

# Historical DANIEL

<b>Introduction to Daniel</b>	
<b>Why &amp; How did Daniel get into Babylon?</b>	
<b>Four empires to grasp:</b> 1. Judah 2. Nineveh 3. Babylon 4. Egypt	
<b>722</b>	<b>Destruction of Northern Kingdom by Assyrians</b>  Three invasions of <b>Jerusalem</b> of <b>Southern Kingdom</b> by <b>Babylon</b>
<b>605</b> Daniel 1	1 <sup>st</sup> invasion, but <b>Nebuchadnezzar</b> was kind to <b>Jerusalem</b> . <b>Daniel</b> is taken to <b>Babylon</b>
<b>598</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> invasion; but <b>Nebuchadnezzar</b> still did not destroy <b>Jerusalem</b>
<b>586</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> & final invasion – this time <b>Nebuchadnezzar</b> besieged the city for 18 months. And <b>Nebuchadnezzar</b> destroyed the city, the temple & the walls. The land became desolate.
<b>760</b>	<b>Our history of Daniel begins with Jonah 760 B.C.</b> Go to the great enemy of Israel... <b>Nineveh</b> capital of <b>Assyrian</b> Empire. When <b>Jonah</b> was called <b>Assyria</b> 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+ ) <b>Nineveh</b> was built across <b>Tigris river</b> – 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. <b>Jonah 1:1-2</b> GOD cares about all nations, all people; <b>Jonah 1:3</b> but Jonah did not want to go; but in <b>760</b> the city of <b>Nineveh</b> turned to <b>JEHOVAH</b> of <b>Israel</b> . ( <b>YEHWEH</b> ) The great heathen city of <b>Nineveh</b> responded to the gospel and believed in the coming <b>MESSIAH</b>

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750	<p>GOD was moving among the 5 tribes of the <b>Chaldeans</b>.  <b>Abraham</b> was from this area (circa 2000bc) and the 1<sup>st</sup> one to pull together the <b>Chaldeans</b> is mentioned in the Bible:</p> <p><b>2 Kings 20:12 &amp; Isaiah 39:1</b> Merodach-baladam &amp; he captured <b>Babylon</b> in <b>750 B.C.</b> from the <b>Assyrians</b>. <b>Babylon</b> was a growing city at this time.  The <b>Assyrians</b> regained control of the city of <b>Babylon</b>.</p>
722	<p>The <b>Assyrians</b> came down &amp; destroyed the <b>Northern Kingdom of Israel</b>.  All 10 tribes of <b>Israel</b>...never returned.</p>
701	<p><b>Assyrians</b> attacked <b>So. Kingdom of Judah</b> &amp; had it not been for the ministry of <b>Isaiah</b> they would have destroyed <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p>
660	<p>So that we can be warned of just how brief a revival can last.  In <b>660 Nahum</b> the prophet of <b>Southern Kingdom</b>, prophesied of the fall of <b>Nineveh</b>, just some 100 years after its great revival, which lasted one generation of people</p> <p><b>Read Nahum 1:1-5; &amp; 2:8-10; &amp; 3:4-5</b></p> <p>When <b>Nahum</b> prophesied the fall of <b>Nineveh</b>, the city was at the height of her power &amp; yet <b>Nahum</b> prophesying its utter destruction. To the people this was impossible! (USA is at its height of its power &amp; yet it has no place in the Tribulation. How can this be?  <u><i>This cannot be! )</i></u></p> <p><b>GOD now moves to the fulfillment of His prophecy.</b></p>
626	<p>GOD raised up a genius named <b>Nabopolassar</b> who was able to unite the 5 tribes of the <b>Chaldeans</b>.  <b>Nabopolassar</b> became king of the new <b>Babylonian</b> empire which had extended back 1000 year before <b>Nabopolassar</b>.  He will rule from <b>625 to 605 B.C.</b></p>
625	<p><b>Nabopolassar</b> conquered the city of <b>Babylon</b>.  <b>Assyrians</b> attempted to regain <b>Babylon</b> but failed to do so.  <b>Nabopolassar</b> had a son named <b>Nebuchadnezzar</b> who is considered one of the greatest generals in all world history. (CAH)</p>
	<h3>Story of <b>Daniel</b> begins</h3>
620	<p>While all these things are occurring in <b>Babylon</b> <b>Daniel</b> is born in <b>Judah</b></p>
614	<p><b>Nebuchadnezzar</b> made an alliance with /<b>Medes</b> &amp; the <b>Scythians</b> &amp; attacked <b>Nineveh</b>.</p>
612	<p><b>Assyrians</b> went into their walls &amp; laughed at this army laying siege to <b>Nineveh</b>.  In the book of <b>Nahum 1:8</b> tells how <b>Nineveh</b> would be destroyed. Secular</p>

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

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

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

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



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