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)



CHAPTER REVIEW

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- A. Ram & Goat (8)
- B. 70 weeks (9)
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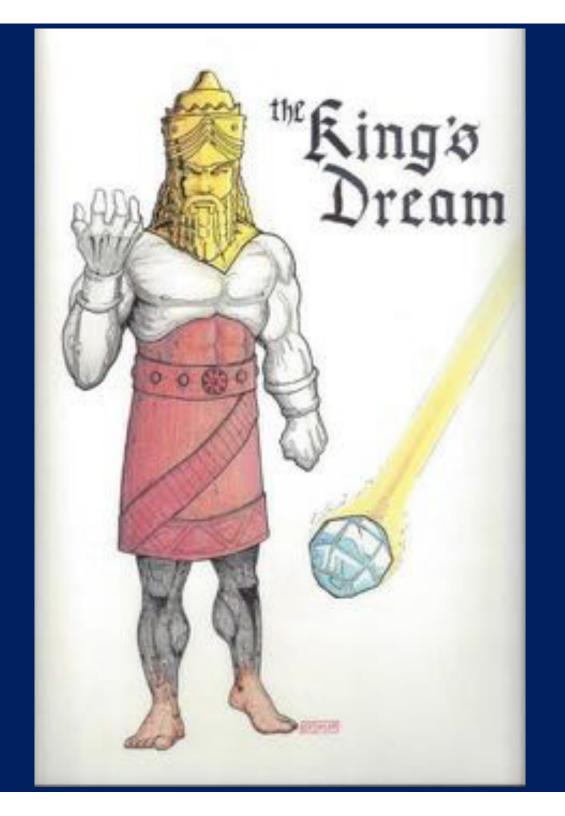


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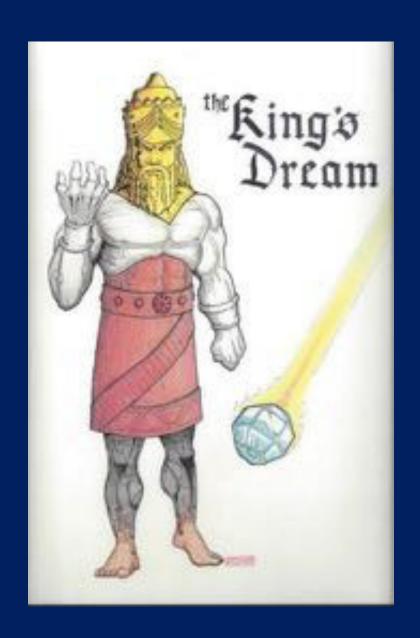
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DARIUS REPLACES BELSHAZZAR



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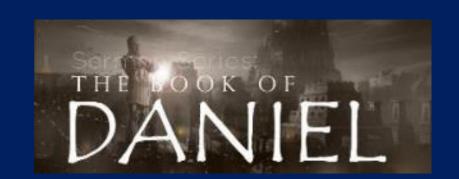
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1:1	605	3 rd year of Jehoiakim
2:1	603	2 nd year of Nebuchadnezzar
5	Sat. night 10/12/539 (Hoehner)	
7:1	553	1 st year of Belshazzar
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9:1	538	1 st year of Darius
10:1	536	3 rd year of Cyrus

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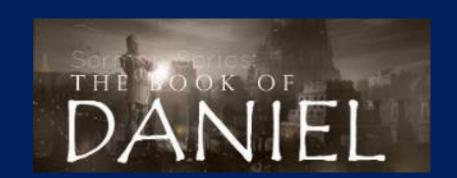
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- 120 satraps

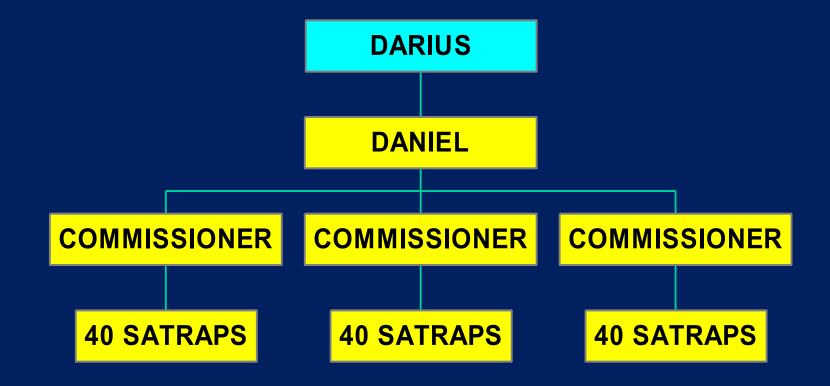
THE POSITION OF DANIEL V.2



- Three commissioners
- One commissioner per 40 satraps
- Daniel becomes one of the commissioners

THE POSITION OF DANIEL V.3

- Daniel distinguishes himself
 - 1 John 4:4
 - Genesis 39:2-4



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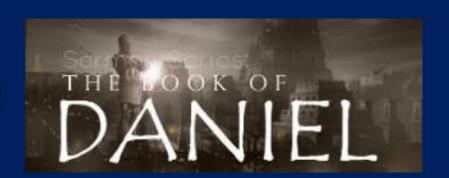
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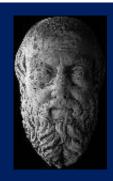
THE PLOT AGAINST DANIEL V. 4-9

