

THE BOOK OF

DANIEL

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, *so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Principles Assumed by PG

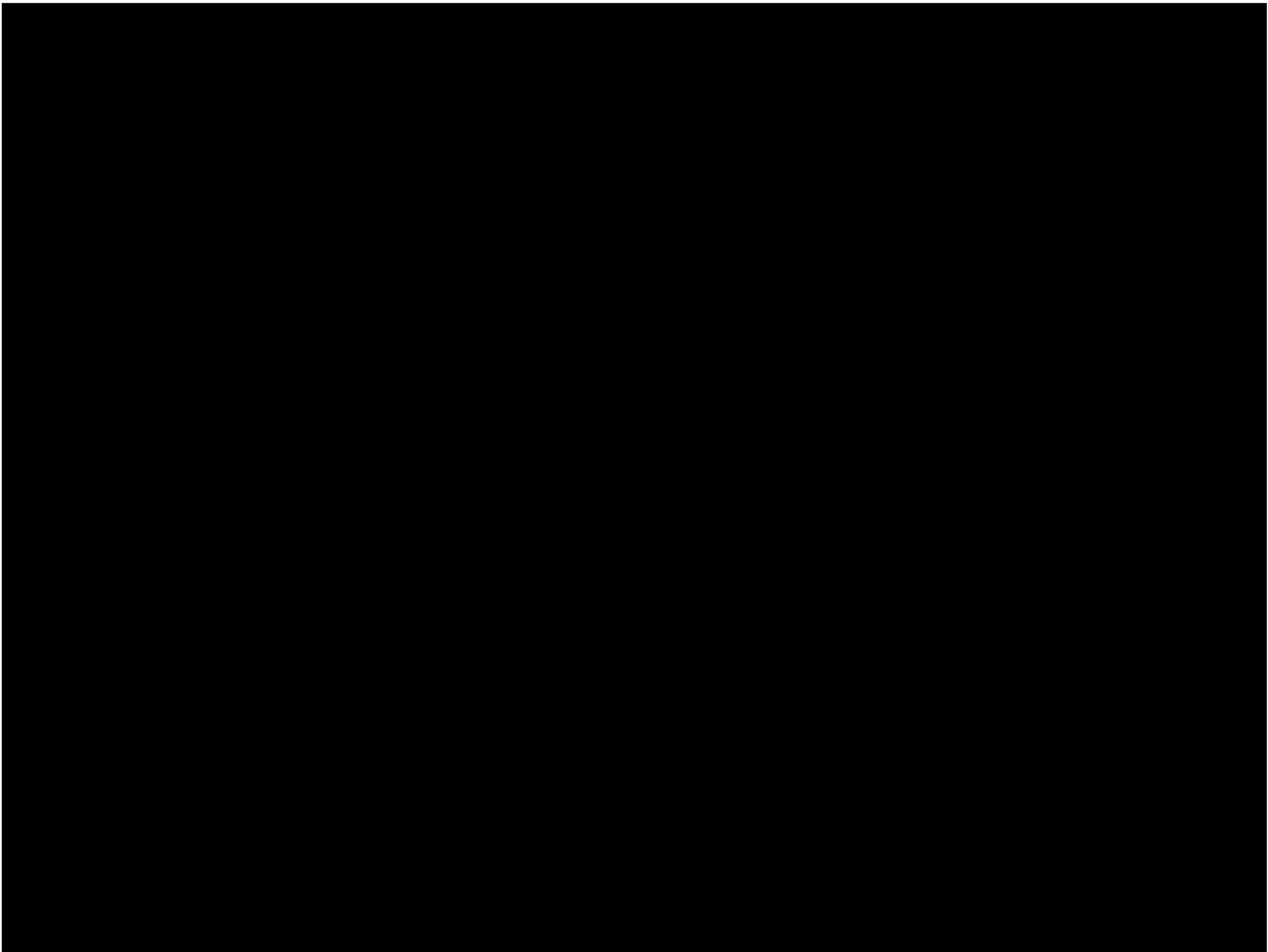
- 1. Scripture claims to be / is inspired and authoritative**
- 2. The simplicity and clarity of scripture**
- 3. The unity and diversity of scripture**
- 4. The analogy of scripture**
- 5. The Progress of Revelation**
- 6. The Problem of Historical Distance**
- 7. The Problem of The Interpreter**

