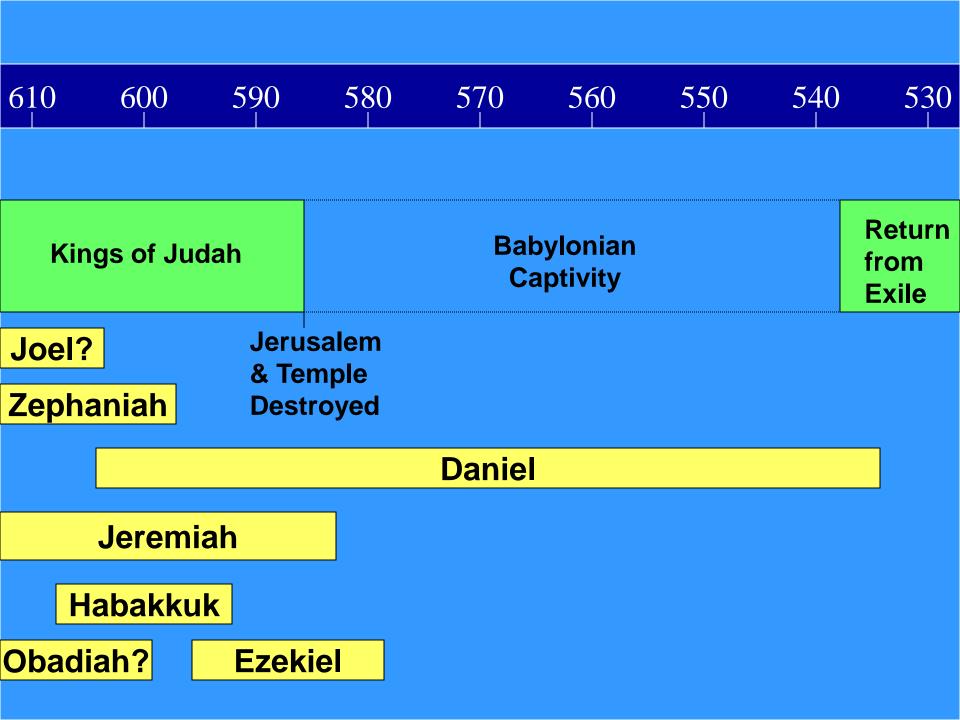
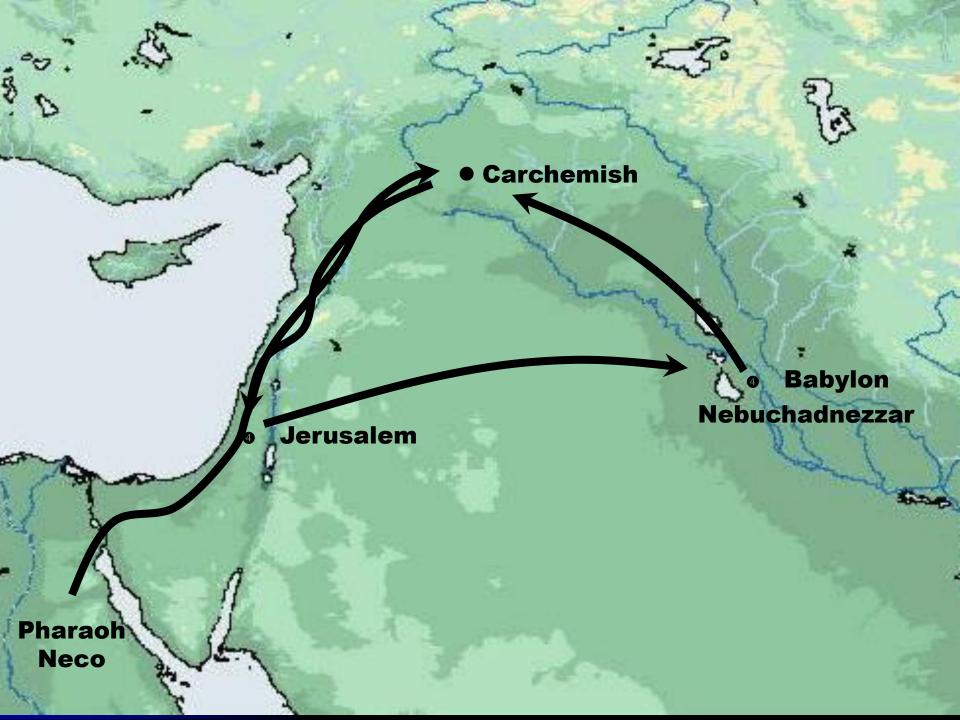
DANIEL

The Statesman-Prophet



Daniel 1:1-2

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. 2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his god.



