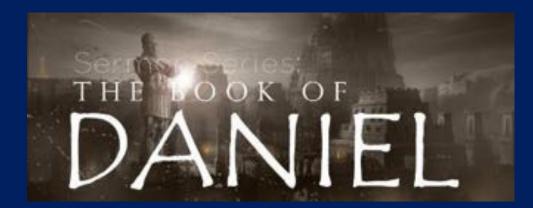
# THE BOOK OF DANIEL



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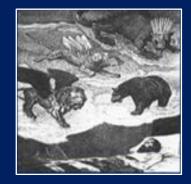
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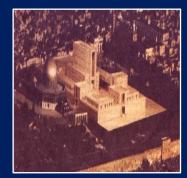
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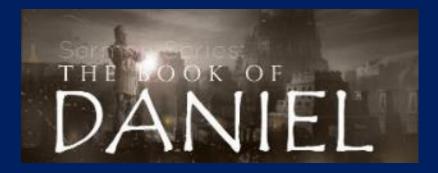
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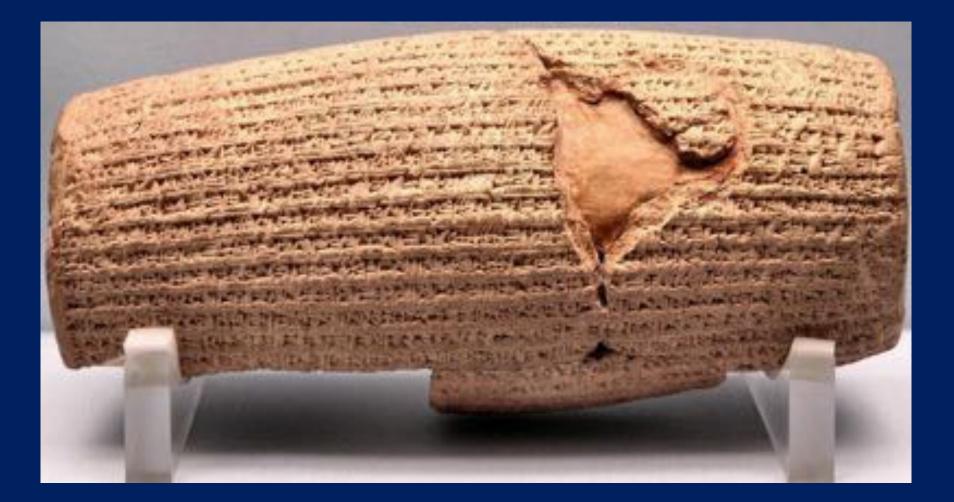
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## **Three Returns**

	Date	Duration	Persian king	Jewish leader	Scripture	Purpose	Number of returnees
1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> return	458–457 B.C.	2 years	Artaxerxes	Ezra	Ezra 7–10	Adorning of the temple and reforming the people	2,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> return	444–432 B.C.	8 years	Artaxerxes	Nehemiah	Nehemiah	Rebuilding the wall	

### **NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S 3 SIEGES OF JUDAH**

	1	2	3
Year	605	597	586
Scripture	2 Kings 24:1; Dan.1:1	2 Kings 24:10-16; Ezek. 1:1-2	2 Kings 25:1-2, Ezek 33:21
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Those taken	Daniel & some princes	Ezekiel & majority 10k	Remnant captured, Jerusalem & Temple destroyed

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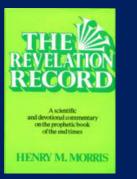
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Morris The Revelation Record, 323

