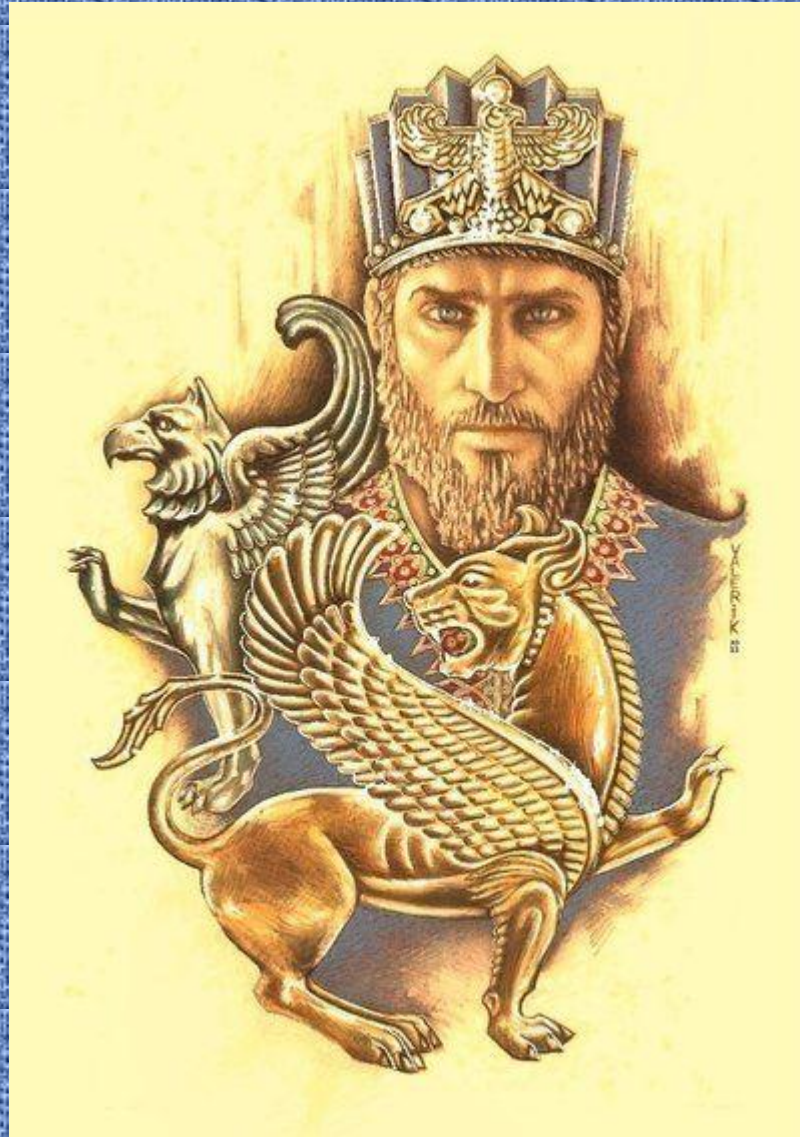


# Greater than Cyrus

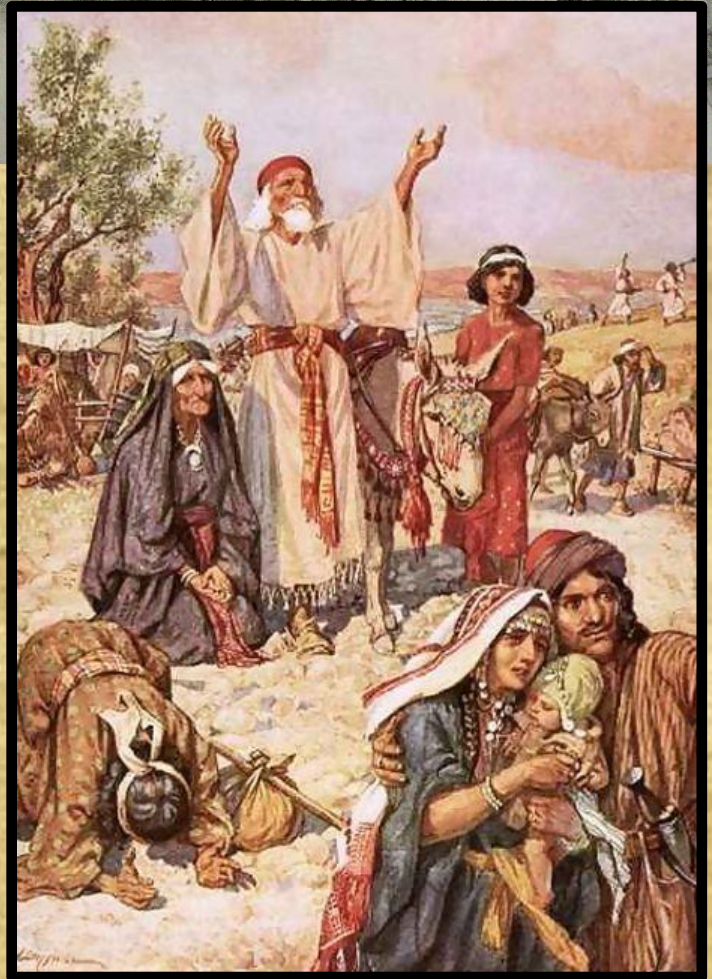
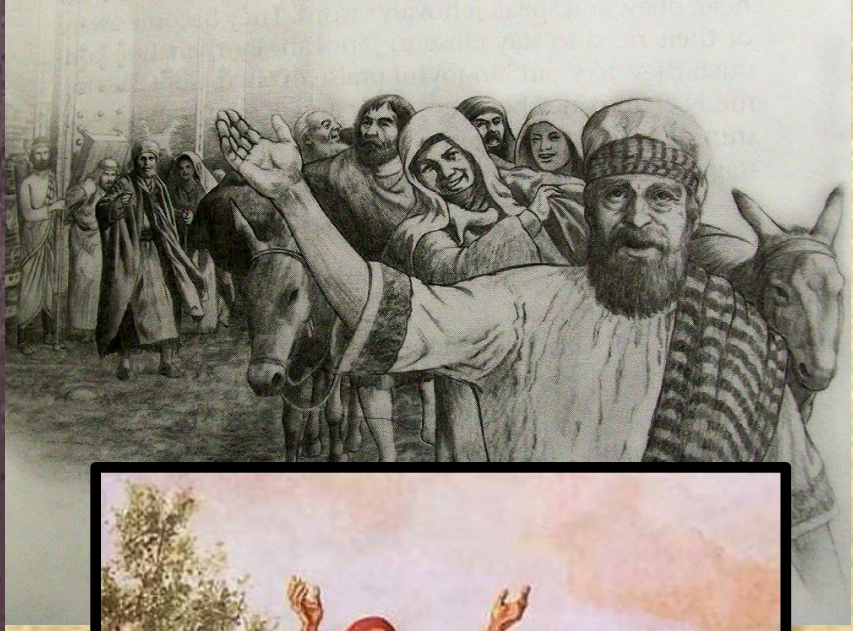
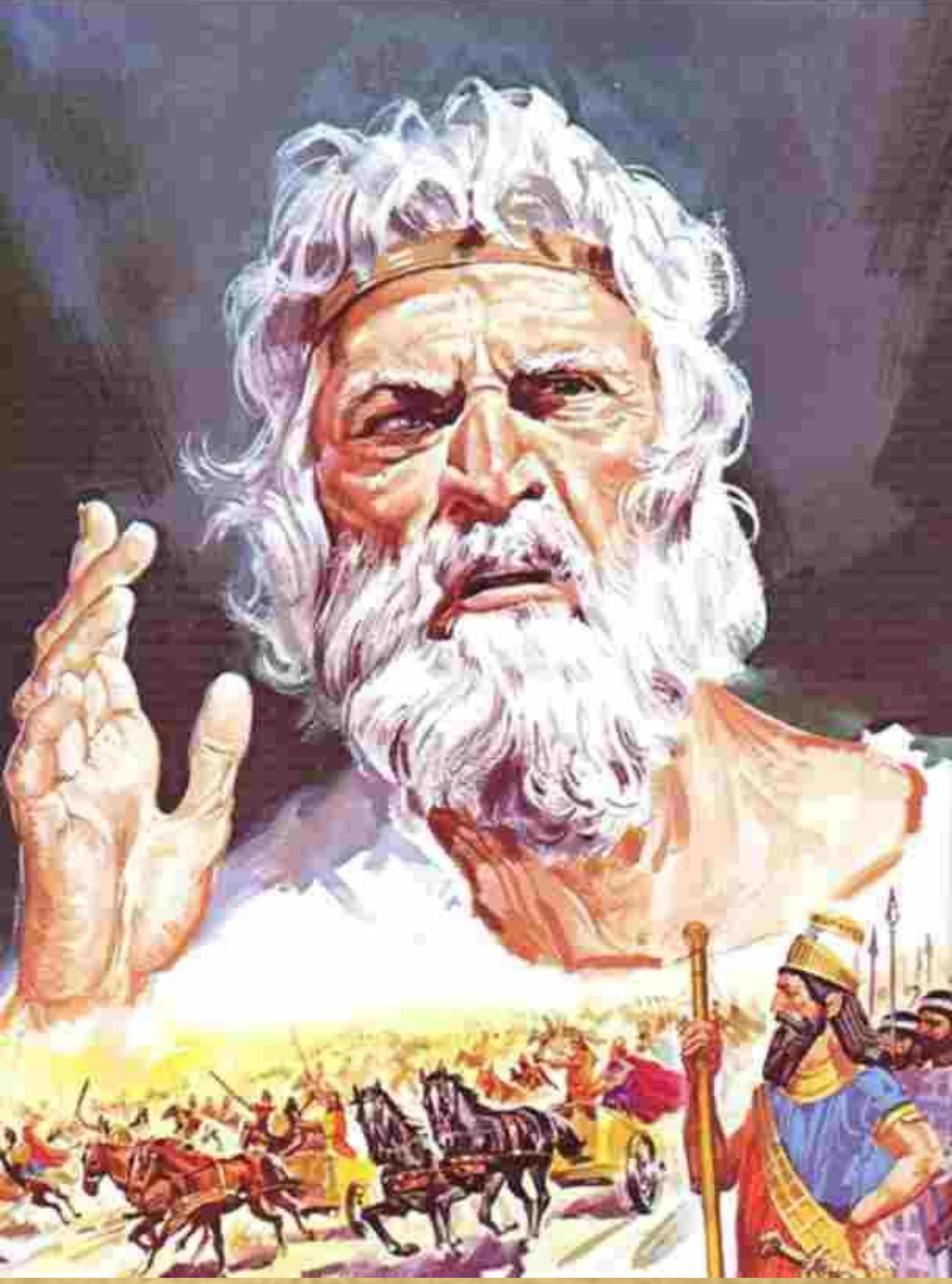


- ❖ **What preceded & precipitated the fall of Jerusalem and dispersion to Babylon, yet with hope and promise**
- ❖ **Who was Cyrus and forces that would conquer Babylon**
- ❖ **Prophetic events for dating the fall of Babylon linking Bible & secular chronology**
- ❖ **Cyrus decree important for Israel and the Greater than Cyrus now**



**Jer. 50:5-8** “They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thither-ward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten. My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting place. ... Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he goats before the flocks.”







# Isaiah 13







Born 580 BC



Persian King 559 – 529 BC

## Isaiah 45:1-4









## Psalm 137



By the rivers of Babylon,  
there we sat down,  
yea, we wept, when we  
remembered Zion.

