



THE BOOK OF

**DANIEL**

# Setting the stage

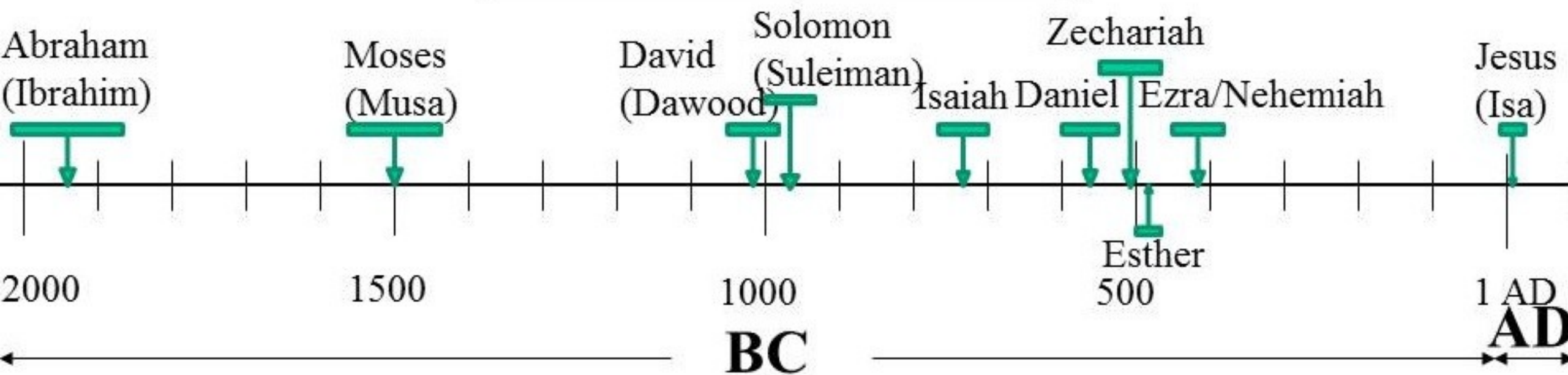
- Jerusalem has fallen to Babylon
  - 2Kings 24; 2Chron 36 record the events
  - God's plan – Dan 1:2... God ALWAYS...
  - God's own Temple and dedicated items (2)
  - Most precious of all... God's people!
- Youths, sons – young to be sure... (4)

# Changing Names

- Daniel - “judge of God”
- Hananiah - “whom Jehovah has graciously given”
- Mishael - “who is what God is?”
- Azariah - “whom Jehovah helps”
- Prince of Eunuchs... Babylonian names...
- “Bel’s prince”; “young friend of the king”; “A little sheep”; “servant of Nebo”



## Historical Timeline with some Biblical Prophets



# Daniel's Reactions

- Protection for all (24)
- 25 – interpretation only mentioned!
- 26 – the requirement repeated!
- God gets the Glory! (28)

THERE IS A GOD IN HEAVEN! [10, 11]

➤ It is not about me... (30)



Gold – Head – Babylon [606-538 B.C.]

Silver – Arms – Medes & Persians [538-331 B.C.]

Bronze – Belly/thighs – Greece [331-168 B.C.]

Iron – Legs – Rome [168 B.C. – 476 A.D.]

