

Same Kingdom, different materials and style and age
Notice the cities of Babylon and Philly!!



Daniel Purposed!

A tale of 2 Cities/Kings

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Do you live life intentionally??!!

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A Tale of Two Cities

Novel by Charles Dickens

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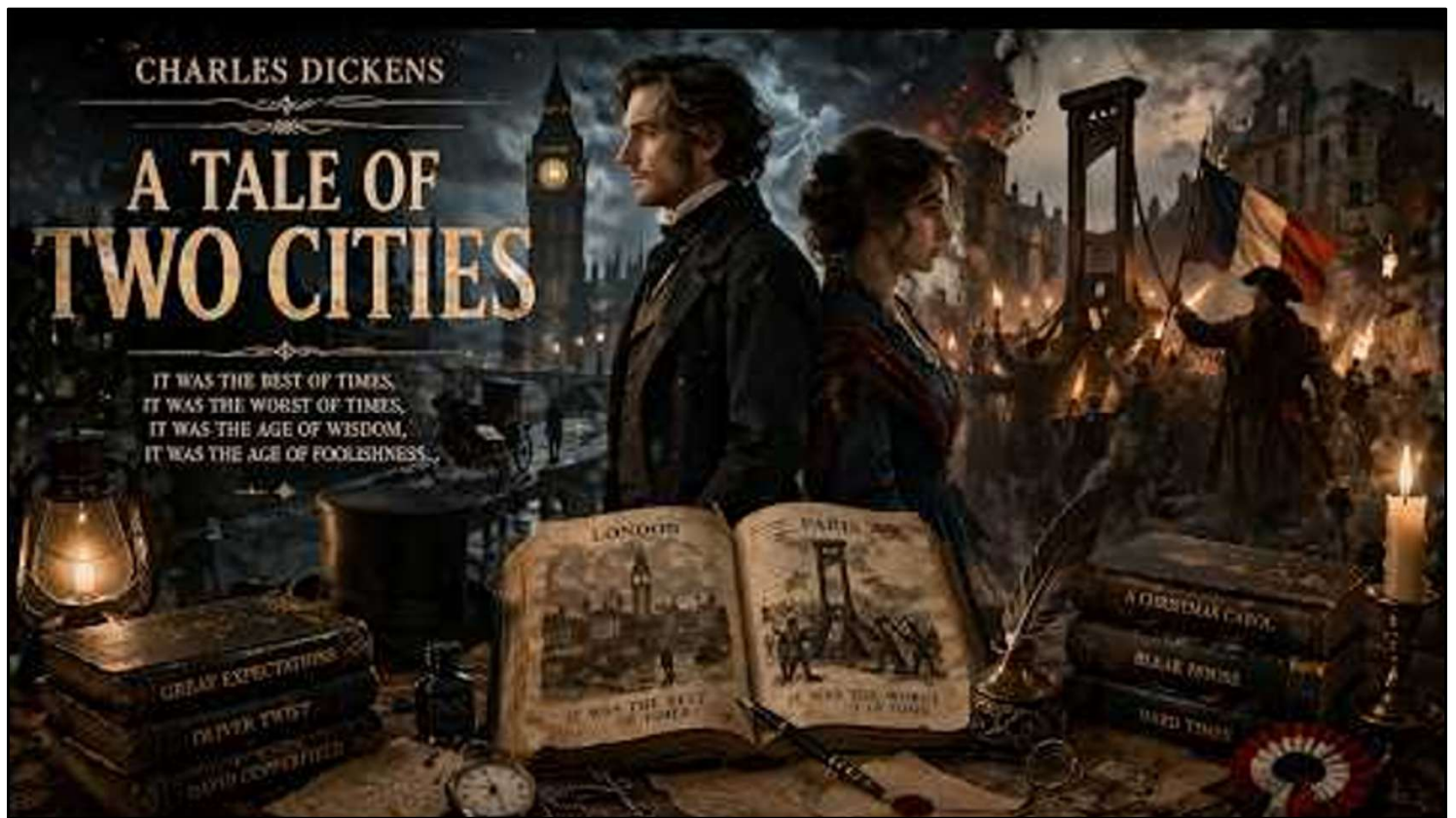
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Babylon and Jerusalem!

[Heb 11:9-10 NLT] 9 And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. 10 Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.

[Heb 11:16 NLT] 16 But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

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The Bible Big story is actually a Tale of 2 Cities!!
It's a counterfeit Kingdom!

Nebuchadnezzar 2 – make Babylon great again

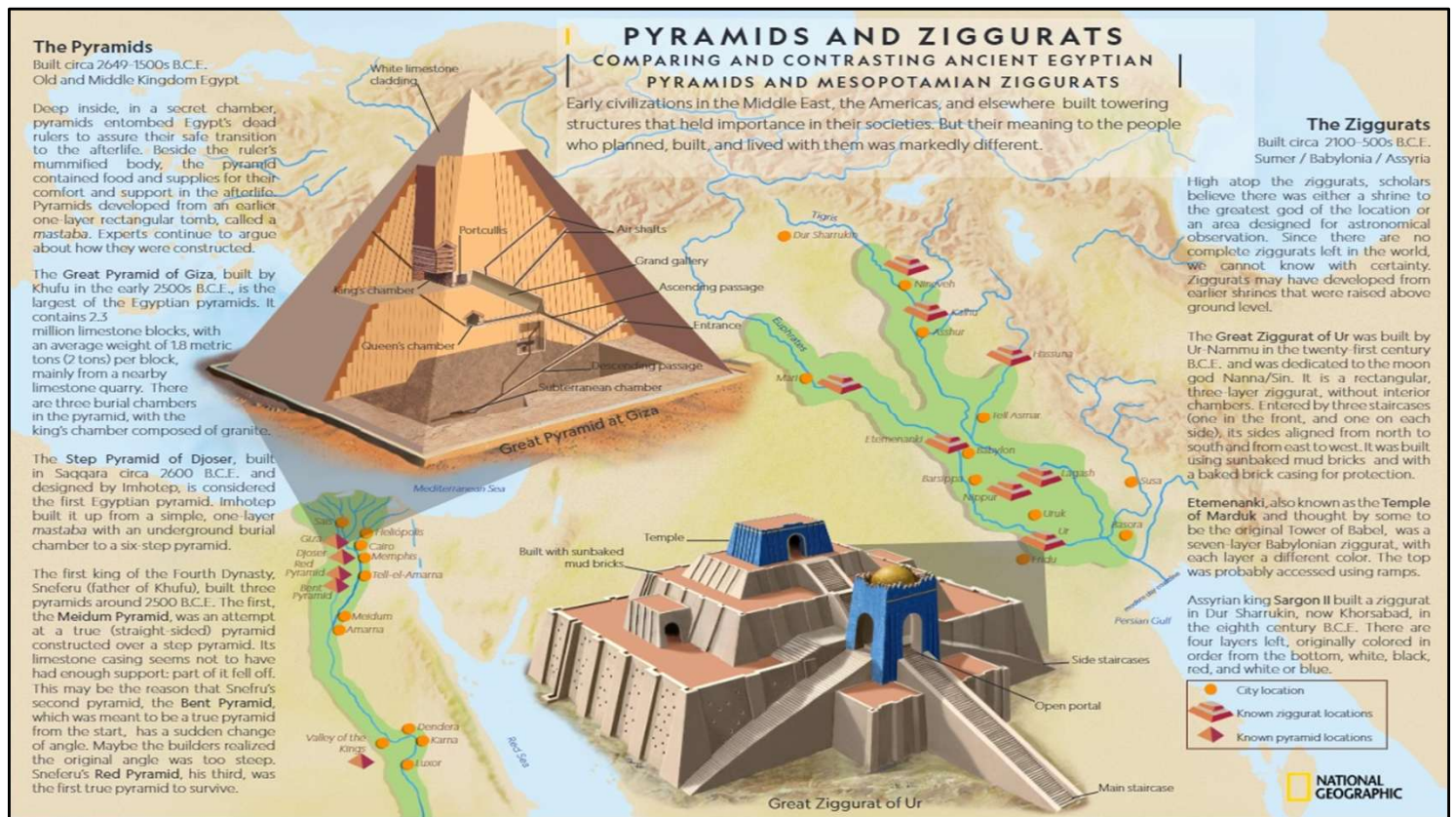
Babylon spans from Gen.11, right after the great flood, all the way to Rev.18. From beginning to end it is a spiritual thread!!

Notice the Tower!

From THE Fall to a Great Fall!

Nimrod/Babel, Nebuchadnezzar, Rome, Revelation, some say NYC

It's a City AND a System? A spirit, Satanic counter Kingdom!!!



Nat Geo

Interestingly there are 2 Bible stories in Genesis that have global Affirmation!

The global flood = 200+ account's

Towers! Like Babel

Which is Why Neb 2 wanted to build it again!

Pyramids and Ziggurats!

These weren't cave men!

Without modern computers, cranes, diggers and Heavy equipment, we still can't duplicate them!

They all end up being Monuments to Mans Pride, yet mostly nameless and often abandoned ghost towns



researchers identify approximately 25 known Mesopotamian ziggurats and thousands 1000's of pyramids worldwide, including hundreds of monumental Mesoamerican step-pyramids, and over 100 in Egypt.

See the map on bottom left – Every continent except Australia



Babel/Babylon is the Oldest City

- The Hanging Gardens of Babylon were 1 of 7 ancient Wonders of the World
- German Archaeologists brought the Gates of Ishtar (victory of Judah) to Berlin
- Lots of other artifacts prove Babylon's existence 2,600 years ago and Babel almost 4,500 years ago
- Saddam Hussein tried to rebuild Babylon! (Iraq) (Expedition Bible – video, for size!
- “Israel is a scattered flock that lions have chased away. The first to devour them was a king of Assyria; the last to crush their bones was Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.” – Jeremiah 50:17 (NIV)



[Luk 19:40 ESV] 40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Yet again, Archaeology verifies scripture!

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Jer 50:17 NIV "Israel is a scattered flock that lions have chased away. The first to devour them was the king of Assyria; the last to crush their bones was Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

[Jer 50:29 NIV] 29 "Summon archers against Babylon, all those who draw the bow. Encamp all around her; let no one escape. Repay her for her deeds; do to her as she has done. For she has defied the LORD, the Holy One of Israel.