- The problem v.4
 - Commissioners and satraps devise a plot
 - The motivation is jealousy
 - Seeking to find a "skeleton in the closet"
 - No corruption or negligence
 - Protestant work ethic Col. 3:23



Cyrus Cylinder





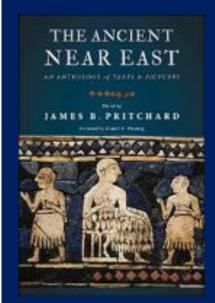
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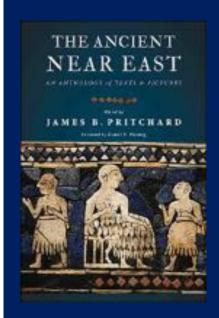
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THE PRAYER OF DANIEL V.10-11

- Civil disobedience
 - ◆ Genesis 6:11; 9:6;
 - ♦ Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Tim. 2:1-4; 1 Pet. 2:13-15
 - ◆ Acts 5:29; Daniel 3:4-6



Baker Faces Prison for Refusing to Bake Same-Sex Wedding Cake

"Jack Phillips is a baker who declined to bake a wedding cake for a same-sex couple because his Christian belief is that marriage exists only between a man and woman. Now a Colorado judge has ordered him to bake cakes for same-sex marriages, and if Phillips refuses, he could go to jail."

Ken Klukowski, "Baker Faces Prison for Refusing to Bake Same-Sex Wedding Cake," online: http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2013/12/12/Christian-Baker-Willing-to-Go-to-Jail-for-Declining-Gay-Wedding-Cake, 12 December 2013, accessed 16 May 2014.

Oregon Declares War on Aaron & Melissa Klein

"In yet another example of gay activist overreach, an Oregon official has not only burdened a Christian couple with a ridiculous fine, he has imposed a gag order on them...In one of the most egregious anti-Christian acts committed by a state official in recent memory, Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian not only upheld the ridiculous \$135,000 fine levied against Aaron and Melissa Klein for declining to bake a cake for a lesbian commitment ceremony, but he ordered the Kleins to 'cease and desist' from making any public comments about their religious convictions relative to this case."

http://www.onenewsnow.com/perspectives/michael-brown/2015/07/06/oregon-declares-war-on-christian-faith

Principles of Civil Disobedience

- Clear conflict between the laws of man and God
- 2. Exhaustion of all creative legal remedies
- 3. A willingness to pay the consequences
- 4. Maintaining of respect for civil authorities

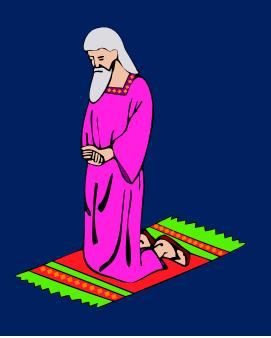


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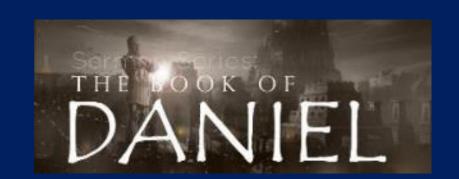
THE PRAYER OF DANIEL V.10-11

- Ingredients of a healthy prayer life
 - Priority
 - Obedience & faith: 1 Kgs. 8:44, 48-49
 - ♦ Consistency: Matt. 14:23
 - Humility: kneeling
 - Thanksgiving
 - Petitioning God
 - ◆ Supplication: Phil. 4:6



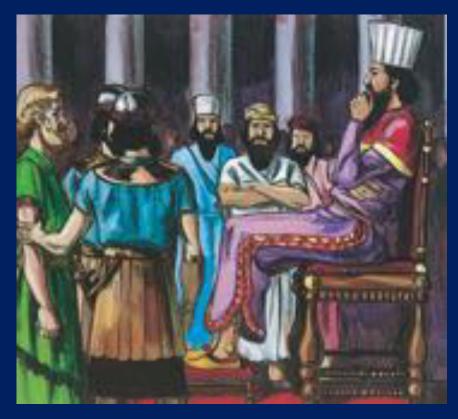
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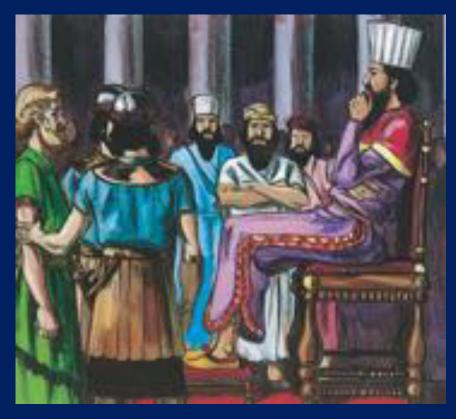


