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

CHAPTER 2



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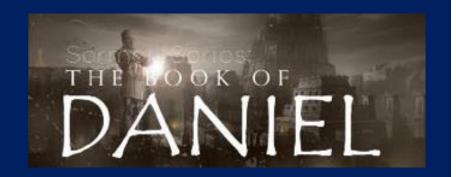
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II. Prophetic (8-12):

Angel interprets, 1st person, Jewish nation, Hebrew

- A. Ram & Goat (8)
- B. 70 weeks (9)
- C. Final vision (10-12)



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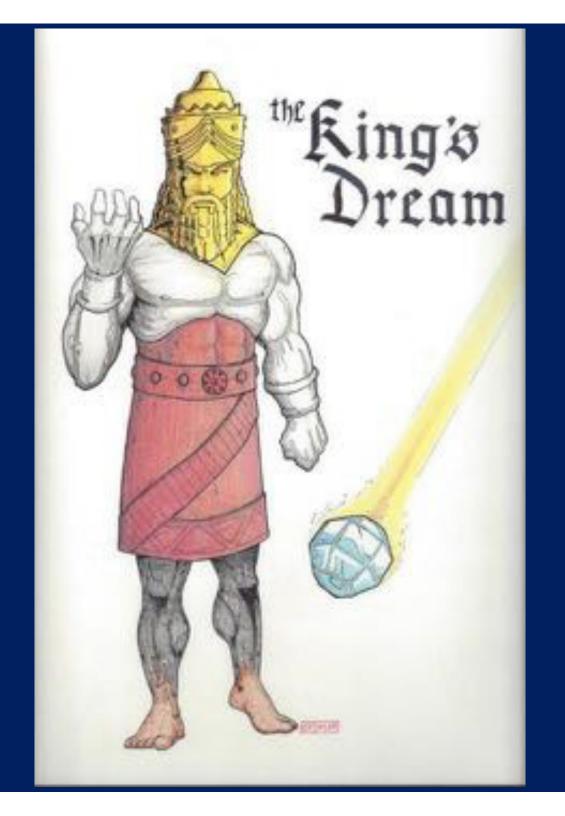


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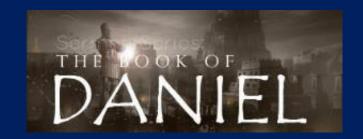
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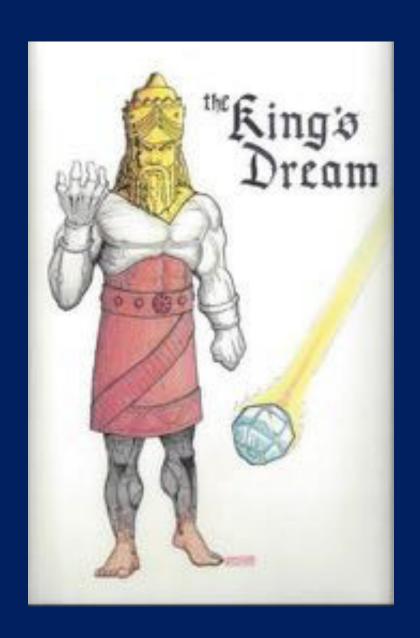
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THE EVENTS OF CHAPTER 5

THE FALL OF BABYLON

DARIUS REPLACES BELSHAZZAR



Succession of Gentile Rulers

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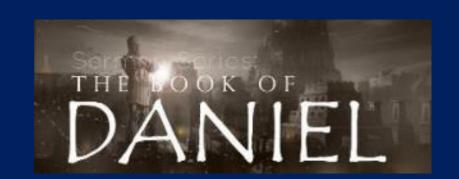
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CHAPTER & VERSE IN DANIEL	CHRONOLOGICAL DATE	BIBLICAL DATE
1:1	605	3 rd year of Jehoiakim
2:1	603	2 nd year of Nebuchadnezzar
5	Sat. night 10/12/539 (Hoehner)	
7:1	553	1 st year of Belshazzar
8:1	551	3 rd year of Belshazzar
9:1	538	1 st year of Darius
10:1	536	3 rd year of Cyrus

