



# **KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR**

THE BOOK OF DANIEL ...



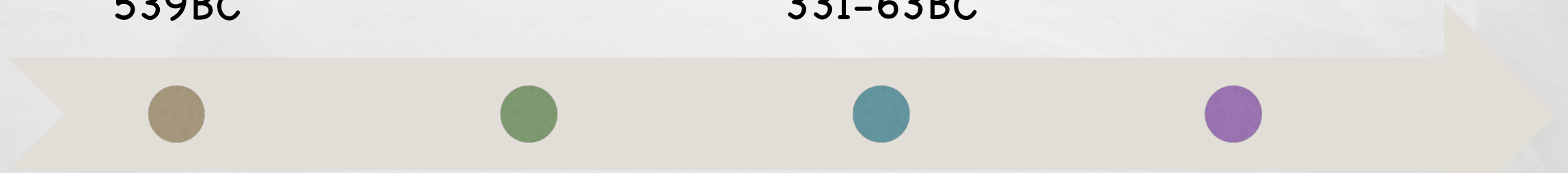
# A HISTORY OF EMPIRE IN THE BIBLICAL ERA

Babylon  
Empire 625-  
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Greek Empire  
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Medo-Persian  
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Roman  
Empire 63BC-  
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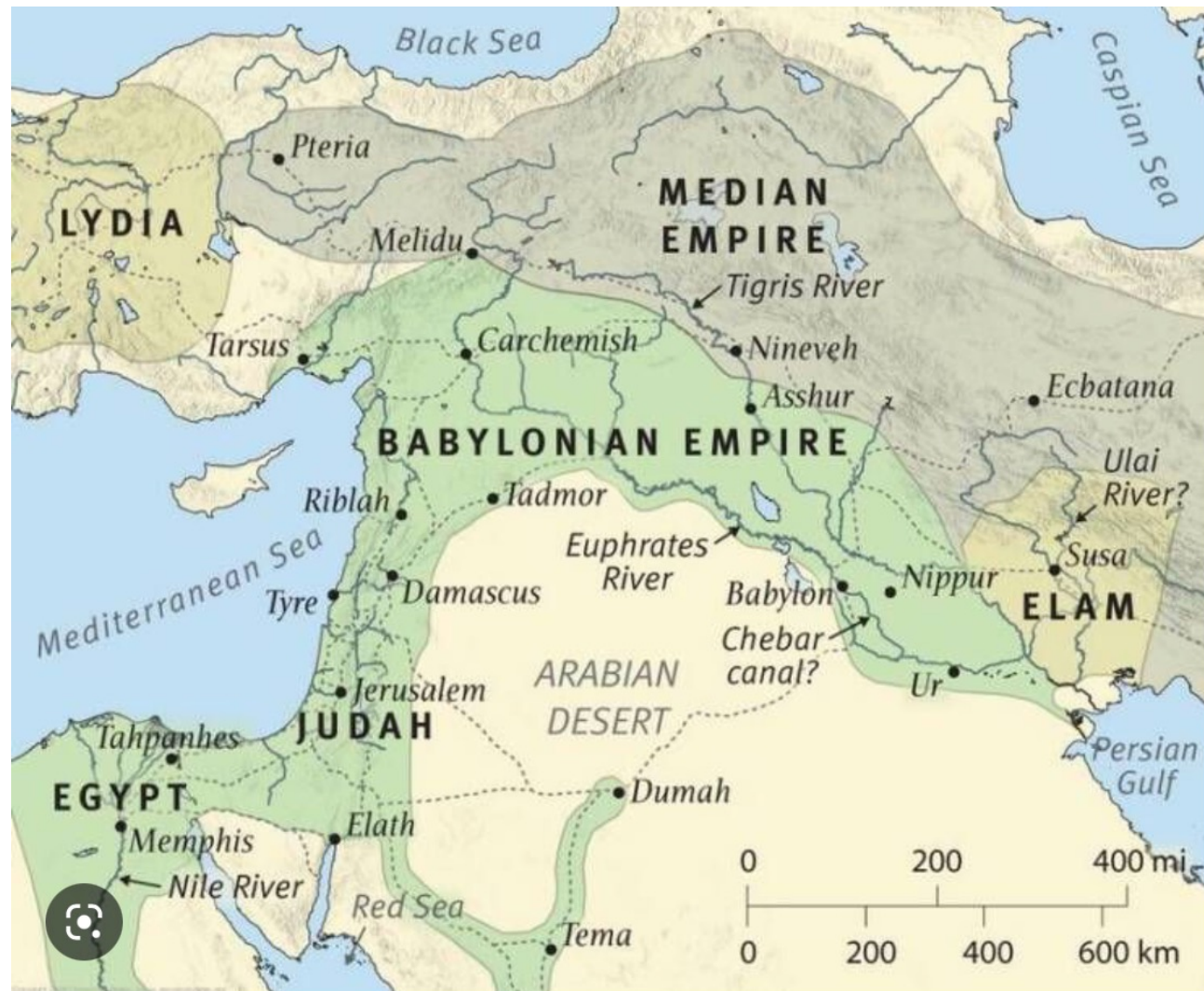