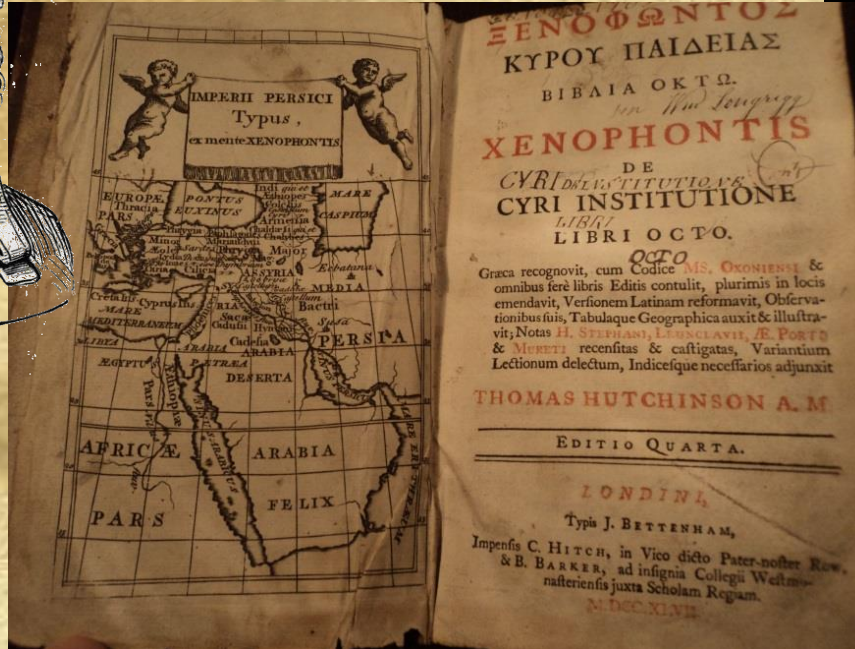
We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.  
How shall we sing the LORD'S song in a strange land?





Xenophon.

430 – 354 BC

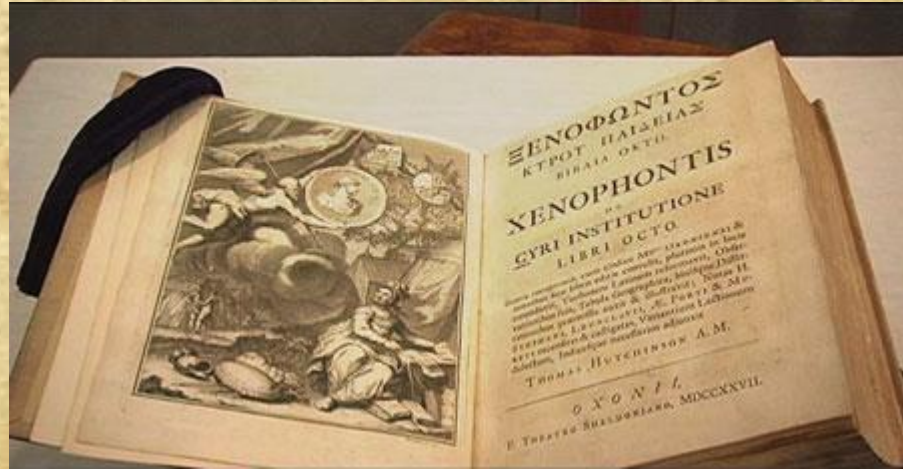


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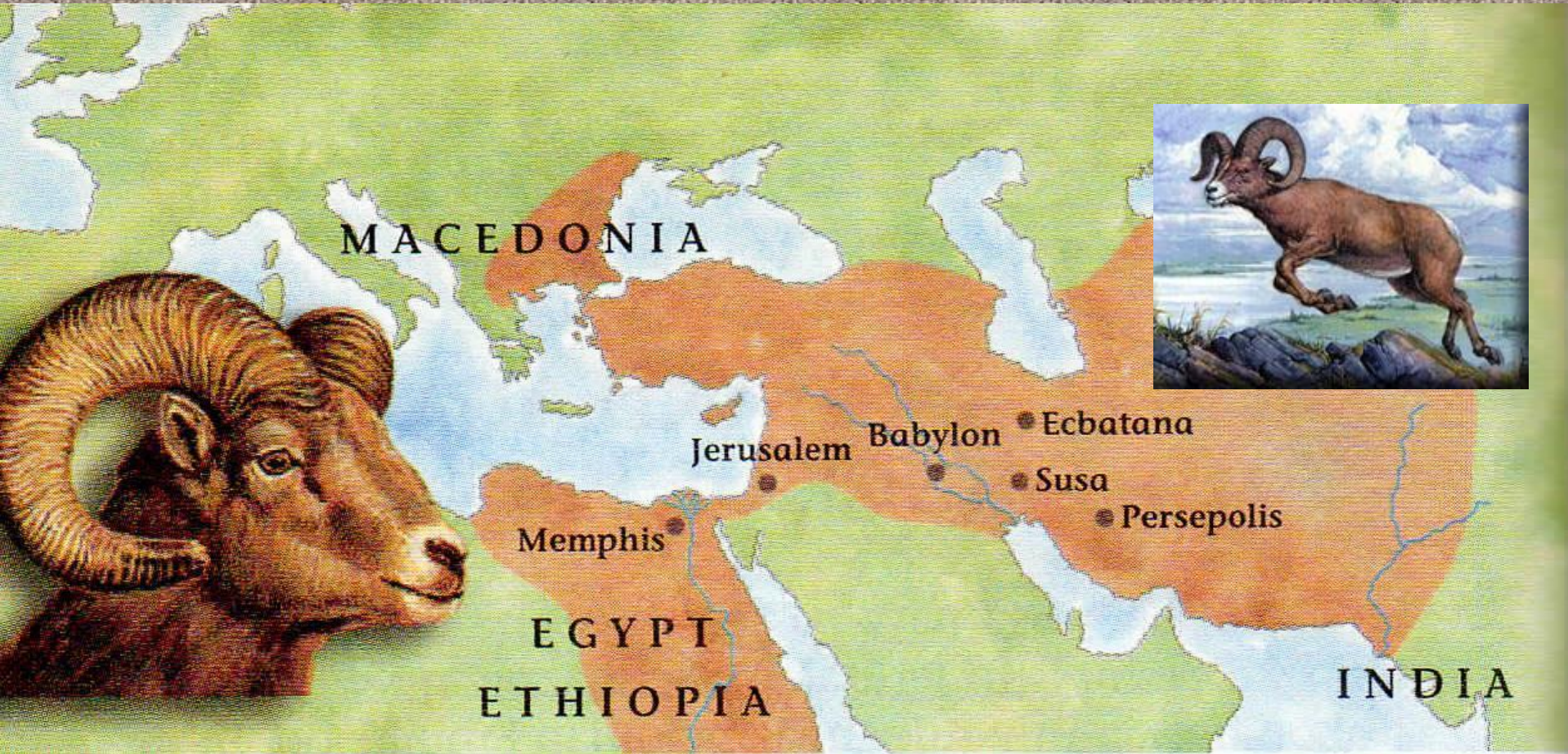
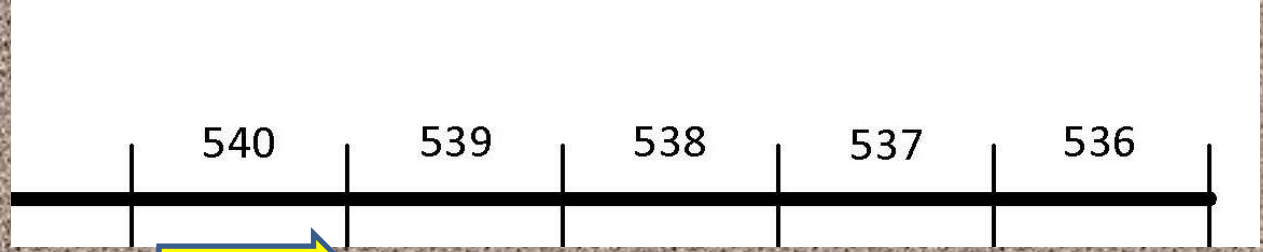




