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Introduction to Daniel	
Why & How did Daniel get into Babylon?	
Four empires to grasp: 1. Judah 2. Nineveh 3. Babylon 4. Egypt	
722	Destruction of Northern Kingdom by Assyrians Three invasions of Jerusalem of Southern Kingdom by Babylon
605 Daniel 1	1 st invasion, but Nebuchadnezzar was kind to Jerusalem . Daniel is taken to Babylon
598	2 nd invasion; but Nebuchadnezzar still did not destroy Jerusalem
586	3 rd & final invasion – this time Nebuchadnezzar besieged the city for 18 months. And Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the city, the temple & the walls. The land became desolate.
760	Our history of Daniel begins with Jonah 760 B.C. Go to the great enemy of Israel... Nineveh capital of Assyrian Empire. When Jonah was called Assyria had existed as an empire for some 1900 years. When they will be destroyed they will have been an empire for 2000 years (USA - 200+) Nineveh was built across Tigris river – flow of natural water; the walls were 100 feet high (over 30 yards), At the top, drive 3 chariots across. Surrounded by a moat that was 200 feet wide (over 66 yards & 60 feet deep or some 20 yards) could withstand a siege for 20 years. Considered impregnable. Jonah 1:1-2 GOD cares about all nations, all people; Jonah 1:3 but Jonah did not want to go; but in 760 the city of Nineveh turned to JEHOVAH of Israel . (YEHWEH) The great heathen city of Nineveh responded to the gospel and believed in the coming MESSIAH

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750	GOD was moving among the 5 tribes of the Chaldeans. Abraham was from this area (circa 2000bc) and the 1st one to pull together the Chaldeans is mentioned in the Bible: 2 Kings 20:12 & Isaiah 39:1 Merodach-baladam & he captured Babylon in 750 B.C. from the Assyrians. Babylon was a growing city at this time. The Assyrians regained control of the city of Babylon.
722	The Assyrians came down & destroyed the Northern Kingdom of Israel. All 10 tribes of Israel...never returned.
701	Assyrians attacked So. Kingdom of Judah & had it not been for the ministry of Isaiah they would have destroyed Jerusalem.
660	So that we can be warned of just how brief a revival can last. In 660 Nahum the prophet of Southern Kingdom, prophesied of the fall of Nineveh, just some 100 years after its great revival, which lasted one generation of people Read Nahum 1:1-5; & 2:8-10; & 3:4-5 When Nahum prophesied the fall of Nineveh, the city was at the height of her power & yet Nahum prophesying its utter destruction. To the people this was impossible! (USA is at its height of its power & yet it has no place in the Tribulation. How can this be? <u><i>This cannot be!</i></u>) GOD now moves to the fulfillment of His prophecy.
626	GOD raised up a genius named Nabopolassar who was able to unite the 5 tribes of the Chaldeans. Nabopolassar became king of the new Babylonian empire which had extended back 1000 year before Nabopolassar. He will rule from 625 to 605 B.C.
625	Nabopolassar conquered the city of Babylon. Assyrians attempted to regain Babylon but failed to do so. Nabopolassar had a son named Nebuchadnezzar who is considered one of the greatest generals in all world history. (CAH)
Story of Daniel begins	
620	While all these things are occurring in Babylon Daniel is born in Judah
614	Nebuchadnezzar made an alliance with /Medes & the Scythians & attacked Nineveh.
612	Assyrians went into their walls & laughed at this army laying siege to Nineveh. In the book of Nahum 1:8 tells how Nineveh would be destroyed. Secular