# A BRIEF HISTORY OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR

- Nabu-kudur-uzur means "Nebo, protect the crown!" He was the son and successor of Nabopolassar, who delivered Babylon from its dependence on Assyria and laid Nineveh in ruins.
- He was the greatest and most powerful of all the Babylonian kings. He married the daughter of Cyaxares, and thus the Median and Babylonian dynasties were united.
- Necho II., The king of Egypt, gained a victory over the Assyrians at Carchemish. This secured to Egypt the possession of the Syrian provinces of Assyria, including Palestine. The remaining provinces of the Assyrian empire were divided between Babylonia and Media.
- But Nabopolassar coveted the western provinces of Syria and sent his son with a powerful army ( [daniel 1:1](#) ). the Egyptians met him at Carchemish, where a furious battle was fought, resulting in the complete rout of the Egyptians, who were driven back ( [jeremiah 46:2-12](#) ), and Syria and Phoenicia brought under the sway of Babylon (B.C. 606).
- From that time "the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land" ( [2 kings 24:7](#) ).
- Nebuchadnezzar also subdued the whole of Palestine, and took Jerusalem, carrying away captive a great multitude of the Jews, among whom were Daniel and his companions ( [daniel 1:1](#) [daniel 1:2](#) ; [jeremiah 27:19](#) ; [40:1](#) ).



# GETTING OUR BEARINGS



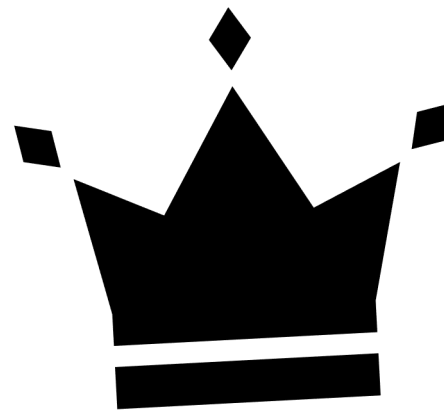
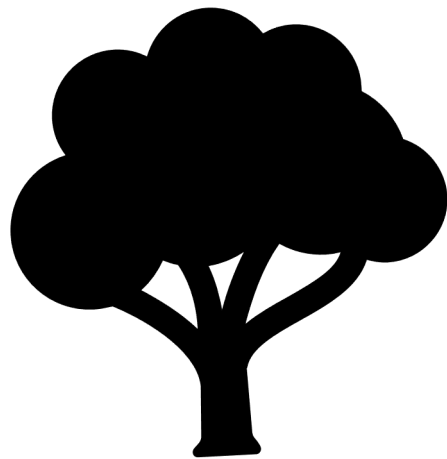
# AND THERE'S MORE ...

Three years after this, Jehoiakim, who had reigned in Jerusalem as a Babylonian vassal, rebelled against the oppressor, trusting to help from Egypt ( [2 kings 24:1](#) ). this led Nebuchadnezzar to march an army again to the conquest of Jerusalem, which at once yielded to him (B.C. 598). A third time he came against it, and deposed Jehoiachin, whom he carried into Babylon, with a large portion of the population of the city, and the sacred vessels of the temple, placing Zedekiah on the throne of Judah in his stead. He also, heedless of the warnings of the prophet, entered into an alliance with Egypt, and rebelled against Babylon. This brought about the final siege of the city, which was at length taken and utterly destroyed (B.C. 586). Zedekiah was taken captive, and had his eyes put out by order of the King of Babylon, who made him a prisoner for the remainder of his life.



# LET'S DISCUSS

1. OTHER THAN DANIEL, IN WHICH OTHER BOOKS OF THE BIBLE DOES KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR MAKE AN APPEARANCE?
2. IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU THINK THAT KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR WAS A SERVANT OF GOD?
3. WHAT LESSONS CAN WE LEARN FROM NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S 1<sup>ST</sup> DREAM - THE FIERY FURNACE?
4. AND WHAT LESSONS CAN WE LEARN FROM HIS 2<sup>ND</sup> DREAM - THE TREE
5. WHAT WAS KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S LEGACY?



# THE STORY OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR



# **BIBLE STUDY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023 - NOTES**

- ✓ **FAITHFULNESS – DON'T COMPROMISE / WORSHIP GOD CONTINUALLY**
- ✓ **FIERY FURNACE – INCREDIBLE THAT THE CORDS WERE BURNT AWAY (EARTHLY RESTRAINTS) BUT THAT THEY DIDN'T EVEN SMELL OF SMOKE WHEN THEY CAME OUT**
- ✓ **TREE – HE WAS STILL BOASTING ABOUT HIS OWN ACHIEVEMENTS A YEAR LATER / HE HAD LEARNED NOTHING**
- ✓ **'YOUR ROYAL AUTHORITY HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM YOU!' NIV TRANSLATION / THE KINGDOM HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM HIM**
- ✓ **CONSEQUENCES OF IGNORING GOD CAN BE SERIOUS – GOD IS PATIENT, BUT HE WILL ACT IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW HIS COMMANDS**
- ✓ **PARALLELS WITH THE BOOK OF JOB**
- ✓ **WHY WAS HE A 'SERVANT OF GOD'? THE WORD WAS SPREAD IN ARAMAIC – THE LANGUAGE OF INTERNATIONAL PROTOCOL (THE ENGLISH OF ITS DAY)**
- ✓ **NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD – MAGNIFY HIS POWER / AMPLIFY HIM – WHICH IS WHAT NEBUCHADNEZZAR DID WITH HIS FINAL EDICT TO THE WORLD**
- ✓ **WERE THERE 30 YEARS BETWEEN THE DREAMS – THE 1<sup>ST</sup> WAS IN THE 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR OF HIS REIGN AND THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WAS ONCE HE HAD BUILT BABYLON SO QUITE POSSIBLY!**