**Daniel 8:3 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.**







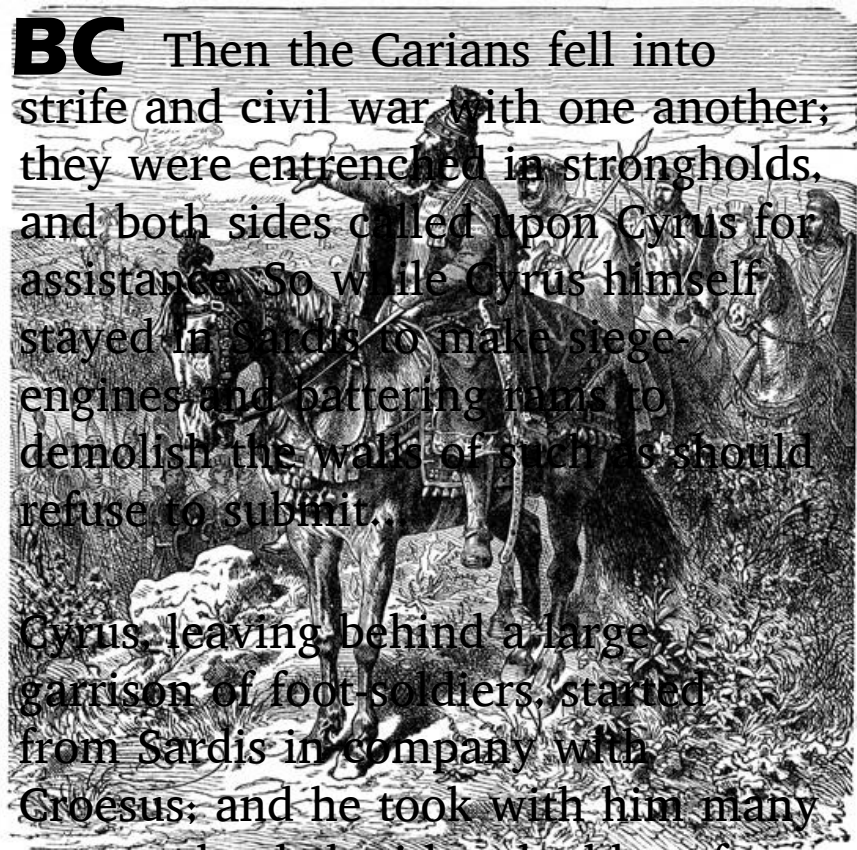
**Daniel 8:4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him**



# 540 BC



Then the Carians fell into strife and civil war with one another; they were entrenched in strongholds, and both sides called upon Cyrus for assistance. So while Cyrus himself stayed in Sardis to make siege-engines and battering rams to demolish the walls of such as should refuse to submit.



Cyrus, leaving behind a large garrison of foot-soldiers, started from Sardis in company with Croesus; and he took with him many wagons loaded with valuables of every sort. And Croesus also had come with an accurate inventory of what was in each wagon; and as he handed the lists to Cyrus he said: "From this, Cyrus, you may know who renders to you in full that of which he has charge and who does not."

On the way to Babylon he subdued Greater Phrygia and Cappadocia and reduced the Arabians to submission. From all these he secured armor for not less than forty thousand Persian horsemen, and many horses taken from the prisoners he distributed among all the divisions of his allies. And thus he arrived before Babylon with a great host of cavalry, and a great host of bowmen and spearmen, and a multitude of slingers that was beyond number.