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	history tells how this happened. Nabopolassar & Nebuchadnezzar and the forces they had gathered besieged the city of Nineveh, but had no real plans for taking it, but only containing it. Then GOD sent an unbelievable rain that caused the Tigress river to over flow, & it washed away a big portion of the wall. And led by Nebuchadnezzar the attacking force made their way through this portion of the city and utterly destroyed the great city-state of Nineveh. Nahum 3:11- become hidden. After this battle in 612 B.C. the city was completely lost until A.D. 1842 when archeologist stumbled on the ancient site. That is some 2500 years later was this city even found. Hidden from history, as GOD prophesied. There are no Assyrians left today but there are Jews. There are no Babylonians left today but there are Jews. There are no Chaldeans left today but there are Jews.
	Since the time of the Exodus Satan has tried to destroy the Jewish race: Egypt—Hitler is just one <i>helper of Satan</i> who tried to do this.
	Even today Egypt & Iraq & Iran have declared that they will exterminate the Jews, and yet they are still here.
612	Nineveh is overthrown by the Babylonians & the Medes, which terminates the Assyrian Empire & brings Babylon into prominence as they sought to make conquest of all the Assyrian Empire which they had completed by 610 B.C.
608	At this time Jehoiakim was put on the throne of Judah in place of Jehoahaz.
606-605	Nebuchadnezzar was pursuing Pharaoh Necho 606-605 B.C. The Babylonians defeated Pharaoh Necho at the second battle of Carchemish. As Nebuchadnezzar traveled northward toward Carchemish in 606 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar (greatest military general in all history), traveled through Jerusalem for the first time. But in 605, after defeating Pharaoh Necho at the 2nd battle of Carchemish, Nebuchadnezzar heard of the death of his father, Nabopolassar. Nebuchadnezzar returned from Carchemish to Babylon to ascend his father's throne in Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar will rule from 605 to 562 B.C. As he traveled, he passed Jerusalem again, he remembered something that was written in the history of the Chaldeans —about 150 years ago — that one of his ancestors, his great-great grandfather had visited Jerusalem at the time of King Hezekiah, during the time of the Prophet Isaiah. That Hezekiah had asked his GOD for more years to his life and was granted 15 more years. But it had been

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	better had he not had these extra years for he did not use them for THE LORD. King Hezekiah showed Nebuchadnezzar ancestor all the treasures of Judah, kept in the Temple. Isa. 39:1-8 (prophesied in 701 B.C.) So Nebuchadnezzar knew that Jerusalem contained great wealth. So he went into Jerusalem & besieged the city in 606-605. Fulfilling this prophecy by Isaiah, some 100 years before these events took place. The exactness of various prophecies in the Bible has caused many to challenge the dates they were written, because they do not believe that GOD is in control of history, especially to the point of such exact prophecies. This was the first invasion of Jerusalem by the Babylonians. In this first invasion Nebuchadnezzar was kind to Jerusalem; while he did take it's treasury back to Babylon, he left king Jehoiakim (609-598) on throne subject to Babylon—but Nebuchadnezzar took a large part of the wealth of Jerusalem & he also took members of the Royal family back to Babylon. This is when Daniel was taken to Babylon. King Jehoiakim rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar and the Word of GOD and made an alliance with Egypt. Which GOD told him not to do. This was against the warnings of both Jeremiah (627-580) and Ezekiel (592-570)
606 Daniel 1	It was at this time that Daniel and his 3 friends were brought from Jerusalem to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar along with other hostages from the royal families of Jerusalem. Daniel was about 15 years of age We do not hear about any of the others who were brought captives, why not? They did not continue to trust THE LORD; up against great intimidation, they turned from THE LORD. But Daniel & his 3 friends continue to trust THE LORD & all 4 will be used by THE LORD in a mighty historical way. Daniel continued to be a top advisor from circa 602-603 all the way through the remainder of the Babylonian empire until the Medo Persian empire took over & he will become a top advisor in that period of history. From 603-530 Daniel will be a top advisor. There would be no book of Daniel had he not remained faithful to GOD & to all he knew of GOD.
603-597 Daniel 2	Archeologist have discovered so many tablets, describing how Nebuchadnezzar was consolidating his empire, enriching his capital city of Babylon, building temples & bringing Babylon into world prominence.
606 598	1st invasion 2nd invasion of Jerusalem by the Babylonians; This was a violent siege of Jerusalem

