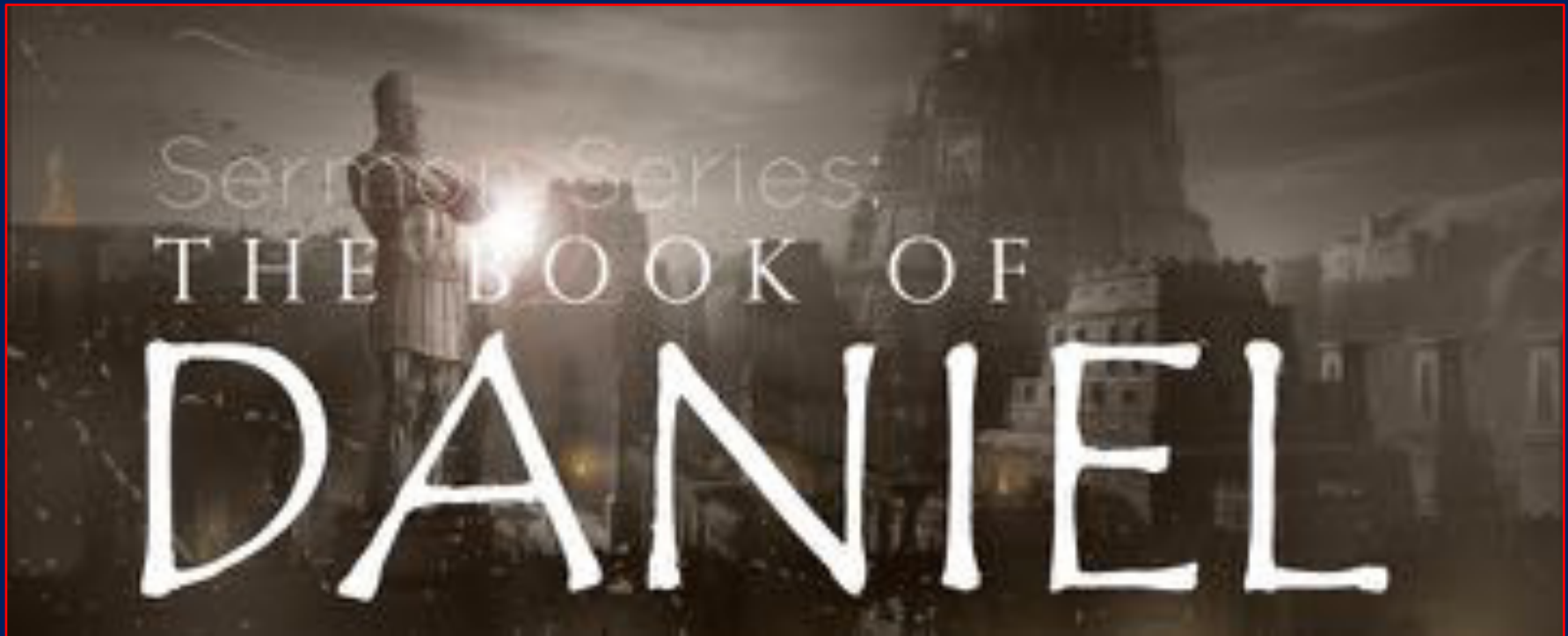


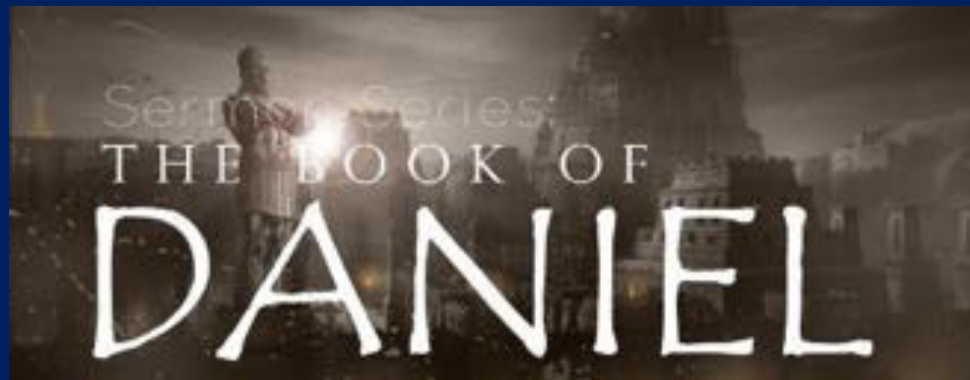
THE BOOK OF DANIEL



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Message

Times of the Gentiles are revealed prophetically (2, 7, 8-12) and ethically (1, 3-6)



Purpose

- To encourage Judah by emphasizing the sovereignty of God during the Babylonian captivity and to teach Judah how to live while outside the land
- Bifurcating Daniel



Synthetic Outline

I. Historical (1-7):

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B. Aramaic *chiasm* (2-7)

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II. Prophetic (8-12):

