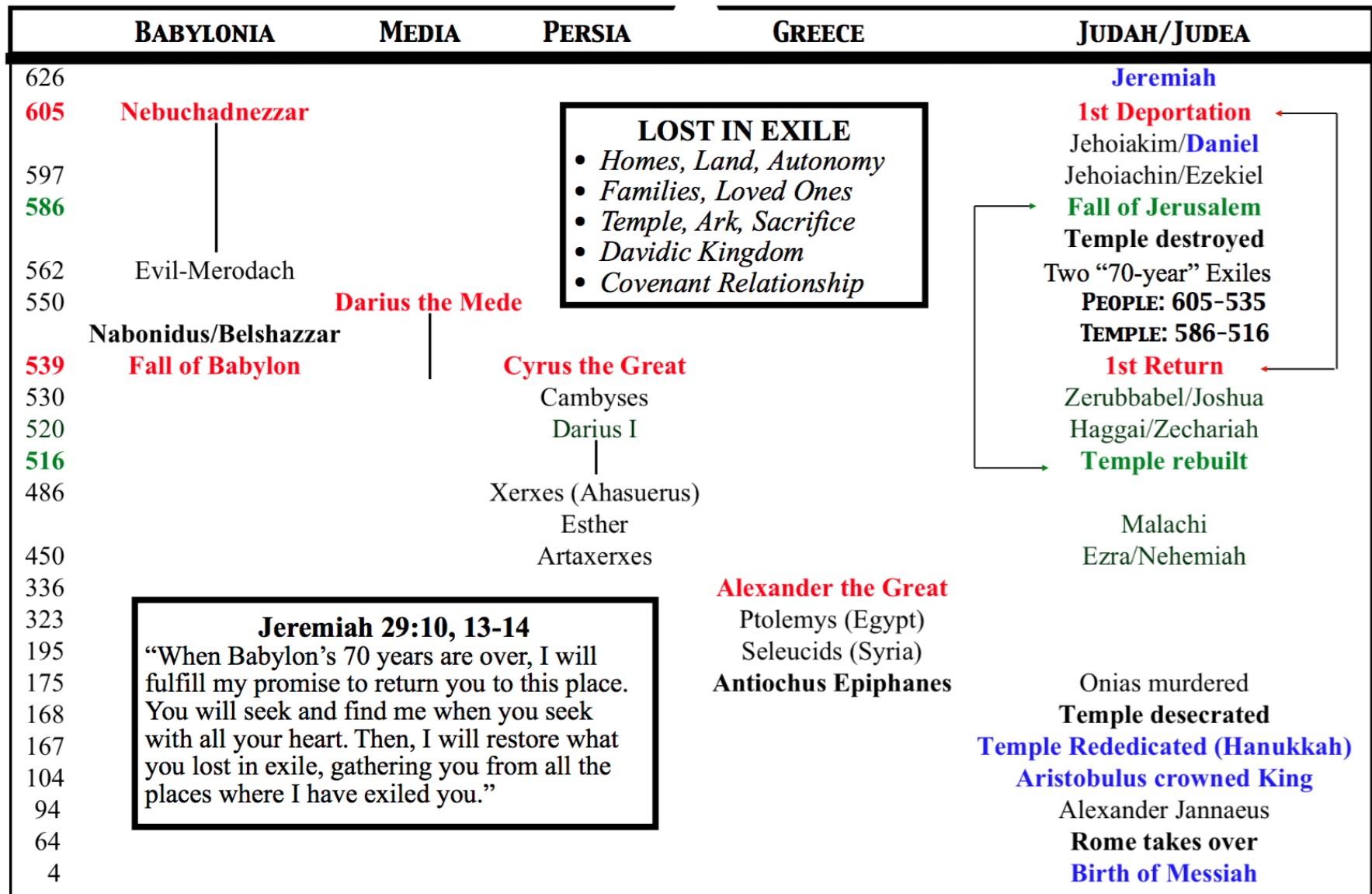
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Israel:

10 Tribes

Timeline of the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah







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Key Kingdoms and Leaders

Babylon (605-539 BC): Nebuchadnezzar (605-562 BC)
Belshazzar (562-539 BC)

Media (550-539 BC): Darius the Mede

Persia (539-333 BC): Cyrus the Great

Greece (333-104 BC): Alexander the Great

Antiochus IV Epiphanes

Judah (104-64 BC): Aristobulus and Alexander Jannaeus

Rome (64 BC–AD 476): no key persons



Elements:

Gold Head

Silver Chest

Bronze Thighs

Iron Legs

Iron/Clay Feet

Rock Mountain

Greek View:

Babylon (605-539)

Media (550-539)

Persia (539-333)

Greece (333-323)

Greece (323-104)

God's Kingdom

Roman View:

Babylon (605-539)

Medo-Persia
(539-333)

Greece (333-104)

Rome (64-476 A.D.)

Rome/Future

God's Kingdom

Babylon (605-539 BC):
Nebuchadnezzar (605-562 BC) and Belshazzar (562-539 BC)



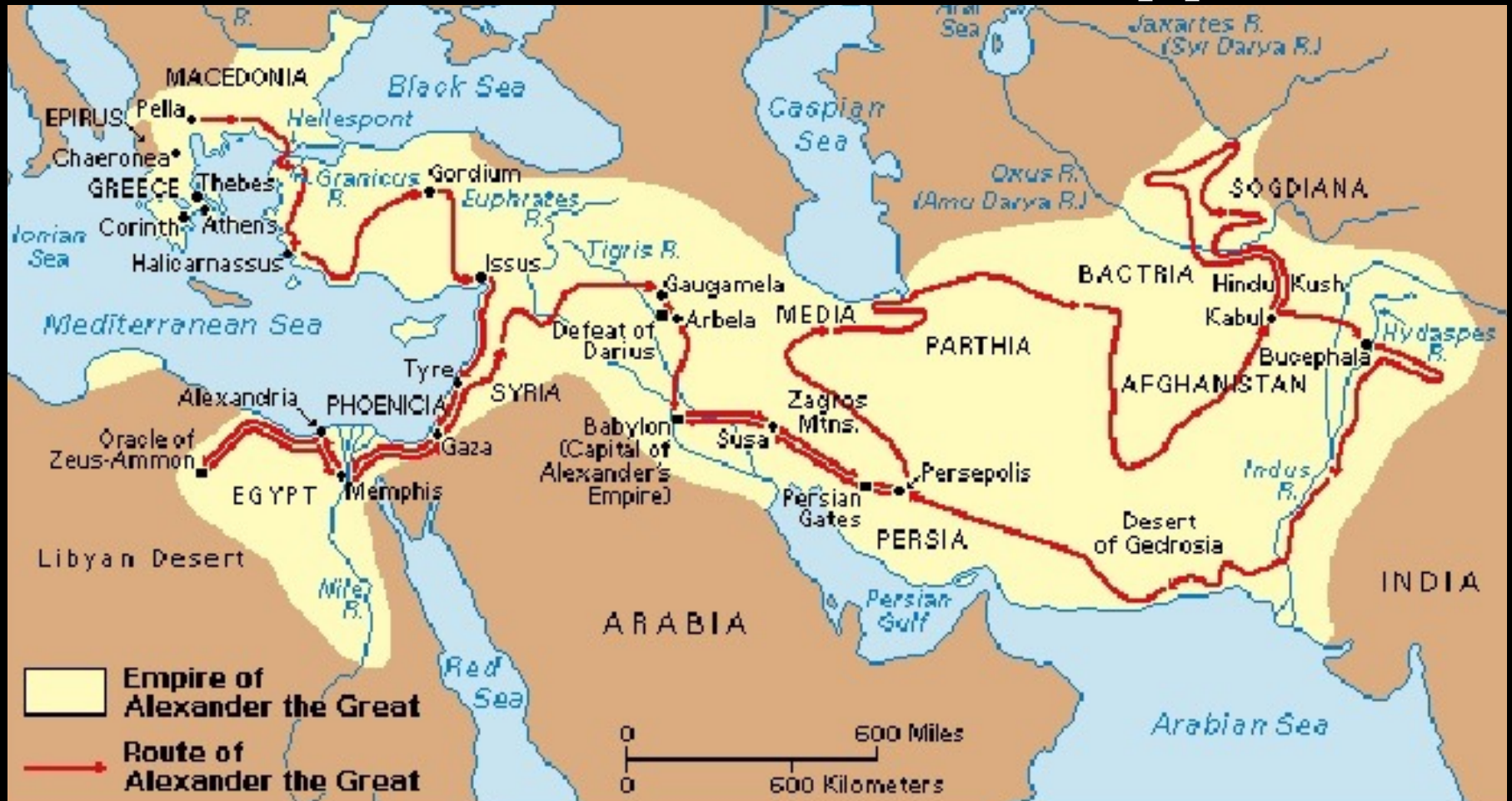
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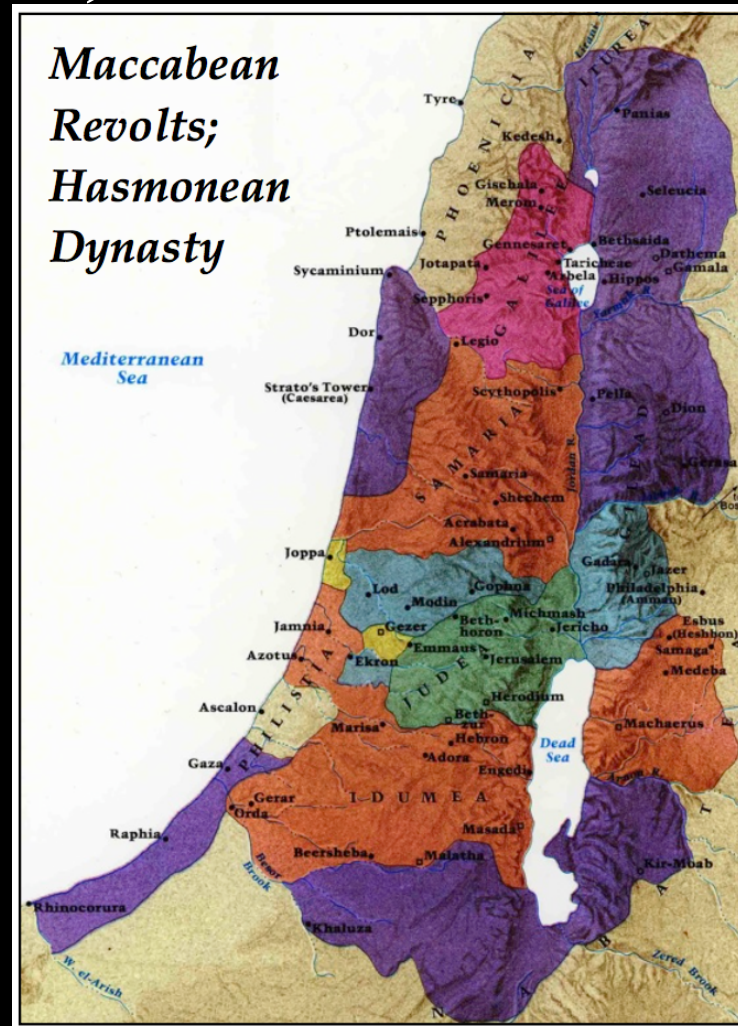
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Greek View Problems:

- Media had fallen to Persia before Babylon's fall
- Daniel 8: 1 ram with 2 horns = Media + Persia
- Establishment of God's kingdom in fourth kingdom

Roman View Problems:

- Medo-Persian empire inferior but bigger
- Mixed clay identity
- God's kingdom explanation

Explaining the Feet of Iron and Clay:

Inaugurated Eschatology:

- Feet are a split Greek or Roman empire
- Rock is 1st coming of Christ
- Inaugurated kingdom of God

Split Kingdom:

- Two Iron legs are a time split Roman kingdom
- Feet are future group of nations
- Rock is 2nd coming of Christ

Time Gap:

- Time gap between Iron legs and feet
- Feet are future group of nations
- Rock is 2nd coming of Christ

Typology:

- Two legs mean it happens twice
- Feet are both past and future groups of nations
- Rock is both 1st and 2nd coming of Christ



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What is a Chiasm? A **Chiastic structure** is a literary structure common in Hebrew writing (poetry and narratives). The structure is not linear, as we are used to in English (A,B,C,D). The structure mirrors or repeats itself (A,B,C,D,C,B,A). Often the beginning and ending verses set the context and the whole passage points to the middle verses for the main point of emphasis or acknowledgment when the pattern is broken.

DANIEL 3: FAITHFUL SERVANTS (FURNACE)

- A. Nebuchadnezzar's First Decree to Worship the Image (1-7)
- B. The Jews are Accused (8-12)
- C. The Jews are Threatened (13-15)
- D. The Jews Commit to Honor the One True God (16-18)
- C. The Jews are Punished (19-23)
- B. The Jews are Vindicated (24-27)
- A. Nebuchadnezzar's Second Decree to Worship God (28-30)

Contrast:

In the first 2 chapters, Daniel is able to find a wise solution to continue to submit to authority while not committing idolatry. In Daniel 3 we see a situation where there is no such solution, where Daniel's 3 friends must stand against idolatry. Daniel 1 (unclean diet), Daniel 2 (death to wisemen), Daniel 3 (golden image).

When to go against authority:

1. Only when it is absolutely necessary, there is no other possible way apart from blasphemy/idolatry
2. Sacrifice at the expense of yourself, not as an attack on the authority (authority should be drawn to God)

Know the lesson you should learn:

1. Are you timid, passive in your faith? Learn to go all in for God in a real way!
2. Are you overzealous at times, hostile regarding your faith? Learn the subtleties of self-sacrifice!



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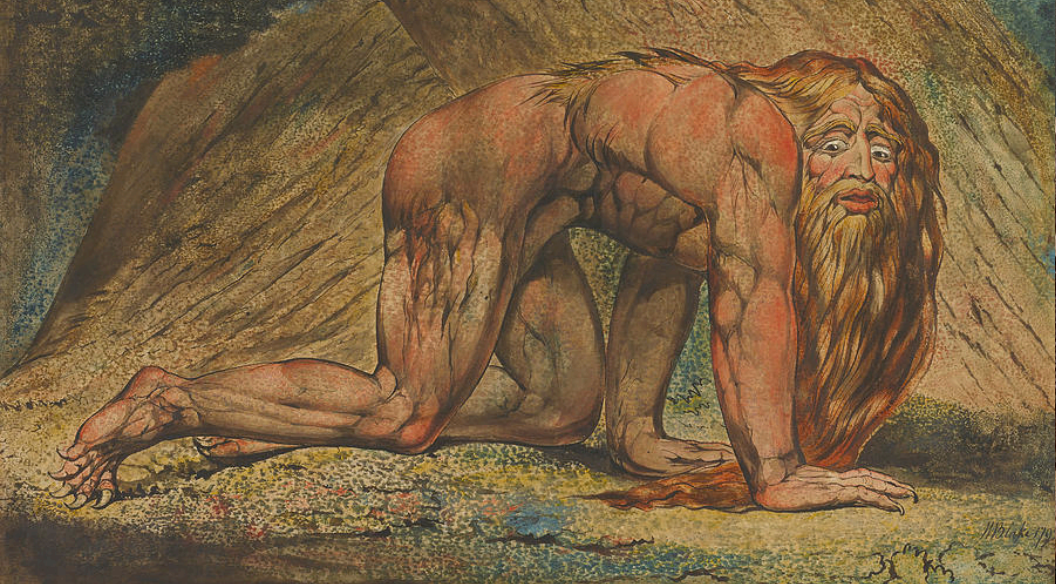
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Examples of Dehumanization in Scripture:

<u>Passage</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>Type of Dehumanization</u>
Genesis 3	Adam & Eve	Submitting to beasts
Genesis 4	Cain	Murder
Daniel 4	Nebuchadnezzar	Acting and looking like beasts
Multiple	Pagan nations	Animal worship / animal gods
Multiple	Multiple	Sexual Immorality

[list to be expanded]

Do I fully believe in and submit to God's control, power, and authority over my life?

Nebuchadnezzar's learning in Daniel 1-4

Daniel 1:

Neb captures Judah, indoctrinates it's young men —> Judah's young men prove special

Daniel 2:

All the wisemen failing Neb —> “God of gods, Lord of kings, revealer of secrets”

Daniel 3:

All need to worship Neb's god —> all should respect “the Most High God”

Daniel 4:

Pride in Neb's power, honor, majesty —> blessing, honor, praise to the eternal God with eternal rule



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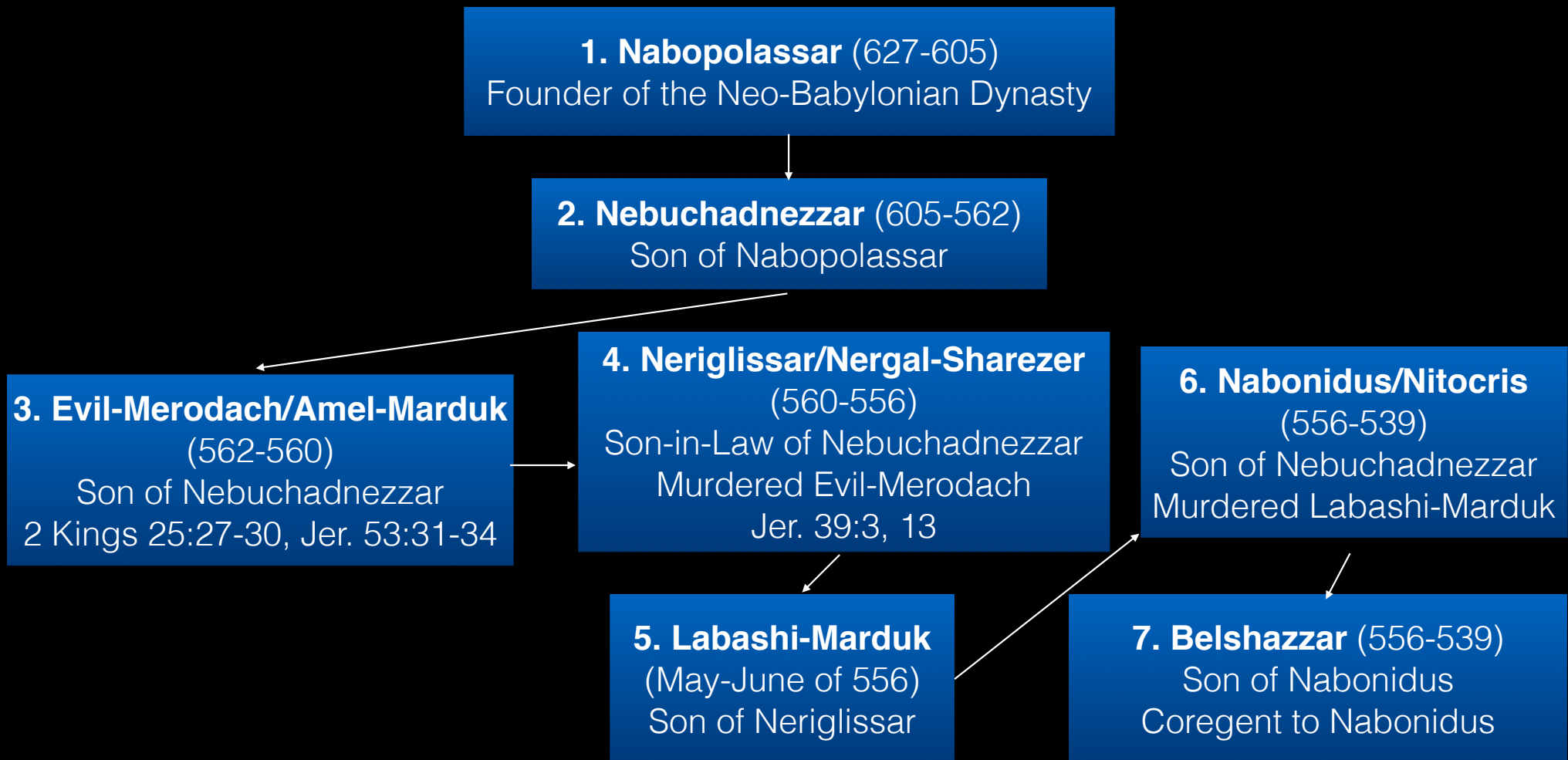
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Kings of the Neo-Babylonian Empire



What was (probably) written on the wall:

מנאמנא תקלפרס (mn'mn'tqlprs) = ???

