

Old Testament Survey

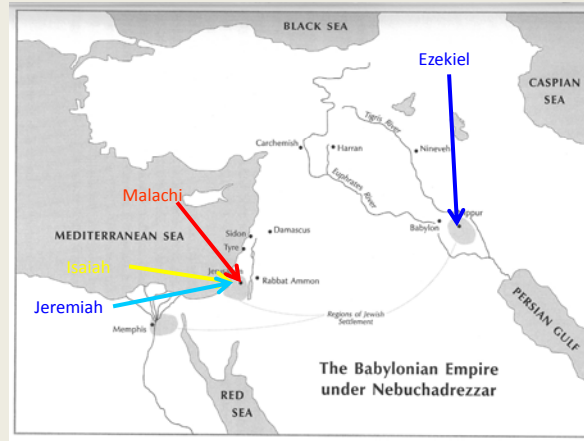
Session Twenty One

The Books of Malachi & Daniel

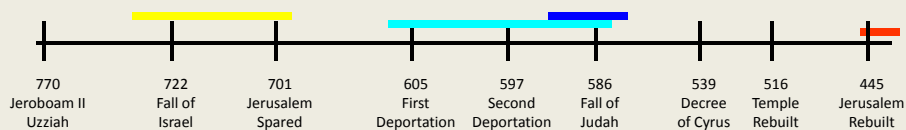
The Book of Malachi – General

- Part of the Twelve Prophets (נביאים) *Nevi'im*
- “My Messenger”
- Author: Malachi
- Date Covered:
 - After Temple Rebuilt
 - Persian Rule
 - Artaxerxes, Darius II
- Covers: 430-420
- Theme: Apostasy

The Book of Malachi – Context



Map taken from *Ezekiel*, NICOT, p. xxi



The Book of Malachi – Structure

- Yahweh will deliver the righteous, destroy the wicked (1:1-5)
 - Israel cheats Yahweh in their offerings (1:6-14)
 - In past, Levites faithfully served God; now they have turned away (2:1-9)
 - **Call to stop being faithless (2:10-16)**
 - In future, Yahweh's messenger will come and purify the Levites (2:17-3:6)
 - People have robbed Yahweh in their offerings, but God will bless them if they change (3:7-12)
- Yahweh will reward the righteous, destroy the wicked (3:13-4:3)

Conclusion: The Coming Day of Yahweh (4:4-6)

The Twelve

Prophet	~ Dates (BC)	Subject
Hosea	755 – 710	Northern Kingdom, God's love
Joel	850?	Southern Kingdom, God's day
Amos	760	Northern Kingdom, God's righteousness
Obadiah	850?	Edom, God's kingdom
Jonah	760	Assyria, God's compassion
Micah	735 – 700	Southern Kingdom, God's deliverance
Nahum	663 – 612	Assyria, God's vengeance
Habakkuk	609	Southern Kingdom, God's righteousness
Zephaniah	640 – 610	Southern Kingdom, God's day
Haggai	520	Returned Remnant, God's house
Zechariah	520 – 480	Returned Remnant, God's restoration
Malachi	450 – 430	Returned Remnant, God's messenger

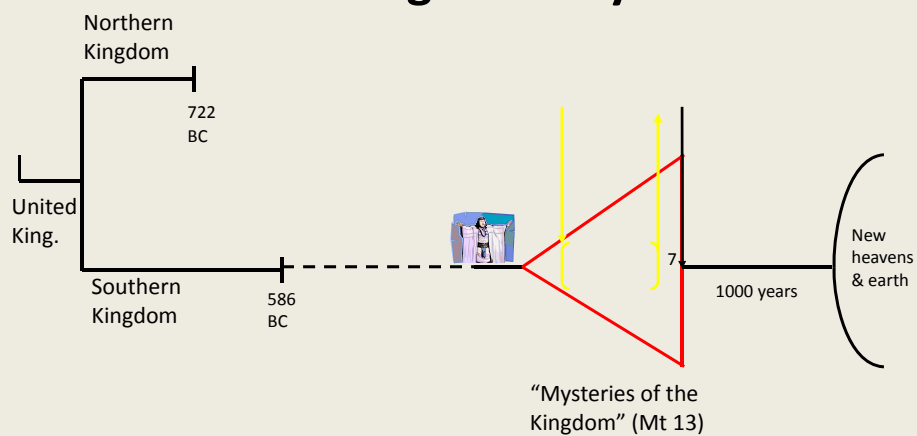
24 Books of the Hebrew Canon

1 Genesis	12 Ezra/Nehemiah	24 The Twelve
2 Exodus	13 Esther	
3 Leviticus	14 Job	
4 Numbers	15 Psalms	
5 Deuteronomy	16 Proverbs	
6 Joshua	17 Ecclesiastes	
7 Judges	18 Song of Solomon	
8 Ruth	19 Isaiah	
9 Samuel	20 Jeremiah	
10 Kings	21 Lamentations	
11 Chronicles	22 Ezekiel	
	23 Daniel	