[Jer 50:39-40 ESV] 39 "Therefore wild beasts shall dwell with hyenas in Babylon, and ostriches shall dwell in her. She shall never again have people, nor be inhabited for all generations. 40 As when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring cities, declares the LORD, so no

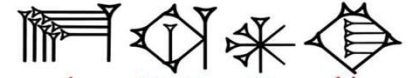
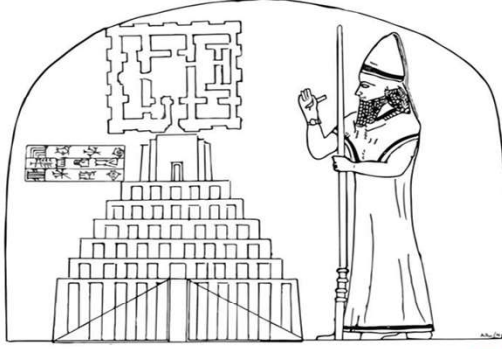
man shall dwell there, and no son of man shall sojourn in her.

[Jer 51:6, 56 NIV] 6 "Flee from Babylon! Run for your lives! Do not be destroyed because of her sins. It is time for the LORD's vengeance; he will repay her what she deserves. ... 56 A destroyer will come against Babylon; her warriors will be captured, and their bows will be broken. For the LORD is a God of retribution; he will repay in full.

[Isa 13:19-22 ESV] 19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the splendor and pomp of the Chaldeans, will be like Sodom and Gomorrah when God overthrew them. 20 It will never be inhabited or lived in for all generations; no Arab will pitch his tent there; no shepherds will make their flocks lie down there. 21 But wild animals will lie down there, and their houses will be full of howling creatures; there ostriches will dwell, and there wild goats will dance. 22 Hyenas will cry in its towers, and jackals in the pleasant palaces; its time is close at hand and its days will not be prolonged.

برج بابل - Tower of Babylon

A Stele of Nebuchadnezzar II - A. R. GEORGE



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E-temen-an-ki,



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Babylon

The tower, opposite Nebuchadnezzar, is accompanied by the above epigraph. **E-temen-an-ki** is a Sumerian ceremonial name that means "House Foundation Platform of Heaven and Underworld," an indication of the structure's symbolic place in Babylonian cosmology. Its early history is unrecorded but more is known of the tower in the first millennium. It was destroyed by Sennacherib of Assyria when he laid Babylon waste in 689, and partially rebuilt by Sennacherib's successors, Esarhaddon and Ashurbanipal. The project was restarted by Nabopolassar after Babylon won its independence from Assyria, and completed by his son, Nebuchadnezzar II, in about 590 BC.

البرج، مقابل نبوخذ نصر، يرافقه النقش أعلاه. **إي-تيمين-أنكي** هو الاسم الاحتفالي السومري الذي يعني "منصة أساس بيت السماء والعالم السفلي" إشارة إلى رمز بنية المكان في علم الكون البابلي. تاريخها المبكر غير مسجل ولكن معروف أكثر عن البرج في الألفية الأولى. لقد تم تدميره من قبل سنحاريب ملك آشور عندما دمر بابل في 689، وأعيد بناؤها جزئياً من قبل خلفاء سنحاريب، إسرحدون وأشوربانيبال. تم إعادة المشروع من قبل نابوبولاسار بعد أن حصلت بابل على استقلالها من آشور، وأكمل البناء ابنه نبوخذ نصر الثاني، في حوالي 590 قبل الميلاد.



Akkadian Language اللغة الأكادية



The Stele of Nebuchadnezzar is remembered by History

Daniel is remembered by God!!

Its more important who remembers you and why!

Quick Context

- Daniel: “God is my judge”, a teen of royal lineage exiled captive to Babylon in 605BC, 10,000 more later
- Jeremiah prophesied ahead / during Daniel’s time and Ezekiel exiled after him to Babylon
- Daniel’s life endures beyond 5 named Kings, 3 Empires, and no mention he ever returned home
- In a most hopeless / hostile exile – God is with him!

[Phl 2:15 ESV] 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

After 20 Kings since David and Solomon and a divided Kingdom, Both Israel and Judah are exiled within 125-150 years of each other. Only Judah, who did have some godly kings, returned!

Jeremiah left in Jerusalem – fled to Egypt

Daniel lived in the palace in Babylon

Ezekiel, a priest, forced labor in Babylon by the river

They say,

“Absolutely, the LORD is with us
Nobody’s going to hurt us.”

Tell it to Jerusalem
When it’s a plowed field.
This city is coming down,
Collapsing into a pile of rocky ruins.
The stately Temple Mount, abandoned,
Will grow into a wooded hilltop.

Micah 3:11-12

Babylonian Empire



The Metanarrative – For me or against me!

- Fertile Crescent: Tigris & Euphrates (Eden), Ninevah (Jonah, 10 tribes Assyria), Ur (Abraham), Susa (Daniel)
- Babel/Babylon! (Genesis 10:9-10, 11:1-9)
 - Babel – Nimrod, 100-300 years after Noah's Flood! Abram!
 - Literal Babylon – 1st Superpower; Daniel
 - Symbolic/Religious Babylon – 2 Kings 17:24; Acts 7:43; 1 Peter 5:13
 - Babylon & the Antichrist!! – Revelation 14:8, 18:2, 10, 21

Metanarrative - overarching storyline or "big picture" theme that provides structure, context, and meaning to smaller stories or individual human experiences

Garden of Eden – Hanging Gardens of Babylon, Adam went East of Eden! [Gen 3:24](#) [Gen 4:16](#)
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[Fertile Crescent – Cradle of Civilization? Bethlehem the cradle of Redemption](#)

Mt Ararat – Noah's Ark

Ur (Sumer)– Ninevah , 710 miles

[2Ki 17:24](#)

[2Ki 17:24 ESV] 24 And the king of Assyria brought people from Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the people of Israel. And they took possession of Samaria and lived in its cities.

[Act 7:43 ESV] 43 You took up the tent of Moloch and the star of your god Rephan, the images that you made to worship; and I will send you into exile beyond Babylon.'

[1Pe 5:13 ESV] 13 She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. (Rome?)

[Mat 1:11-12, 17 ESV] 11 and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. 12 And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ... 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen

generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Gen 10:10 ESV] 10 The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. (son of cursed Canaan, son of Ham!10:6) Nineveh, Egypt, Philistines Canaan, Jebusites, Sodom/Gomorrah,

Shinar = "country of two rivers" the ancient name for the territory later known as Babylonia or Chaldea, = Babylonian *Šumêr*

[Rev 14:8 ESV] 8 Another angel, a second, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality."

[Rev 16:19 ESV] 19 The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath.

[Rev 17:5 ESV] 5 And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations."

[Rev 18:2, 10, 21 ESV] 2 And he called out with a mighty voice, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast. ... 10 They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, "Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your judgment has come." ... 21 Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence, and will be found no more;

[Deu 1:28 ESV] 28 Where are we going up? Our brothers have made our hearts melt, saying, "The people are greater and taller than we. The cities are great and fortified up to heaven. And besides, we have seen the sons of the Anakim there."

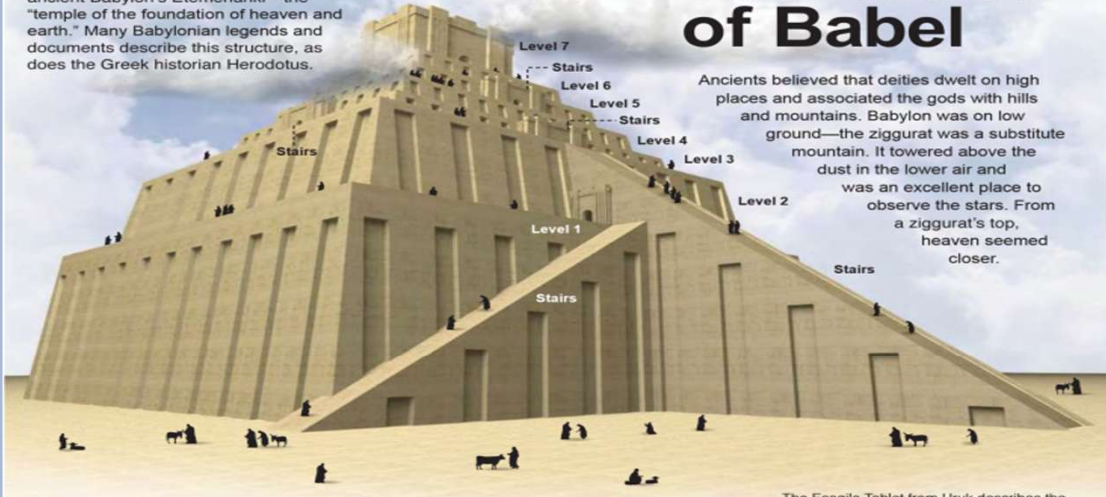
[Dan 4:22, 30 ESV] 22 it is you, O king, who have grown and become strong. Your greatness has grown and reaches to heaven, and your dominion to the ends of the earth. ... 30 and the king answered and said, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?"

[Gen 11:8 ESV] 8 So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.

The Tower of Babel would have been built in ziggurat form. It probably was ancient Babylon's Etemenanki—the "temple of the foundation of heaven and earth." Many Babylonian legends and documents describe this structure, as does the Greek historian Herodotus.

The Tower of Babel

Ancients believed that deities dwelt on high places and associated the gods with hills and mountains. Babylon was on low ground—the ziggurat was a substitute mountain. It towered above the dust in the lower air and was an excellent place to observe the stars. From a ziggurat's top, heaven seemed closer.

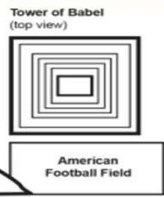
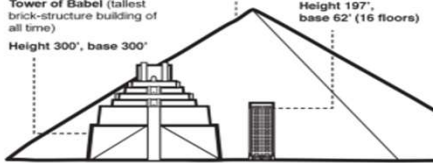


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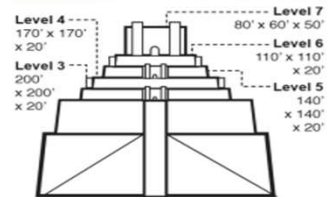
Great Pyramid of Giza (tallest building in the ancient world)
Height 480', base 755.5'

Tower of Babel (tallest brick-structure building of all time)
Height 300', base 300'

Monadnock Building in Chicago (tallest brick-structure building now standing)
Height 197', base 62' (16 floors)



The Esagila Tablet from Uruk describes the Etemenanki with these dimensions. The stairs for the top levels are interior.