Angel interprets, 1st person, Jewish nation,
Hebrew

A. Ram & Goat (8)

B. 70 weeks (9)

C. Final vision (10-12)

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1:1	605	3rd year of Jehoiakim
<u>2:1</u>	<u>603</u>	<u>2nd year of Nebuchadnezzar</u>
5	Sat. night 10/12/539 (Hoehner)	
7:1	553	1st year of Belshazzar
8:1	551	3rd year of Belshazzar
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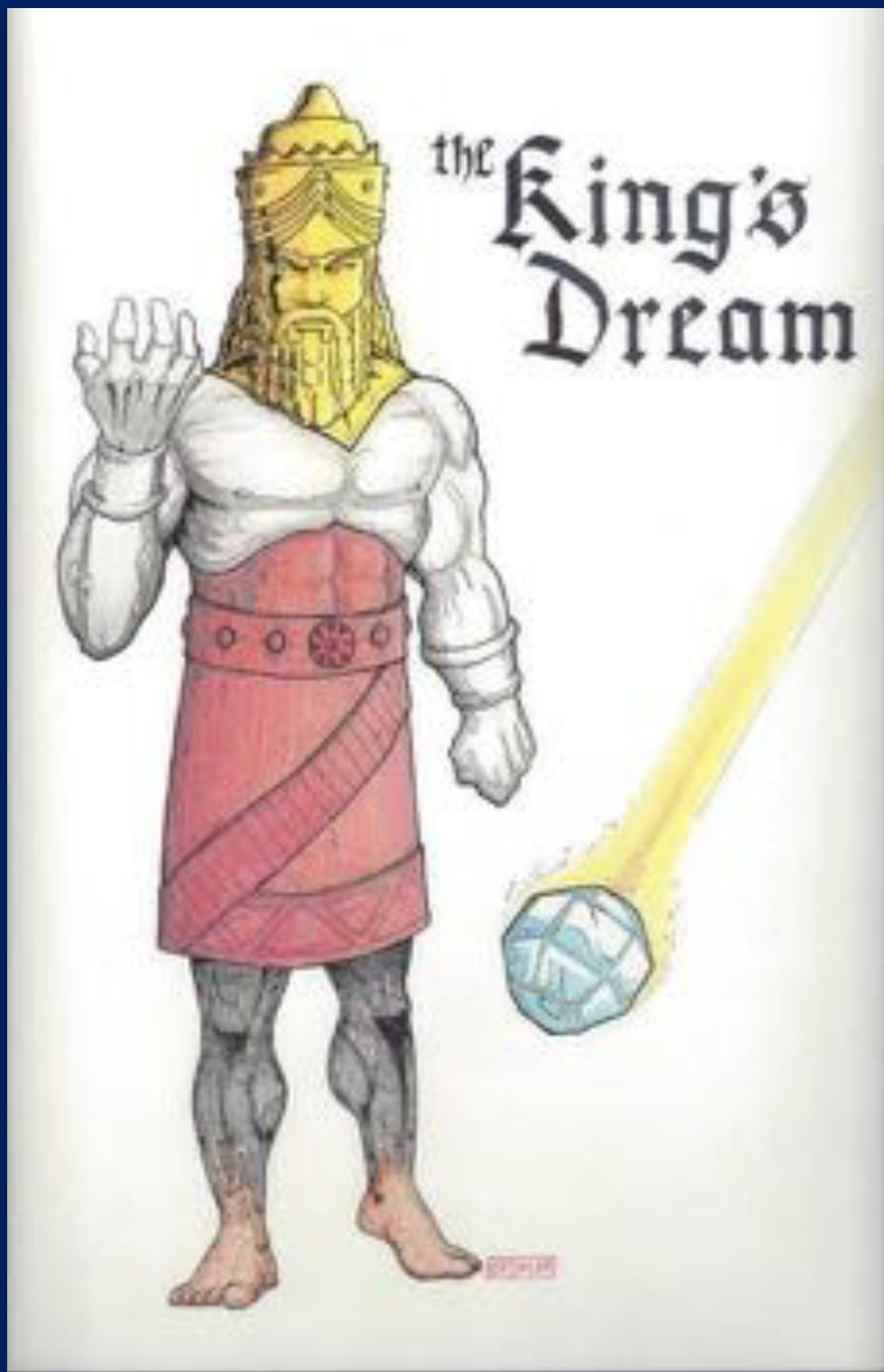
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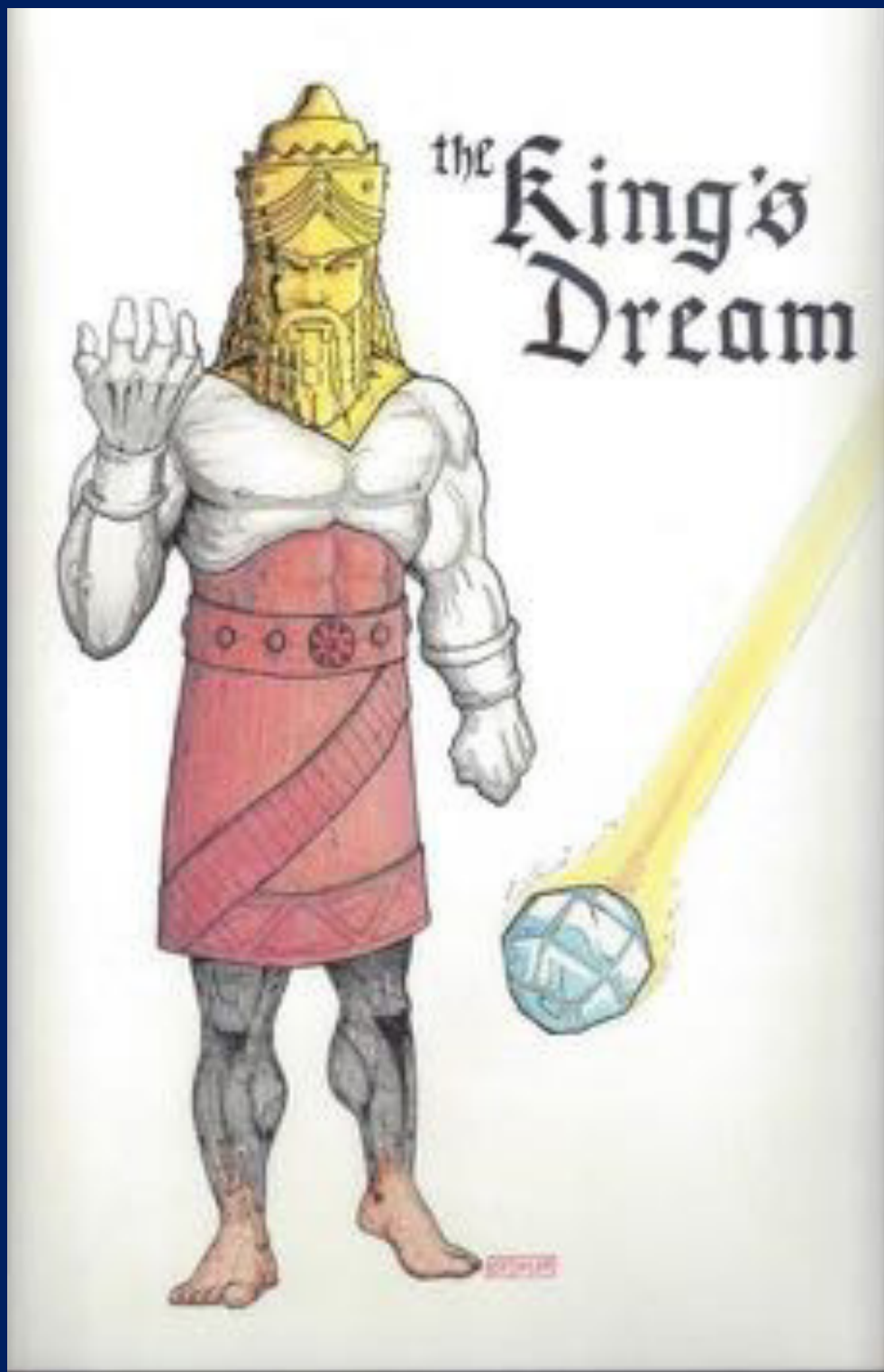
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Three Returns