Daniel's Age

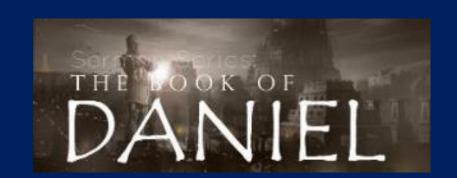
CHAPTER	EVENTS	AGE
1	Taken to Babylonian captivity	15
2	Interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's 1 st dream (huge image)	17
3	Daniel's 3 friends cast into the fiery furnace	19 or 20
4	Interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's 2nd dream (huge tree)	45-50
5	Interpreting handwriting of the wall at Belshazzar's feast	Early 80's
<u>6</u>	Delivered from the den of lions	<u>c.83</u>
7-8	Daniel's visions and dreams	Mid-60's
9	Daniel's seventy "sevens" prophecy	Early-80's
10-12	Final dreams and visions	Mid-80's

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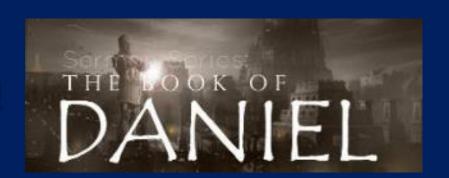
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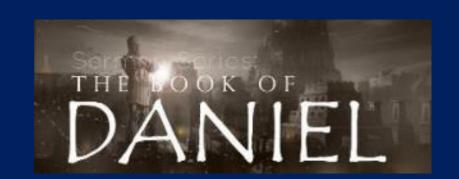
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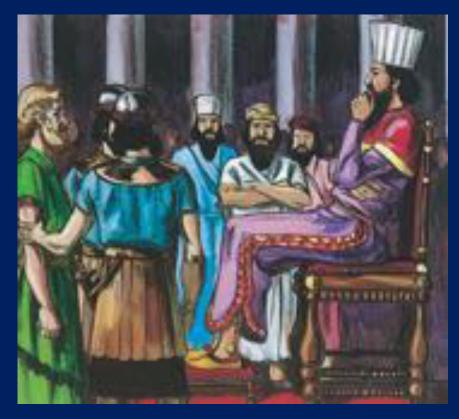
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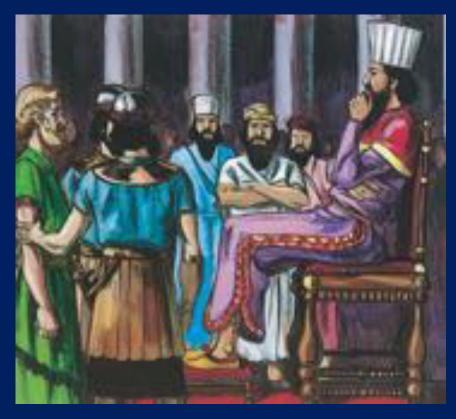


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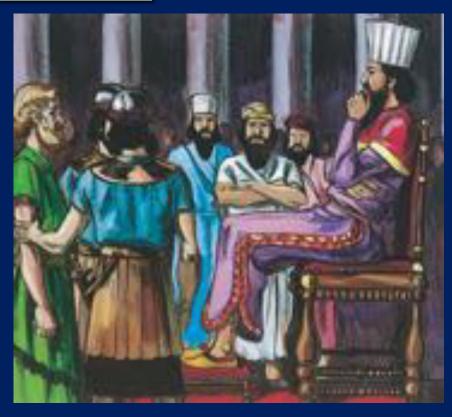
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"...one of the mistakes that human beings make is believing that there is only one way...We don't accept that there are diverse ways of being in the world; that there are millions of ways to be a human being. And many ways...many paths to what you 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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Cyrus Cylinder





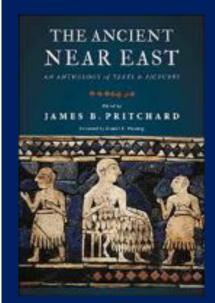
Herodotus

Histories, 1:191 (450 B.C.)

"...he conducted the river by a channel into the lake...and so he made the former course of the river passable by the sinking of the stream. When this had been done, the Persians who had been posted for this very purpose entered by the bed of the river Euphrates into Babylon, the stream having sunk so far that it reached about to the middle of a man's thigh...those Babylonians who dwelt in the middle did not know that they had been captured..."

