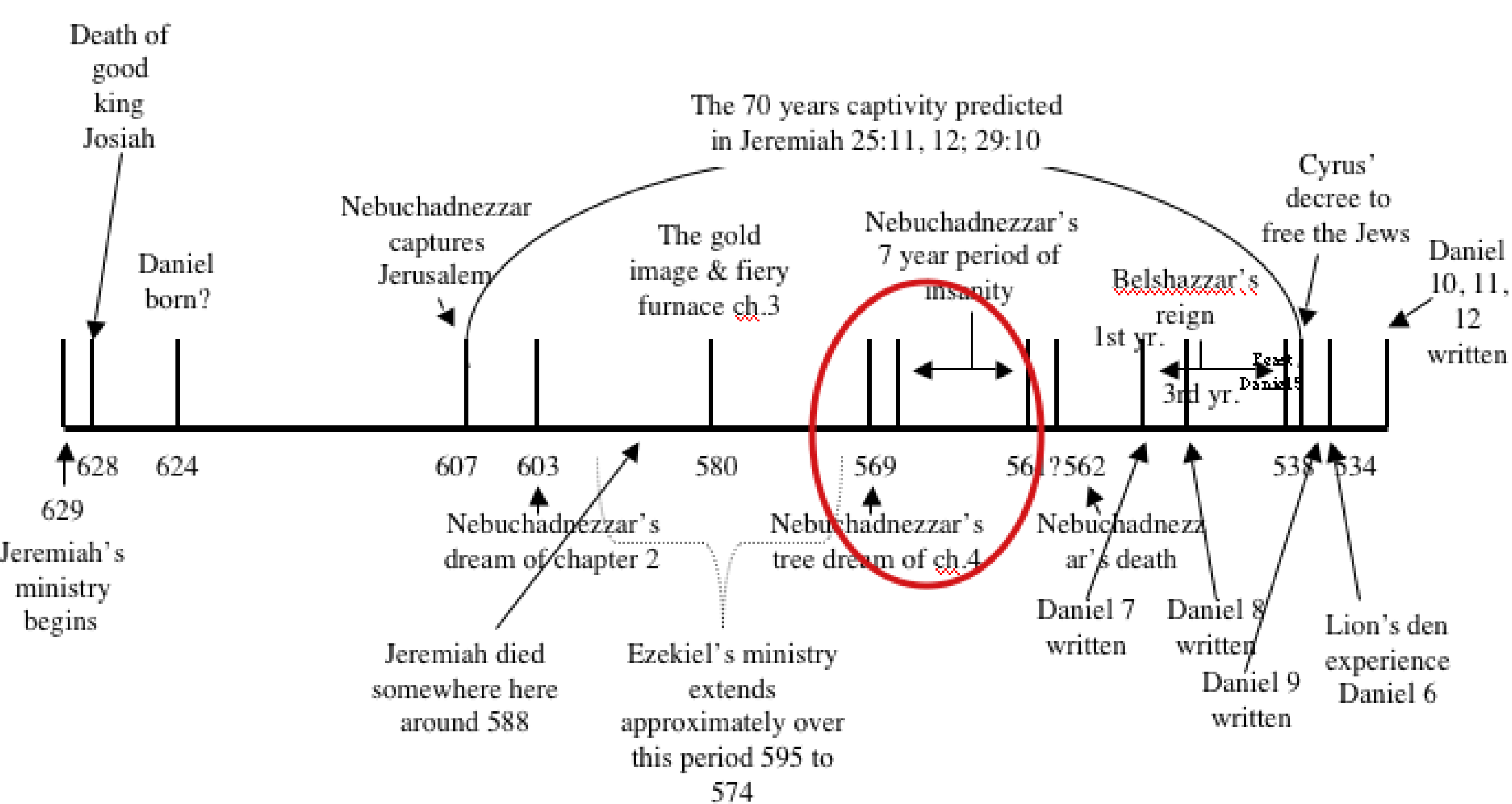


DANIEL



The Hand Writing On The Wall



Death of good king Josiah

Daniel born?

Nebuchadnezzar captures Jerusalem

The gold image & fiery furnace ch.3

Nebuchadnezzar's 7 year period of insanity

Belshazzar's reign

Cyrus' decree to free the Jews

Daniel 10, 11, 12 written

629
628
624

607
603

580

569

562
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Jeremiah's ministry begins

Jeremiah died somewhere here around 588

Ezekiel's ministry extends approximately over this period 595 to 574

Nebuchadnezzar's death
Daniel 7 written

Daniel 8 written
Daniel 9 written

Lion's den experience Daniel 6

The New King Comes to Power!

- Nebuchadnezzar dies! (about a year later)
- Evil-merodach (son) rules about 4 years
- Assassinated by Neriglissar (B-I-L) 4 yrs
- Infant son Labashi-Marduk – deposed
- Nabonidus – scholar, co-rulership with
- Belshazzar (Grandson of Nebuchadnezzar)

What do you do with a conquered 'god'?

- Nebuchadnezzar took idols from the people he conquered and put them in the Temple of Bel.
- This was common – 1 Sam 5:2
- When he conquered Israel – NO IDOL!!!
- No mention of the Ark either!!!
- SO... he took the gold articles used in Worship and sacrifice instead! (2 Ki. 25)

Belshazzar Has a Feast!

- 1,000 nobles of the Land – how many women?
 - Sin of drunkenness = arrogance and desecration!
 - Vs. 4 – gods of gold, silver...denies his own gods!
 - In the midst – A HAND!
 - ...and a message...
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THE HANDWRITING!

מנא = MENE (MINA)

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תקל = TEKEL

ופרסינ = UPHARSIN

What Did it Mean???

What Now?

- Vs. 6 – face, thoughts, hips, knees!
 - Call for the “Wise Guys” ...
 - Vs. 7 – promises of blessing
 - Could not read it...Different Language?
 - Failure and more anguish! (9)
 - Daniel was not in this group!
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The Queen (Mother) Remembers!

- Wife of Nabonidus
 - 11- there is a man..." (60~80?)
 - "illumination, wisdom, insight" - what a Rep!
 - "he will declare the interpretation"
 - Lots of flattery and promises here! (13-16)
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Daniel Speaks

- Keep your gifts!
 - The Most High God – remember HIM???
 - He gave rulership to “your father”
 - Vs. 20 – His heart was lifted up! HUMBLLED!
 - 22 – YOU HAVE NOT HUMBLLED HEART, but EXALTED YOURSELF
 - 23 – IN GOD’S HAND!!!!
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The Message

- “MENE” – “numbered” - accounting! (mina)
 - “TEKEL” – “weighed and wanting”
 - “UPHARSIN” – “division” or “fragment”
 - NOTE: “P-R-S” = Persians (vs. 28)
 - The time for repentance had past
 - This is your last night!
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Daniel Honored

- “3rd ruler for a night!”
 - Purple and Gold
 - Authority...
 - But he knew....
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Artist's rendition of the ancient city of Babylon



Darius the Mede

- “Darius” – “The Maintainer”, a title like “Caesar” or “Augustus”
- Comes in one night
- Medes had a long battle going [Isa. 13, 14; 45-47; Jer. 51]
- Battle is won and a new ruler comes to power who will also need to meet Daniel and His God!