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300 ft high. 30 stories!

See tower of babel next to Great pyramid! Bottom left

Saddam's 'Disney for a despot': How dictators exploit ruins

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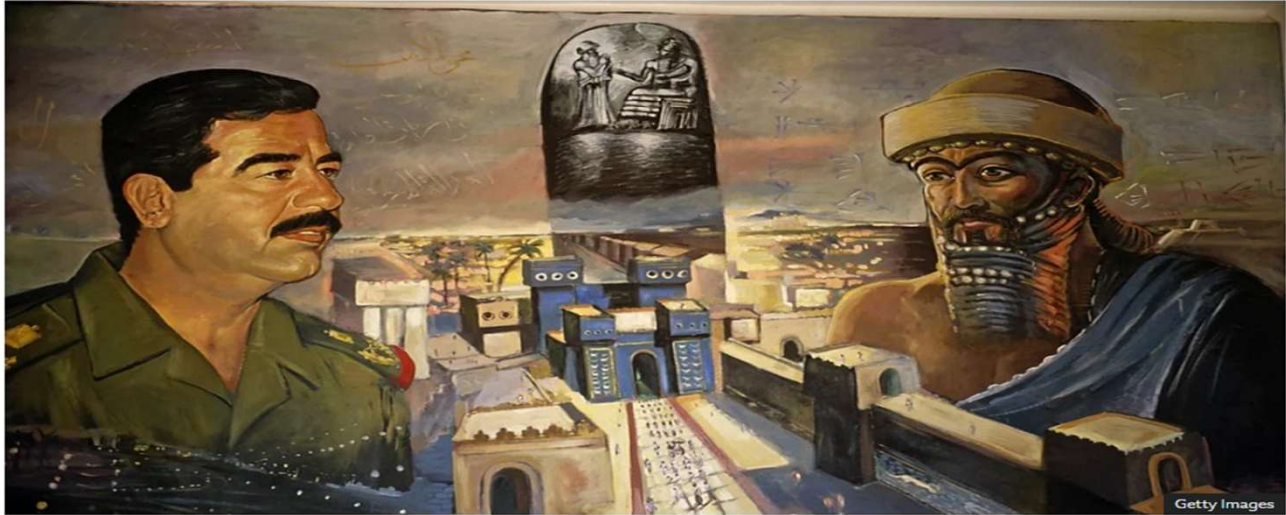
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Features correspondent



Saddam Hussein began his controversial, large-scale reconstruction of the ancient city of Babylon in the 1980s. Driven by the desire to associate his legacy with King Nebuchadnezzar II, his government spent millions rebuilding sections of the ruins and constructing a personal palace over part of the site. [\[1, 2, 3\]](#)

Saddam Hussein was intent on rebuilding Babylon to its former glory!
He didn't believe the Bible



Babylon still is referenced today! Often!

The Eternals guided the people of ancient Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq) in building. They used their individual powers to help the civilization thrive

Needing a place to conceal their starship, the Domo, the Eternals had the humans build the legendary Hanging Gardens of Babylon directly on top of the hidden vessel. [1]

Battle of Babylon (575 B.C.): The city was attacked by a Deviant threat at the Ishtar Gate. Gilgamesh fought to protect the gate from a Deviant named Enkidu, while Ikaris, Thena, Kingo, and Makkari stepped in to defeat the rest of the Deviants. [1]

Gilgamesh



Hollywood!! Was recently compared to Babylon



Sci Fi sees Babylon as a Future Empire?!

“My kingdom is not of this world.”

- John 12:31 – now will the ruler of this world be cast out
- John 18:36; Matthew 6:10 – Your kingdom come, your will be done
- Daniel 2:44 – And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever.

Jesus' Kingdom is Spiritual and ever present and eternally sure!

[Mat 12:30 ESV] 30 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

[Mat 6:24 ESV] 24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

[Jhn 18:36 ESV] 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

[Jhn 6:15 ESV] 15 Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

[Isa 9:6-7 ESV] 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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[Dan 7:14 ESV] 14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

[Zec 9:9 ESV] 9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

[Luk 17:20-21 ESV] 20 Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, 21 nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

[Rom 14:17 ESV] 17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

[2Co 4:4 ESV] 4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

[Mat 4:8-9 ESV] 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

[Jhn 12:31 ESV] 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.

[Jhn 14:30 ESV] 30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me,

[Jhn 16:11 ESV] 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

[Eph 2:2 ESV] 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience--

[Eph 6:12 ESV] 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

[1Jo 5:19 ESV] 19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

[Rev 20:2-3 ESV] 2 And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, 3 and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

[Act 26:18 ESV] 18 to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'



God gave His chosen people a Promised Land,
 But then gave them a time out!
 The Depravity of Man!!!
 Only a remnant returned,, by Gods grace

Red Line = 10 tribes Exiled 1st
 Blue = 2 Southern tribes, Judah

Notice Tigris and Euphrates
 Jerusalem
 Nineveh – Jonah, Nahum, Zeph. Isa.
 Babylon – Hezekiah, Daniel
 Susa – Iran, Medes and Persians, Esther

Eden likely near the Persian Gulf

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon

Even among Gods CHOSEN People – Most rebelled/Sinned.
 But God Always has a Remnant!!

Daniel Purposed! It's a heart issue!

- Are you passive or prepared and Proactive? (Matthew 6:33)
- It is hard to purpose when ...
 - You are forcibly taken from family and home, for life!
 - You are 'used' in a strange culture, language, land and gods
 - You can not worship your God as you need to – Temple
 - You are being pressured into compromise
 - You may have been made into a Eunuch/castrated? (Daniel 7)

Dan. 1 is rarely peoples favorite Story and chapter, not as dramatic? Yet it teaches us something!! Character often precedes favor and blessing, Miracles!!

Each of the other fun stories are about ongoing character, won in chapter 1!!

Jesus taught u the same! He prayed in the garden and won there, before He went to the many testing's ahead!

[Dan 1:4-5, 7-8 ESV] 4 youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.

5 The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king. ...

7 And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.

[Mat 6:33 ESV] 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

[1Ki 3:11-13 ESV] 11 And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. 13 I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days.

[1Ki 17:13 ESV] 13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son.

[Pro 2:1-2, 5 ESV] 1 My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, 2 making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; ... 5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

[Pro 3:9-10 ESV] 9 Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; 10 then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

[Hag 1:2-10 ESV] 2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD." 3 Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, 4 "Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? 5 Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. 6 You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes. 7 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. 8 Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the LORD. 9 You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the LORD of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house. 10 Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce.

[Jhn 6:27 ESV] 27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal."

[Rom 14:17 ESV] 17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

8 But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself.

[Dan 1:10 ESV] 10 and the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who assigned your food and your drink; for why should he see that you were in worse condition than the youths who are of your own age? So you would endanger my head with the king."

Chief of the Eunuchs – 7x 1:3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 18. The Hebrew word can be understood as someone a leader but NOT a Eunuch, BUT the word itself is rooted in being a Eunuch

[2Ki 20:18 ESV] 18 And some of your own sons, who will come from you, whom you will father, shall be taken away, and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon."

[Isa 39:7 ESV] 7 And some of your own sons, who will come from you, whom you will father, shall be taken away, and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of

Babylon."

No Record of Marriage: Throughout the entirety of the book of Daniel, there is no mention of him ever taking a wife or having children

[Matthew 19:12](#)

[Mat 19:12 ESV] 12 For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it."



Notice the Pork? Bacon! Remember the Kibbutz in Israel with the Kosher Pigs???

He likely ate better than the former king of Judah!!!

He DID have it better than Jeremiah and Ezekiel!!! By means of comfort!! God works in our lives in different ways!

The test of compromise was 2fold!

Pleasure or Pressure!!

Fun or Fear!

Notice the Satanic assaults!

- Kosher dietary laws! Not to defile himself...king's food
- New names, false gods? (Daniel 1:7)
- Testing His Character (Daniel 1:8-9) Only the 4?
- Testing His Attitude! Propose a test. Not Rebel/Protest!
- Monotheistic worship of Yahweh! Will not bow to Idols!
- Prayers only to God of Israel, for enemy's. (Daniel 2, 3, 4, 6)

Dan 2:24

[Dan 2:24 ESV] 24 Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show the king the interpretation."

[Dan 2:46-49 ESV] 46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face and paid homage to Daniel, and commanded that an offering and incense be offered up to him. 47 The king answered and said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery." 48 Then the king gave Daniel high honors and many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon. 49 Daniel made a request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel remained at the king's court.

Dan.2 Daniel offered Intercession to assist the King with interpreting the dreams, and saving the wise men

Dan.3 Daniels friends refused to Bow and accepted death?

Dan.4 Daniel prays for the King to repent and evade Gods punishment

Dan.6 Daniel refused to pray to the King and kept praying to Yahweh, even to death!



Belteshazzar comes from the Akkadian language and typically translates to: [1]

"Bel protect his life"

Daniel ("God is my judge") was assigned the name Belteshazzar, which meant "favored by Bel."

Hananiah ("beloved of the Lord") became Shadrach ("illuminated by Rak," the sun god).

Mishael ("who is as God") was called Meshach ("who is like Shak," the Babylonian Venus), and

Azariah ("the Lord is my help") became Abednego ("servant of Nego," the god of fire).

He refused to Defile himself

<https://www.icr.org/content/whats-name-0>

Three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job

- Ezekiel 14:14 – even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver but their own lives by their righteousness, declares the Lord GOD.
- Ezekiel 14:20 – even if Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live, declares the Lord GOD, they would deliver neither son nor daughter. They would deliver but their own lives by their righteousness.

3 Men of Remarkable Character!

Job likely came before Daniel, yet named after him???