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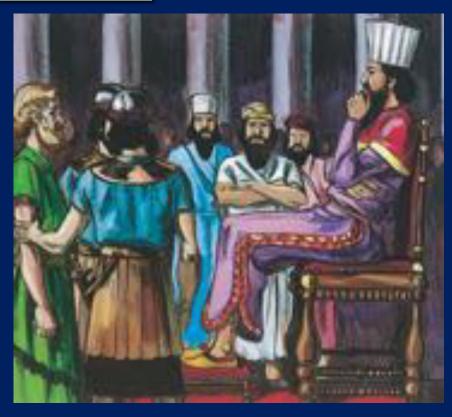
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"...one of the mistakes that human beings make is believing that there is only one way...We don't accept that there are diverse ways of being in the world; that there are millions of ways to be a human being. And many ways...many paths to what you call God. That her path might be something else and when she gets there she might call it the light. But her loving, and her kindness, and her generosity brings her to the...same point that it brings you...

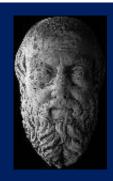


...It doesn't matter whether she called it 'God' along the way or not...There couldn't possibly be just one way!...There couldn't possibly be only one way with millions of people in the world!...You think...if you are somewhere on the planet and you never hear the name of Jesus but yet you live with a loving heart. You lived as Jesus would have had you to live. You lived for the same purpose as Jesus came to the planet to teach us all, but you are in some remote part of the earth and you never heard the name of Jesus. You cannot get to Heaven...?"

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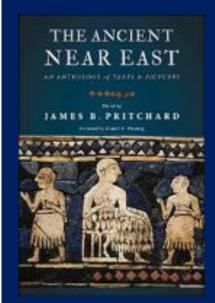
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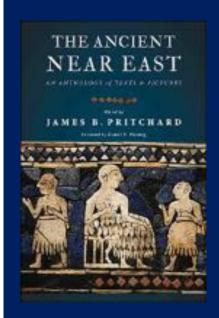
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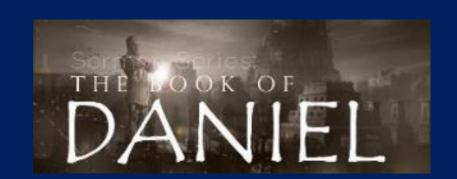
Three Returns

	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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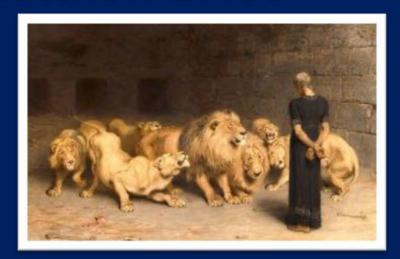
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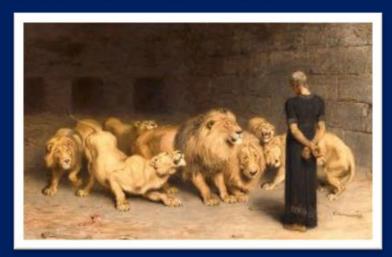


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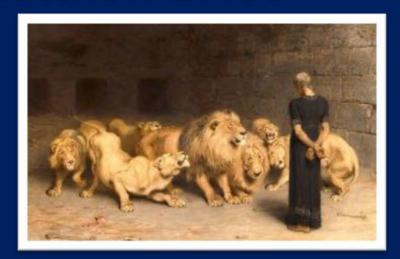
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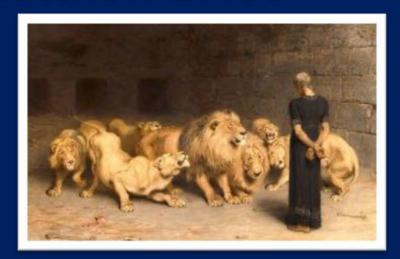
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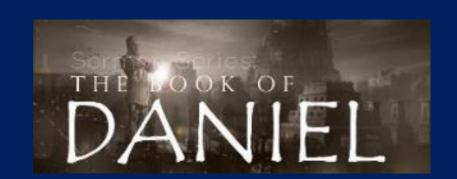


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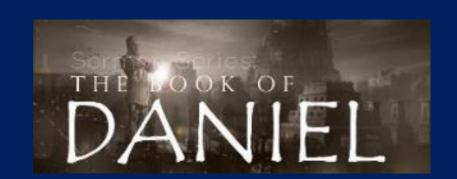
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The 4 Jewish Youths Rise to Favor (1:17-21)

- The length of their service (1:21)
 - Nebuchadnezzar's initial siege (605)
 - Decree of Cyrus (536)
 - Daniel served for 69 years
 - Daniel served through 2 gentile empires and 4 successive gentile administrations

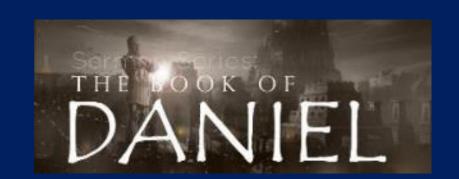
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 - ♦ Nebuchadnezzar
 - ◆ Belshazzar
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