	Date	Duration	Persian king	Jewish leader	Scripture	Purpose	Number of returnees
1 st return	538–515 B.C.	23 years	Cyrus (Isa 44:28–45:1)	Zerubbabel	Ezra 1–6; Isaiah 44:28	Rebuilding the temple	50,000
2 nd return	458–457 B.C.	2 years	Artaxerxes	Ezra	Ezra 7–10	Adorning of the temple and reforming the people	2,000
3 rd return	444–432 B.C.	8 years	Artaxerxes	Nehemiah	Nehemiah	Rebuilding the wall	

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Daniel 2:44-45 is Future

- Christianity did not suddenly fill the whole earth
- Christ did not destroy Rome
- No 10 simultaneous kings in the time of Christ
- Christ was not the smiting stone
- Christ did not destroy all the kingdoms of the world
- The church is not a political kingdom

J. Dwight Pentecost, *Bible Knowledge Commentary*, 1336

Emergent: Kingdom

“He selected 12 and trained them in a new way of life. He sent them to teach everyone this new way of life...Even if only a few would practice this new way, many would benefit. Oppressed people would be free. Poor people would be liberated from poverty. Minorities would be treated with respect. Sinners would be loved, not resented.”



Brian McLaren, *A Generous Orthodoxy*, 111.

Emergent: Kingdom

“Industrialists would realize that God cares for sparrows and wildflowers-so their industries should respect, not rape, the environment. The homeless would be invited in for a hot meal. *The kingdom of God would come* – not everywhere at once, not suddenly, but gradually like a seed growing in a field, like yeast spreading in a lump of bread dough, like light spreading across the sky at dawn.”



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Emergent: Kingdom

“The *Kingdom* of God is a *central* conversation in emerging communities... And let me tell you ‘Kingdom of God’ language is *really big* in the emerging church” (Italics added).



Doug Pagitt, cited in Oakland, 163.

Emergent: Kingdom

“If Revelation were a blueprint of the distant future, it would have been unintelligible to its original readers...In light of this, Revelation becomes a powerful book about the kingdom of God here and now, available to all.”



Brian McLaren, cited in Oakland, 158.

Kingdom



Rick Warren, cited in
Oakland, Kindle edition.

“I stand before you confidently right now and say to you that God is going to use you to change the world...I'm looking at a stadium full of people right now who are telling God they will do *whatever it takes to establish God's Kingdom "on earth"* as it is in heaven. What will happen if the followers of Jesus say to Him, ‘We are yours?’ What kind of spiritual awakening will occur?”