All 3 saw terrible judgment? Suffering from God, Job on himself

All 3 were used of God to minister to others, less deserving. Prayed for them, preached to them

All 3 Stood out like roses among thorns in how different they were!!! Noah and Daneil especially!

Daniel stands out in that we know Nothing of any shortcoming of Daniel, like Joseph

Daniel is singled out and compared to Lucifer for knowledge and wisdom!

[Isa 14:12 KJV] 12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

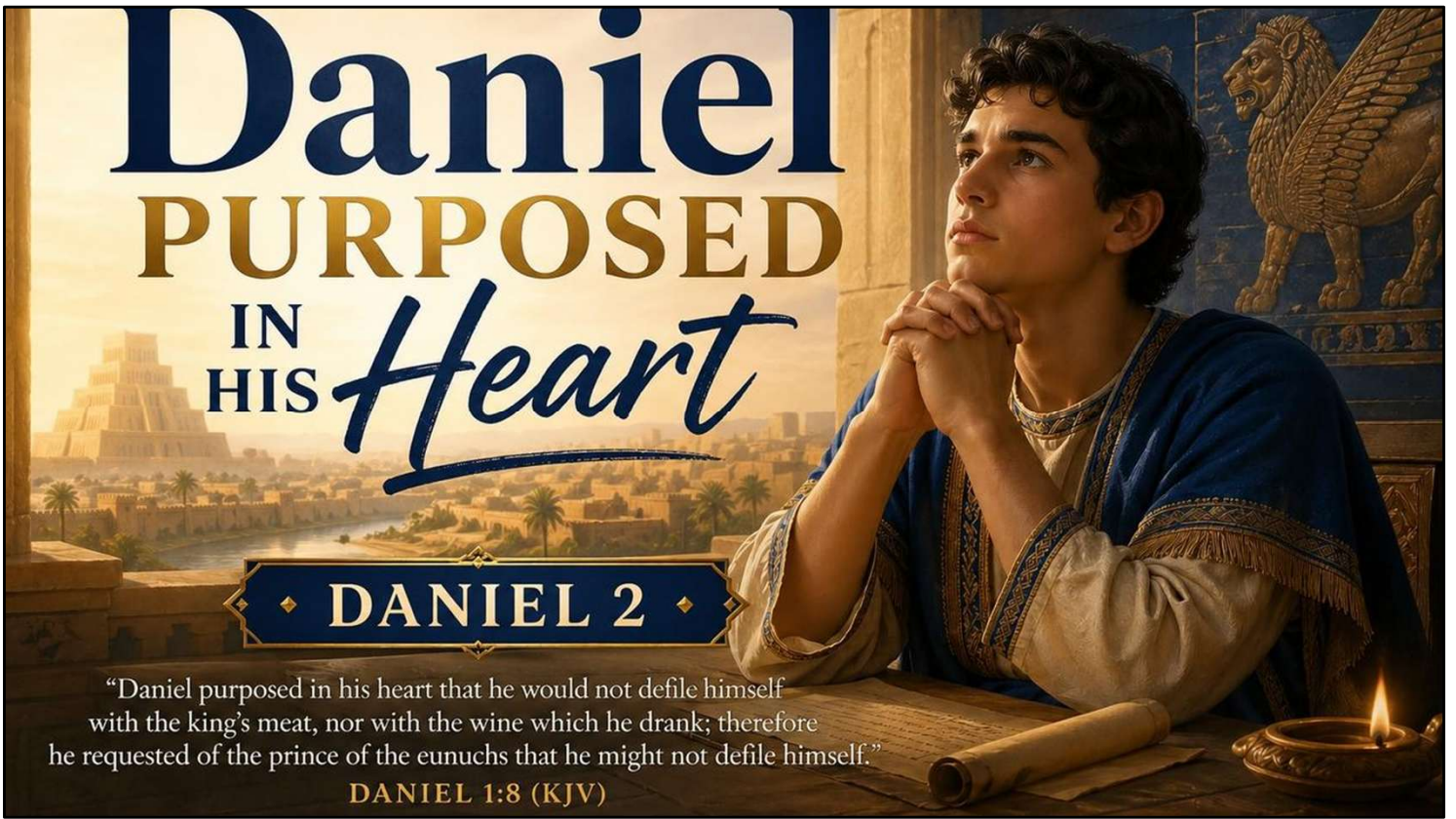
3x! Greatly Beloved!!

Dan 9:23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew [thee]; for thou [art] greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

[Dan 10:11, 19 KJV] 11 And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. ... 19 And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace [be] unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

Three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job

- Ezekiel 28:3-13, 19 – you (Pompous Prince, Lucifer?) are indeed wiser than Daniel; no secret is hidden from you;



Young people!
You TOO can be godly! Even when so many others aren't!

God blessed Daniel with wisdom & visions

- Daniel 1:4 – youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding, learning, and competent to stand ...
- Daniel 1:15 – At the end of ten days it was seen that they were better in appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king's food.

Skilled!

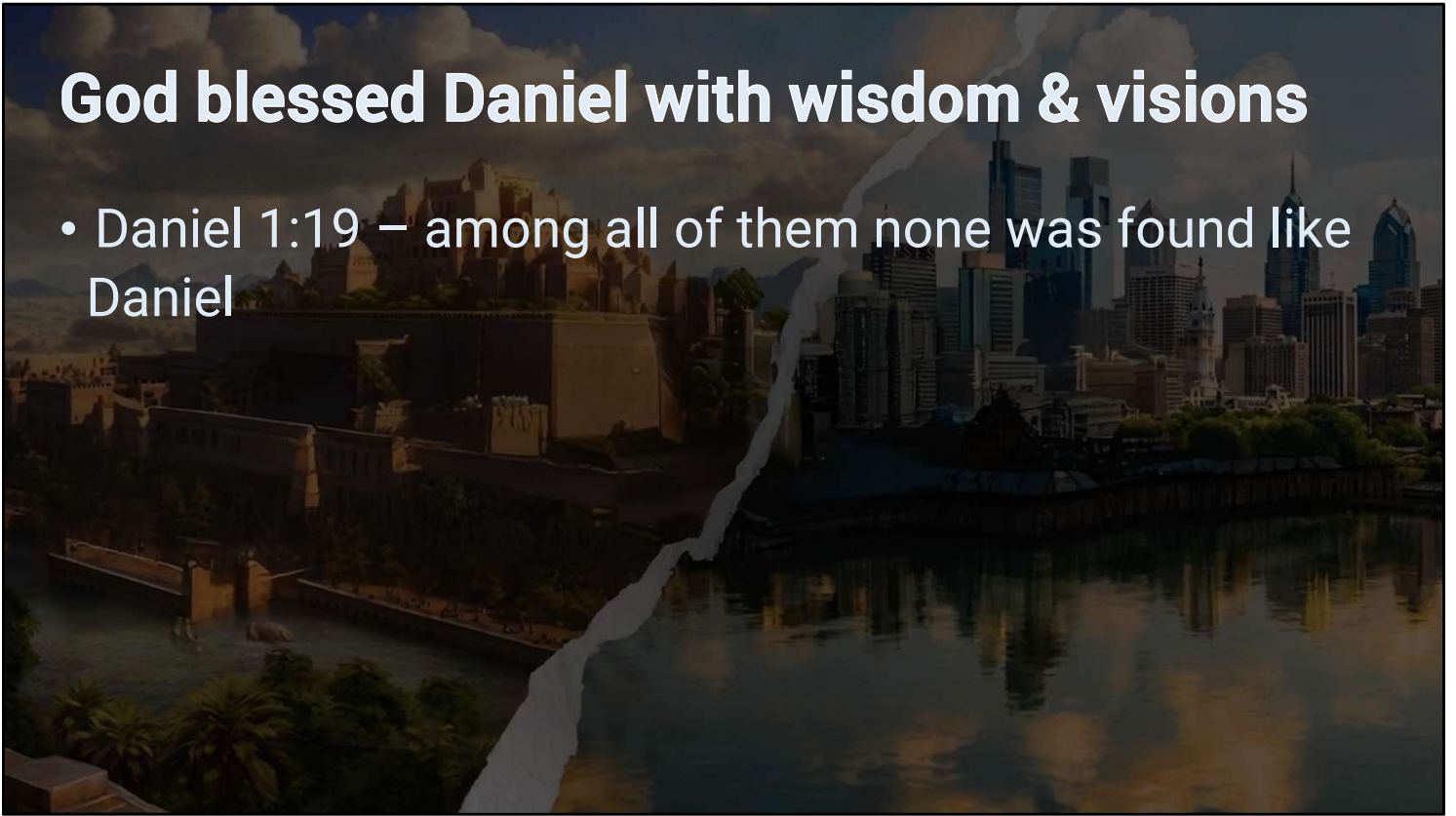
[Dan 1:4 ESV] 4 youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.

[Dan 1:17 ESV] 17 As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

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- Daniel 1:19 – among all of them none was found like Daniel





No, The story of Daniel is NOT teaching Veganism as the diet of the godly!

Old testament worship was impossible w/o eating meat!!! Passover!

This was a Test, they passed. Miracle from God!
NOT then forced on ALL the Brain trust conscripts!

No longer strangers and aliens...sojourners

- Philippians 3:20 – But our citizenship is in heaven
- 1 Peter 1:1 – Peter...To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion... (1 Peter 2:11)
- 2 Corinthians 5:20 – Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Remember who we are!!

Dual citizenship -
'Sleeper' cells

From East of Eden, Between the Rivers, to the Promised land flowing with Milk and Honey

Hebrew = "one from beyond", other side of the river, (= *one from beyond, from the other side*, i.e. probably (in Hebrew tradition) *from beyond the Euphrates*.)

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/h5680/esv/wlc/0-1/>

[Gen 14:13 ESV] 13 Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram.

[Jos 24:2](#)

[Jos 24:2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Long ago, **your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates**, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and **they served other gods**.'

[1Pe 2:11 ESV] 11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

[Eph 2:12, 19 ESV] 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ... 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

[2Co 5:20 ESV] 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

[Eph 6:20 ESV] 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

[Lev 26:33 ESV] 33 And I will scatter you among the nations, and I will unsheathe the sword after you, and your land shall be a desolation, and your cities shall be a waste.

