



Lesson 1- Daniel
exiled to Babylon

Daniel 1



Background

**Assyria captured Israel
(Northern kingdom): 2 Kings
17: 722 BC**

**Babylonians captured Judah
(Southern kingdom): 2 Kings
24-25: 605BC**

Assyrian Empire



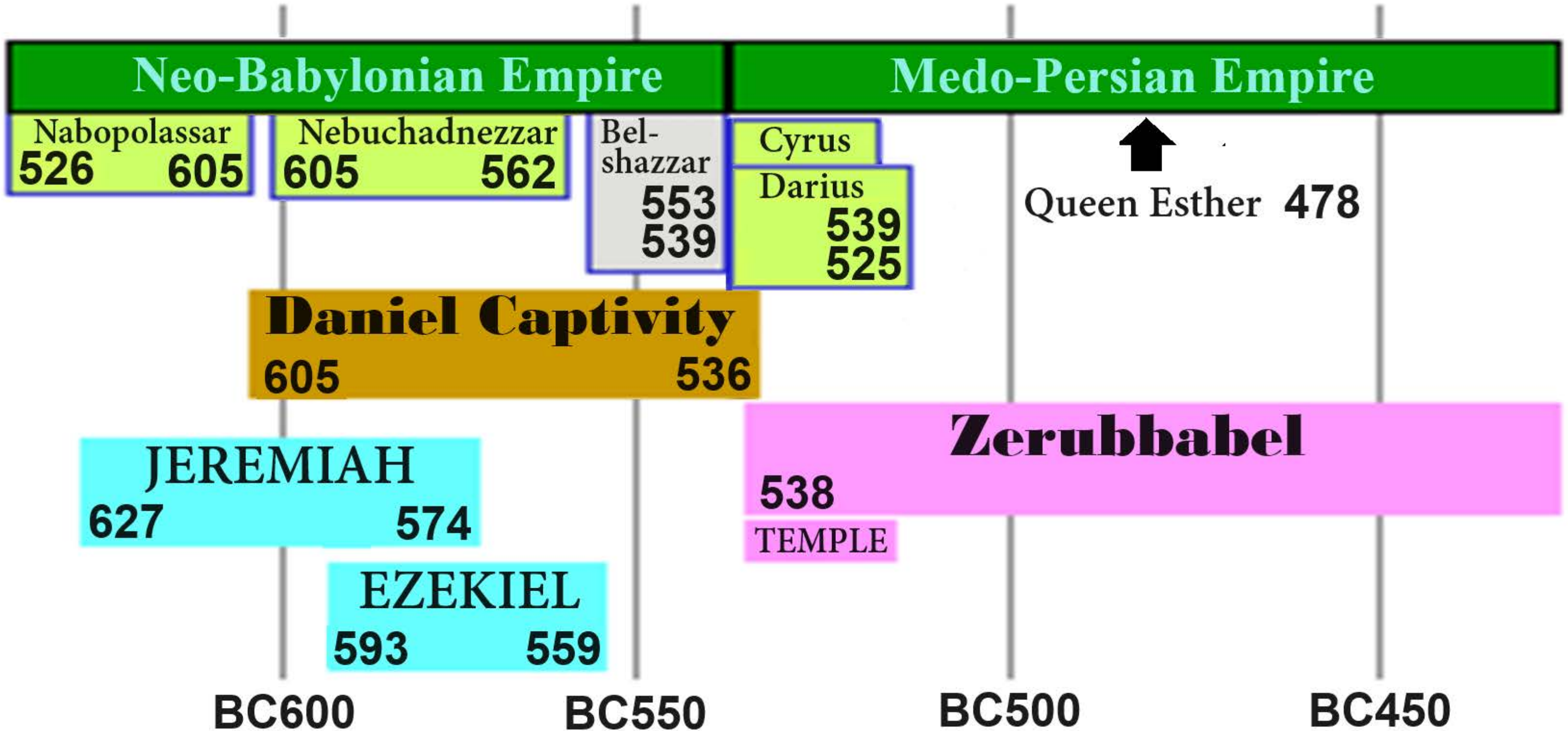
The Babylonian Empire and modern day countries



Israel in Captivity



DANIEL TIME LINE





Daniel and his friends obey God

Daniel 1:1-21



(1) God had sent the Babylonians to destroy Judah. (2 Kings 24: 1-4)

(2) Among those living in Jerusalem was a young man called Daniel.