Features of the Book

Partially written in Aramaic

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Written in the Third Person		Written in the First Person
Seven Historical Narratives		Four Prophetic Visions
Hebrew	Written in Aramaic	Written in Hebrew
Prologue	Prophetic History relating to the Gentiles	Prophetic History relating primarily to the Jews

Features of the Book

- Partially written in Aramaic
- Emphasis on the Kingdom
- Emphasis on Prayer
- The Spiritual Battle

Daniel and Ezekiel

Ezekiel	Daniel
A priest who spoke of matters of spirit	A statesman who spoke of matters of state
Emphasizes times of Israel's glory	Emphasizes times of Gentile's glory
Residence as a prisoner	Residence in a palace
Focus on Israel and the Jews	Focus on Gentiles and the world

Dream of the image of the four kingdoms (2)

Rescue of Daniel's friends from the fiery furnace (3)

Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the tree

Daniel's interpretation

Nebuchadnezzar's humiliation (4)

Belshazzar's feast and handwriting on wall

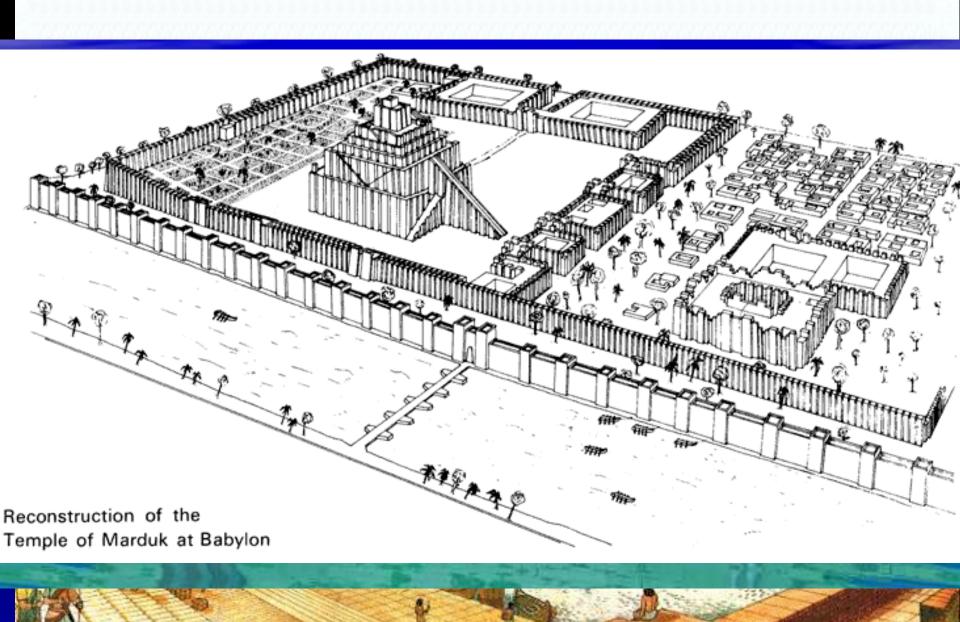
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Belshazzar's death (5)

Rescue of Daniel from the lion's den (6)

Night vision of four beasts (7)





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Vision of Daniel 2	Interpretation	Vision of Daniel 7
Vision of a Great Statue	Kings and their Kingdoms	Vision of Beasts coming out of the Sea
Head of fine Gold	Babylon	Lion with 2 wings of an Eagle
Breast and Arms of Silver	Media-Persia	Bear with three ribs in its teeth
Belly and Thighs of Bronze	Greece	Leopard with 4 wings of a bird and 4 heads
Legs of Iron and Clay and 10 toes	Rome? Antiochus?	Beast with iron teeth and 10 horns
All destroyed by Stone cut without hands	Coming of the Lord and His Kingdom	Ancient of Days takes His seat and passes judgment
A kingdom which will never be destroyed (2:44)		His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom (7:27)

Lessons from Daniel 7

- Earthly power in and of itself degenerates into brutality.
- It is the tendency of brutality to increase.
- Restoration is an act of God, not of man.