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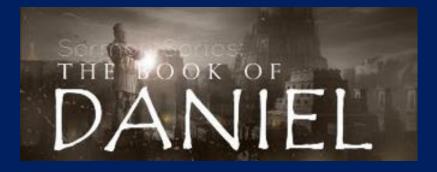
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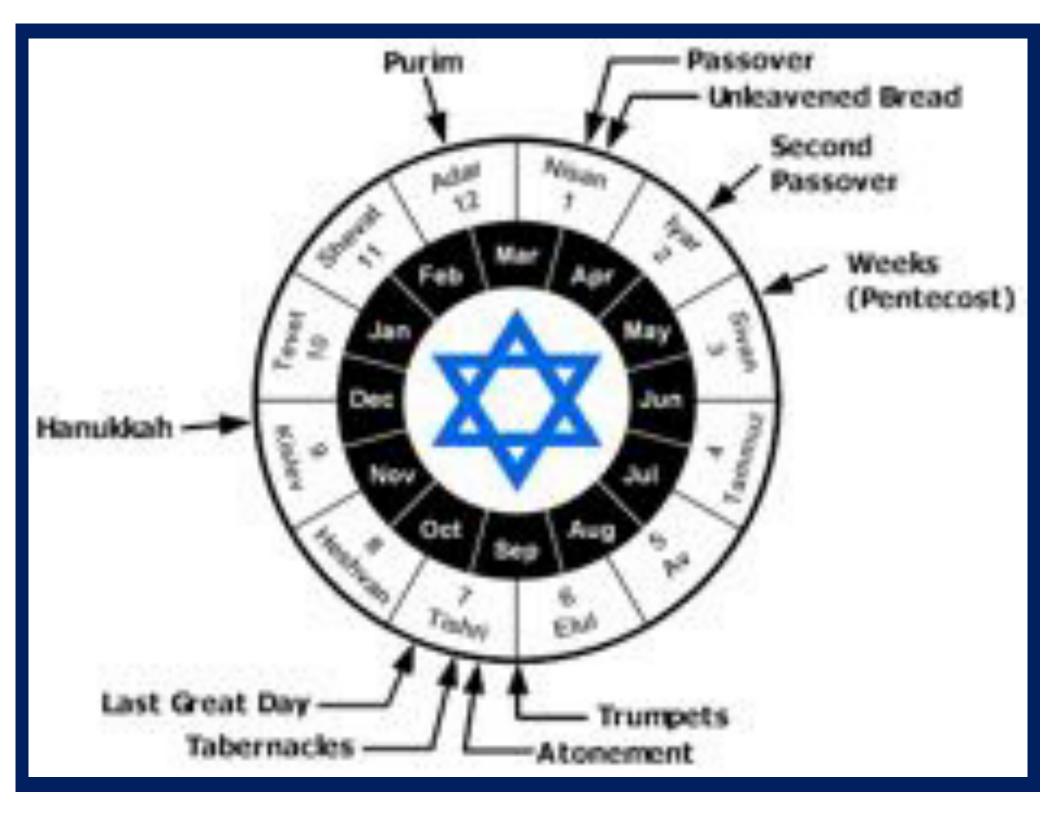