“Yahweh of Hosts”

Prophet	Frequency
Hosea	0
Joel	0
Amos	0
Obadiah	0
Jonah	0
Micah	1
Nahum	2
Habakkuk	1
Zephaniah	2
Haggai	14
Zechariah	53
Malachi	24

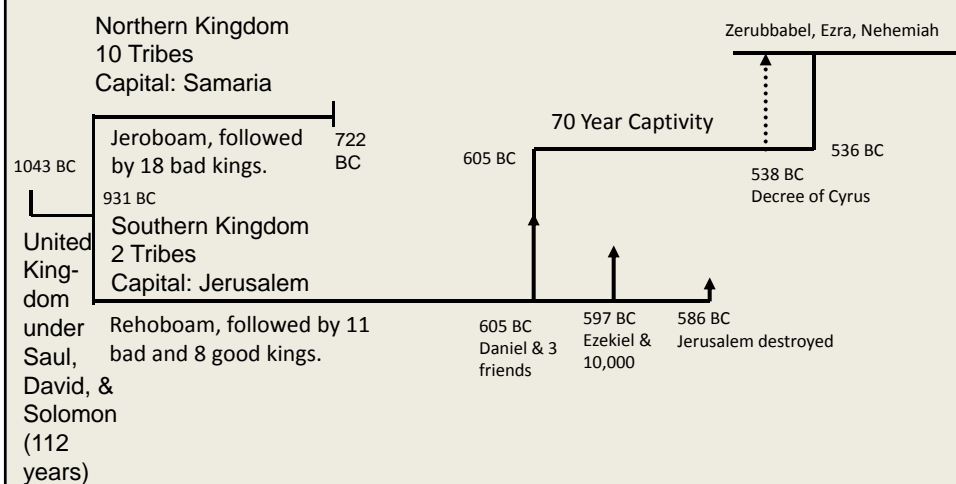
The Mediatorial Kingdom of God through History



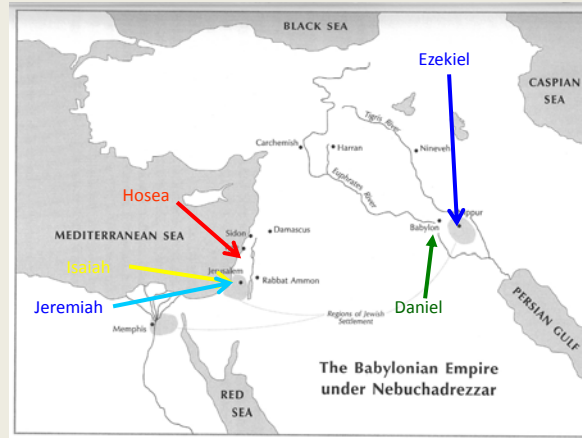
The Book of Daniel – General

- The Book of Daniel (שֵׁפֶר דַּנְיָאֵל) *Sefer Daniel*
- “God is my Judge”
- Author: Daniel
- Date:
 - Southern Kingdom
 - Jehoiakim
 - Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Darius, Cyrus
- Covers: 606-530
- Theme: Dominion