[Deu 4:27 ESV] 27 And the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD will drive you.

[Deu 28:64 "And the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known.

[Est 3:8 ESV] 8 Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom. Their laws are different from those of every other people, and they do not keep the king's laws, so that it is not to the king's profit to tolerate them.

[Psa 44:11 ESV] 11 You have made us like sheep for slaughter and have scattered us among the nations.

[Eze 6:8 ESV] 8 "Yet I will leave some of you alive. When you have among the nations some who escape the sword, and when you are scattered through the countries,

[Jhn 7:35 ESV] 35 The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?

[Jhn 11:52 ESV] 52 and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.

[Act 8:4 ESV] 4 Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.

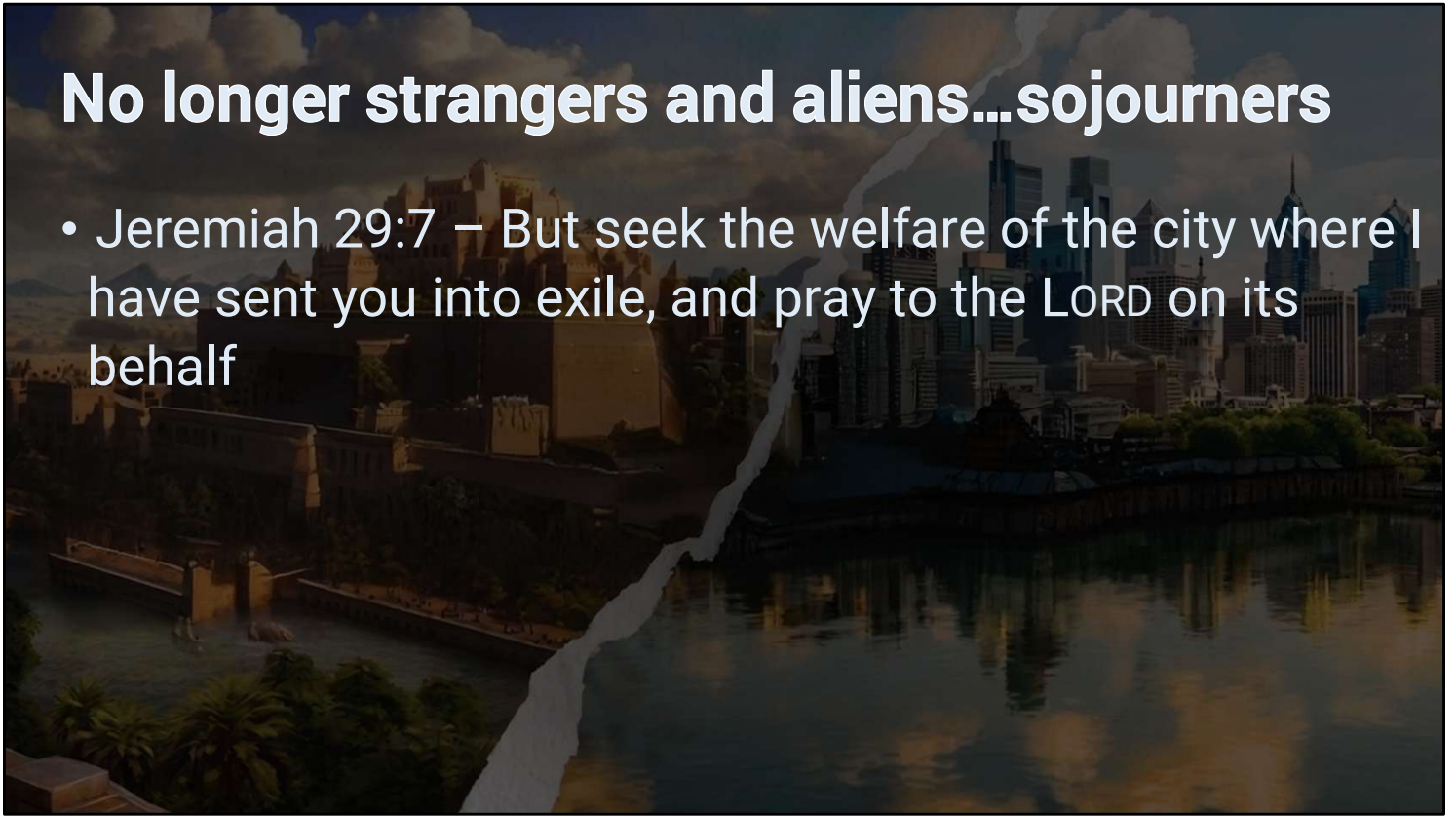
[Jas 1:1 ESV] 1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

[Jer 29:7-17, 19-23 ESV] 7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. 8 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, 9 for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the LORD. 10 "For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. 11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. 13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile. 15 "Because you have said, 'The LORD has raised up prophets for us in Babylon,' 16 thus says the LORD concerning the king who sits on the throne of David, and concerning all the people who dwell in this city, your

kinsmen who did not go out with you into exile: 17 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, behold, I am sending on them sword, famine, and pestilence, and I will make them like vile figs that are so rotten they cannot be eaten. ... 19 because they did not pay attention to my words, declares the LORD, that I persistently sent to you by my servants the prophets, but you would not listen, declares the LORD.' 20 Hear the word of the LORD, all you exiles whom I sent away from Jerusalem to Babylon: 21 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah and Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who are prophesying a lie to you in my name: Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall strike them down before your eyes. 22 Because of them this curse shall be used by all the exiles from Judah in Babylon: "The LORD make you like Zedekiah and Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire," 23 because they have done an outrageous thing in Israel, they have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and they have spoken in my name lying words that I did not command them. I am the one who knows, and I am witness, declares the LORD.'"

No longer strangers and aliens...sojourners

- Jeremiah 29:7 – But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf



WEEKLY JUMPSTART

DANIEL:
THE NARRATIVE
RESISTANCE MANUAL

SURVIVE BABYLON. STAND FOR THE KINGDOM.



DANIEL 1:1-21

The Test – those who love him

- Life is a test – Whose side are you on? Your King?!
- Patience is NOT permission. Judgement's coming!
- Even in Discipline, His mercies are new every day!
- Character is superior to skill, miracles, comforts ...
- God is Sovereign and sets up/removes Kings! 5+

[Jas 1:12 ESV] 12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

DON'T COMPROMISE!

Character! Why do we humans excuse character for Skill? Athletes, Politicians...

God prioritizes Character! 1 Tim.3!!!

Moses was godly and couldn't speak and didn't want the job!

[2Ki 17:13-20 ESV] 13 Yet the LORD warned Israel and Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, in accordance with all the Law that I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by my servants the prophets." 14 But they would not listen, but were stubborn, as their fathers had been, who did not believe in the LORD their God. 15 They despised his statutes and his covenant that he made with their fathers and the warnings that he gave them. They went after false idols and became false, and they followed the nations that were around them, concerning whom the LORD had commanded them that they should not do like them. 16 And they abandoned all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made for themselves metal images of two calves; and they made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal. 17 And they burned their sons and their daughters as offerings and used divination and omens and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger. 18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel and removed them out of his sight. None was left but the tribe of Judah only. 19 Judah also did not keep the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the customs that Israel had introduced. 20 And the LORD rejected all the descendants of Israel and afflicted them and gave them into the hand of plunderers, until he had cast them out

of his sight.

[Jer 25:3-14 ESV] 3 "For twenty-three years, from the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, to this day, the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken persistently to you, but you have not listened. 4 You have neither listened nor inclined your ears to hear, although the LORD persistently sent to you all his servants the prophets, 5 saying, 'Turn now, every one of you, from his evil way and evil deeds, and dwell upon the land that the LORD has given to you and your fathers from of old and forever. 6 Do not go after other gods to serve and worship them, or provoke me to anger with the work of your hands. Then I will do you no harm.' 7 Yet you have not listened to me, declares the LORD, that you might provoke me to anger with the work of your hands to your own harm. 8 "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: Because you have not obeyed my words, 9 behold, I will send for all the tribes of the north, declares the LORD, and for Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants, and against all these surrounding nations. I will devote them to destruction, and make them a horror, a hissing, and an everlasting desolation. 10 Moreover, I will banish from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the grinding of the millstones and the light of the lamp. 11 This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. 12 Then after seventy years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, declares the LORD, making the land an everlasting waste. 13 I will bring upon that land all the words that I have uttered against it, everything written in this book, which Jeremiah prophesied against all the nations. 14 For many nations and great kings shall make slaves even of them, and I will recompense them according to their deeds and the work of their hands."

[2Ch 36:21 ESV] 21 to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

The Test – those who love him

- When scattered (Dispersed), spread the seed!
- Be purposeful! Or unprepared and ashamed!

DANIEL

FAITHFUL IN EVERY SEASON



LIONS' DEN



FIERY FURNACE



KINGDOM PURPOSE



UNSHAKABLE FAITH

Making it personal!

- Spiritual loyalty! 1st 4 commandments
- No other gods! Don't we all worship the 1 god?
- No compromise! Purpose, Principles, Purity
 - Truth!
 - Life!
 - Justice!
 - Purity!

Spiritual loyalty! Remember the Sabbath/Nonnegotiable! Tithes and offerings – don't squander them on our pleasure! We're here on Earth to advance His kingdom! Not our own!

No other gods! No Palm readings, Mediums, Seances, I respect ALL religions,

No compromise! Purpose, Principles, Purity

Truth! Transgender?! Socialism?!!

Life! Israel/Judah were kicked out largely because of sacrificing their children!! Abortion is Murder!!! Human trafficking, Terrorism! Murder by Luigi! Political violence, Purity! Porn! 65% of evan. Young adults are having sex??!! Homosexuality and spitting in God's face! Don't attend their "weddings"

Justice! Billions in Fraud! Illegal immigration, stealing \$900 from stores..Refuse to work! Protecting Illegals from justice in murder?!!

God and the future!

25% of Liberals today say Political violence is necessary! Only 50% says NO

Most women getting abortions (83%) are unmarried; 67% have never married, and 16% are separated, divorced, or widowed

[1Co 10:21 ESV] 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

[1Co 10:22 ESV] 22 Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?



What will you do, when tested this week?