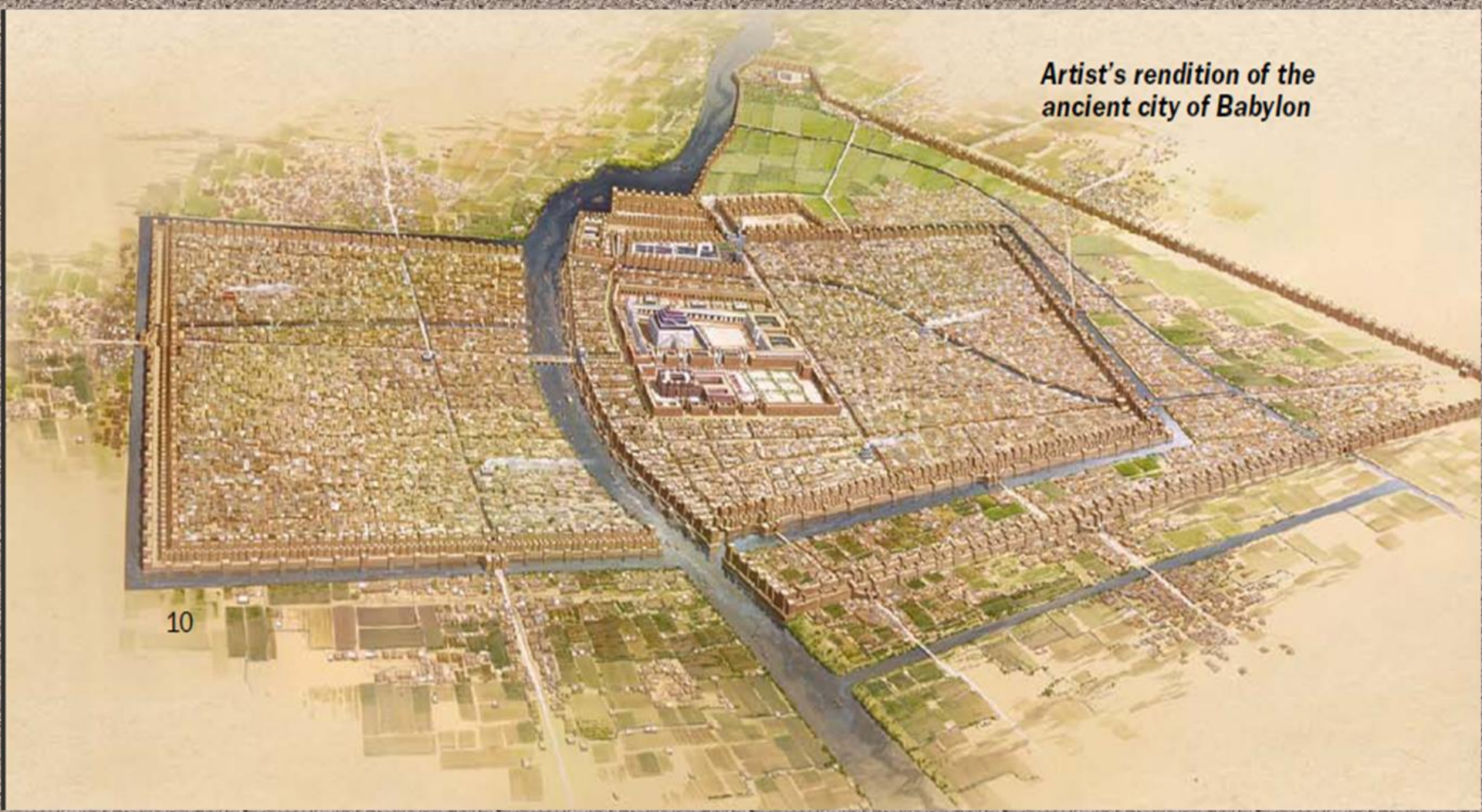
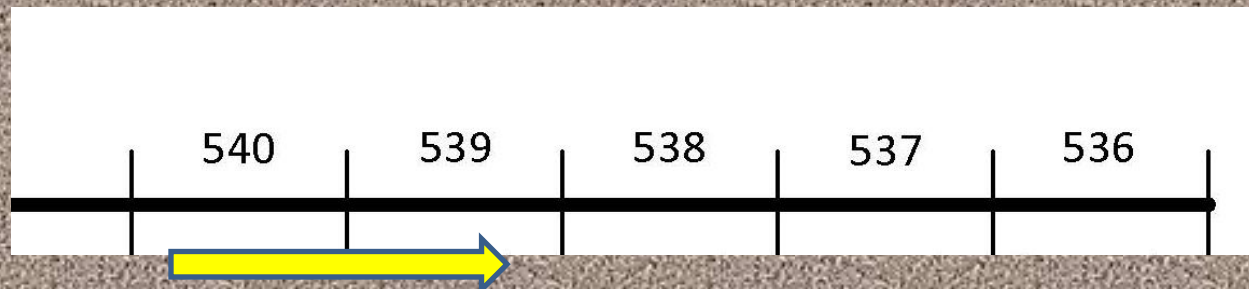




**539 BC**

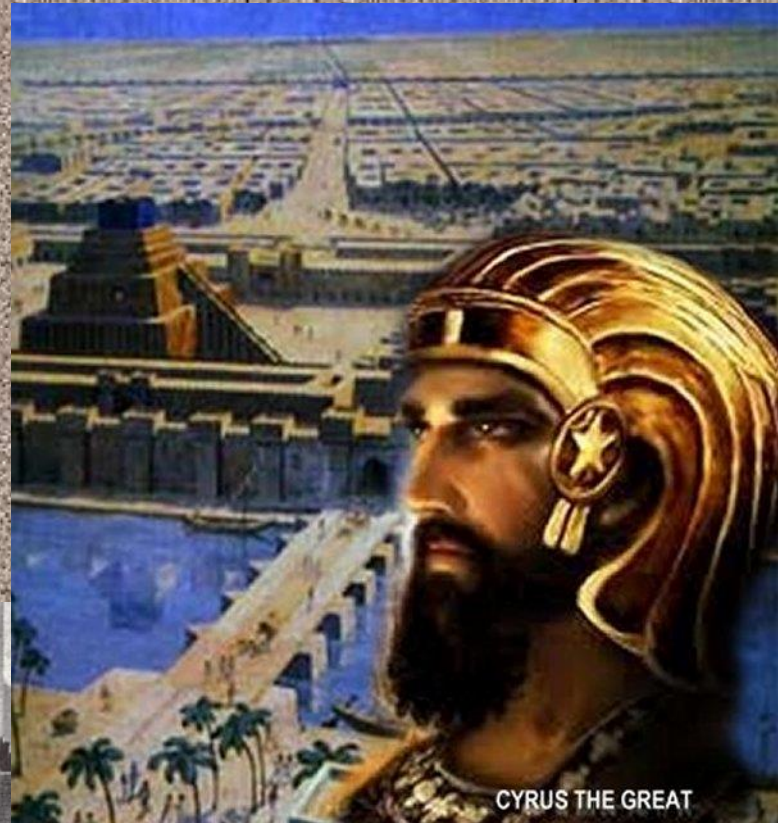
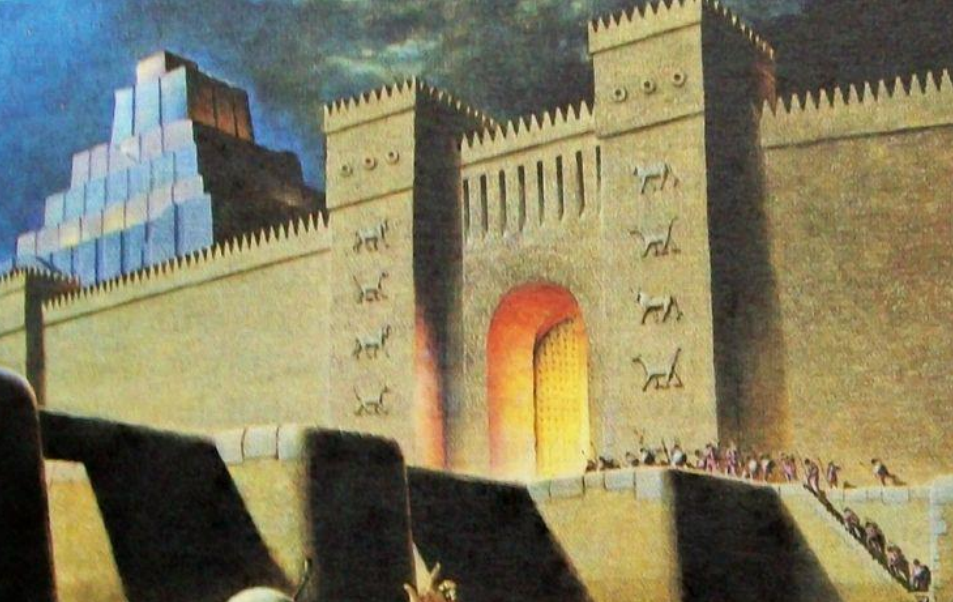