What word separations + vowels Daniel read:

מְנֵא מְנֵא תְקֵל וּפְרָסִין (mn'mn' tql prs) = mene, mene, tekem, peres

Other possible word separations + vowels:

מנא מנא תקל פרס (mn'mn 'tql prs) = “Who caused Persia to stumble?”
or “What shall I weigh, a half mina?”

מנא מנא את קל פרס (mn'mn 't ql prs) = “Whoever you are, Persia is insignificant.”

Writing on the Wall

Verses 24-25 Daniel reads the writing as:

- MENE, MENE: *a mina* (50 shekels) from the verb “to number”/“counted” and “paid out”
- TEKEL: *a shekel* from the verb “to weigh” and “light”
- UPHARSIN: plural *half-shekels* from the verb “to divide”/“broken in two” and “Persians”

Verses 26-28 Daniel interprets the writing as:

- MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it
- TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting
- PERES [singular UPHARSIN]: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians



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DANIEL 6: FAITHFUL SERVANTS (DANIEL)

- A. Daniel succeeds in the kingdom (1-3)
- B. Darius signs his first decree and Daniel stands for God (4-9)
- C. Daniel's accusers plan his death (10-15)
 - D. Darius hopes for Daniel's deliverance by God (16-18)
 - D. Darius witnesses Daniel's deliverance by God (19-23)
- C. Daniel's accusers encounter their deaths (24)
- B. Darius signs his second decree and he stands for God (25-27)
- A. Daniel succeeds in the kingdom (28)

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DARIUS AS A SUBORDINATE TO CYRUS

- Gubaru/Ugbaru (Greek *Gobryas*), Cyrus' general who conquered Babylon (Nabonidus Chronicle).
- The one Cyrus appointed afterward as governor in the city.
- *Or, both.*
- He "received the kingdom" (5:31; NIV, "took over") and "was made ruler" (9:1).
- Cyrus would not have assumed the title "king of Babylon" until a year into his rule.
- Was his "reign" as "king of Babylon" significant enough, and long enough, to represent the superior kingdom of Daniel 2 and/or to fit the events of Daniel 6?

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DARIUS AS AN ALTERNATIVE NAME FOR CYRUS

- Linking of Darius with Cyrus in Daniel 6:28: "Darius, *that is*, Cyrus the Persian."
- Cyrus' mixed ancestry: Persian father (Cambyses I) and Median mother (Mandane, daughter of Astyages, and granddaughter of the powerful Cyaxares the Great).
- The OG and Theodotion read "Cyrus" instead of the MT's "Darius" in 11:1.
- Theodotion names Cyrus as the king in Bel and the Dragon (Bel. 1).
- Herodotus notes that the name of Persia's founder, given to him at birth by his Median mother, was not Cyrus (*Hist.* 1.108-14).
- Darius /Cyrus was likely in his early sixties when Babylon fell (5:31).
- Darius "received the kingdom" (5:31) and "was made ruler" (9:1) refers to God as the giver (cf. Nebuchadnezzar, 1:2; 5:18).



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A. Daniel's Dark Dream and Vision (7:1-14)

Verse 1: Belshazzar's first year in 553 B.C.

Verse 2: "the four winds of heaven" = "winds from every direction" "the Great Sea" = "the Mediterranean Sea"

Verse 3: "four great beasts" = "four great kings/empires"

Verse 4: 1st beast: a lion with eagles wings, wings plucked off, lifted from the earth, stood like a man, given a man's heart

Verse 5: 2nd Beast: a bear, raised on one side, 3 ribs in its mouth

Verse 6: 3rd Beast: a leopard, four wings, four heads, domination

Verse 7: 4th Beast: dreadful, terrible, strong, huge iron teeth, devouring, breaking, trampling, different than other beasts, 10 horns

Verse 8: Little 11th horn plucking out 3 horns, eyes and pompous mouth on small horn



1

- Like a Lion
- With eagle's wings
- Wings plucked later
- Lifted up from earth
- Man's heart given



Greek and Roman View:



- Babylon: Lion's power, superiority, majesty
- Nebuchadnezzar: "like a man" referencing his thinking he is a cow
- Winged lions were a symbol in the Babylonian empire

2

- Like a Bear
- Raised up on its side
- Had 3 ribs in its mouth
- Was told to arise and devour much flesh



Greek View:

- Media: lifted on one side walking in progress

- Median Kings:
3 rib-shaped teeth being
Deioces,
Cyaxares,
Astyages



Roman View:

- Medo-Persian split: two arms, lifted on one side, two horns

- Medo-Persian conquest: 3 ribs being
Babylon,
Lydia, and
Egypt

3

- Like a Leopard
- With 4 fowl's wings
- Had 4 heads
- Given dominion



Greek View:


- Persia: speed and dominion
- Persia: 4 wings and heads are 4 Persian kings after Cyrus the Great



Roman View:

- Greece: speed and dominion
- Greece: 4 wings and heads are 4 kings after Alexander the Great: Ptolemy, Seleucus, Lysimachus, and Cassandra

Kings of Persia

Cyrus the Great	539-530	Dan. 10:1; 11:1
Cambyses II	530-522	—
Gaumata	522	—
Darius I Hystaspes	522-486	Haggai
Xerxes I	486-464	Esther
Artaxerxes I	464-423	Ezra / Nehemiah
Darius II	423-404	
Artaxerxes II	404-359	
Artaxerxes III	359-338	
Arses	338-335	
Darius III	335-331	

Kings of Greece

ALEXANDER THE GREAT (336-323 BC) — Daniel 11:3-4

Generals:

Ptolemy
(Egypt) ↘




Cassandra
(Old Greece)

Lysimachus
(Asia Minor)

→ *Seleucus*
(Syria/Judea) ↘

Ptolemies (South) in Egypt

Seleucids (North) in Syria

Ptolemy I	323-285	11:5		Seleucus I	312-280	11:5
				Antiochus I	280-261	—
Ptolemy II	285-246	11:6		Antiochus II	261-246	11:6
Ptolemy III	246-221	11:7-9		Seleucus II	246-226	11:7-9
				Seleucus III	226-223	11:10
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Ptolemy V	203-181	11:13-19		Seleucus IV	187-175	11:20
Ptolemy VI	181-146	11:22-27		↶ [Sons Demetrius & Antiochus]		
Ptolemy VII	169-164	11:25-27		Antiochus IV	175-164	11:21-??



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- Exceedingly dreadful, terrible beast
- Iron teeth, brass nails
- Had 10 horns
- A little horn, which plucked 3 horns

Greek View:

- Greece: fits terrible description
- Greece: 10 southern kings
- Greece: Antiochus IV is the small horn



Roman View:

- Rome: fits terrible description (past and future)
- Rome: 10 kings of the future (or past?)
- Rome: Antichrist is the small horn

Explaining the Feet of Iron and Clay:

Inaugurated Eschatology:

- Feet are a split Greek or Roman empire
- Rock is 1st coming of Christ
- Inaugurated kingdom of God

Split Kingdom:

- Two Iron legs are a time split Roman kingdom
- Feet are future group of nations
- Rock is 2nd coming of Christ

Time Gap:

- Time gap between Iron legs and feet
- Feet are future group of nations
- Rock is 2nd coming of Christ

Typology:

- Two legs mean it happens twice
- Feet are both past and future groups of nations
- Rock is both 1st and 2nd coming of Christ

Daniel 2 & 7 • *Four Kingdoms & God's Kingdom*

Reading the Pairs

DANIEL 2: STATUE

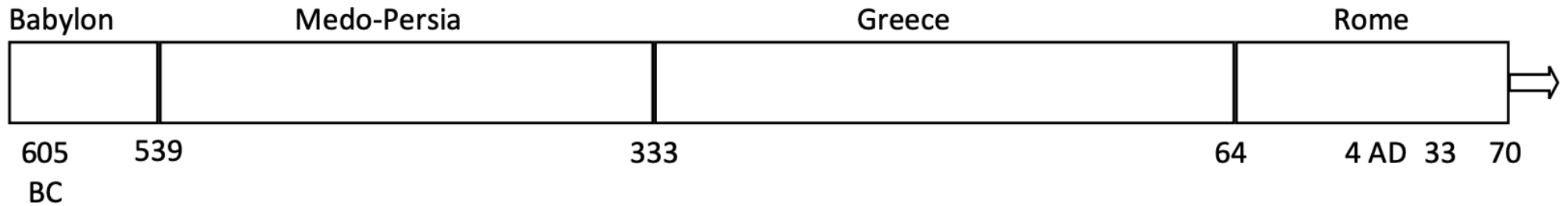
1. You, personally, Nebuchadnezzar
 2. Inferior
 3. Rules the then-known world
 4. Strong, divided, persecuting (focus)
- ∞ Divine, everlasting, crushes & replaces all human kingdoms

