

Daniel 3

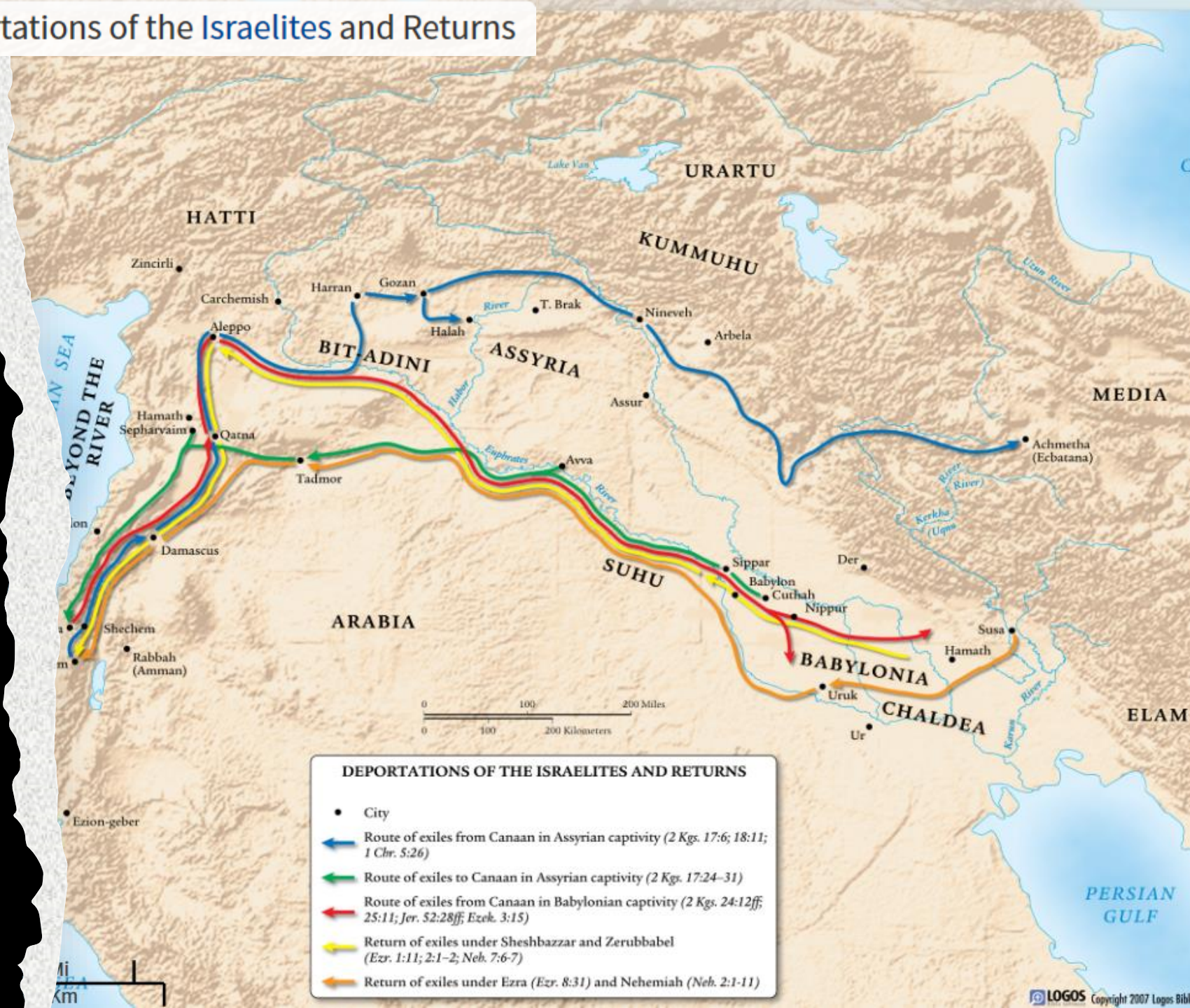


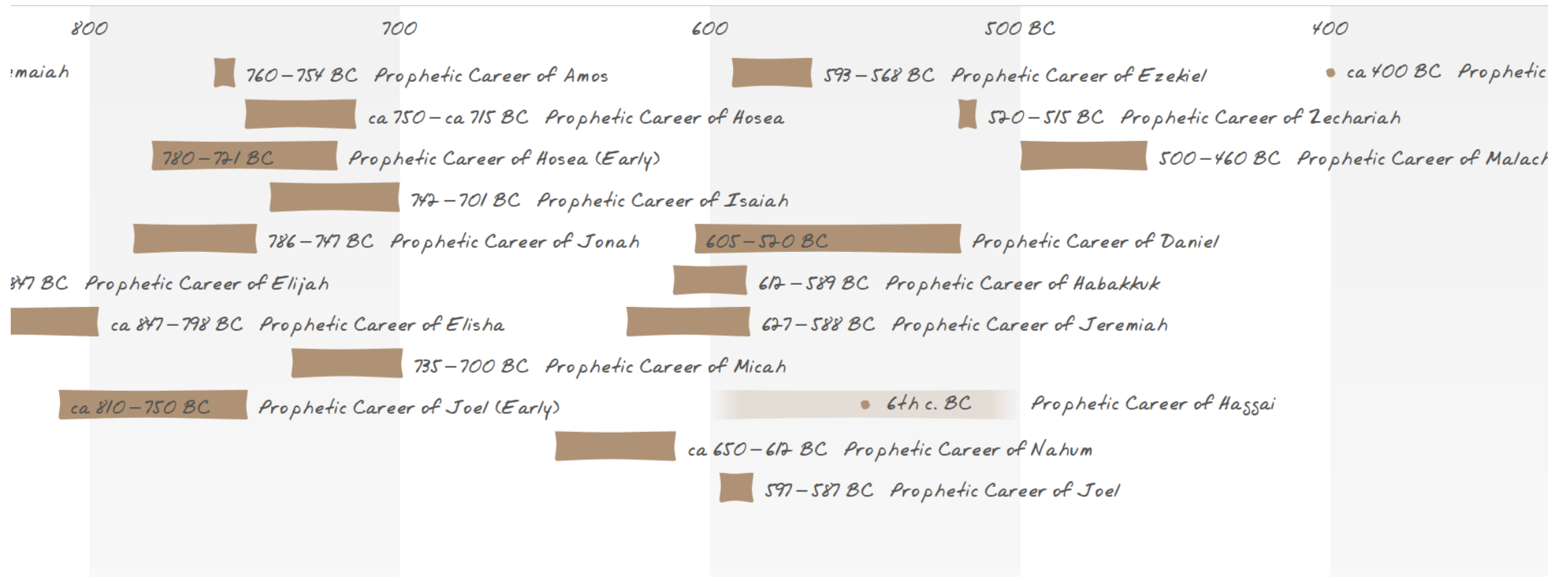



- Writer – “God is my Judge” (Daniel Himself)
- Historical Timeline
 - 605 BC – 535 BC
 - Daniel was in first set of 3 exile events
 - 605 (Daniel)
 - 597 (Ezekiel)
 - 586 BC
- When – Written between 536 and 530 BC
- Why Exile?
 - Judah’s ongoing sin
 - Israel had fallen to Assyria in 722 BC
 - **Isaiah, Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah warnings ignored**
- Language – 2:4 – 7:28 Aramaic, international language
- Purpose(s)
 - Encouragement and prophesy
 - During Successive gentile domination until Messiah’s return
 - Display of Gods sovereignty
 - Major display of miracles

Deportations of the Israelites and Returns

- 605 BC
- 597 BC
- 586 BC







Opening Questions

- Why doesn't Nebuchadnezzar fully acknowledge God
- Why does he continually place himself in the place of God?
- What does true faith look like?

3 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its width six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. 2 And King Nebuchadnezzar sent word to gather together the satraps, the administrators, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 3 So the satraps, the administrators, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered together for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 4 Then a herald cried aloud: "To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, 5 that at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up; 6 and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace."

7 So at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the horn, flute, harp, and lyre, in symphony with all kinds of music, all the people, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the gold image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Q: How tall is the statue erected by Nebuchadnezzar?

A: 90 feet tall

Q: What could have caused Nebuchadnezzar to deviate from his previous recognition of the true God?