2 Timothy 2:14-15

Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. **Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.**

Interpretation Guide

- **Author = intent matters**
- **Audience = context is crucial**
- **Text = linguistic challenges**
- **Genre = literary rules**
- **Point of view = worldview**
- **Narrative = story time**
- **Plot = insight**



Daniel Background

Organization

- Historical Chapters 1-6

1. Deported as a teenager
2. Nebuchadnezzar's Dream
3. Bow or Burn; The Furnace
4. Nebuchadnezzar's Pride
5. The Fall of Babylon
6. The Lions Den
7. Daniel's Vision

Aramaic

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Organization

- Visions Chapters 7 - 12
 7. Four Beasts
 8. The Ram and the He-Goat
 9. The Seventy Weeks
 10. A Glimpse of the Dark Side
 11. The "Silent Years" (in advance)
 12. The Consummation of All Things

Daniel Background

Chronology

- 612 BC: Nineveh falls to an alliance of Babylon and Media
- 609 BC: Pharaoh Necho leads army against Assyria
 - Josiah fights Necho and gets killed
(2 Chron 35:20-24)
- 606 BC Battle of Carchemesh
 - Nebuchadnezzar vs Pharaoh Necho
 - W bank of Euphrates (Jer 46:1-6)

Daniel Background

Siege #1

- 1st Siege of Jerusalem (605 BC)
 - Jehoikim released as a vassal
 - Temple plundered (for museum)
 - Hostages (Daniel et al.) taken

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Siege #2 (Jer 22)

- Jehoikim ignores Jeremiah's counsel,
 - rebels, 5 year battle; Jehoikim dies;
 - Son Hehiachin reigns until siege over - Blood curse now on royal line? Jeconiah captured;
 - 10,000 captives (including Ezekiel)
- Zedekiah, his uncle, installed as vassal
- Jeremiah and Ezekiel warn against rebellion but false prophets again prevail

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Siege #3

- 587 BC: Zedekiah ignores Jeremiah & Ezekiel's warnings & yield to false prophets *Jer 32:5'39:6,7; Ezek 12:13 2; Kgs 25:1-7*
- Result= destruction of the Temple and the city: Begins 70 year "Desolations of Jerusalem"

Modern Map of the Middle East

Possible path of the Israel captives
to Babylon circa 605 B.C.



- Introduction
- Overview
- The Destruction of Jerusalem
- The Deportation of Judah
- Seventy Years
- Treatment of Jews in Babylon
- Benefits of the Captivity
- Archaeology
- Dictionaries
- Scriptures
- Conclusion



The Captivity of Judah (586-516 B.C.)

Daniel Background

(Ezekiel 12:13) *My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there.*

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(Jeremiah 39:6-7)

There at Riblah the king of Babylon slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes and also killed all the nobles of Judah. Then he put out Zedekiah's eyes and bound him with bronze shackles to take him to Babylon.