For I know the plans
I have for you,
declares the LORD,
plans for welfare
and not for evil, to
give you a future
and a hope.

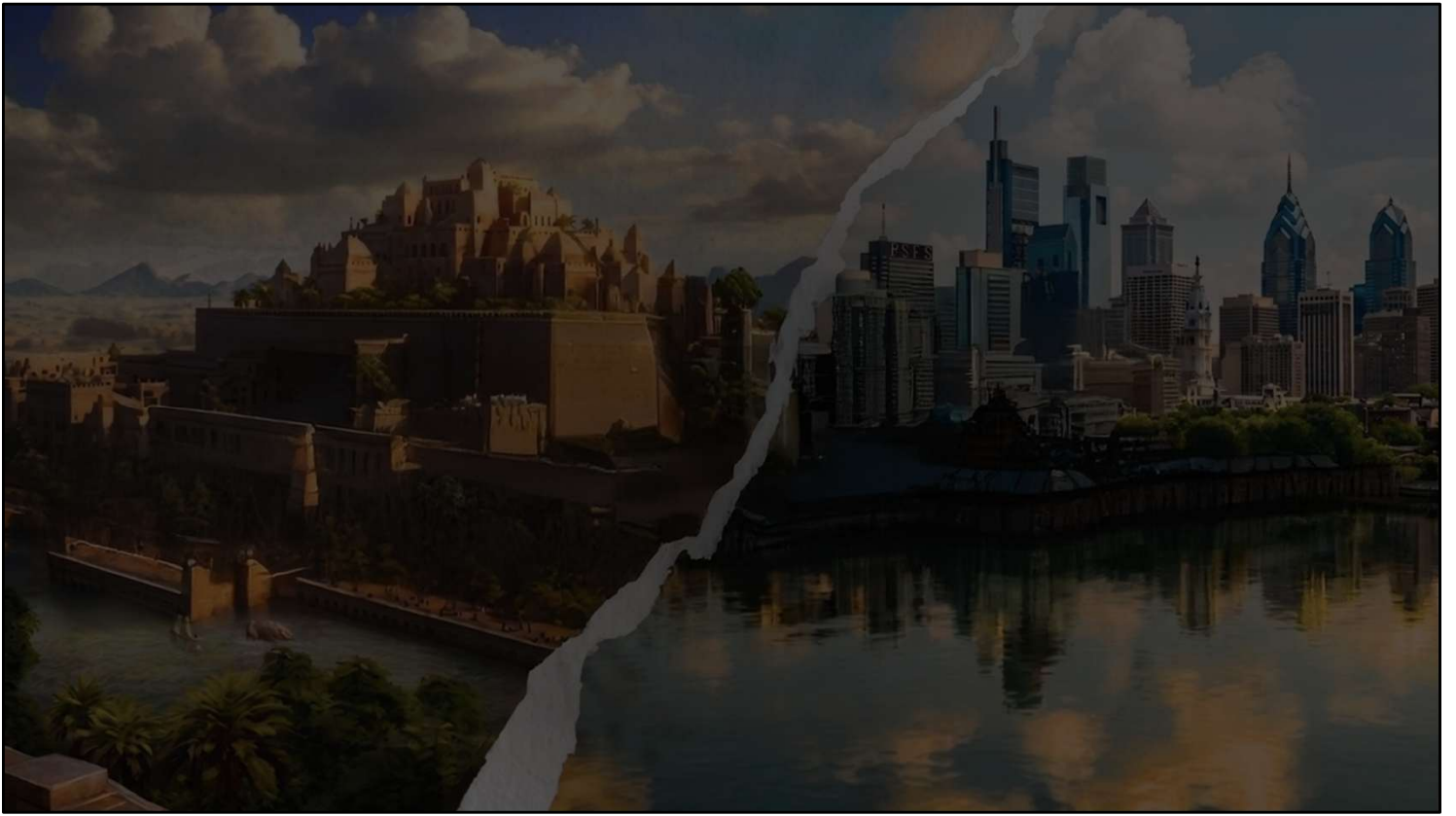
Jeremiah 29:11
(Jeremiah 29:1-23)

Exiled to Babylon

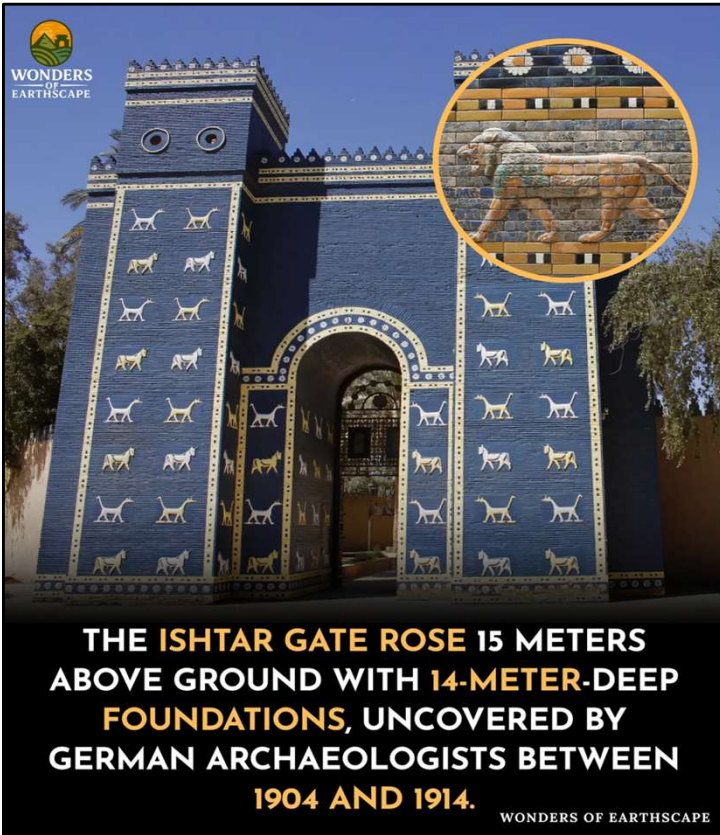


[Jer 29:1, 4-17, 19-23 ESV] 1 These are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders of the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ... 4 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. 6 Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. 7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. 8 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, 9 for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the LORD. 10 "For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. 11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. 13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile. 15 "Because you have said, 'The LORD has raised up prophets for us in Babylon,' 16 thus says the LORD concerning the king who sits on the throne of David, and concerning all the people who dwell in this city, your kinsmen who did not go out with you into exile: 17 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, behold, I am sending on them sword, famine, and pestilence, and I will make them like vile figs that are so rotten they cannot be eaten. ... 19 because they did not pay attention to my words, declares the LORD, that I

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DANIEL CHAPTER 1

The Sovereignty of God and the Spirit of Babylon



TODAY IN
JEWISH HISTORY

On the 10th of Tevet of the year 3336 from Creation (425 BCE), the armies of the Babylonian emperor Nebuchadnezzar laid siege to Jerusalem. Thirty months later -- on Tammuz 17, 3338 -- the city walls were breached, and on 9 Av of that year, the Holy Temple was destroyed. The Jewish people were exiled to Babylonia for 70 years.

The Siege of Jerusalem

Two and a half years of collapse

In 589 BCE, **Nebuchadnezzar's** army laid siege to Jerusalem. The siege lasted nearly **two and a half years**.

This was not a quick military defeat. It was a **slow collapse of a city cut off from supply**

lines, surrounded by an imperial army, and unable to break through.

The biblical sources describe **extreme famine** during this period - conditions so severe that the texts even speak of **cannibalism during the final months**.

This is what siege warfare looked like in the ancient world:

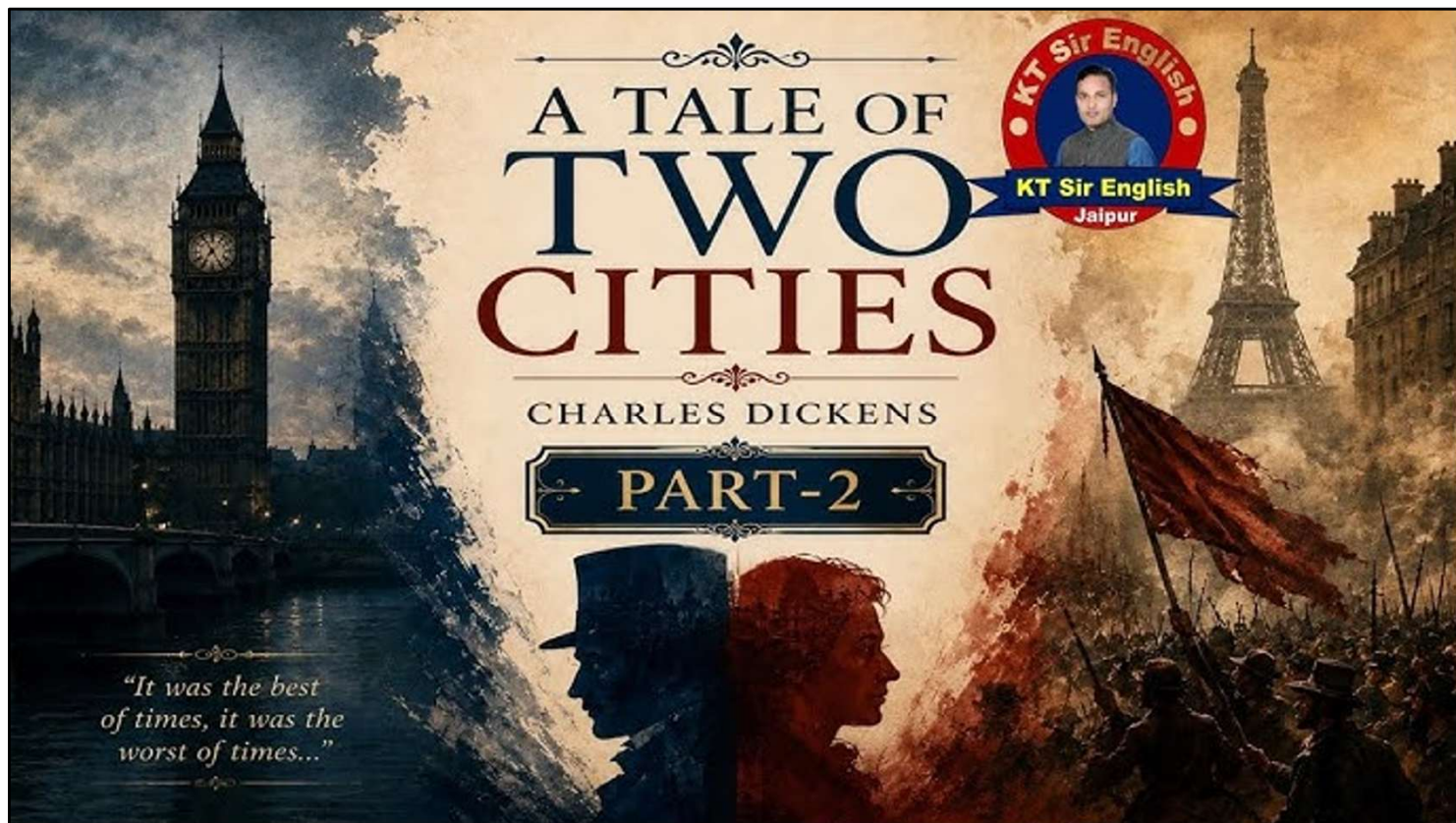
Not just defeat.

