

Daniel Chapter 5

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Northern Kingdom (Israel)

900 – 722
Kings from
Jeroboam
onward

722
Assyrians
conquer the
Northern
Kingdom

Beginning of the Exile

900 – 586
Kings from
Rehoboam
Onward

→ 586

Southern Kingdom
Falls to Babylonians;
Temple and
Jerusalem Destroyed

Southern Kingdom (Judah)

Babylonian Empire And Exile



536 BC Persian
Empire

Cyrus the Great of Persia
allows Jews to return to Israel
and rebuild Temple

Time of Daniel

586 – 536
Babylonian
Empire

Temple Destroyed;
Exile

445 BC
Remaining
exiles return
to Jerusalem

Persian Empire

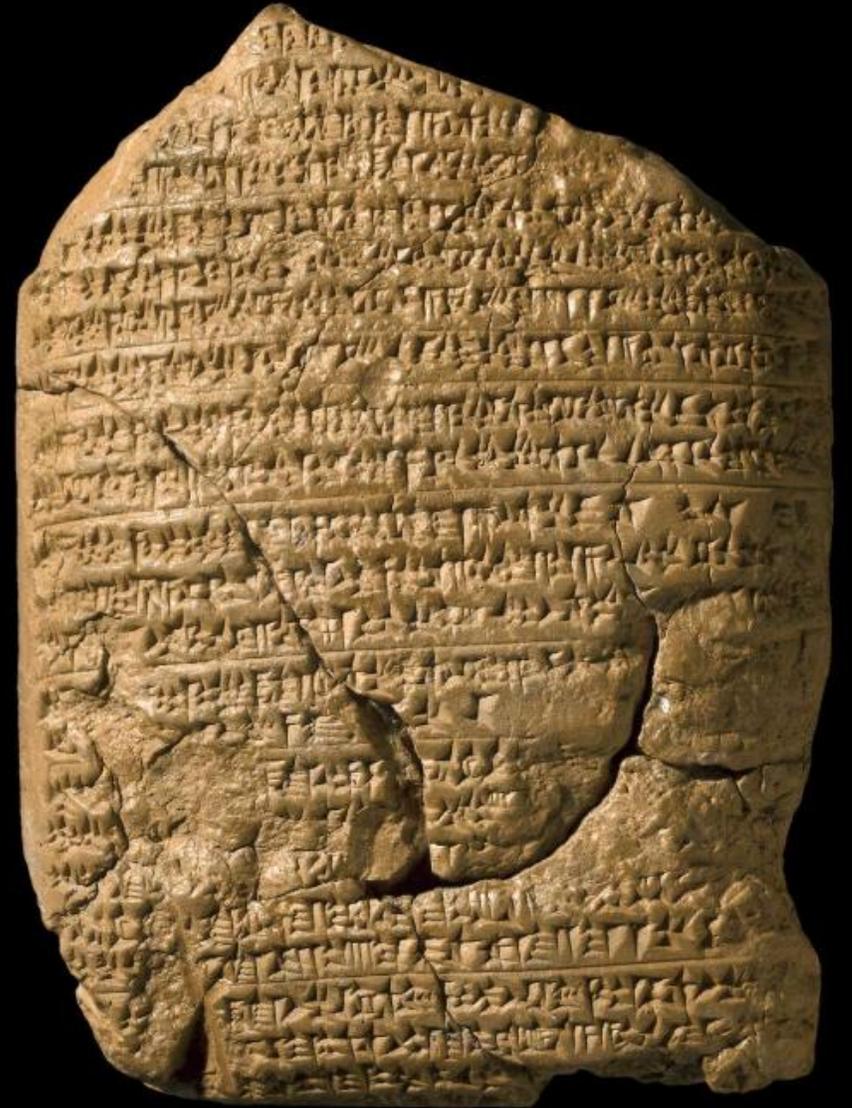


Where are we in the story?

Babylonian Rulers	Nebuchadnezzar	605-562 B.C.
	Nabonidus	556-539 B.C.
	Co-regent Belshazzar	550-539 B.C.

The Babylonian Chronicle

Details Babylonian Activity
605-594 BC



King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords and drank wine in front of the thousand.

2 Belshazzar, when he tasted the wine, commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver that

Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them.

3 Then they brought in the golden vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. 4 They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

5 Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, opposite the lampstand. And the king saw the hand as it wrote.