*Artist's rendition of the ancient city of Babylon*

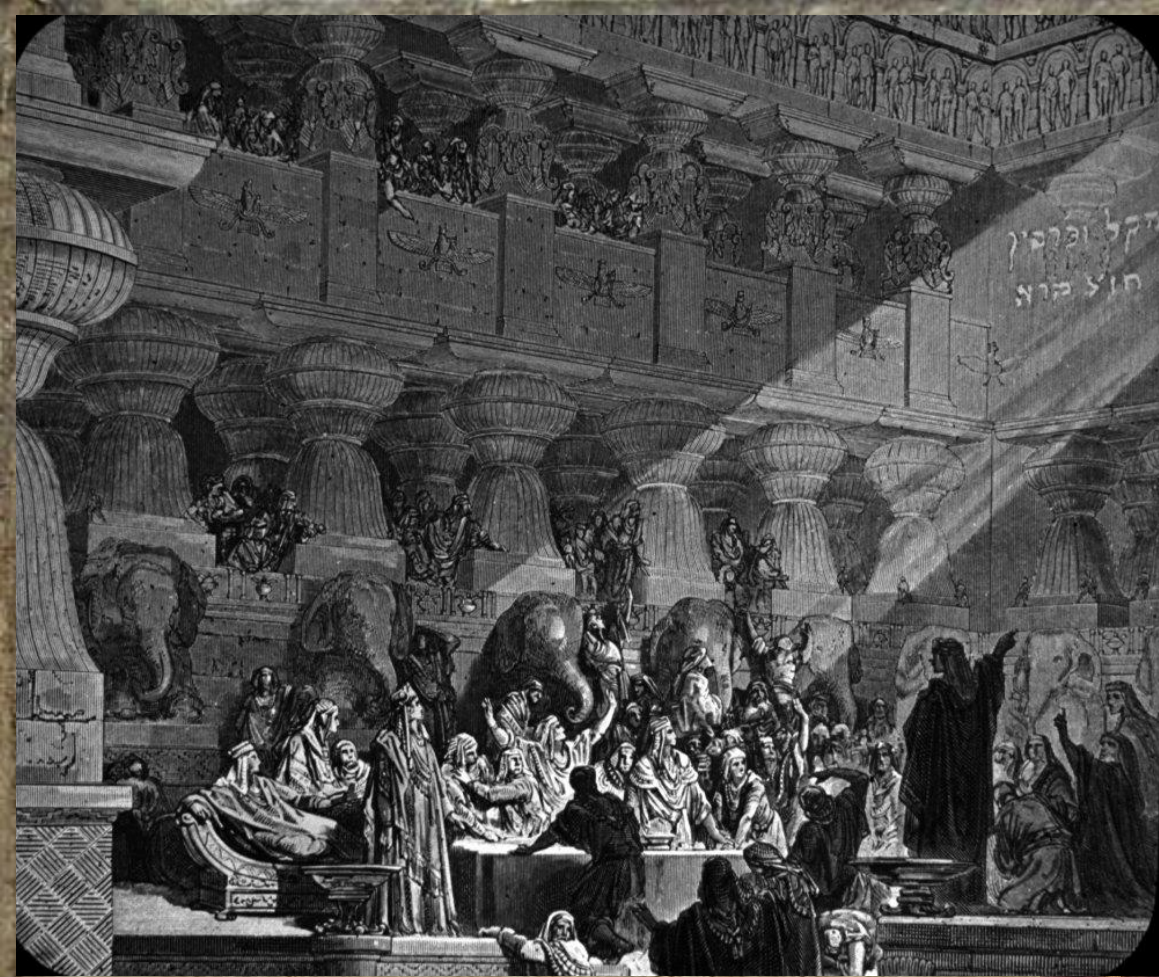




CYRUS THE GREAT







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## Medes & Persians



**5:31 Darius the Median  
received the kingdom**





**Dan. 8:3**

**the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.**

**Dan. 6:28**

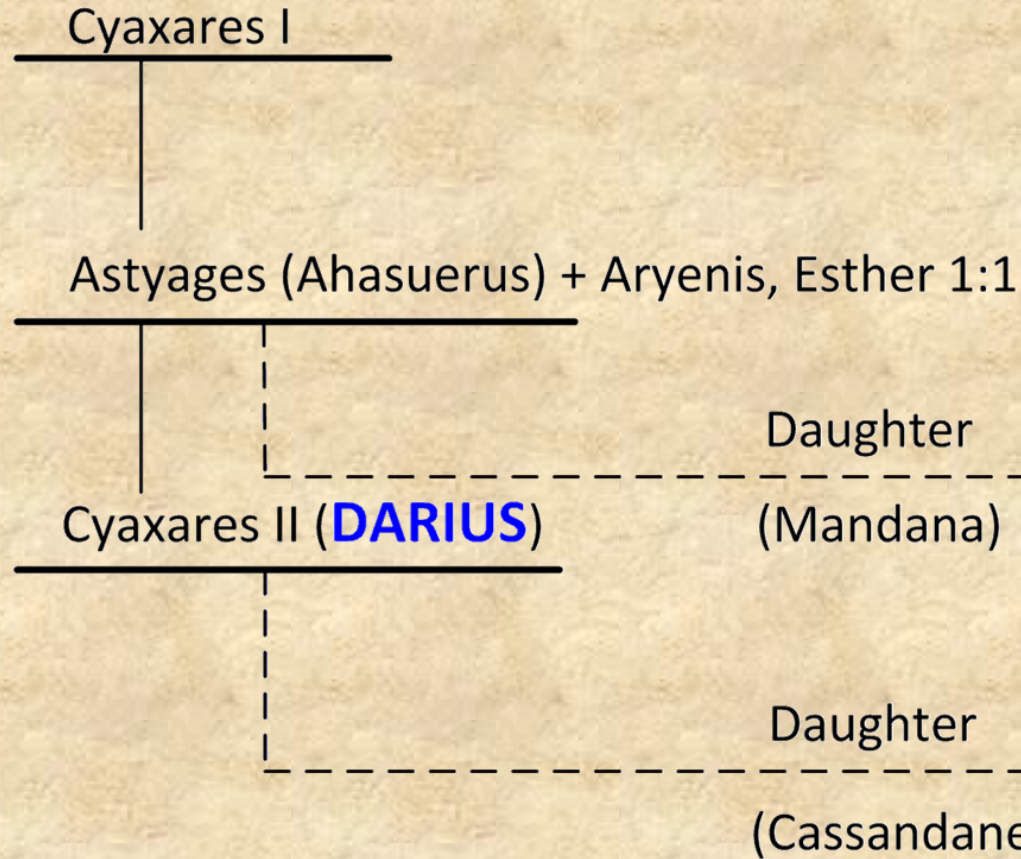
**So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, AND in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.