

# Survey of Daniel

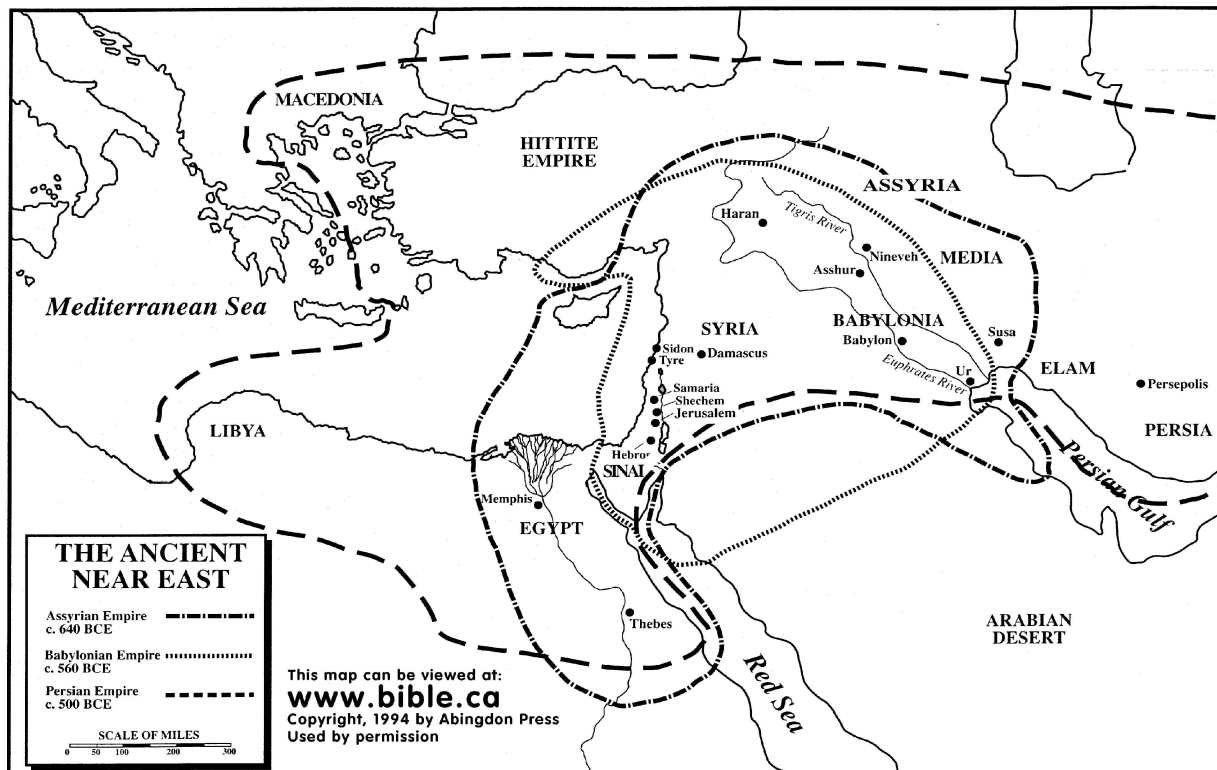
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## Introduction

1. Daniel means “God Is My Judge.” The name is consistent with the message of the book.
2. Daniel contains symbolic language — proceed with caution.
3. A man of outstanding character (6:4); “greatly loved” by God (9:23; 10:11, 19); and among the elite in righteousness (Ezek.14:14, 20).

## A Historical Review Leading Up To Daniel

1. God’s promise land kingdom began under the rule of Saul, then David, then Solomon.
2. Division occurred in 930 B.C. into Israel (Northern Kingdom - Samaria) and Judah (Southern Kingdom - Jerusalem).
3. Assyria under Sargon II captured Samaria in 722 B.C.
4. Babylon invaded Jerusalem in 605 B.C. and destroyed it in 586 B.C.
5. The Babylonian kingdom consisted of our present day Iraq.



## **God's Church Plan from Beginning to the End and how Daniel Fits**

### **The Primary Emphasis of Daniel**

1. God's Sovereignty (1:2; 2:20-22,44; 4:25).
2. God's Providence (1:1-6; 2:48).
3. God's Covenant Faithfulness (9:4-6, 11-12).

### **Outline**

Daniel's Preparation for Ministry (1).

Daniel's Ministry for the Gentiles (2-6).

- A. Interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's Great Image (2).
- B. Interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's Image of Gold and fiery furnace (3).
- C. Interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's Vision of madness (4).
- D. Belshazzar's Feast and Judgment (5).
- E. The Lion's Den (6).

Daniel's Prophecy for God's People in the Messianic Age (7-12).

- A. Four Beasts Vision (7).
- B. Ram and Goat Vision (8).
- C. Seventy Weeks Vision (9).
- D. Vision of Israel's Future (10-12).

### **Further Application**

1. Daniel lived up to his name, "God is my Judge." What would it take for us to truly live as if God were our judge?
2. In what ways can we be like Daniel in presenting the sovereignty, providence and covenant faithfulness of God to our family or to a non-Christian world?
3. Outside of being united to Christ, what specific things can we do to gain Daniel's title of "greatly loved" by God?