6 Then the king's color changed, and his thoughts alarmed him; his limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together. 7 The king called loudly to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers.

The king declared to the wise men of Babylon, “Whoever reads this writing, and shows me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.” –Daniel 5:1-7

The Issue at Hand

The God who is still speaking

Belshazzar's Arrogance

Handwriting on the Wall

Is there a prophet among us?

The Issue Resolved

The God who is still speaking

“Queen Mother” remembers Daniel

Daniel offers the interpretation

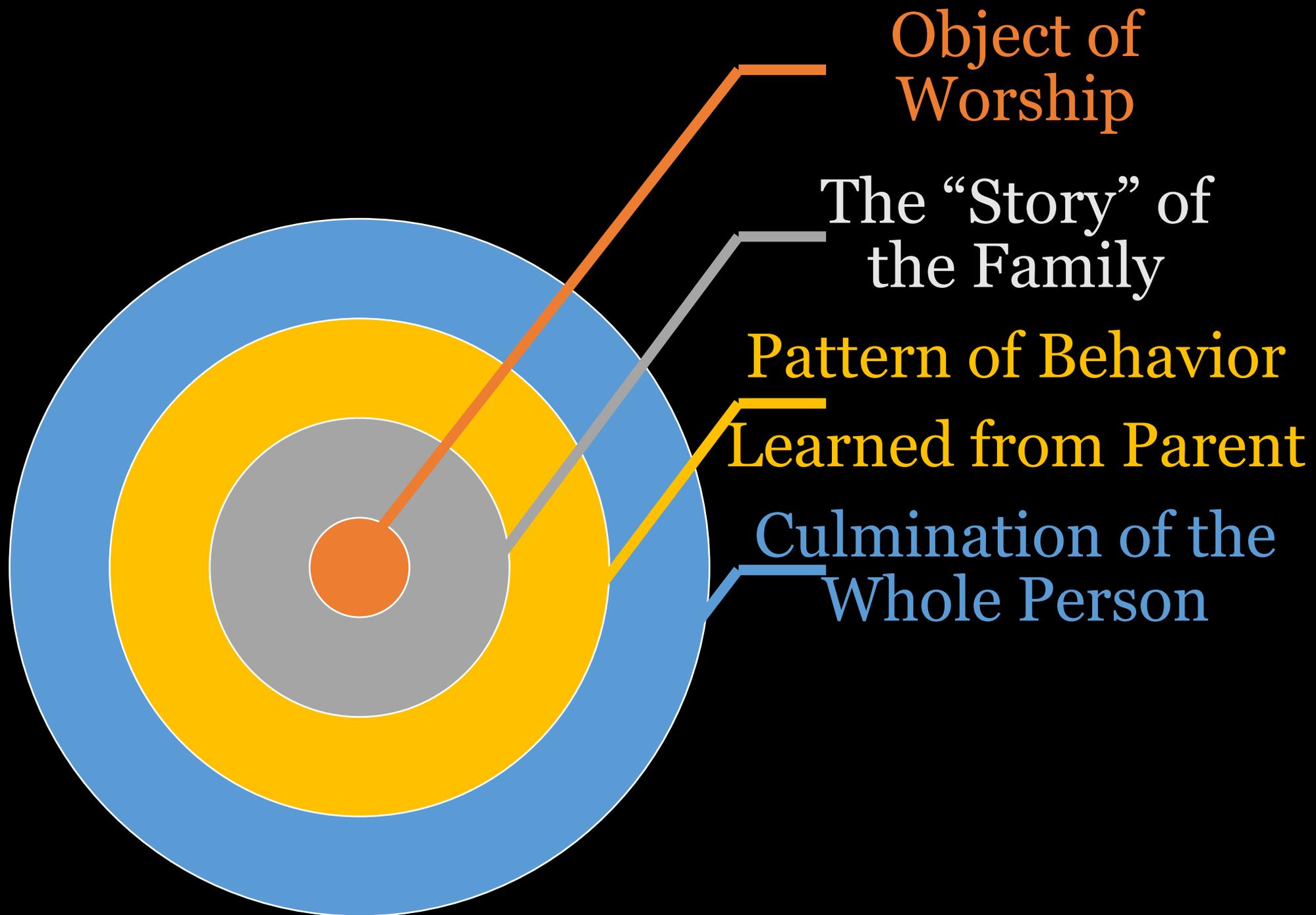
God moves history forward

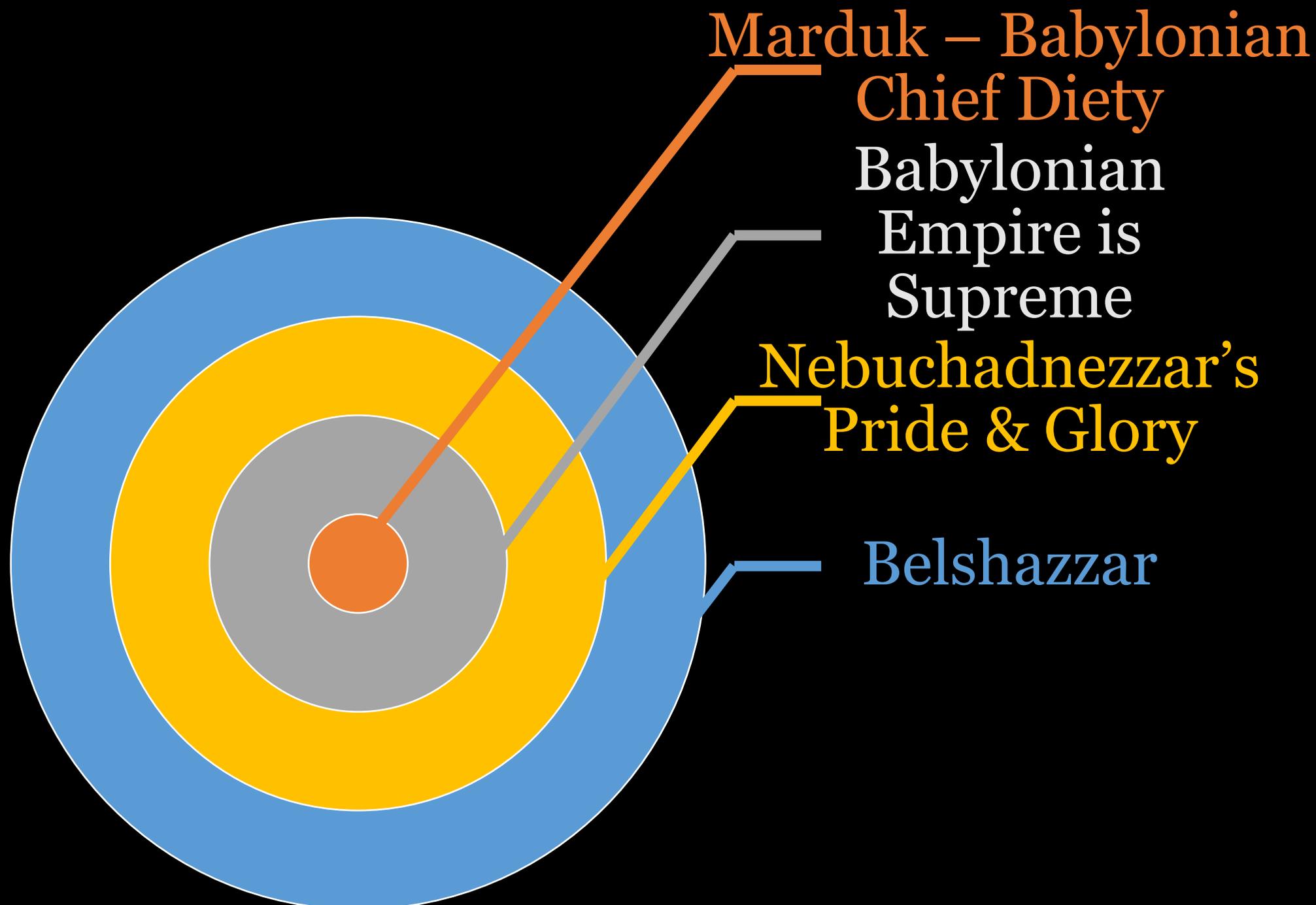
Familial Sin Patterns – Exodus 20.4-6

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God,...

Familial Sin Patterns – Exodus 20.4-6

...visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.