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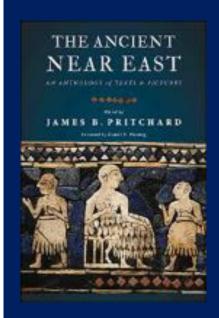
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Without any battle. . . sparing Babylon . . . any calamity.... I am Cyrus...king of Babylon....When entered Babylon...under jubilation and rejoicing...troops walked around Babylon...in peace, I did not allow anybody to terrorize (any place) of the [country of Sumer] and Akkad. I strove for peace in Babylon...and in all his (other) sacred cities....l returned to (these) sacred cities on the other side of the Tigris, the sanctuaries of which have been in ruins for a long time, the images which (used) to live therein and established for them permanent sanctuaries.

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I (also) gathered all their (former) inhabitants and returned (to them) their habitations. Furthermore, I resettled... unharmed, in their (former) chapels, the places which make them happy. May all the gods whom I have resettled in their sacred cities ask daily Bel and Nebo for a long life for me...all of them I resettled in a peaceful place... ducks and doves,...I endeavoured to fortify/repair their dwelling places . . .

Three Returns

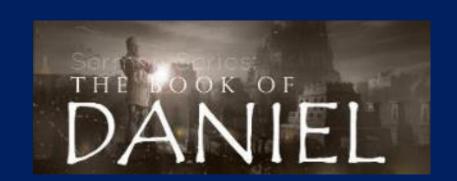
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1 st return	538–515 B.C.	23 years	Cyrus (Isa 44:28–45:1)	Zerubbabel	Ezra 1–6; Isaiah 44:28	Rebuilding the temple	50,000
2 nd return	458–457 B.C.	2 years	Artaxerxes	Ezra	Ezra 7–10	Adorning of the temple and reforming the people	2,000
3 rd return	444–432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

PROSECUTION OF DANIEL V.12-15

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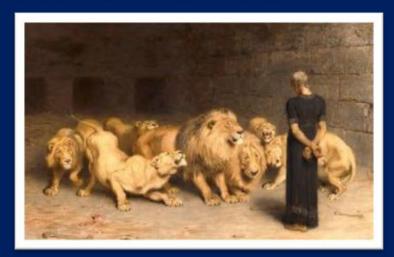
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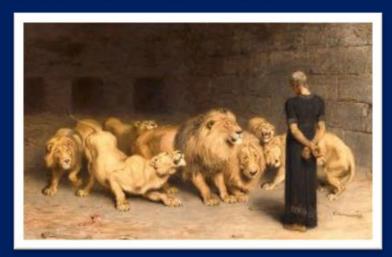


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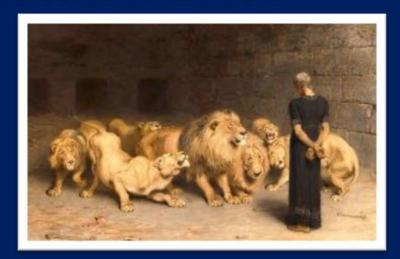
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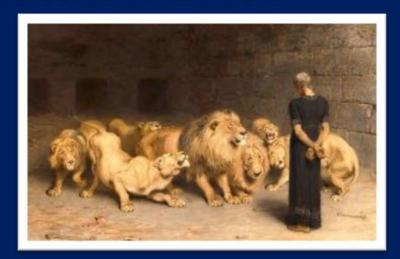
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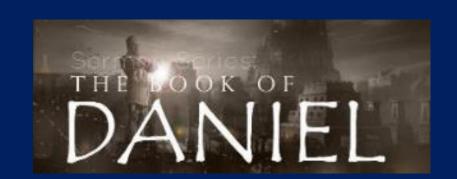


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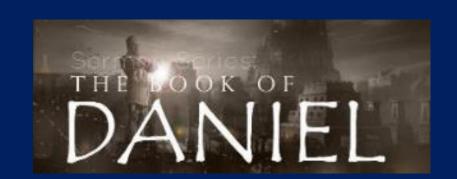
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The 4 Jewish Youths Rise to Favor (1:17-21)

- 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

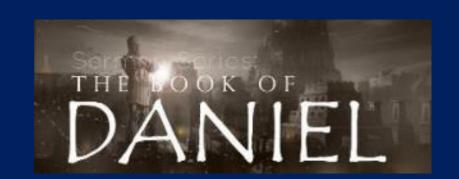
Basic Chronology

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 - ♦ Nebuchadnezzar
 - ♦ Belshazzar
- Media-Persia (538–536)
 - ◆ Darius
 - Cyrus

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