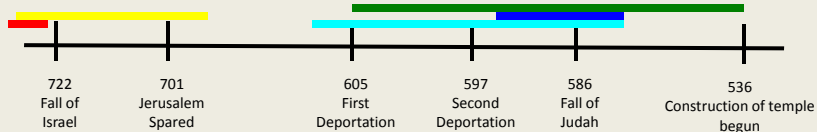
Israel’s Division & Captivity



The Book of Daniel – Context



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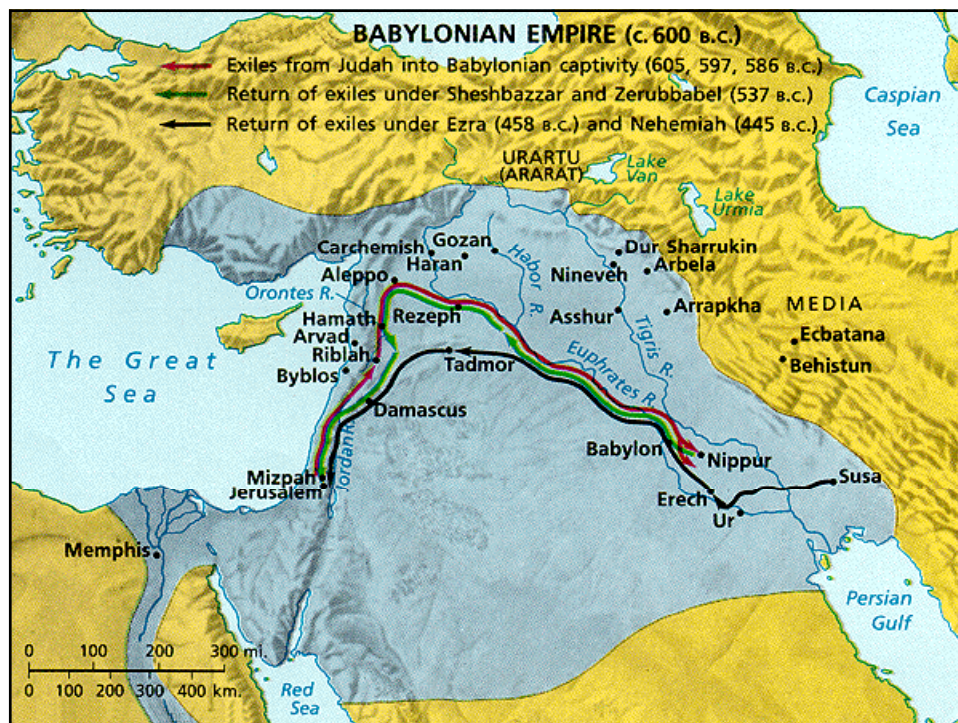


Daniel the Man

- Daniel, deported to Babylon as a youth in 605 BC, served with distinction in the Babylonian and Medo-Persian empires for some 68 years.
- He was evidently taken captive in his early teens, and faithfully served God in high positions of leadership within two different Gentile empires, up through his early 80s.

Historical Background

- In 605 BC, Nebuchadnezzar led Babylon against Egypt at the Battle of Carchemish. (His father, Nabopolassar, was still alive at this time and sat upon the throne).
- Egypt was defeated and Carchemish was destroyed. While pursuing the fleeing Egyptians Nebuchadnezzar also conquered key cities in Syria and Palestine.
- Then, as he made his way back north, he stopped in Jerusalem and demanded its submission. It was here that he plundered the temple and took a number of young men, including Daniel and his 3 friends, captive to Babylon.
- These were taken not for punishment, but rather to be trained for positions of leadership within the Babylonian Empire.

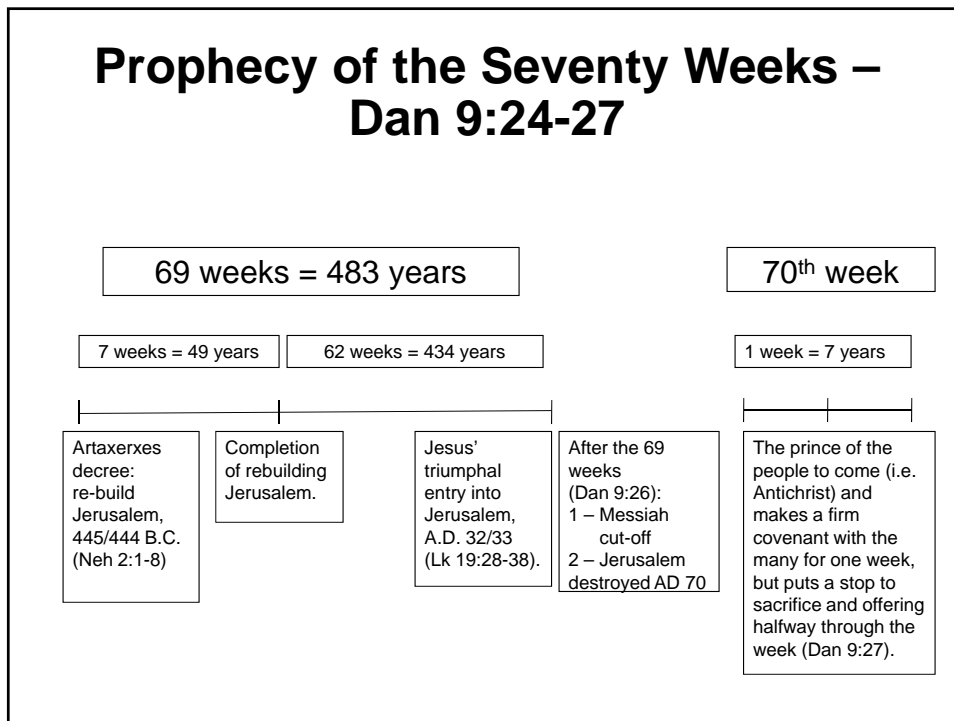
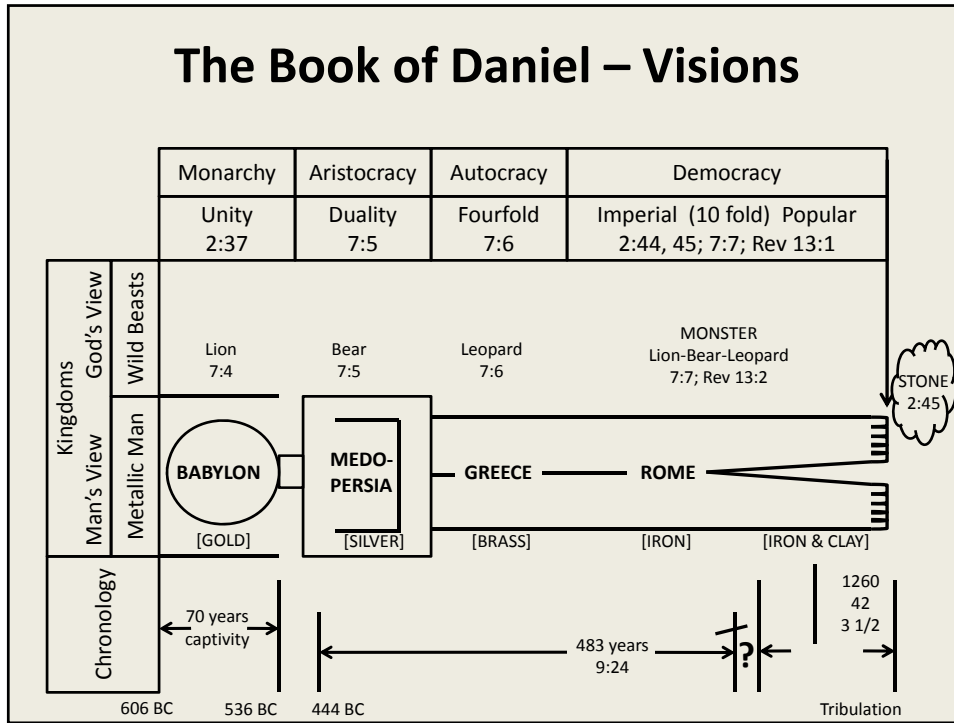