Feet – Iron and Clay - ? – ? Unstable, short lived

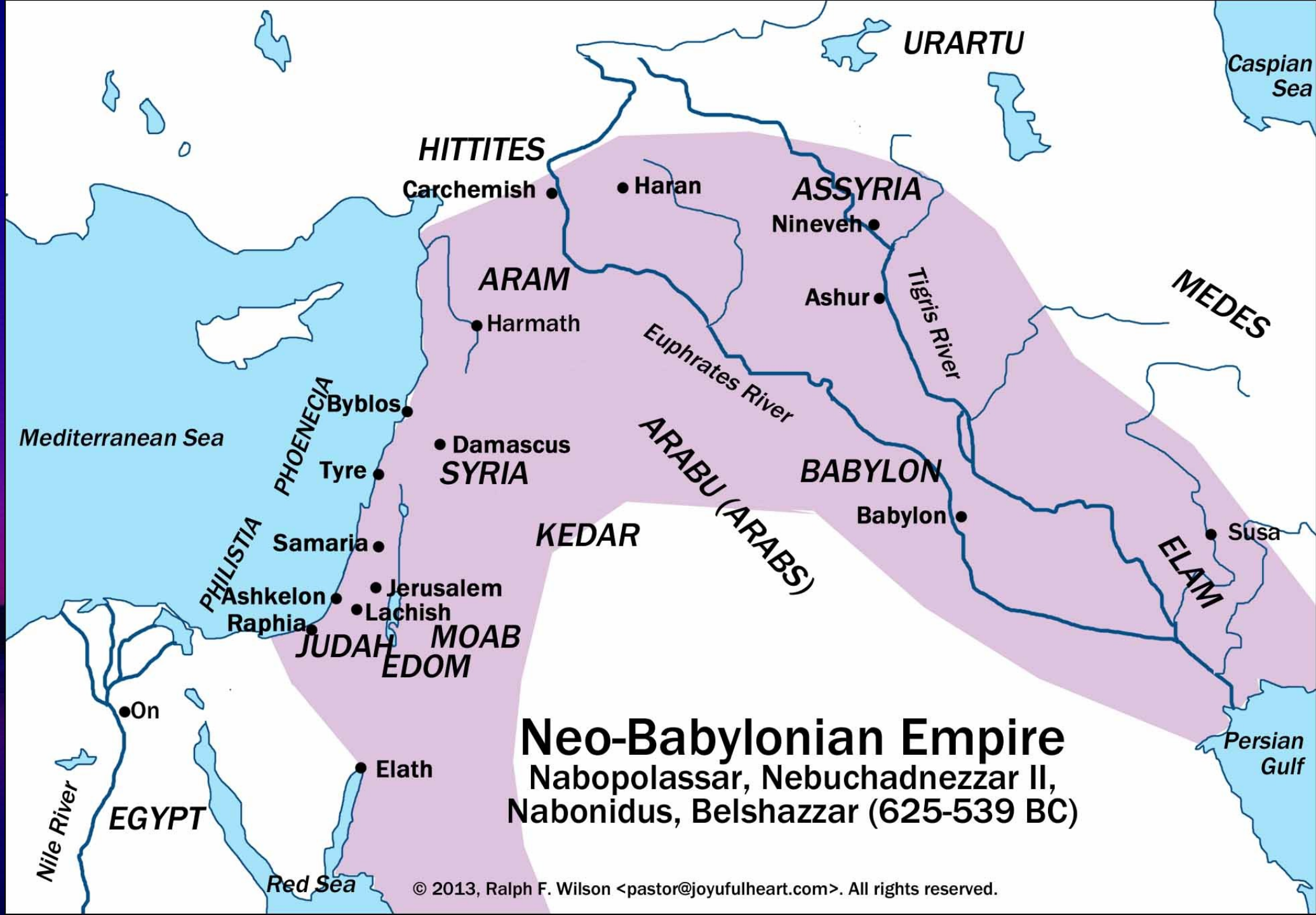
# The First Great Kingdom – Gold



- Babylon the Great!
- Nabopalassar
- Nebuchadnezzar
- Evil Merodach
- Nabonidus
- Belshazzar

32, 37-38





# Neo-Babylonian Empire

Nabopolassar, Nebuchadnezzar II,  
Nabonidus, Belshazzar (625-539 BC)

# The Second Great Kingdom - Silver



- Medes & Persians
- Law over all! (6:1,14)
- Liberated Israel
- Cyrus
- Artaxerxes
- “inferior” – vs. 39



# The Medo-Persian Empire

# The Third Great Kingdom - Bronze



- Greece
- Alexander – dies at age 32!
- “rule over all the earth” (39)



# Alexander's Greek Empire (323 BC)



# The Fourth Great Kingdom – Iron



- Rome
- “crushes and shatters” (vs. 40)
- Julius Caesar, Tiberus
- Titus (70 AD)



117 AD

# The Last Kingdom –Iron & Clay



- “a divided kingdom”
- Some strong ...some brittle
- “Combine” but not “adhere”!

Vs. 41-43



# A New Piece!



- God Sends a “STONE”! (34)
- “cut without hands! Exodus 31:18; 32:15,16
- Crushes all! (34-35) And becomes.....

Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at once, and they became like chaff.

...And *the stone* that struck the image *became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.*

...The **God** of the heavens will *raise up a kingdom* which will *never be destroyed*; ...it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms; and it will *stand forever.*

Daniel 2:35, 44



# God's Answer!

- The Stone! (34)
- “A Great Mountain”
- Fills all the Earth!
- 1 Peter 2:6-8
- Matt 21:44
- Rom 9:33



# Results

- Daniel Worshiped! (46)
- “Your God is a God of gods!” (47)
- Revealer of mysteries
- “many great gifts” (48)
- Ruler over the province
- Friends rule! (49)
- Daniel in the King’s Court!

## But Look What's Next!

- Ch. 3 starts a new challenge!
- The Kings dream becomes reality!
- Note – ALL GOLD!!! (2:38)
- 60 cubits = about 90'
- When you hear the music...
- Bow or DIE!!! (see vs. 13)