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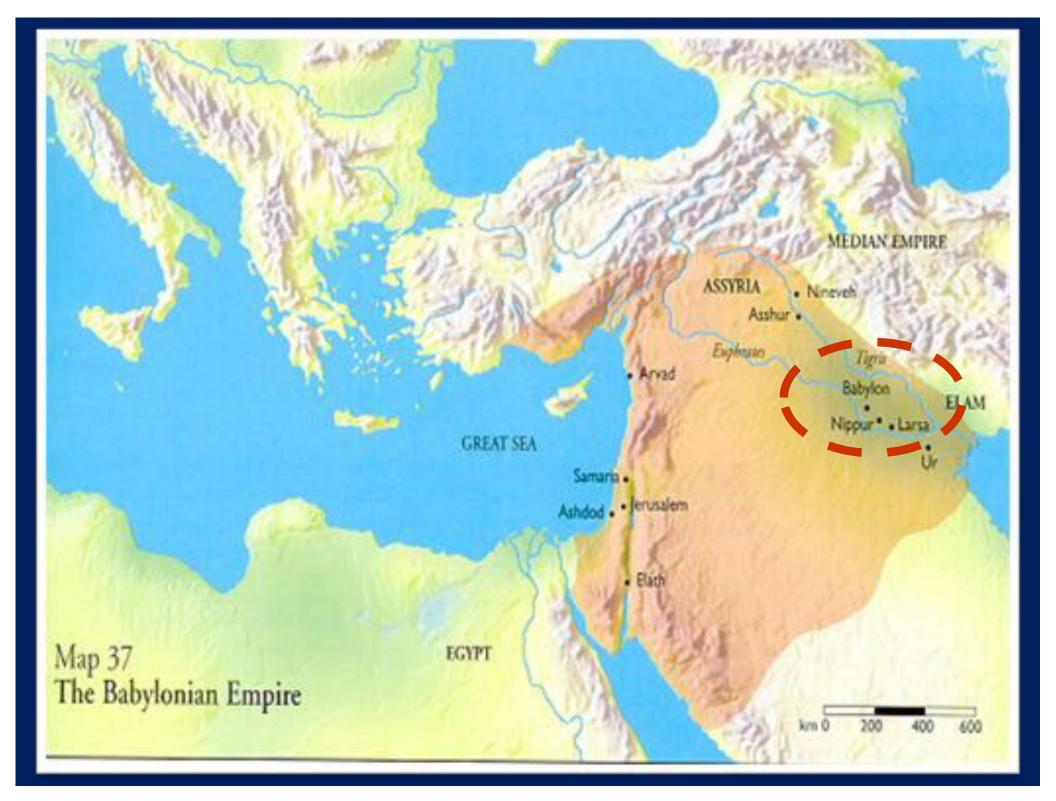
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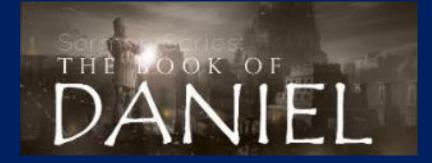