(3) They ignored God's warnings.

(4) During King Jehoiachin's reign, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

2 Kings 24:10-12



(5) The Babylonians laid siege to the city of Jerusalem with Daniel trapped inside the city.

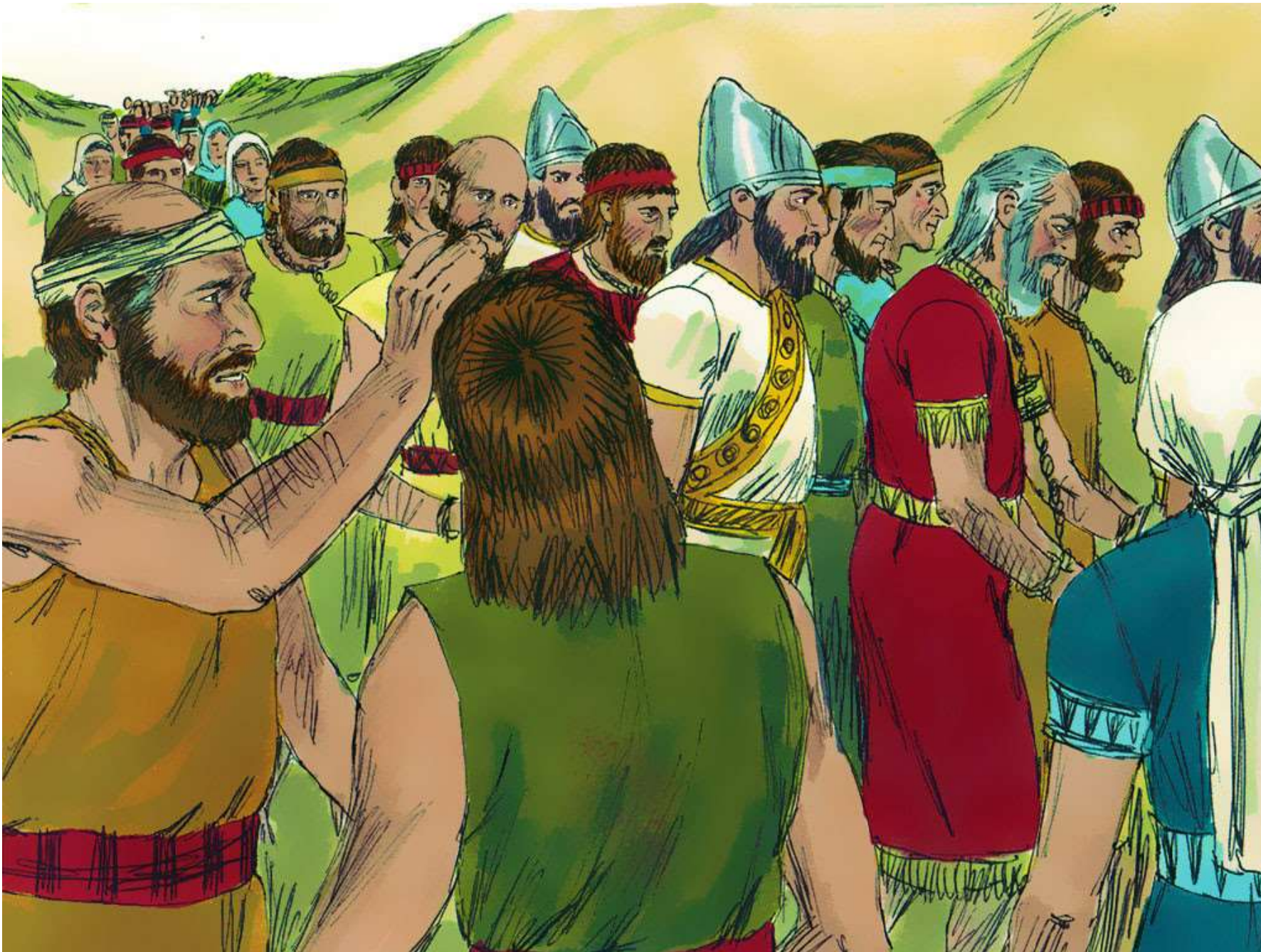
2 Kings 24:11



(6) The Lord allowed the Babylonians to take the city.