Degradation. Starvation. Breakdown.



"The Destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar"
by David Roberts (1850)
(Wikimedia Commons)

Yes. According to Jewish tradition, the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem were completely destroyed on the exact same day of the Jewish calendar: the **9th of Av** (Tisha B'Av). [\[1\]](#), [\[2\]](#), [\[3\]](#)
The dates mark two monumental historical tragedies centuries apart: [\[1\]](#)
The First Temple: Destroyed by the Babylonians under King Nebuchadnezzar in **586 BCE**.
The Second Temple: Destroyed by the Roman legions under Titus in **70 CE**. [\[1\]](#), [\[2\]](#), [\[3\]](#), [\[4\]](#)
(August 15)



Leadership Destroyed The kingdom ends

Another group of **Judean elites** were deported to **Babylon** and many remaining leaders were executed.



Slaughter of the Sons of Zedekiah before their Father, Gustave Dore 1866

King Zedekiah was even **forced to watch the execution of his sons** before being blinded and taken to Babylon.

The kingdom of Judah had **ceased to exist**.

But the Jewish people had not.

The Destruction of the Temple

Political defeat become theological crisis

The city was burned. The royal palace was destroyed.

Most importantly, **Solomon's Temple was demolished**.

For centuries the Temple had been the centre of Israelite religious life - the place of **sacrifice, pilgrimage, and priestly authority**.



Jeremiah Lamenting the Destruction of Jerusalem by Rembrandt van Rijn (c. 1630)

Its destruction was **not simply political** defeat... It was also **theological**...

How could the God of Israel allow His own sanctuary to be destroyed?

This question would shape Jewish thought for generations.





BABYLON & JUDAH: THE EXILE

BABYLON MOVES WEST.
Brought Judah under control,
Jerusalem as target.





597 BC: JERUSALEM CAPTURED
King removed. Leaders, priests, skilled workers
deported. New ruler installed for loyalty.



586 BC: DESTRUCTION & SECOND EXILE
Rebellion rises. Babylon returns.
Jerusalem destroyed, Temple burned.
Larger wave exiled.



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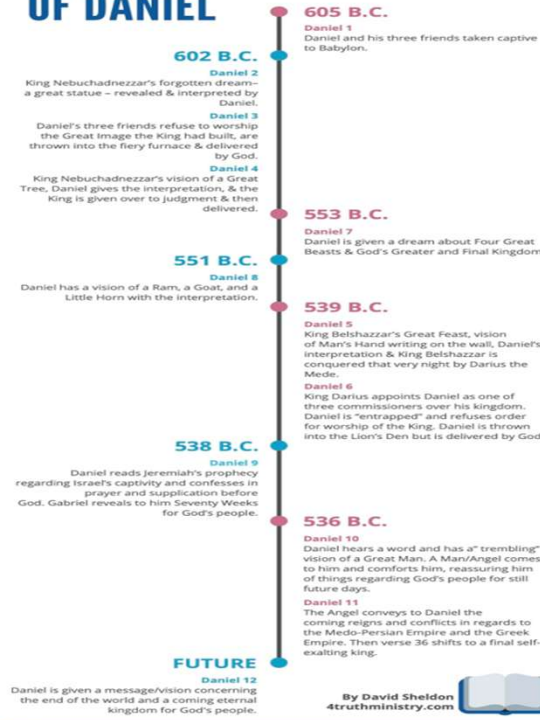






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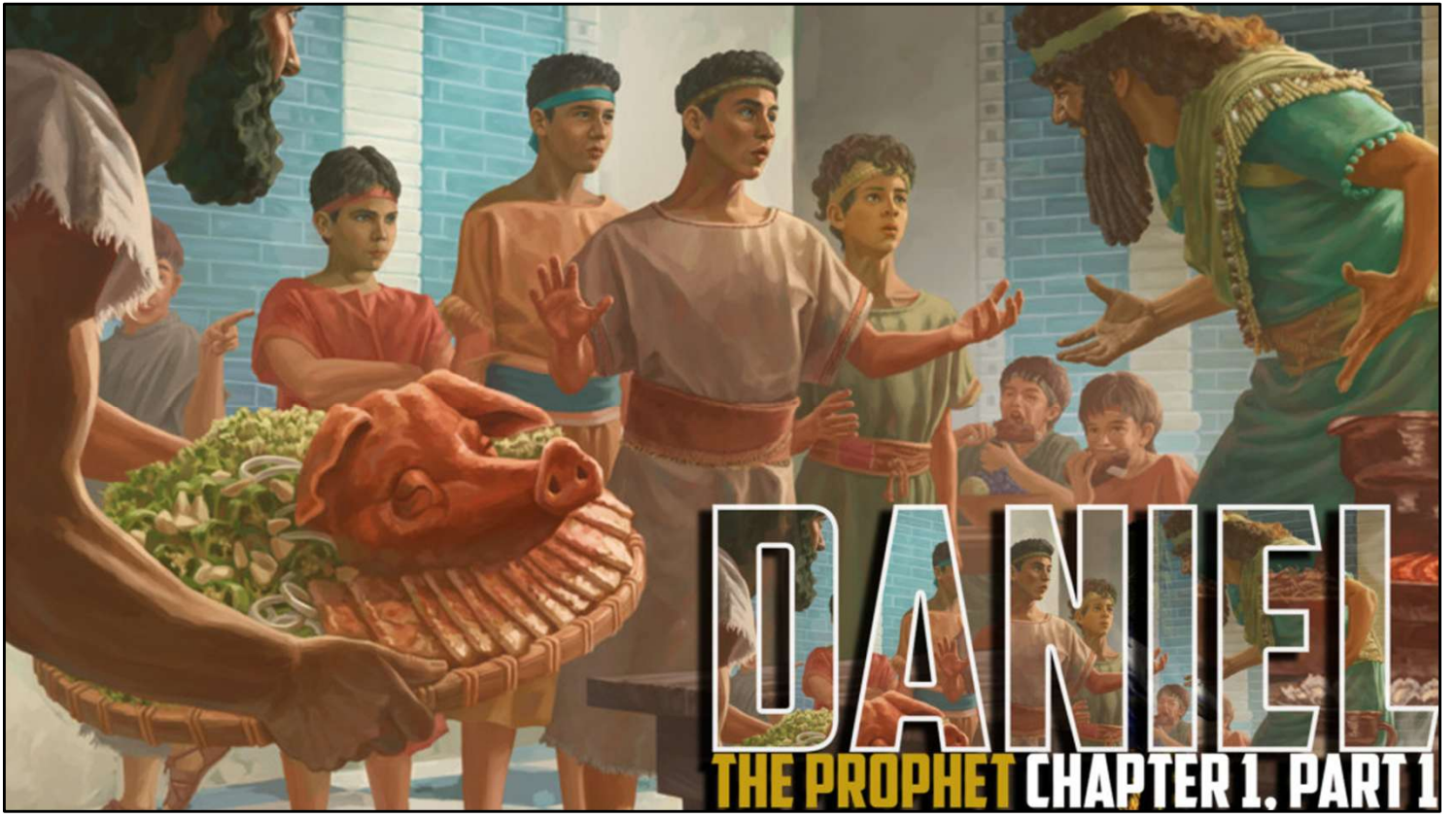
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DANIEL

THE PROPHET CHAPTER 1. PART 1

GOD GUIDES HIS FAITHFUL

DANIEL 1:1-21

WHO AM I?

DANIEL

THE CHIEF WISE MAN



Daniel was a man of **wisdom, discipline,** and unwavering faith.



Though taken captive into Babylon, he refused to let Babylon capture his heart.



He remained loyal to God in private and in public, and God gave him wisdom **beyond kings, astrologers,** and wise men.



Daniel's life reminds us that a **guarded heart** can still shine in a corrupt world.



FOUND IN THE **BOOK OF DANIEL**

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FAITHFUL
IN A CORRUPT WORLD



WISE
BEYOND
CIRCUMSTANCES



COURAGEOUS
IN THE FIRE & THE DEN



DISCIPLINED
IN PRIVATE





Babylon, Iraq





They say,

“Absolutely, the LORD is with us
Nobody’s going to hurt us.”

Tell it to Jerusalem
When it’s a plowed field.
This city is coming down,
Collapsing into a pile of rocky ruins.
The stately Temple Mount, abandoned,
Will grow into a wooded hilltop.