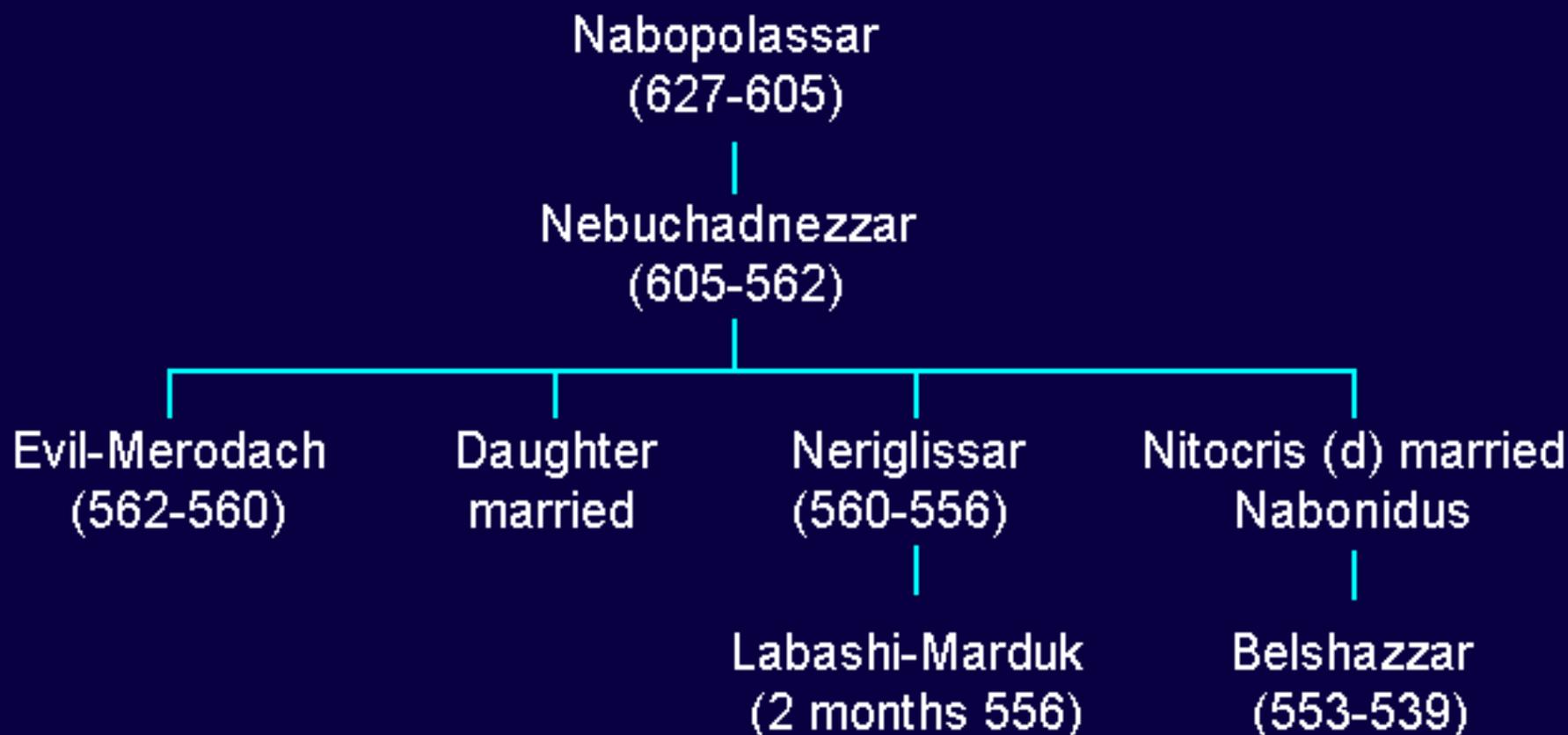


Jerusalem Destroyed

Daniel 1:1

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.