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	2 Kings 24-25 tells of the events before this invasion and during the invasion itself. Fulfilling of prophecy
	2 Chron. 35-36 Nebuchadnezzar returns to Jerusalem to put down the revolt of the Southern Kingdom.
	King Jehoiakim died during the siege. One of his sons Jehoiachin was put in charge but he lasted only about 100 days before the siege ended and Jehoiachin and all his family were taken captive back to Babylon.
	At this time Zedekiah was appointed to succeed as king of Judah, 2 Kings 24:17, he will be the last king of Southern Kingdom, but Nebuchadnezzar again did not destroy Jerusalem. There was still something left, there were the walls & the Temple & some of the people, where they could worship JEHOVAH. Jeremiah continued to warn the people but a group of false prophets began to multiply in Jerusalem & the people much preferred the message of the false prophets over that of Jeremiah. The false prophets told the people lies & that GOD was <u>not</u> going to destroy them & so the people refused to listen to Jeremiah.
	Much like the political & news media & voices today, declare that America is doing fine & we will recover & be mighty again, even though we do not listen to Word of GOD saying: there is no GOD, & we will be great even though we are vastly immoral & anti GOD & anti JESUS CHRIST & anti WORD OF GOD. We better listen to the Word of GOD, as individuals and as a nation.
	There was, also, another true prophet: Ezekiel who was about 3-4 years older than Daniel and Ezekiel began to warn them as to what was going to happen if they did not return to JEHOVAH. (YEHWEH) He gave the same basic message as Jeremiah.
	So the people & the King listened to the false prophets and they rebelled again, against Nebuchadnezzar & Babylon & went to Egypt for help. Not to JEHOVAH. (YEHWEH)
	Turning to Egypt instead of YEHWEH, is all through Old Testament. Putting their trust in man, rather than THE LORD.
588	The Babylonia army continues its control and subjugated the Lebanon area north of Palestine.
586	Jan. 3rd & Final Invasion (2 King 5:21) The Babylonian army came down to Jerusalem. This siege of Jerusalem lasted some 18 months. Nebuchadnezzar invaded Jerusalem & as prophesied, under severe drought, the Jews inside the walls of Jerusalem resorted to cannibalism; finally fell to Nebuchadnezzar in 586 B.C.

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	Babylon deported a great majority of the inhabitants of Jerusalem & destroyed the city –Temple & walls ...the land became desolate. They took all the sacred instruments used in the Temple & carried them back to Babylon. Tens of thousands of Jews were destroyed, because they would not listen to the Word of GOD. Think about this, with their capital destroyed and their people either killed or taken into slavery, yet the Jews remain today and in fact are back into the land. GOD controls history. Jeremiah prophesied the taking of Jerusalem by the Babylonians & in fact told those in the city, how to survive it. Jeremiah 21:8-10
603-587	In the period 603-587 there are several mentions of Daniel by Ezekiel. (Ezekiel 14:14-20; 28:3) In this period Daniel is in a place of prominence. The golden image of Daniel 3 seems to have been set up at the time of the conquest of Jerusalem in 598 B.C. It is significant that at the very time that Jerusalem is coming under attack, GOD is revealing to Daniel the Time of the Gentiles. Jeremiah & Ezekiel told them how to survive—to get out & surrender; those who stay in the city will be killed violently; false prophets told them not to go out & while a few listened... most did not listen & were destroyed. even in time of National disaster; time of destruction, many of those who will listen to the Word of GOD will be spared!
586	After the fall of Jerusalem, Babylonian army moved northward to subdue Tyre which was under Siege from 586-573 (Ezekiel 29:17-20). After the fall of Tyre, this meant that Babylonians controlled the territory from the, Tigris & Euphrates all through Assyrian to the Mediterranean Sea, Tyre, Lebanon, and Palestine. From the Euphrates all the way across: This is the land that was promised to Abraham (Genesis 15:15-17) Nebuchadnezzar has conquered & occupied the land that was originally given by covenant promise to Abraham.
562	Nebuchadnezzar died & was succeeded by his son, Evil-Merodach (means "servant of Merodach" one 'of the idolatrous gods) Jeremiah 52:31 & he lasted only 2 years. 562-560 B.C.
549 Daniel 5-8	At this time there were two men competing for power in Babylon. Nabonidus & Belshazzar who was in charge of Babylonian military. This explains why in Daniel 5, Daniel is said to be 3rd in charge. Daniel 5:16
539 Daniel 10-11	Babylon was captured by Cyrus of the Persian Empire.
536	First year of the rule of Cyrus, he will issue the proclamation for the return of the Jews to Palestine. They were in captivity for 70 years.

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533	3 rd year of Cyrus reign we have Daniel's last vision Daniel 10:1
530	Cyrus dies
396	Jerusalem completed
	Zoroastrianism arose in Persia (morality is summed up as "good thoughts, good words, good deeds")
	Hindu Reformation in India (freedom of belief and practice)
	Confucianism arose in China Buddha started his quest & Buddhism began in India (humanism = human beings are teachable, improvable and perfectible through personal and communal endeavour)
	Buddha started his quest & Buddhism began in India (Rejection of the infallibility of accepted scripture : Teachings should not be accepted unless they are borne out by our experience and are praised by the wise::: The Four Noble Truths : that suffering is an ingrained part of existence; that the origin of suffering is craving for sensuality, acquisition of identity, and annihilation; that suffering can be ended; and that following the Noble Eightfold Path is the means to accomplish this;)
	Greek philosophy began in the West (600BC to 300BC)
	Judaism turn to its legalistic form up to today