**

**Dan 9:1-2 In the **first year of Darius** the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made [inducted/appointed] king over the realm of the Chaldeans;**

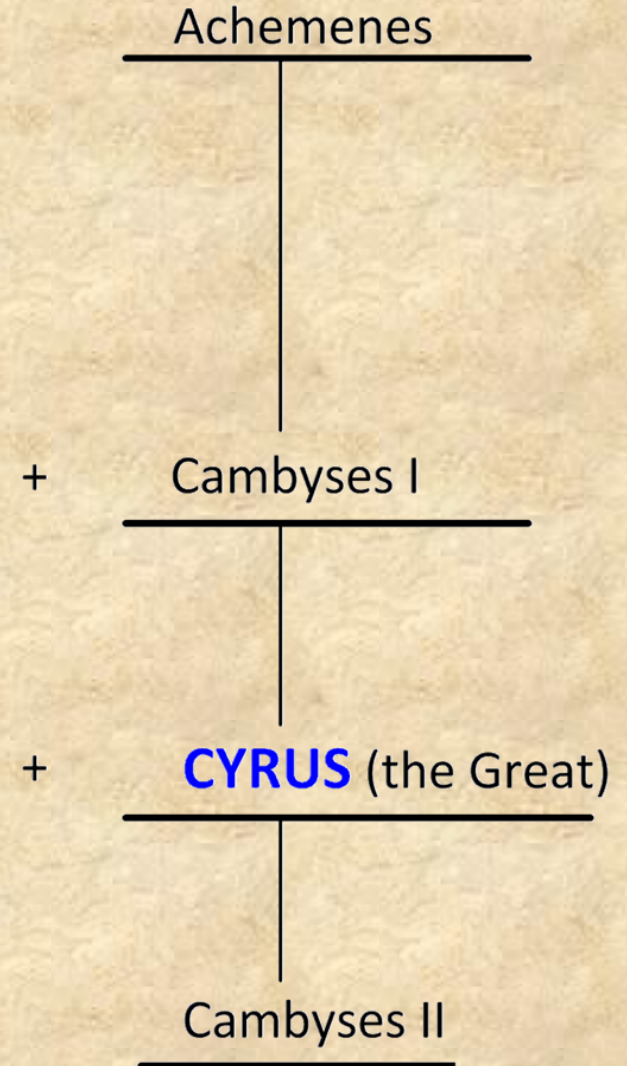
**In the **first year** of his reign I Daniel understood by books the **number of the years**, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish **seventy years** in the desolations of Jerusalem.**