Kings of Babylonian Empire





Black Sea

Caspian Sea

Turkey

Iraq

Tigris River

Syria

Euphrates River

Iran

Mediterranean Sea

Jerusalem

Israel

Jordan

Babylon

The Babylonian Empire

606-536 BC

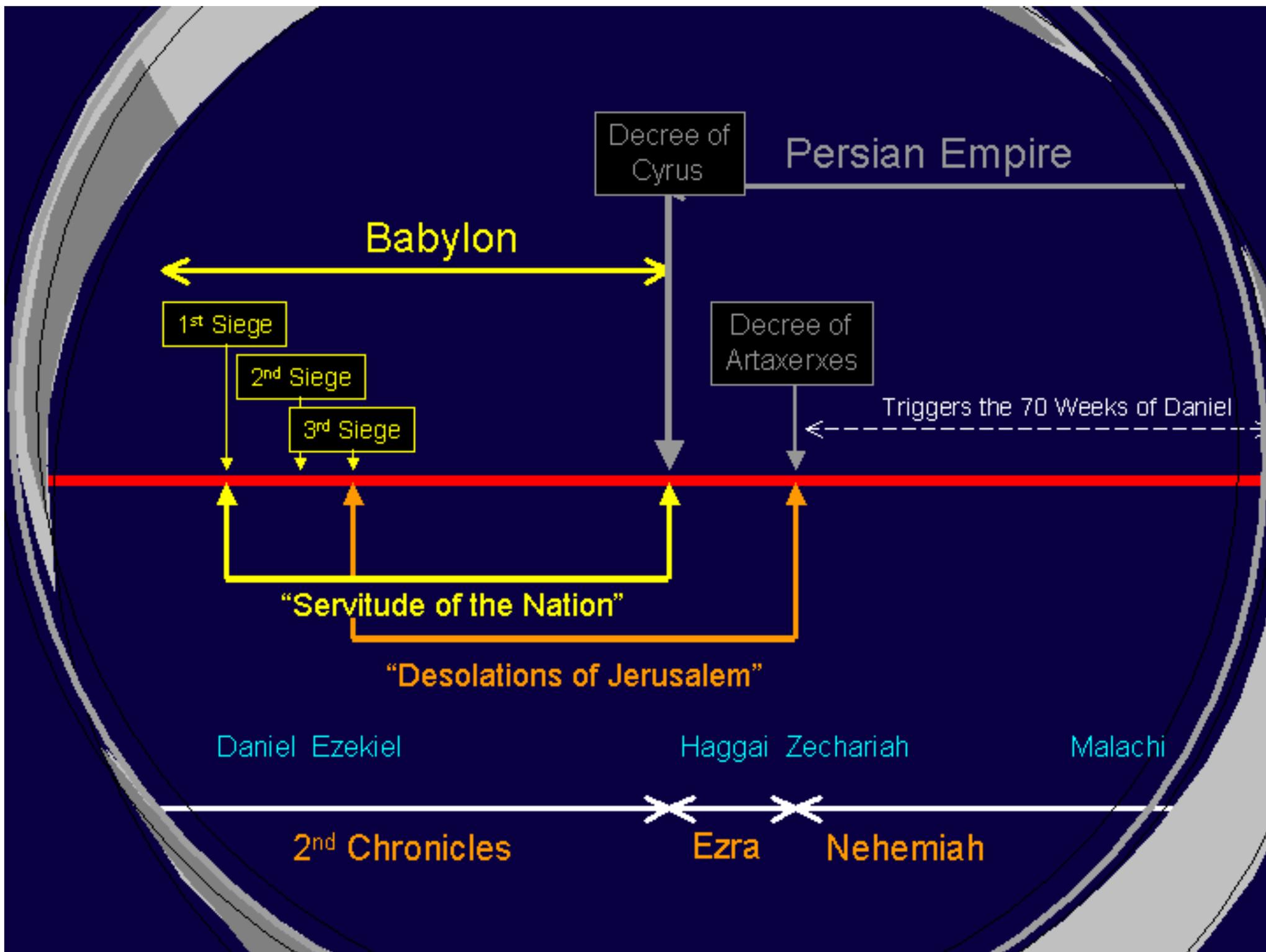
Egypt

Nile River

Red Sea

Saudi Arabia

Persian Gulf



Daniel 1:6

Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

Daniel 1:6-7

Daniel

God is my Judge

Hananiah

Beloved of the Lord

Mishel

Who is as God?

Azariah

The Lord is My Help

Beltshazzar

Prince of Bel

Shadrach

Illumined by the
Sun God

Meshach

Who is like the
Moon God

Abednego

Servant of Nego

Key Verse - Daniel 1:8

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. KJV

But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. NIV

Daniel 1:9-10

Officer's fears justified

Nebuchadnezzar was known to:

- Put out eyes (after killing progeny)

Jer 39:6

- Make their houses into dung hills

- Cut people into pieces. Dan 2:5

- Roast officers over a fire. Jer 29:22

When in exile...

(Jeremiah 29:4-7)

"Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. 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. 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.

Key Themes

- **Gods Sovereignty**
- **Faith in difficult circumstances**

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