Marduk – Babylonian
Chief Diety

Babylonian
Empire is
Supreme

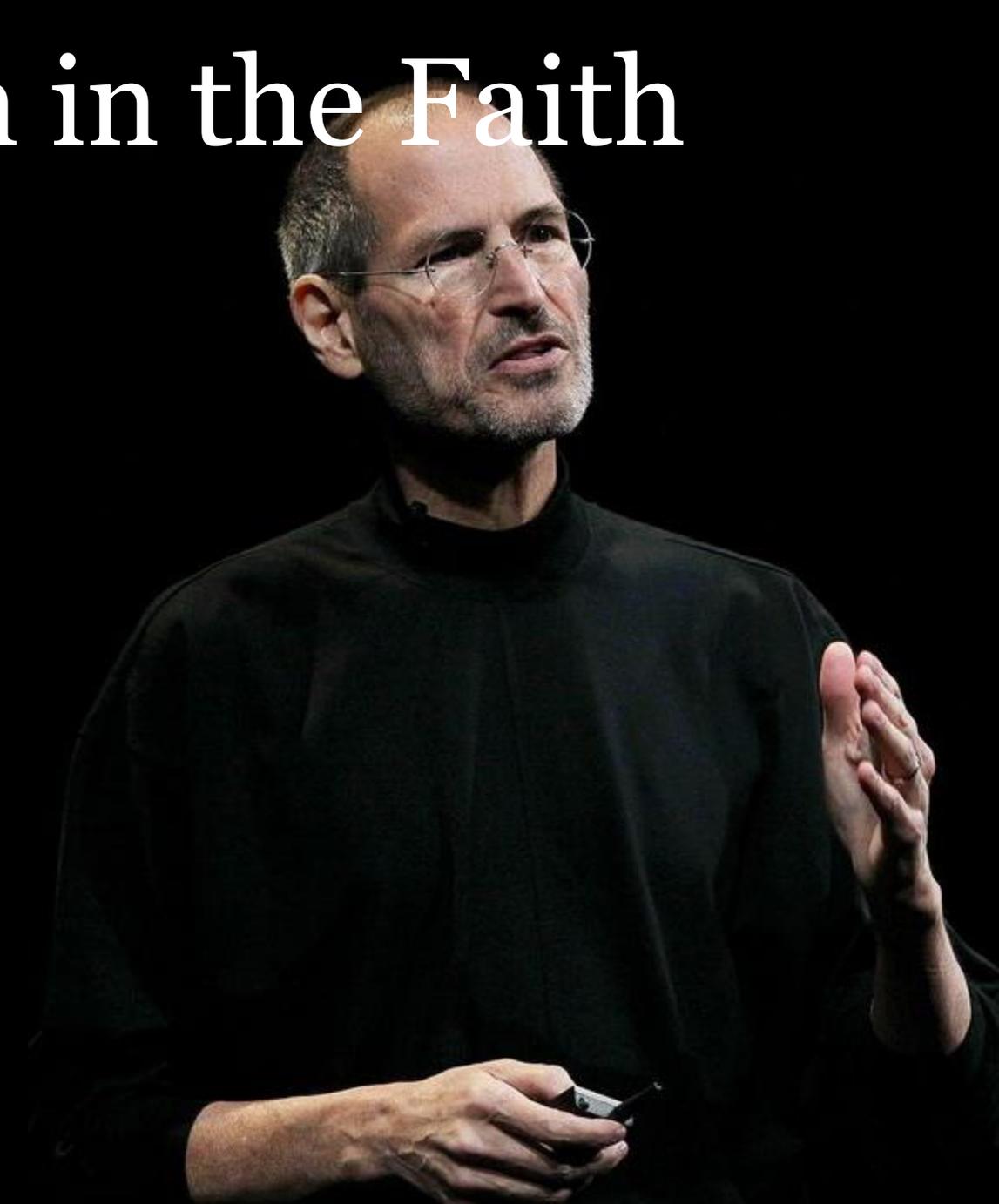
Nebuchadnezzar's
Pride & Glory

Belshazzar

Raising Children in the Faith

“The most powerful person in the world is the storyteller. The storyteller sets the vision, values, and agenda of an entire generation that is to come...”

Steve Jobs CEO of Pixar 1994



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– Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart...

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– Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25

⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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– Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25

²⁰ “When your son asks you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the LORD our God has commanded you?’ ²¹ then you shall say to your son, ‘We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand...

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– Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25

²² And the LORD showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes. ²³ And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers...