And now I will tell you the truth. Behold, three more kings are going to arise in Persia. Then a fourth will gain far more riches than all of them; as soon as he becomes strong through his riches, he will arouse the whole empire against the realm of Greece

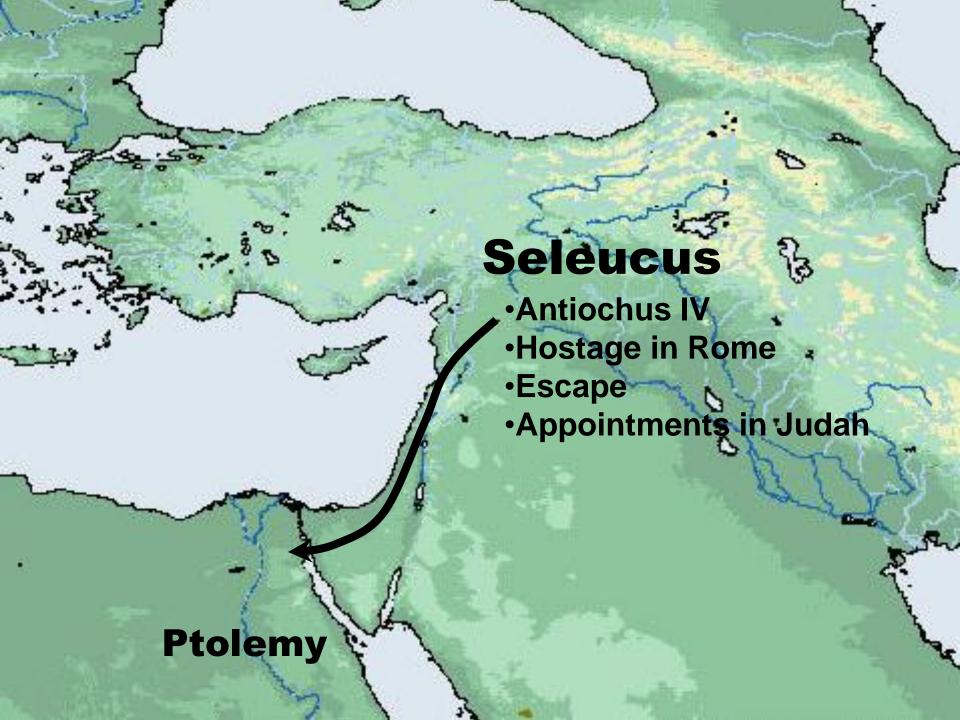


And a mighty king will arise, and he will rule with great authority and do as he pleases. 4 But as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom will be broken up and parceled out toward the four points of the compass, though not to his own descendants, nor according to his authority which he wielded; for his sovereignty will be uprooted and given to others besides them.

Then the king of the South will grow strong, along with one of his princes who will gain ascendancy over him and obtain dominion; his domain will be a great dominion indeed.

And after some years they will form an alliance, and the daughter of the king of the South will come to the king of the North to carry out a peaceful arrangement. But she will not retain her position of power, nor will he remain with his power, but she will be given up, along with those who brought her in, and the one who sired her, as well as he who supported her in those times.

Then in his place one will arise who will send an oppressor through the Jewel of his kingdom; yet within a few days he will be shattered, though neither in anger nor in battle.



Antiochus imposed the following Regulations

- Jews could not assemble for prayer
- Observance of the Sabbath was forbidden
- Possession of the Scriptures was illegal
- Circumcision was illegal
- Dietary laws illegal
- Pagan sacrifices mandated





Daniel 12:1-2

Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

"A time of distress..."

- Abomination of Desolation brought by Antiochus Epiphanes in 168 B.C.
- Destruction of the Temple brought by Titus in A.D. 70
- The Final Judgment

Daniel 12:4

"But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase."