(7) The victorious army took sacred objects from the Temple of God to take back to Babylon.

2 Kings 24:13



(8) The Babylonians then took away all the top leaders and the most able people, leaving only the poorest behind.

(9) Among those taken to Babylon was Daniel.

2 Kings 24:14



(10) Daniel and the Israelite prisoners were marched back to Babylon.



(11) King Nebuchadnezzar ordered Ashpenaz, his chief of staff, to select from the prisoners the very best of the young men from royal and noble families. They had to be strong, healthy, good looking and clever. Among those Ashpenaz chose were Daniel and three of his friends. Dan 1:3-4

(12) These four young Jewish men were to be trained for three years in the language and literature of Babylon. They would also be given food and wine from the King's own kitchens. Daniel knew the meat being offered was not prepared as God had set out in the laws of Moses.

(14) Daniel asked the chief of staff for permission not to eat these unacceptable foods. The chief of staff refused: 'The king has ordered that you eat this food and wine. If you become pale and thin the king will have me beheaded.'

(15) Daniel did not give in. He spoke with the attendant, 'Test us for ten days on a diet of vegetables and water then compare us to the others eating the king's food.'

(16) At the end of the ten days, Daniel and his three friends looked healthier and better nourished than the rest so they were allowed to continue on their diet.

(Dan 1:5-15)

(17) Watch video : 05:34-10:48

The Bible Collection: The Book of Daniel (2013)

Please watch the video with discretion as some parts may be inaccurate and extra biblical.

(17a) Observe in video that despite being captives, Daniel and friends were strong in their faith not to defile themselves with the king's food.

(17b) They were courageous and have the conviction to disagree with the order.

(18) Spiritual Lessons

- (a) Daniel and his friends were non-compromising in their faith.

- (b) Do we compromise in our faith:
 - (i) The Bible forbids lying. When we are in trouble, we tell lies to protect ourselves.
 - (ii) Telling 'white lies'. Lies that harm no one.
 - (iii) Bad-mouthing friends and colleagues.
 - (iv) Not doing what is required in the faith.
 - (v) Doing what is prohibited in the faith.

(19) God gave Daniel and friends knowledge and wisdom.

(20) Nebuchadnezzar talked with them and were delighted at their knowledge.

(Dan 1: 18-20)

(19) Watch video: 11:20-14:56

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(19a) Observe in video that Daniel replied wisely to Nebuchadnezzar (in video, not in scripture):

- **Behaved respectfully to a king**
- **Spoke truthfully**
- **Sought peace and not argue over differences**

(20) Spiritual Lessons

(a) In the same way as Daniel, we should also:

- **Behaved respectfully to the Govt**
- **Speak truthfully**
- **Sought peace and not argue over differences**

(b) Daniel was submissive to authority yet not compromising in the faith. How should we submit ourselves to our govt yet not be compromising? Eg casino, LGBTQ.

(c) Daniel and friends remained righteous to God, God delivered them from all their troubles (Psalm 34:17, 19). Are we righteous?

(d) Who are the righteous and would see good days?

Those who:

(a) keep their tongue from speaking evil,

(b) do not tell lies,

(c) turn away from evil,

(d) do good,

(e) seek peace.

(Psalm 34:13-14)

(21) God gave these four young men an unusual aptitude for understanding every aspect of literature and wisdom. At the end of their training they were presented to King Nebuchadnezzar. No one impressed the King as much as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they entered the royal service. The king found them found them ten times more capable than any of his wise men. (Dan 1:20)

Discuss:

(a) In what areas do we compromise with our faith?

(b) How should we correct ourselves?

(c) How to guard against compromising with our faith?