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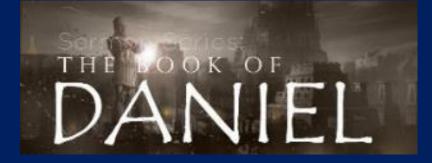
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"And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. <u>And in you all</u> <u>the families of the earth will be blessed</u>."

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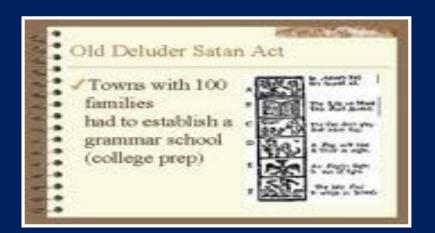
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## Old Satan Deluder Law: 1642 Massachusetts

Church of the Holy Trinity v. U.S., 143 U.S. 457, 467 (1892)





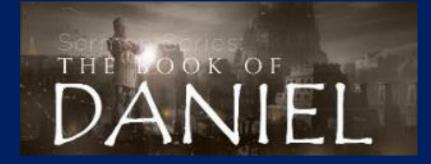
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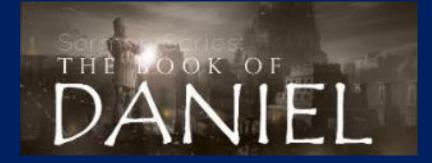
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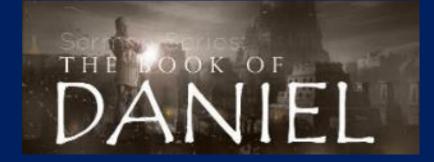
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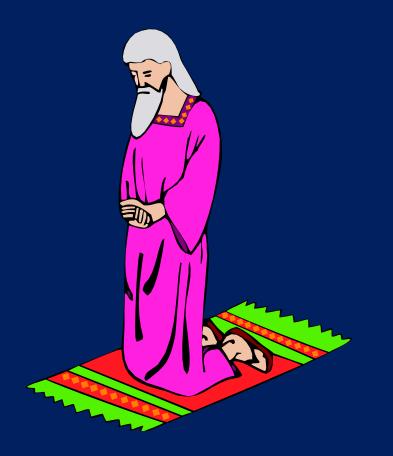
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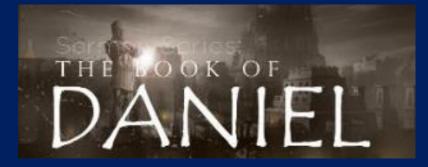
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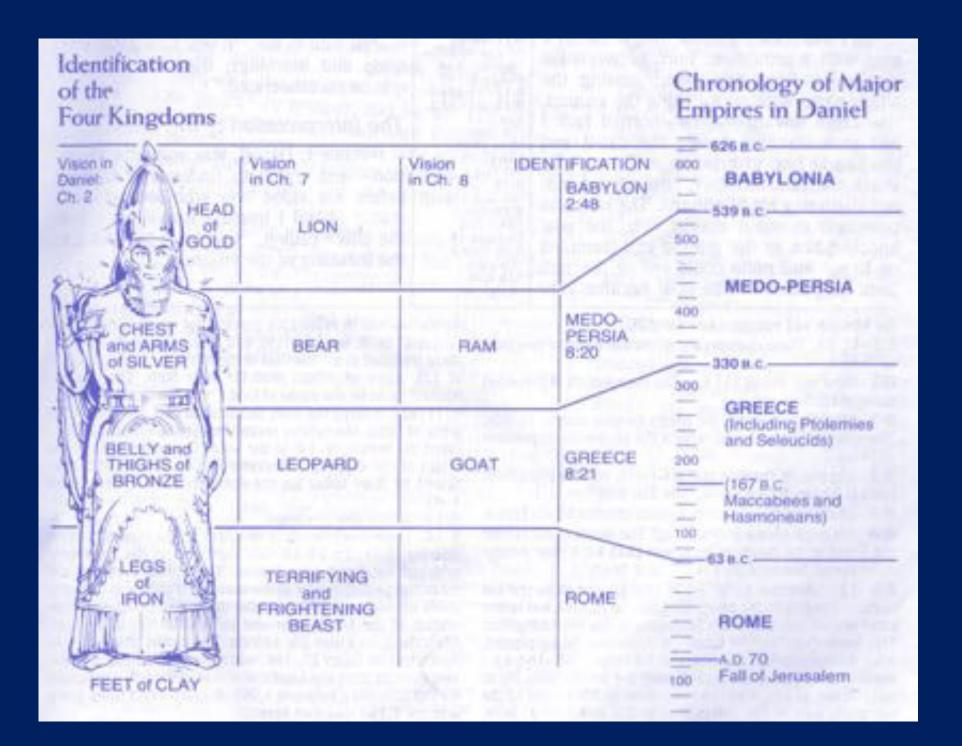
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# Daniel 8:20-21 (NASB)

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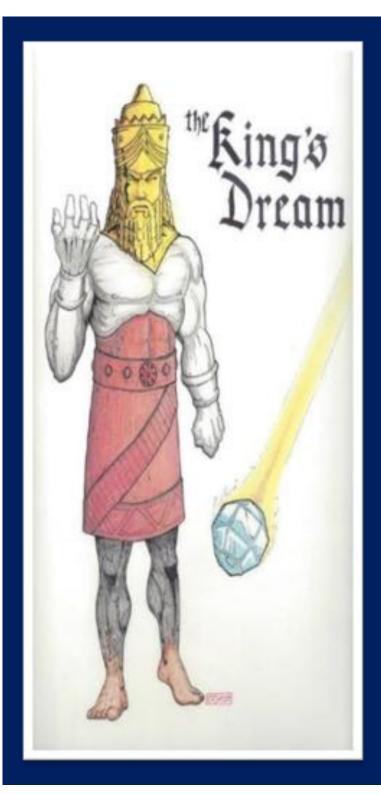
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