DANIEL 7: BEASTS

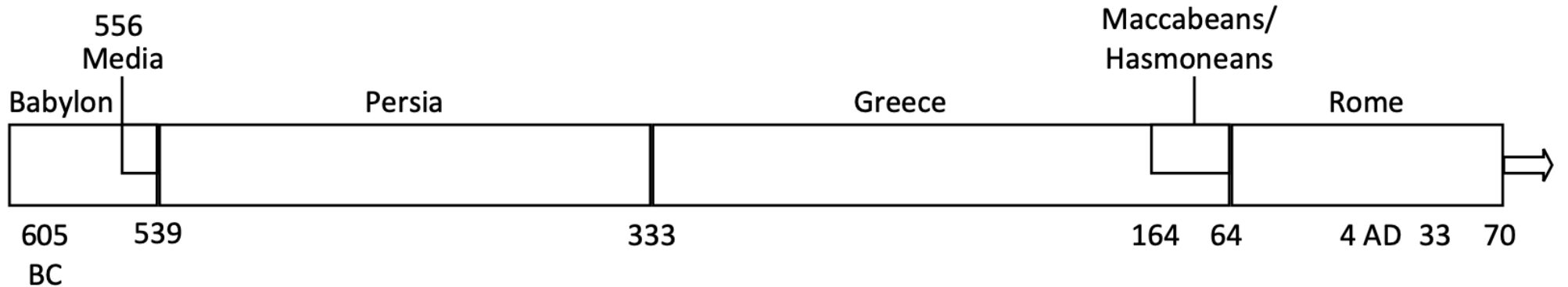
1. Lion with a human mind
 2. Aggressive with three ribs
 3. Four wings/heads, with authority to rule
 4. Strong, divided, persecuting God's people (focus)
- ∞ Divine, Son of Man, everlasting, & replaces all human kingdoms



The Four Kingdoms of Daniel 2 & 7 (Roman View)



The Four Kingdoms of Daniel 2 & 7 (Greek View)



Comparison of Daniel 2 & 7



2:1-13 •
*Nebuchadnezzar's First
Year; King's Vision*



7:1 • *Belshazzar's First
Year; Daniel's Vision*



2:14-24 • *Daniel's Prayer
for Mercy & Wisdom*



2:25-35 • *Four Kingdoms
— then God's Kingdom*



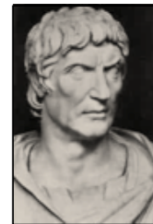
7:2-8, 12 • *Four Kingdoms
— then God's Kingdom*



7:9-10, 13-14 • *Ancient of Days;
Son of Man*



2:36-49 • *Interpretation
Leads to God's
kingdom; God & Wise
Servants Honored*



7:15-28 • *Interpretation
Leads to Persecution, then
God's kingdom; God's
Servant is Confused.*

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Belshazzar's 1st year: 553 BC

- 559: Darius / Cyrus king of Anshan (Median tributary).
- 556: He revolts against Median overlords.
- 550: He defeats Median King Astyages.
- 539: He conquers Babylon with Media & Persia.

Daniel 7-8, 10-12 • *Similar Phrases—Evolving Meanings*

1. Mortal from Heaven: Dan. 7:13

- Aram. *bar enash*: "human"; Grk. *huios anthropos*: "Messiah" (*Gospels/Acts/Rev.* = 85x; e.g., Mark 14:60-62).

2. A human voice called Gabriel: Dan. 8:15-16

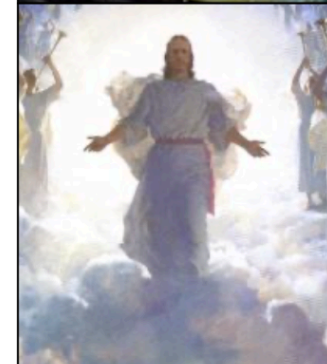
- Heb. *geber* "male warrior" (8:15, 16b = Gabriel).
- Heb. *adam* "human" (8:16a; Aram. *enash* in 7:13).

3. Mere mortal: Dan. 8:17; Ezek. 2:1, etc. = 93x

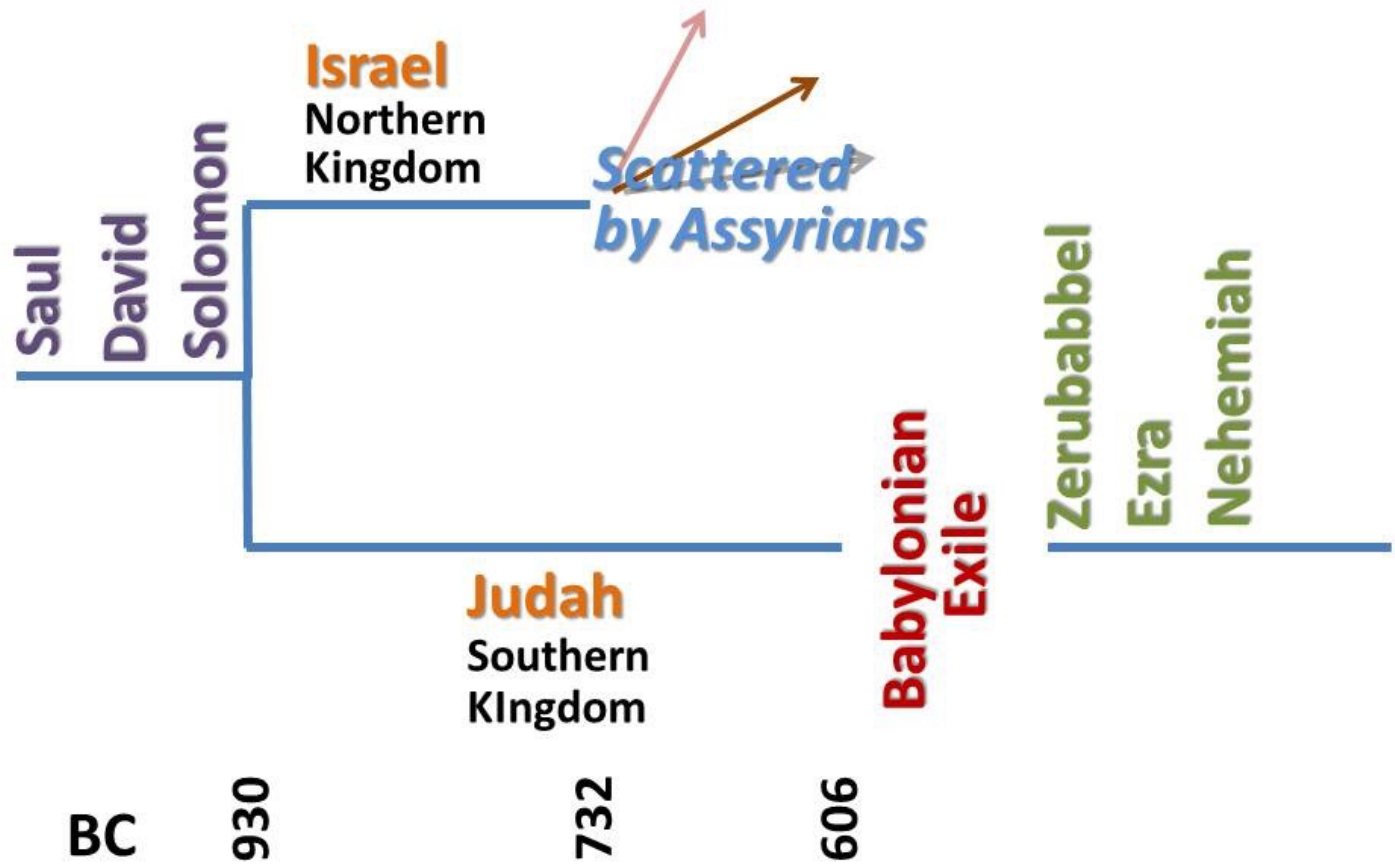
- Heb. *haben, ben adam* = Daniel.

4. One appearing like a man: Dan. 10:5, 16-18; 12:6-8

- Heb. *ish*: "male person" (10:5; 12:6-8).
- Heb. *ben adam*: "human" (10:16-18).



Timeline of the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah



Out of total captivity from the SOUTH:

Egypt = Egypt

Into Israel captivity from the NORTH:

Assyria = Turkey/Syria

Into Judah captivity from the EAST:

Babylon = Iraq

Medo-Persia = Iran

Back to total captivity from the WEST:

Greece = Greece

Rome = Rome



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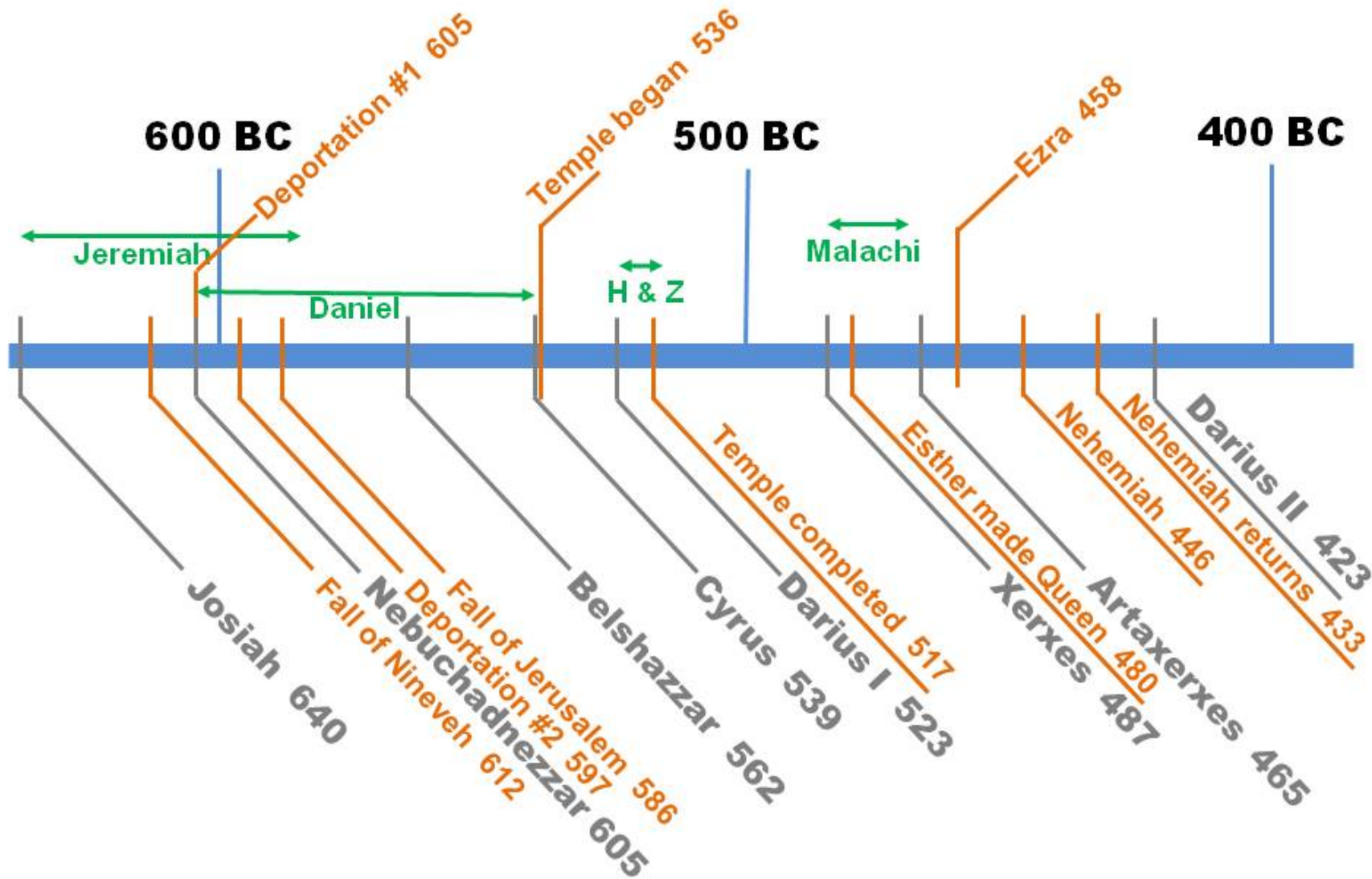
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Daniel 7 & 8 • *Comparison of Linked Visions*

DANIEL 7

- Belshazzar's 1st year (553).
- Daniel's vision.
- Beasts: Babylon, plus three.
- Kingdoms unidentified.
- **Focus on last kingdom:**
 - *"Little horn."*
 - *Opposes God & saints, Holy Days & Torah.*
 - *Evil prevails for a time.*
 - *Persecutions relate to "3.5 times" period.*
 - *Persecutor destroyed.*
- Vision kept secret.

DANIEL 8

- Belshazzar's 3rd year (550).
- Daniel's related vision.
- Three kings / kingdoms.
- Kingdoms identified: Media, Persia & Greece
- **Focus on last kingdom:**
 - *"Little horn."*
 - *Opposes God, saints & Temple in the Land.*
 - *Evil prevails for a time.*
 - *Persecutions relate to "2,300 pm/am" period.*
 - *Persecutor destroyed.*
- Vision sealed for the future.

*Symbolic vs. Epiphany Visions in Daniel 7-12**

Table 4: Comparison of the Symbolic Visions of Daniel 7 and 8

1. Introduction (Belshazzar's first & third years)	7:1	8:1
2. Report & Interpretation of the Vision	7:2-27	8:2-26a
a. Firsthand Report by Recipient	7:2-14	8:2-14
b. Request for Angelic Interpretation	7:15-27	8:15-26a
3. Charge to the Seer		8:26b
4. Seer's Reaction	7:28	8:27



Table 5: Comparison of the Epiphany Visions of Daniel 9 and 10-12

1. Introduction (Darius' 1st yr.; Cyrus' 3rd yr.)	9:1-2	10:1
2. Fasting and prayer	9:3-19	10:2-3
3. Messenger's Appearance	9:20-21	10:4-9
4. Word of Assurance	9:22-23	10:10-11:1
5. Revelation	9:24-27	11:2-12:3, 5-8, 10-12
6. Charge to the Seer		12:4, 9, 13

Media (550-539 BC): Darius the Mede



Persia (539-333 BC): Cyrus the Great





Greece (333-104 BC):
Alexander the Great
Ptolemy, Seleucus, Lysimachus, Cassandra
Antiochus IV Epiphanes



Alexander the Great died in Babylon in 323 BC, in Nebuchadnezzar II's Palace

Kings of Greece

ALEXANDER THE GREAT (336-323 BC) — Daniel 11:3-4						
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1 MACCABEES (late 2nd century BC)

Chapters 1-2:

*Alexander of Greece defeats the Persians and Medes (333 BC), then dies young (323 BC) and his officers manage his kingdom in his place. By 312 BC, Greece divides into two kingdoms: the Seleucids and Ptolemies. In 175 BC, **Antiochus IV Epiphanes** begins Hellenizing the Jews as he seeks to reign over "both kingdoms." He invades Jerusalem in 169 and 167 BC, desecrating the Temple and forcing the pagan cult on the Jews under penalty of death. The priest Mattathias & sons organize resistances in 166 BC.*

Chapters 3-9:

Judas Maccabeus takes command of Jewish revolts defeating Seleucid armies three times and liberating Jerusalem (165-164 BC). The Temple is purified and rededicated establishing the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. Antiochus dies in 164 BC; Judas in 161 BC.

Mattathias



*Judas Maccabeus
(The Hammer)*



Greek View: Roman View:

Babylon (605-539)

Babylon (605-539)

Media (550-539)

Medo-Persia
(539-333)

Persia (539-333)

Greece (333-104)

Greece (333-323)

Rome (64-476 A.D.)

Greece (323-104)

Rome/Future

God's Kingdom

God's Kingdom

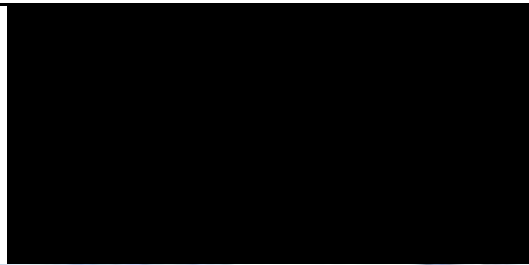


The immense image
(Dan. 2:31-45)

Four beasts
out of the sea
(Dan. 7:3-8, 17, 25)

The ram
and the goat
(Dan., chap. 8)

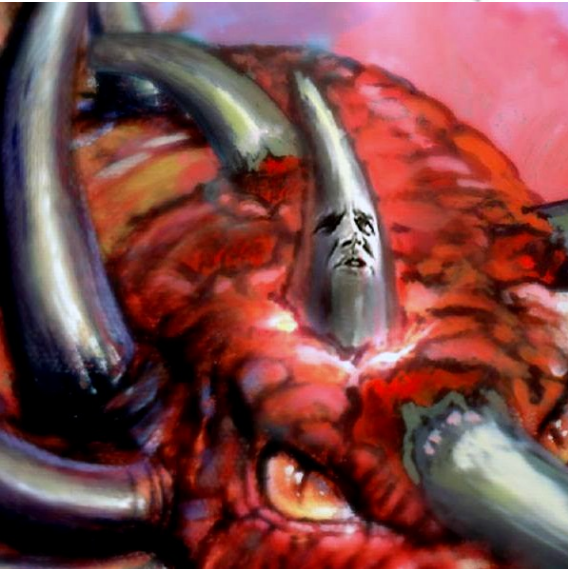








= Antiochus IV? Antichrist?



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Daniel 7-9, 11-12: A Great Suffering for Three and a Half Years

(365.25 day / year = 1,278.38 or 360 days / year = 1,260)

Daniel 7:25; 12:7

“A Time, [Two] Times, and Half a Time”

Daniel 8:13-14

“2,300 pm / am (1,150 days?)”

Daniel 9:26-27

“Half of One Seven”

Daniel 12:11-12

“1,290 days – 1,335 days”

Transgression

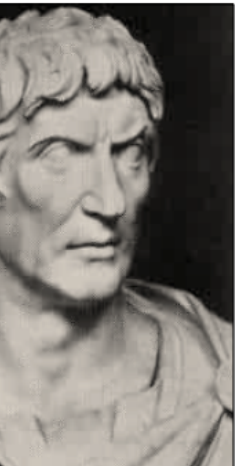
8:12-13, 23; 9:24: *pasha'* = “apostasy”

Abomination

9:27; 11:31; 12:11: *shiqqutz* = “detestable, filthy, idol”

Desolation

8:13; 9:17-18; 26-27; 11:31; 12:11: *shamem* =
“destruction, destitution”



“The time of the End”

Antiochus IV?

Antichrist?

Typology?