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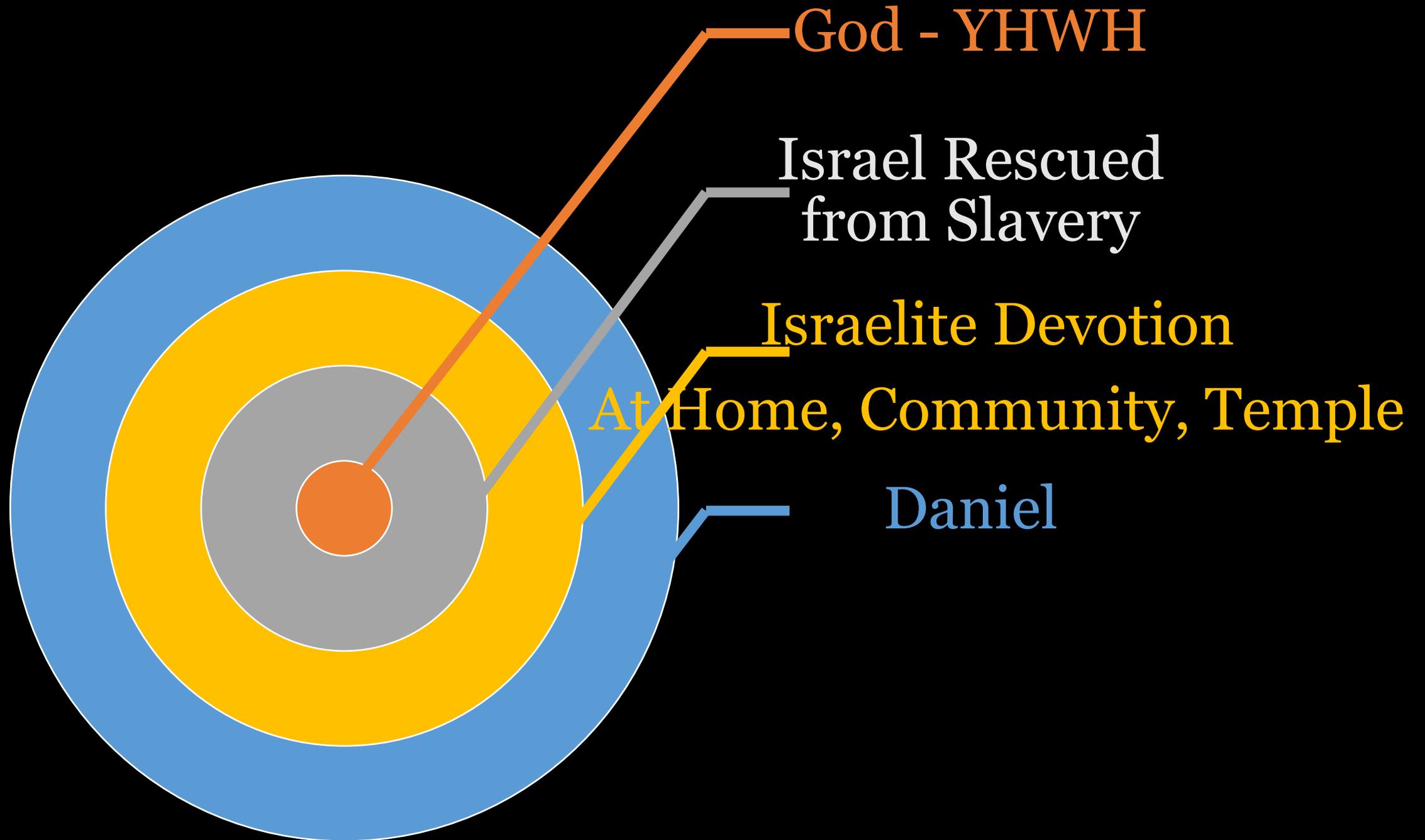
²⁴ And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day. ²⁵ And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us.'

Daniel's "Youth Ministry"

"The third year of the reign of Jehoiakim King of Judah... until the first year of King Cyrus."

Daniel 1:1,21

Taken from Babylon around age of 14 and lived in Babylon into his 80s.



Raising Children in the Faith

1. Participate in Church Community.
2. Read the Scriptures and Pray with your Children.
3. Model Christian love and behaviors at home.

Question for reflection

1. Do I take the time to learn from the mistakes of others? In my life? In the Scriptures?
2. Am I setting aside time to hand down my faith to my children?
3. If I have adult children, do I continue to engage with them concerning Jesus?