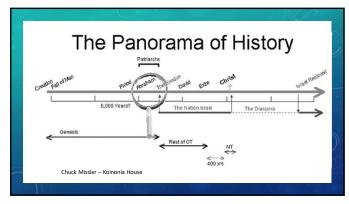


- Hezekiah reigns and does what is right in the eyes of the Lord
  - Gets letter from King of Babylon after recovering from an illness
  - Hezekiah welcomed Babylon because they were enemies of Assyria (Nineveh)
- In the  $3^{\rm rd}$  year of Jehoiakim Babylon and Egypt are bitter enemies
  - Jehoiakim has been under control of Egypt but Jehoiakim is left as a "puppet king"
  - Babylon defeats Egypt and in heading back, prince Nebuchadnezzar conquers Judah
  - Nebuchadnezzar's father was ill so Jehoiakim remained on the throne as a "puppet king" and hostages were taken to keep him in line (historical documents record 50-75 in 605)



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## WHO WROTE THE BOOK

- Over the centuries many scholars argued it could not have been written by Daniel. That has now been refuted.
- Daniel himself states he wrote it and one other person Nebuchadnezzar
- Was Daniel a prophet, Jesus calls him a prophet MT 24:15.
- Daniel was contemporary of Ezekiel and Jeramiah and so noted in Ezekiel and Jeramiah writings
- Would someone else really have written it and claim Daniel wrote? Why?



## VALIDITY OF THE BOOK

- · Why is it widely contested
- How is it validated
  - Septuagint
  - Dead Sea Scrolls (150-30 BC)
  - 332 Priest Juddua showed Alexandria the Great reference in Daniel



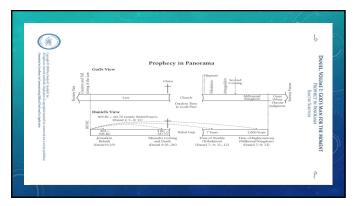
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## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT

- It discusses true dedication to God
- It shows God's care for Israel
- It shows God comforting the Jews
- It contains the information from exile to the end times  $% \left( \frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1}{2}\left( \frac{1}{2}$
- More prophesy from this book has been fulfilled than in any other, Chapter 9 contains the most astonishing prophecy about the arrival of the Messiah and the times of the Gentiles (church period)



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DANIEL 1:1-2 IN THE THIRD YEAR OF THE REIGN OF JEHOIAKIM KING OF JUDAH, NEBUCHADNEZZAR KING OF BABYLON CAME TO JERUSALEM AND BESIEGED IT. AND THE LORD GAVE JEHOIAKIM KING OF JUDAH INTO HIS HADNON, WITH SOME OF THE ARTICLES OF THE HOUSE OF GOD, WHICH HE CARRIED INTO THE LAND OF SHINAR TO THE HOUSE OF HIS GOD; AND HE BROUGHT THE ARTICLES INTO THE TREASURE HOUSE OF HIS GOD.

- Why did God raise up Babylon?
- How did Nebuchadnezzar win over Jerusalem?
- Why did Nebuchadnezzar only take some of the temple treasures?



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DANIEL 1:3-4 THEN THE KING INSTRUCTED ASHPENAZ, THE MASTER OF HIS EUNUCHS, TO BRING SOME OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL AND SOME OF THE KING'S DESCENDANTS AND SOME OF THE NOBLES, YOUNG MEN IN WHOM THERE WAS NO BLEMISH, BUT GOOD-LOOKING, GIFTED IN ALL WISDOM, POSSESSING KNOWLEDGE AND QUICK TO UNDERSTAND, WHO HAD ABILITY TO SERVE IN THE KING'S PALACE, AND WHOM THEY MIGHT TEACH THE LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE OF THE CHALDEANS.

- What is a eunuch?
- What was Nebuchadnezzar's tactic with controlling Judea?
- What was the impact of taking only the best of the young men?
- What was the outcome of this captivity?



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