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JEREMIAH TO CYRUS

605: Word spoken

597: Letter sent

559: King of Anshan

556: Challenges Median Kings

550: Defeats Astyages

539: Conquers Babylon

538: Releases Jews

Prayer

So you poured out ... and the oath

וְהַשְּׂבִיעַ ... וְהַתִּירָה, 9:11

To acquire insight

וְלִהְיוֹת לְךָ, 9:13

To turn ... to acquire insight

לְשׁוּבָה ... וְלִהְיוֹת לְךָ, 9:13

Our desolations

שְׂמֵמֹתֵינוּ, 9:18

Vision

The week¹¹ ... is poured out

הַשָּׁבוּעַ ... תִּתֵּן, 9:27

To give you insight

לְהִשְׁכִּילְךָ, 9:22

Have insight ... again¹²

וְתִשְׁכִּיל ... לְהִשְׁכִּיל, 9:25

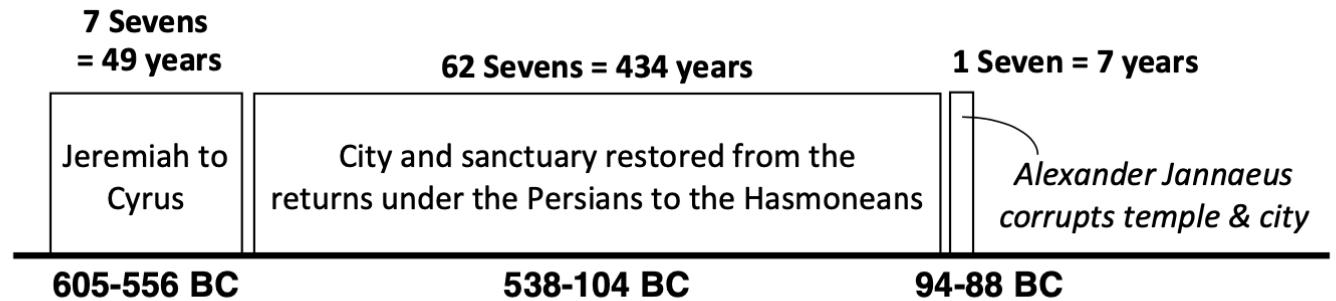
Desolator ... desolator

מִשְׁמֵם ... שְׂמֵם, 9:27

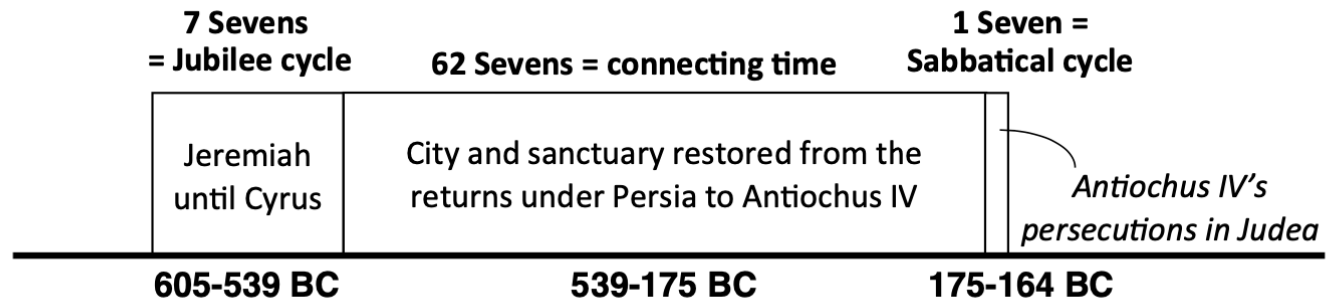
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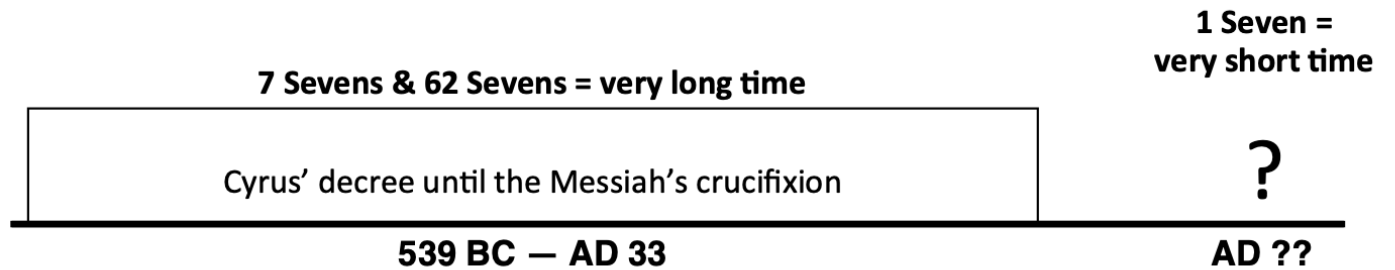
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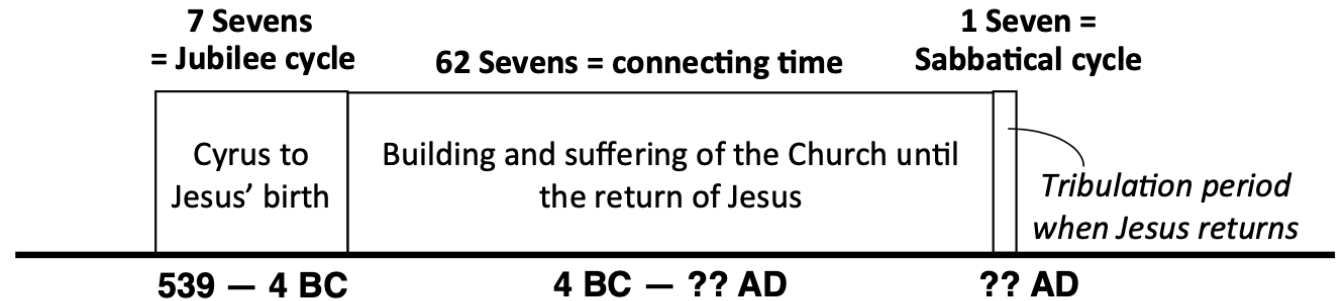
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Calvary Stockton's View



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7 Sevens & 62 Sevens = 483 years

Ezra or Nehemiah's return until sometime in the earthly ministry
of the Jesus the Messiah

445 BC — AD 33

**1 Seven =
7 years**

AD ??

CHART OF THE 69 "WEEKS"

"Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks . . . [and] sixty-two weeks" (Dan. 9:25).

69 weeks		444 B.C.
x7 years		+ A.D. 33
483 years		477 years
		-1 (1 B.C. to A.D. 1 = 1 year, not 2)
		476 years
		x 365 days
		173,740 days
		+ 25 Nisan 1, 444 B.C. = March 5
		Nisan 10, A.D. 33 = March 30
x 360 days (prophetic years)		+ 115 days for leap years
173,880 days		173,880 days