Kingdom

“If we are to be a part of this coming kingdom, God expects our lives – our churches and faith communities too – to be characterized by these authentic signs of our own transformation: compassion, mercy, justice, and love – demonstrated *tangibly*. Only then will our light break forth like the dawn, our healing quickly appear, and our cries for help be answered with a divine *Here am I.*”



Stearns, *Hole in the Gospel*, 57.

Kingdom

“The gospel that we have been given – the whole gospel – is God’s vision for a new way of living...Christ’s vision was of a redeemed world order populated by redeemed people – now. To accomplish this, we are to be salt and light in a dark and fallen world, the “yeast” that leavens the whole loaf of bread (the whole of society). *We are the ones God has called to be His Church. It’s up to us. We are to be the change. But a changed world requires change agents, and change agents are people who have first been changed themselves.*”



Stearns, *Hole in the Gospel*, 276, 243-44.

Russell Moore

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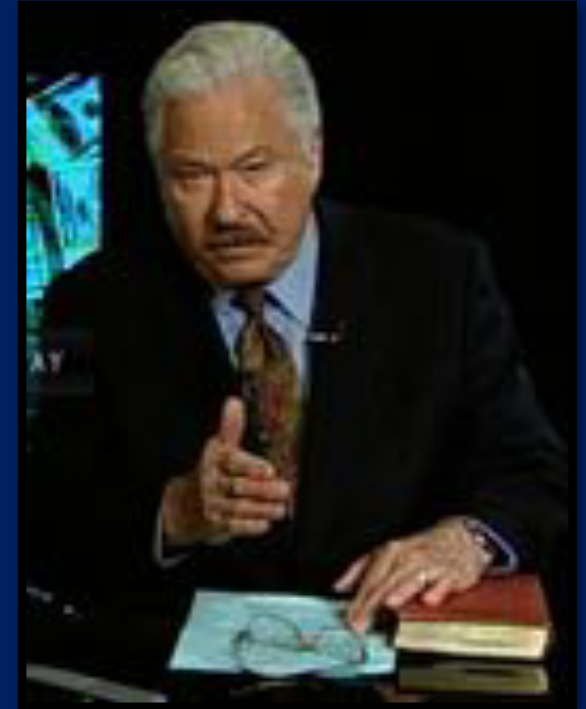
“The locus of the kingdom of God in this age is within the church, where Jesus rules as king. As we live our lives together, we see the transforming power of the gospel and the in breaking of the future kingdom.”

Justin Taylor, “An Interview with Russell Moore,”
www.thegospelcoalition.org.

Hal Lindsey

The Road to Holocaust, 269

Bestselling author Hal Lindsey warned what could happen to the church in the last days if she began to see herself as the establisher of God's kingdom: “The last days of the church on the earth may be largely wasted seeking to accomplish a task that only the LORD Himself can and will do directly.”



Purposes of the Local Church

- Glorify God (Eph 3:21)
- Edify the saints (Eph 4:11-16)
- Fulfill the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20)



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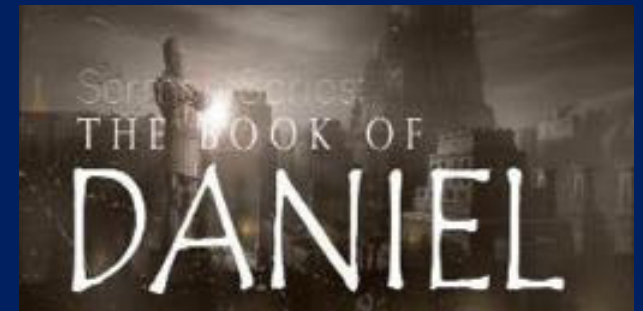
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Takeaways from Daniel 2

- Mosaic Law taught Israel how to live inside the land
- The examples of the four Hebrew youths taught them how to live outside the land
- Consecrate themselves to God
- Live by faith from crisis to crisis entrusting the results to God
- Allow God to promote us in His due time
- Our cue as well



Conclusion

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