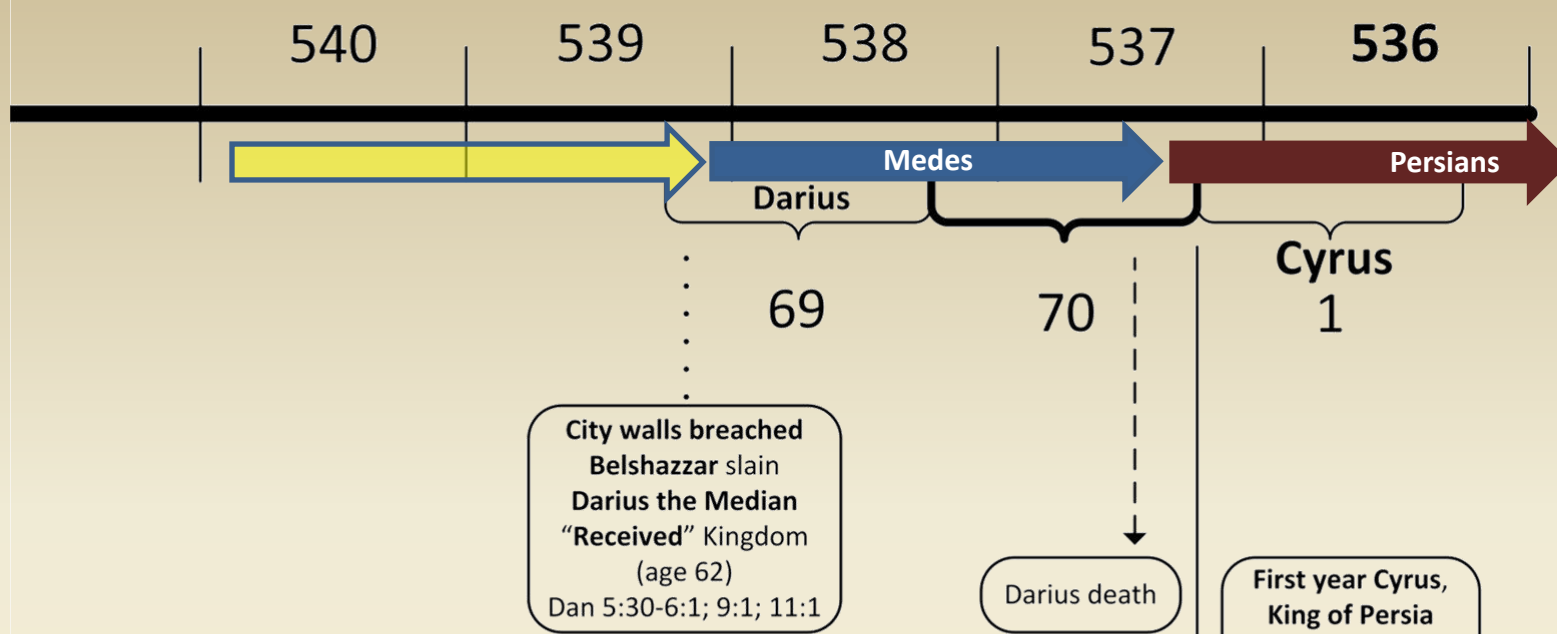
# MEDES



# PERSIANS







Dan 9:2  
*"In the first year of his (Darius) reign I Daniel understood by the books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the Prophet, that he would accomplish 70 years in the desolations of Jerusalem."*

**Cyrus' release decree**  
 Ezra 1:1  
*Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing.*



**A CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHRONOLOGY  
TO THE YEAR A. M. 6000.**

The following condensed statement of chronological periods may properly be termed Bible chronology, because the Bible record alone is followed down to the first year of Cyrus, B. C. 536, a date well authenticated and generally accepted by scholars. Here the thread of Bible chronology ends—a little beyond the period where secular history begins to be reliable. This, in itself, is a marked evidence of divine direction and oversight, in helping us only where we are unable to help ourselves.

FROM THE CREATION OF ADAM

To the end of the flood . . . . .	1656 years.
Thence to the covenant with Abraham . . . . .	427 “
Thence to the Exodus and the giving of the Law . . . . .	430 “
Thence to the division of Canaan . . . . .	46 “
The period of the Judges . . . . .	450 “
The period of the Kings . . . . .	513 “
The period of the desolation . . . . .	70 “
Thence to A. D. 1 . . . . .	536 “
Thence to A. D. 1873 . . . . .	1872 “
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>6000 “</b>

3592 Years, Biblical record

2408 Years, Secular record



3592 years

536

BC

AD

Human history begins with the Biblical record  
until the first year of Cyrus in 536 BC ...

...then continues with secular history.







2Chron 36:18-22 *And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon. And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.*

And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons **until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years. Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished . . . he made a proclamation through all his kingdom . . .**

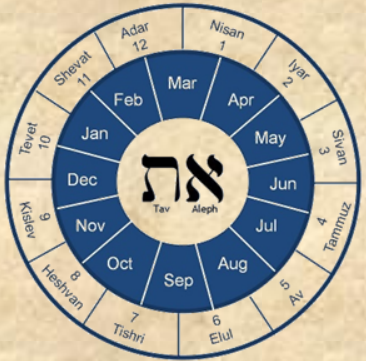
4<sup>th</sup> month Tammuz = June-July = Seige  
2Kings 25:2-3; Jer 39:1-2; 52:5-6

5<sup>th</sup> month, 10<sup>th</sup> day = Av 10 = August  
Temple burned  
Jer 52:12-13

7<sup>th</sup> month = Tishri = October  
"residue"/remnant removed for 70 years  
(Jer 25:11-12; 29:1-4, 10)  
2Kings 25:25-26  
Jer 41:1; 44:2, 6, 22  
**"This day they are a desolation"**

See GPPII:27-30

**Ezekiel 21:25-27**



City walls breached  
Belshazzar slain  
Darius the Median  
"Received" Kingdom (age 62)  
Dan 5:30-6:1; 9:1; 11:1

Darius death

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sole regency, year of release

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2 Peter 3:4 Where is the promise of his *parousia*?

3:8 Beloved, be not ignorant of this ONE thing, that ONE day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as ONE day

**BABYLON THE GREAT IS FALLEN . . .**

Rev. 16:12

Rev. 11:15-18



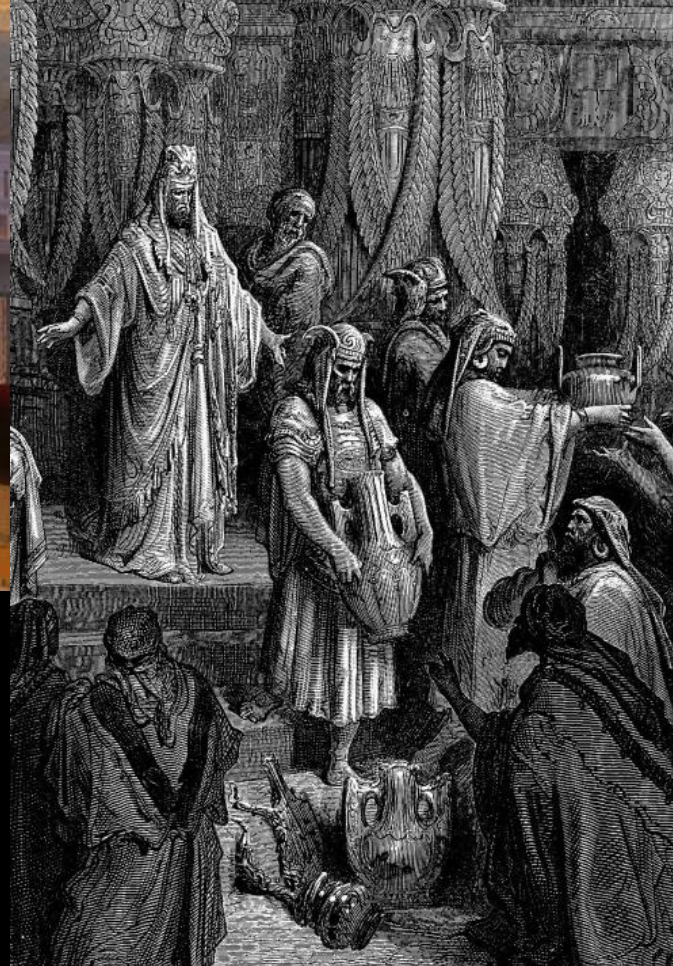












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