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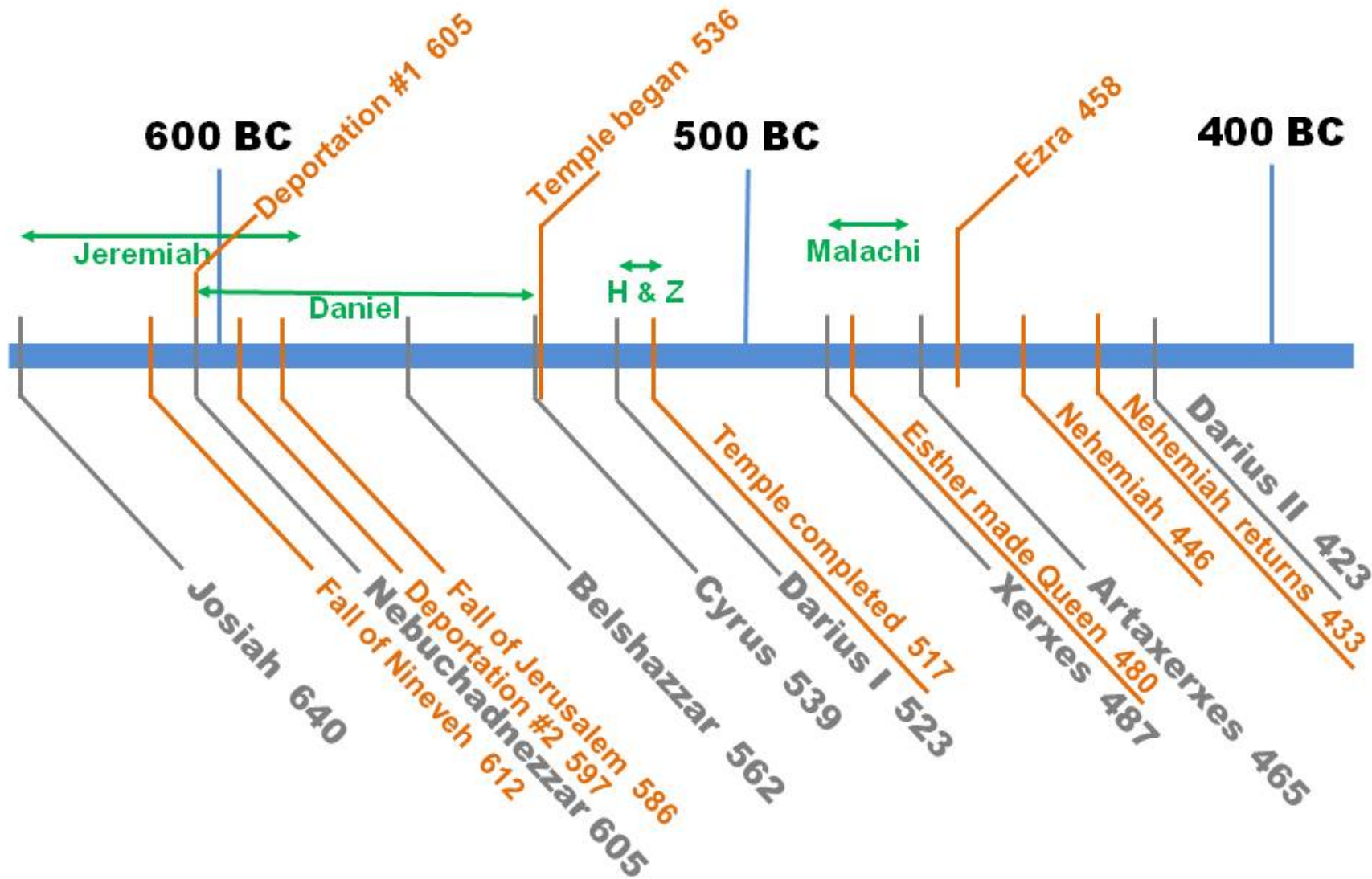
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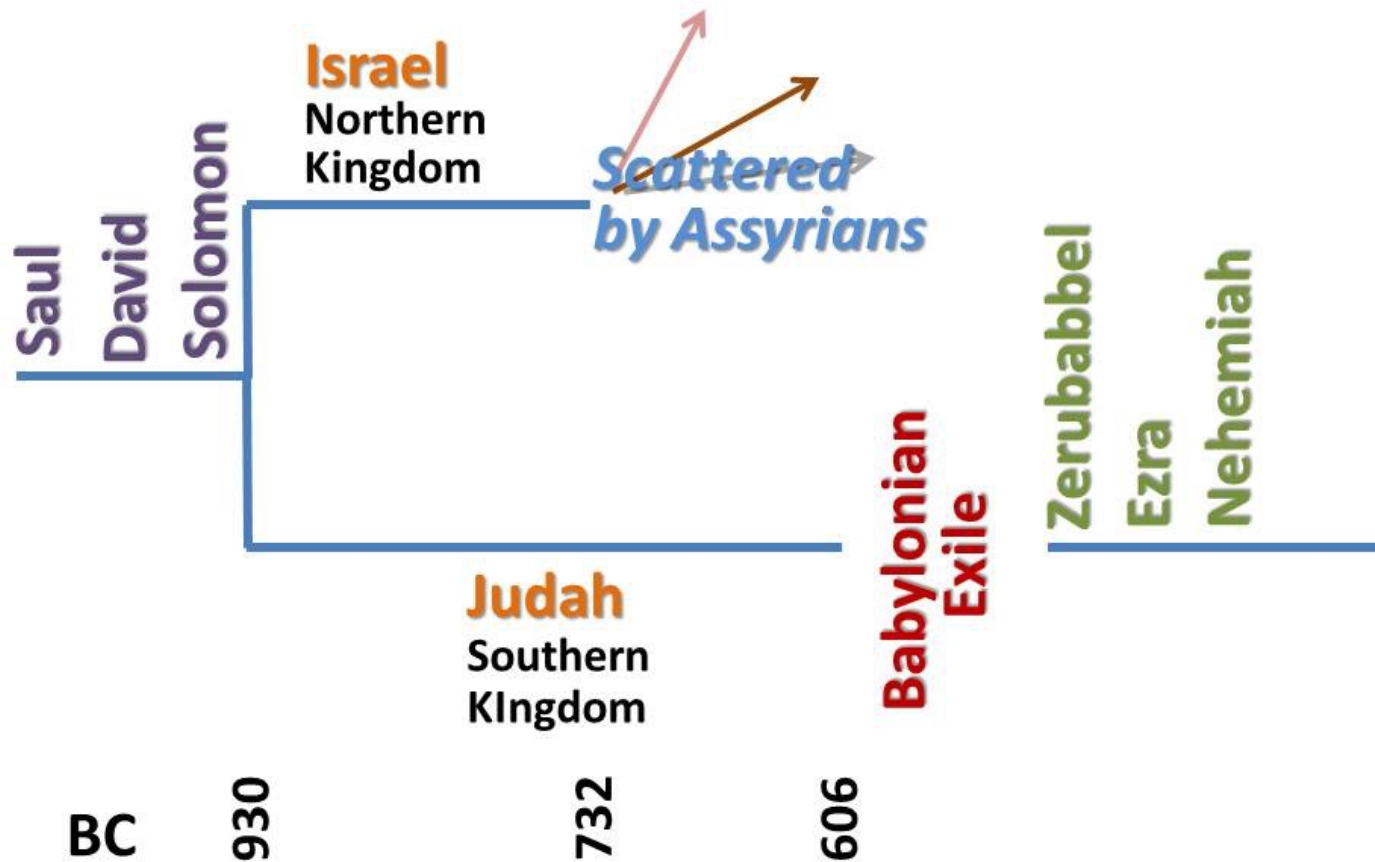
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Timeline of the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah



**Comparison of the Divine Figures in Daniel 10;
Ezekiel 1; and Revelation 1**

<i>Daniel 10:5-6: The Divine Man</i>	<i>Ezekiel 1:4-28: God and His Cherubim</i>	<i>Revelation 1:13-16: The Glorified Jesus Christ</i>
Appearance like a man, a Son of Man (10:5, 16, 18; cf. 7:13)	God's appearance is like a man (1:26-27)	Like a Son of Man (1:13)
Clothed in linen garments (10:5)	No reference to clothing	Clothed in long robe (1:13)
A gold belt around his waist (10:5)	Appearance of gleaming metal above God's waist and fire below his waist (1:27)	A gold belt around his chest (1:13)
Body like jasper (10:6)	Appearance of gleaming metal and fire (1:27)	No reference to his body
Face like lightning (10:6)	Flashes of lightning from the cherubim (1:13)	Face shining like the sun (1:16)
Eyes like burning torches (10:6)	God's presence like fire (1:4); torches flash between the cherubim (1:13); from the waist down, God appeared like fire (1:27)	Eyes like flames of fire (1:14)
Arms and feet like polished bronze (10:6)	God's presence like glowing metal (1:4); the cherubim had feet like polished bronze (10:7); from the waist up, God appeared like glowing metal (1:27)	Feet like polished bronze refined in a furnace (1:15)
Voice like an army (10:6); compare 12:6-7, where he is "above the waters of the river"	The wings of the cherubim made the sound of many waters, like the voice of the Almighty, like battle tumult and an army camp (1:24)	Voice like many waters (1:15), that is, ocean breakers or a large waterfall



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X. DANIEL'S FINAL VISION (10:1–12:13)

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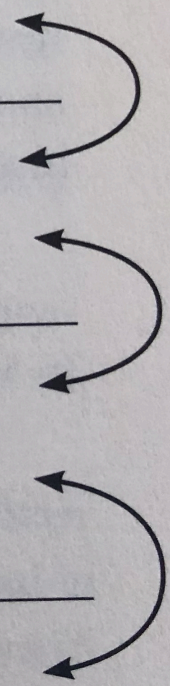
(1) Instructions to Preserve the Message (12:4)

(2) Duration of the "Time of Distress" (12:5–7)

(3) Daniel's Question and the Reply (12:8–13)



Catchwords and Catch-Concepts in Daniel 11:2–12:4

Characteristic King(s)	Biblical Section	Catchwords and Catch-Concepts
“Kings ... for Persia” מְלָכִים ... לְפָרַס	Section 1 11:2	“Greece”
“A warrior king” מֶלֶךְ גִּבּוֹר	Section 2 11:3–4	A Greek king “Four winds of heaven” (directions)
“The king of the south” מֶלֶךְ הַיָּבֵיט “The king of the north” מֶלֶךְ הַצָּפוֹן	Section 3 11:5–35	Kings of two directions “The time of the end”; “those who have insight”
“The king” הַמֶּלֶךְ	Section 4 11:36–12:4	“The time of the end”; “those who have insight”