Micah 3:11-12

Babylonian Empire

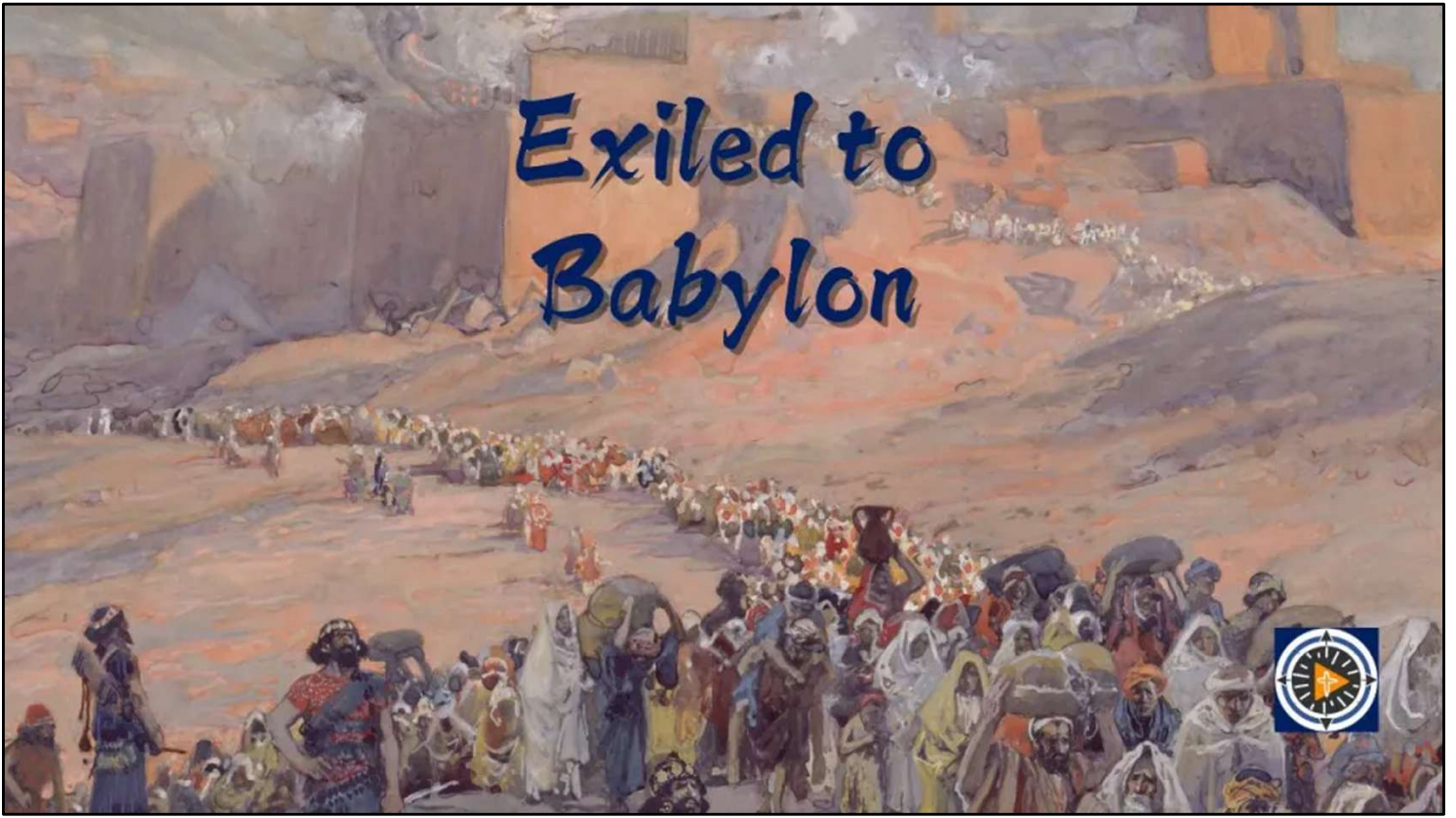


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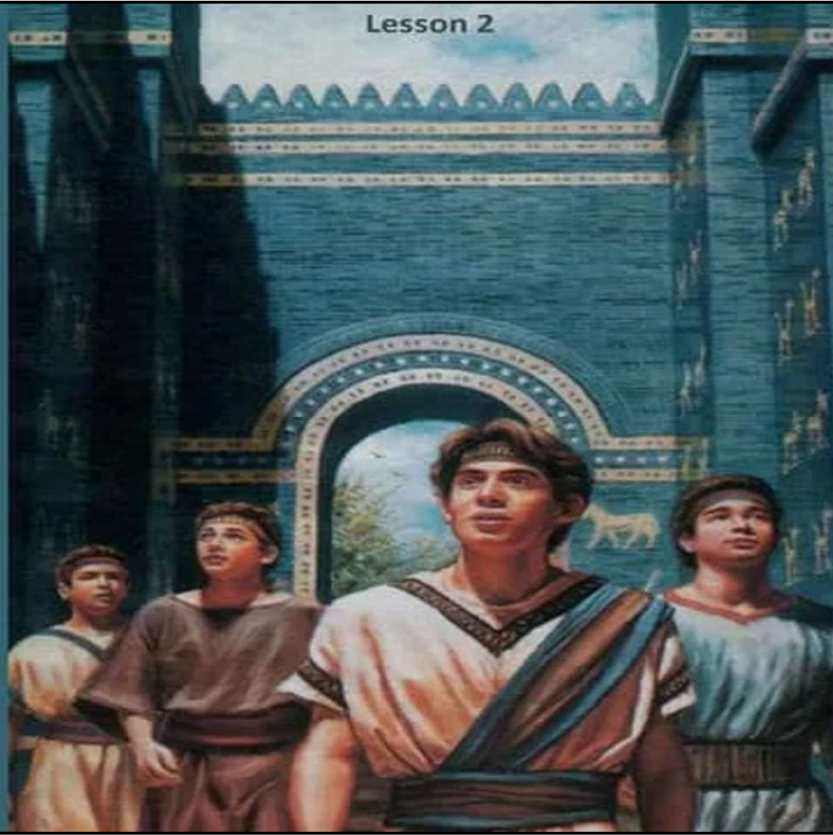
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Exiled to Babylon



Lesson 2

FROM
JERUSALEM



TO
BABYLON

Babylon attacks from the north

586 BC

After Babylonians broke through the wall, "Babylon's top officials took seats at the Middle Gate" (Jeremiah 39:3), probably located by the northern command center breach area. "Middle Gate," possibly from the north.

Middle Gate?

Dome of the Rock Muslim shrine and modern landmark, where Jerusalem Temple once stood

Mt. of Olives

Kidron Valley

JERUSALEM TODAY

Catapult

Hinnom Valley

Babylonians surround Jerusalem with siege works. 2 Kings 25; Jeremiah 39

"In the dead of winter,
the Babylonian army of King Nebuchadnezzar attacked Jerusalem...
Babylonians broke through Jerusalem's wall in July," Jeremiah 39:1-2

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☆ LET THE BIBLE SPEAK ☆

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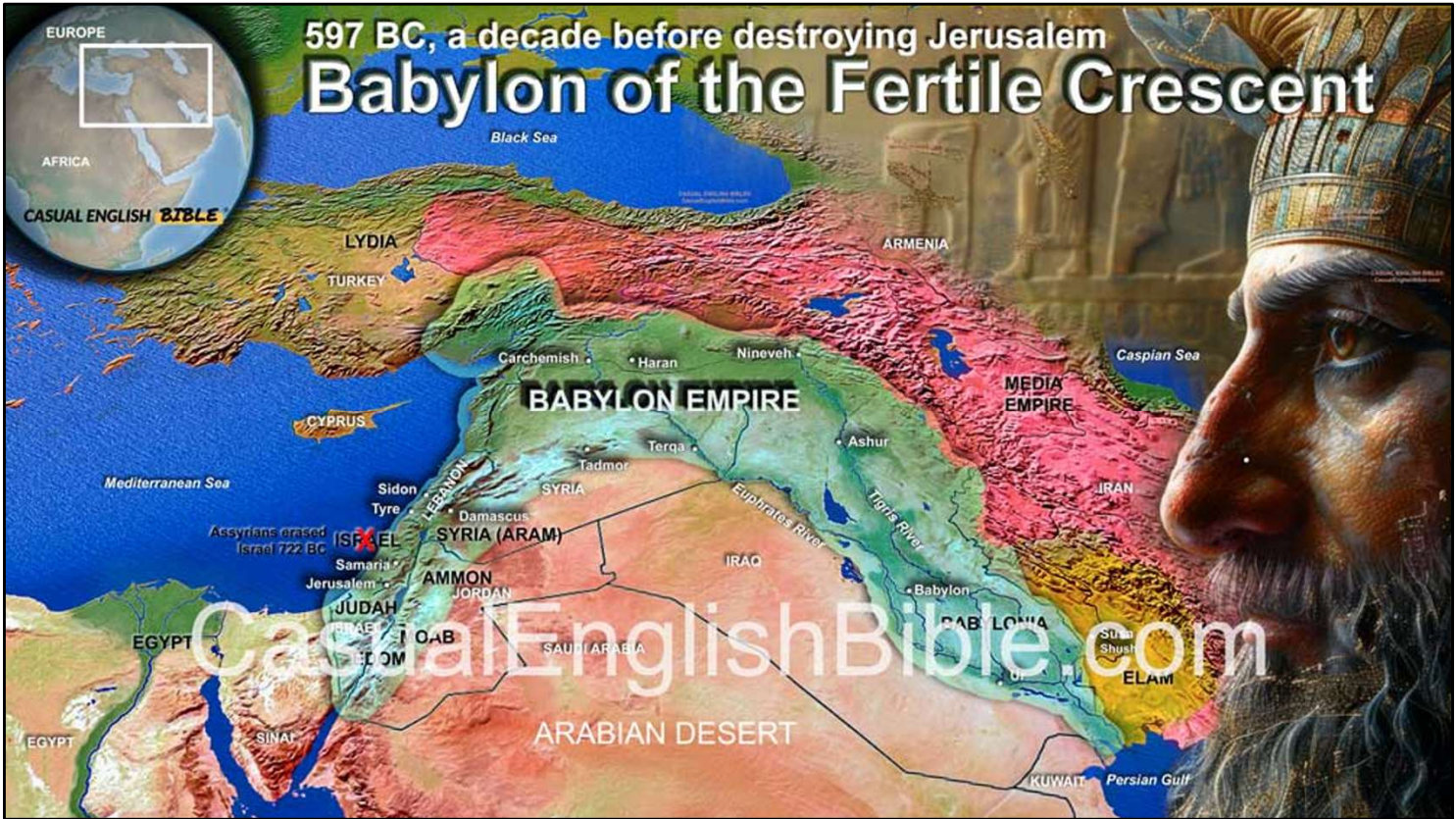
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Babylon of the Fertile Crescent

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