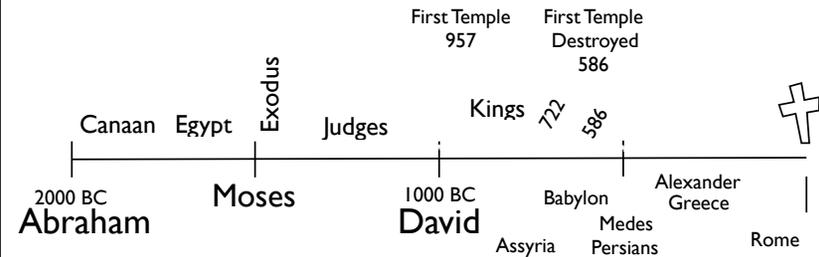


Return of Rule of Christ Daniel 1-4

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Old Testament Timeline



Daniel Initial Timeline

612 : Assyrian capital Nineveh overrun by Babylonians.

609 : King Josiah killed by Egyptians in Battle of Megiddo (2 Kings 23:28-30).

Egyptians install Jehoiakim as king (2 Kings 23:34-36).

605 : *Battle of Carchemish* : Assyrians allied with Egyptians were defeated by Nebuchadnezzar II's army.

597 : Siege of Jerusalem. First deportation of Jews (2 Kings 24)

Zedekiah installed as tributary king but revolts and joins alliance with Egypt.

589-586 : Siege of Jerusalem. ***Destruction of temple and city*** (2 Kings 25)

Zedekiah was blinded, bound, and taken captive to Babylon where he remained as prisoner until his death (2 Kings 25:7; Jeremiah 52:10,11).

The elite were taken into Captivity in Babylon

Pride of Nebuchadnezzar

Nebuchadnezzar had his name repeatedly pressed into the bricks of the city of Babylon he had rebuilt, so his bricks are a common sight in history museums around the world.



"Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?" Daniel 4:30

"I built a strong wall that cannot be shaken with bitumen and baked bricks... I laid its foundation on the breast of the netherworld, and I built its top as high as a mountain... The fortifications of Esagila and Babylon I strengthened and established the name of my reign forever."

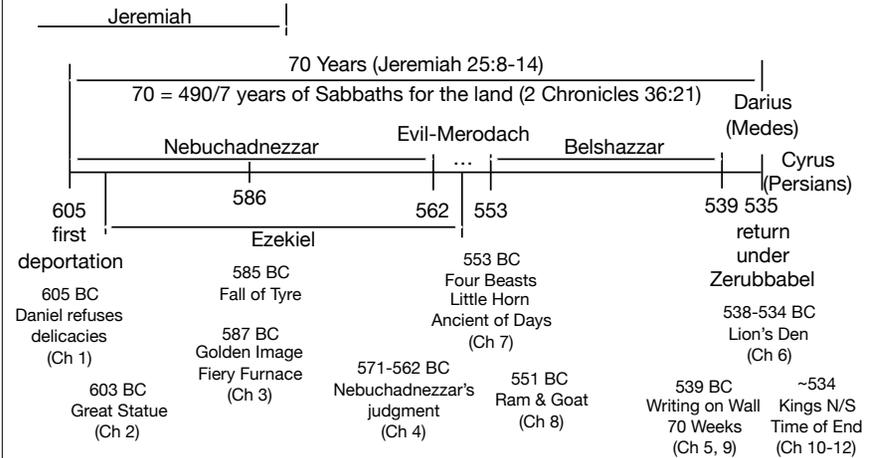


Cuneiform cylinder with inscription of Nebuchadnezzar describing the construction of the outer wall.

Hanging Gardens of Babylon



Chronology of The Book of Daniel



Daniel Exiled to Babylon Daniel 1

606-605 BC Third Year of Jehoiakim (607-598), son of Josiah

Nebuchadnezzar II "A lion .. destroyer of nations" Jeremiah 4:7

"But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself.." (v 8)



Lion of Babylon, Ishtar Gate

Chiasmus of Daniel 2 - 7

Daniel 2:4b-7:28 is written in Aramaic not Hebrew

A : Dream of four kingdoms replaced by a fifth (Ch 2)

B : Daniel's three friends in fiery furnace (Ch 3)

C : Daniel's interpretation of dream for Nebuchadnezzar (Ch 4)

C : Daniel's interpretation of handwriting on wall for Belshazzar (Ch 5)

B : Daniel in the Lion's Den (Ch 6)

A : Vision of four kingdoms replaced by a fifth (Ch 7)

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Daniel 2

As with Joseph, God reveals to Daniel the meaning of the king's dreams.

Dream foretells of five kingdoms

Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar Daniel 2:37,38)

Media / Persia

Greece

Rome (which becomes divided)

Millennial / Eternal Kingdom

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Millennial Kingdom

As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Daniel 2:34,35

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

Daniel 2:44

Nebuchadnezzar's Golden Image Daniel 3

Nebuchadnezzar Golden Image is mimicked by The False Prophet in Revelation 13:14-18.

And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain.

Revelation 13:15

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were willing to pay the price even if God would not deliver them.

Humbling of Nebuchadnezzar Daniel 4



Nebuchadnezzar Restored

Daniel 4:34-37

*“..for his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;
all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
and he does according to his will among the host of heaven
and among the inhabitants of the earth;
and none can stay his hand
or say to him, “What have you done?”
Nebuchadnezzar : Daniel 4:35*