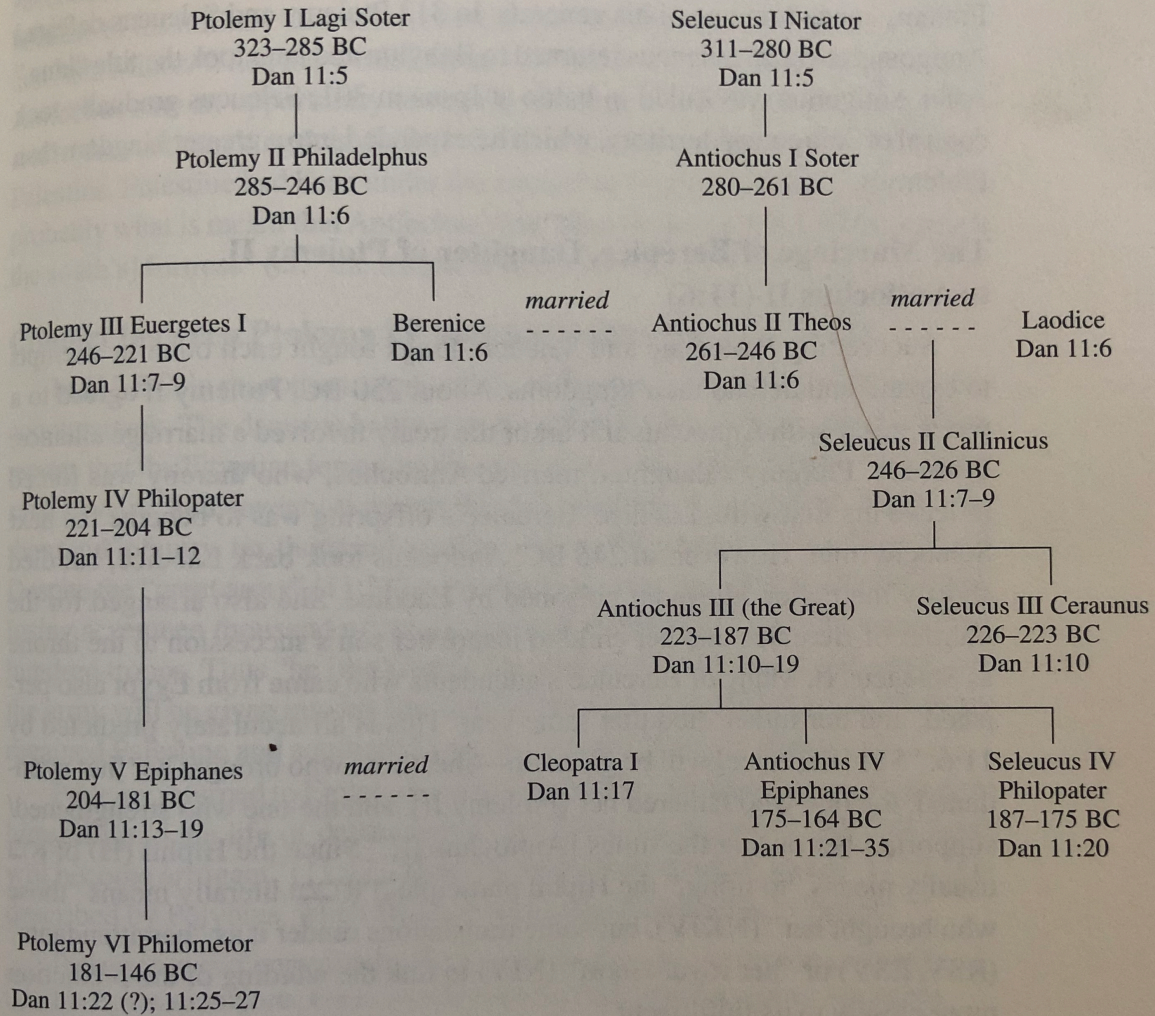


Alexander the Great died in Babylon in 323 BC, in Nebuchadnezzar II's Palace

Kings of Greece

ALEXANDER THE GREAT (336-323 BC) — Daniel 11:3-4						
Generals:		<i>Ptolemy</i> (Egypt) ↘		<i>Cassandra</i> (Old Greece)	<i>Lysimachus</i> (Asia Minor) →	<i>Seleucus</i> (Syria/Judea) ↘
Ptolemies (South) in Egypt				Seleucids (North) in Syria		
Ptolemy I	323-285	11:5		Seleucus I	312-280	11:5
				Antiochus I	280-261	—
Ptolemy II	285-246	11:6		Antiochus II	261-246	11:6
Ptolemy III	246-221	11:7-9		Seleucus II	246-226	11:7-9
				Seleucus III	226-223	11:10
Ptolemy IV	221-203	11:10-12		Antiochus III	223-187	11:10-19
Ptolemy V	203-181	11:13-19		Seleucus IV	187-175	11:20
Ptolemy VI	181-146	11:22-27		↙ [Sons Demetrius & Antiochus]		
Ptolemy VII	169-164	11:25-27		Antiochus IV	175-164	11:21-??

The Ptolemies and the Seleucids





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Daniel 7-9, 11-12: A Great Suffering for Three and a Half Years

(365.25 day/year = 1,278.38 or 360 days/year = 1,260)

Daniel 7:25; 12:7

“A Time, [Two] Times, and Half a Time”

Daniel 8:13-14

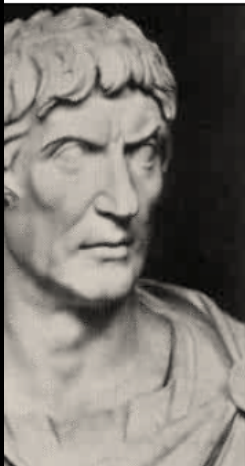
“2,300 pm/am (1,150 days?)”

Daniel 9:26-27

“Half of One Seven”

Daniel 12:11-12

“1,290 days – 1,335 days”



Transgression

8:12-13, 23; 9:24: *pasha'* = “apostasy”

Abomination

9:27; 11:31; 12:11: *shiqqutz* = “detestable, filthy, idol”

Desolation

8:13; 9:17-18; 26-27; 11:31; 12:11: *shamem* =
“destruction, destitution”

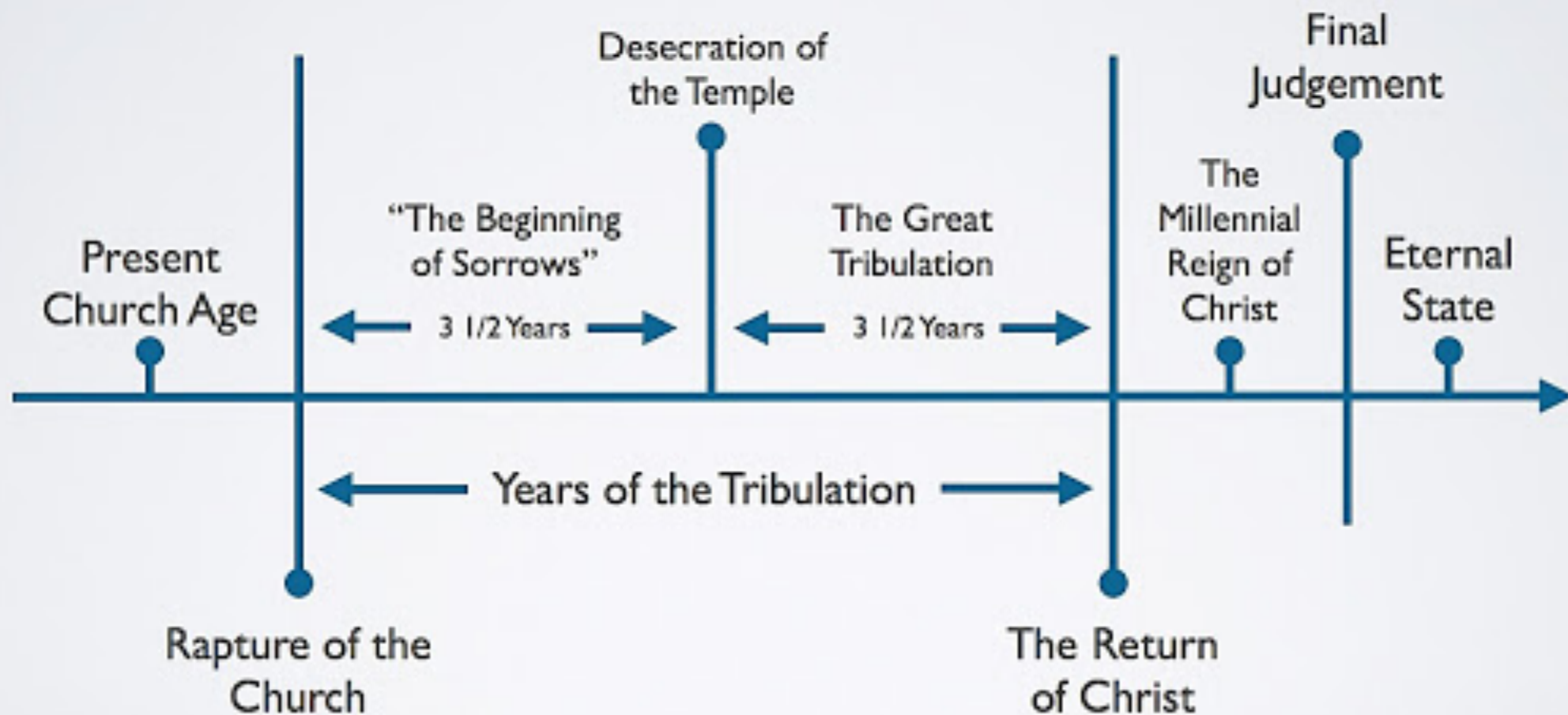


Summary of Redemption and the End Times:

Mysterious to even angels (Acts 1, 1 Peter 1)

1. Creation - God created the world and humans and saw it was good (Gen. 1-2)
2. The Fall - The garden had all good choices and 1 bad, now we have all bad choices and 1 good (Gen. 3)
3. Israel - God chose to redeem the world through a chosen people, a nation light to other nations (Gen. 15, 17)
4. Idolatry - God's people turned from Him, after denying His many chances, He stopped their corruption (OT)
5. Sheol - dead before Christ go to a holding place, faithful to Abraham's Bosom, chasm, faithless to Hades (Luke 16)
6. The Cross - Jesus comes through Israel, they reject Him, but He saves the world (Matt. 15, Luke 23, John 1, 12)
7. Resurrection - Jesus descends to Abraham's Bosom, preaches Himself, the faithful believe, he takes them to Heaven, Hades stays (Matt. 12, 2Cor. 12, Eph. 4, 1Pet. 3)
8. The Church - Israel's plan is paused, the church is a light to the world, dead go to Heaven or Hades (Rom. 9-11, 2Cor. 5, Phil. 1)
9. The Rapture - dead and living believers are risen and taken to Christ (Matt. 24-25, Col 3, 1Thess. 4, 5, 2Pet. 3)
10. The Great Tribulation - the time of judgement begins with the 7 year tribulation (Dan., Rev.)
11. Abomination of Desolation - first 3.5 years are peaceful, last 3.5 years Antichrist claims to be god and persecutes (Dan., Rev.)
12. The 2nd Coming - Jesus comes back and judges the world with the faithful following Him (John 14, Heb. 9, James 5, 1Cor. 4, 15, Jude 14, Dan., Rev.)
13. The Millennial Kingdom - 1000 years of Jesus reigning on on earth, Christians ruling, Israel thriving (Rev. 20)
14. The Final Judgement - Final rebellion by Satan defeated by Jesus, Satan/demons/Hades are all locked in Hell forever (Rev. 20)
15. Eternal Life - Eternal reign of Christ in the new heaven on earth (Rev. 20-21)

Timeline of the End Times



Main takeaways from the book:

1. God's kingdom is greater than any other kingdom (fear / confidence)
2. God knows and has control over the future (faith / peace)
3. God will fully establish his perfect kingdom and we will be a part of it (hope / love)



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