The Book of Daniel – Structure

FOCUS	HISTORY OF DANIEL	PROPHETIC PLAN FOR THE GENTILES				PROPHETIC PLAN OF ISRAEL			
REF	1:1	2:1	5:1	6:1	7:1	8:1	9:1	10:1	12:13
DIVISION	PERSONAL LIFE OF DANIEL	VISIONS OF NEBUCHAD.	VISIONS OF BELSH.	V. OF DARIUS	4 BEASTS	V. OF RAM & M-GOAT	V. OF 70 WEEKS	V. OF ISRAEL FUTURE	
TOPIC	DANIEL'S BACKGROUND	DANIEL INTERPRETS OTHERS' DREAMS				ANGEL INTERPRETS DANIEL'S DREAMS			
	HEBREW	ARAMAIC				HEBREW			
LOCATION	BABYLON OR PERSIA								
TIME	c. 605 – 536 B.C.								

The Book of Daniel – Structure

- The Historical Setting – The Babylonian Captivity – Chap. 1
 - The captivity of Jerusalem (1:1-2)
 - The Conscriptio of Certain Jews for Special Training (1:3-7)
 - The Commitment of Daniel and His Companions (1:8-16)
 - The Choice of Daniel and His Companions for Royal Service (1:17-21)
- The Prophetic Course of Gentile Domination (chaps. 2-7)
 - The Dreams of Nebuchadnezzar (chaps. 2-4)
 - The Debauch and Doom of Belshazzar (chap. 5)
 - The Decree of Darius (chap. 6)
 - The Dream of Daniel (chap. 7)
- The Prophetic History of Israel: Through Desolation to Deliverance (chaps. 8-12)
 - The Prophecy of the Ram and He-Goat (chap. 8)
 - The Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks (chap. 9)
 - The Prophecy of Israel's Subjection and Restoration (chaps. 10-12)



Daniel's 70th Week

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"Beginning of birth pangs"
(Matt 24:3-8). This is time of the breaking of the first 6 seals of Rev 6.

**Abominati
on of
Desolation**
(Matt 24:15;
Dan 9:27)
marks
halfway
point of 70th
week.

"The Great Tribulation" (Matt 24:16-21; Dan 12:1).
Outpouring of trumpet and bowl judgments of Rev 8-9, 15-16. Antichrist given authority to act for a period of 42 months = 1260 days (Dan 7:24-25; Rev 13:3-7; 2 Thess 2:8-9).

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End Session Twenty One

Question Time!