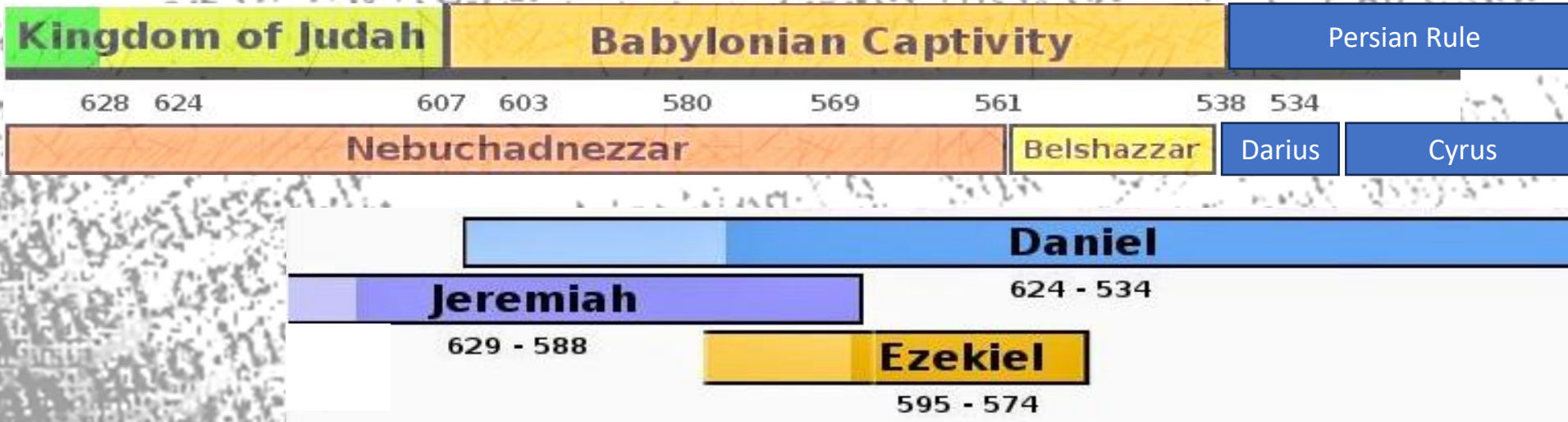


# The Book of Daniel and his many Prophecies



# Timeline of the Book of Daniel

Did you know that Jeremiah, Daniel, and Ezekiel were all alive and prophesying for God at the same time?



# This Lesson's Focus

- The interpretations of Nebuchadnezzar's dreams of the statue and the tree are not talked about much in Sunday school. Let's learn about why these are important and what we can learn from them!



Daniel 2 : The Statue



Daniel 4 : The Tree

# Daniel Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's Dream



**2** In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep. **2** So the king summoned the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers<sup>[a]</sup> to tell him what he had dreamed. When they came in and stood before the king, **3** he said to them, “I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means.<sup>[b]</sup>”

**10** The astrologers answered the king, “There is no one on earth who can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or astrologer. **11** What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among humans.”

**37** “The God of heaven has given you dominion and power and might and glory; **38** in your hands he has placed all mankind and the beasts of the field and the birds in the sky. Wherever they live, he has made you ruler over them all. You are that head of gold.

**Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar that GOD gave him his power as king and put him on the throne!**

# The Statue Explained (Short Video)



# Daniel Predicts Future Empires

**Head of Gold = Nebuchadnezzar II's Kingdom**

Neo-Babylonian Empire, or Chaldean Empire (626–539 BC)

**Chest & Arms of Silver = Medes & Persian Empire**

Ruling from 558 BC to 330 BC

**Belly & Thighs of Bronze = Greco-Macedonian Empire**

Ruling from 333 BC to 31 BC

**Legs of Iron = Roman Empire**

Ruling from 31 BC to 476 AD

**Feet & Toes of Iron & Clay = Current European Nations**

Future Event **Daniel 2 as Ten Toes & Revelation 17 as Ten Horns**



# Daniel Chapter 4 – The Tree Dream



**From the mouth of king Nebuchadnezzar!**

<sup>2</sup> It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me.

<sup>4</sup> I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous. <sup>5</sup> I had a dream that made me afraid. As I was lying in bed, the images and visions that passed through my mind terrified me.

<sup>19</sup> Then Daniel (also called Belteshazzar) was greatly perplexed for a time, and his thoughts terrified him.....

Belteshazzar answered, “My lord, if only the dream applied to your enemies and its meaning to your adversaries!

# The Stump Explained (Short Video)



# Take aways

- 1) Daniel trusted and obeyed God's purpose for him even when things were tough. Not just when things were good. He did not know if things would end well or not, but he still did what was right in God's eyes.
- 2) God used Daniel to bring God's message to non-believers, including the most powerful rulers in the world.
- 3) God's message showed that He alone allows rulers to succeed or fail for His own purposes.

<sup>36</sup> At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. <sup>37</sup> Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.