A: Open discussion

Q: Why did the people comply?

A: Open discussion



8 Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and accused the Jews. 9 They spoke and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! 10 You, O king, have made a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the gold image; 11 and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. 12 There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; these men, O king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up."

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and fury, gave the command to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. So they brought these men before the king. 14 Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up? 15 Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, good! But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?"

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17 If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. 18 But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

Q: What was the crime of the three Israelites?

A: Did not pay due regard to Nebuchadnezzar v 12

Q: What was the response of the Israelites?

A: Immediately placed their trust in God v16-18

Q: Who does Nebuchadnezzar believe is God?

A: himself v15

Q: How do the actions of the three Jews contrast with the civil disobedience in Romans 13?

A: God does not condone obeying laws contrary to His commandments

1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves

19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. He spoke and commanded that they heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. 20 And he commanded certain mighty men of valor who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, and cast them into the burning fiery furnace. 21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their trousers, their turbans, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 22 Therefore, because the king's command was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. 23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?"

They answered and said to the king, "True, O king."

25 "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

Q: What is the normal temperature of a furnace of this period?

A: 1500 degrees

Q: How urgent was the King's command?

A: Immediate, the men were bound in the clothes they had on



Q: What happened to the mighty men putting the 3 into the furnace?

A: died from the heat!

Q: Besides the 3 Israelites, who did Nebuchadnezzar see in the furnace?

A: An angel or God Himself

Q: What was the condition of the men?"

A: unhurt at all

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and spoke, saying, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here." Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego came from the midst of the fire. 27 And the satraps, administrators, governors, and the king's counselors gathered together, and they saw these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them.

28 Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God! 29 Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language which speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap; because there is no other God who can deliver like this."

30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the province of Babylon.

Q: Who does Nebuchadnezzar bless (again)?

A: The one true God

Q: Does Nebuchadnezzar acknowledge God as his own?

A: No, Nebuchadnezzar is still polytheistic, he acknowledges God as "The Most High God"

Dan 5:18-19
Jer 27:5-11

Dan 5:28

Alexander
The "Great"

Latter Days

DANIEL 2		DANIEL 7	DANIEL 8	DANIEL 11, 12
GOLD	BABYLON BC 605 - 539	LION	NONE	NONE
SILVER	MEDO-PERSIA BC 539 - 331	BEAR	RAM WITH TWO HORNS	FOUR KINGS (Verse 2)
BRASS	GREECE BC 331 - 168	LEOPARD	THE GOAT	MIGHTY KING (Verses 3-13)
IRON	ROME BC 168 - AD 476	PIERCE BEAST	LITTLE HORN FROM FOUR HORNS	KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 14-35)
IRON AND CLAY	DIVIDED KINGDOMS 1260 YEARS	TEN HORNS LITTLE HORN	LITTLE HORN GREAT WAXED	KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 30-39)
STONE CUT OUT WITHOUT MAN'S HANDS	INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT	JUDGMENT SCENE	CLEANSING OF HEAVENLY SANCTUARY	TIME OF THE END (Verses 40-45)
STONE FILLS WHOLE EARTH	CHRIST'S KINGDOM	KINGDOM GIVEN TO SAINTS	EXECUTIVE JUDGMENT	MICHAEL STANDS UP (Chapter 12:1-3)

Daniels Kingdoms

An Overview of Daniel's Kingdoms

I. Daniel 2/Daniel 7

- A. Babylon 2:32, 37, 38; 7:4, 17
- B. Medo-Persia 2:32, 39; 7:5, 17
- C. Greece 2:32, 39; 7:6, 17
- D. Rome 2:33, 40; 7:7, 17, 23
- E. Revived Rome 2:33, 41-43; 7:7, 8, 11, 24, 25
- F. Millennium 2:34, 35, 44, 45; 7:13, 14, 26, 27

II. Daniel 8/Daniel 11

- A. Medo-Persia 8:3-8, 20, 21; 10:20, 21, 11:2-35
- B. Greece 8:3-8, 20, 21; 10:20, 21, 11:2-35
- C. Revived Rome 8:9-12, 23-26; 11:36-45.

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Second Dream

