



Taken To A Foreign Land

Daniel 1:1-7



Structure/Outline of Daniel

- 1—7 = Historical perspective
 - 3rd person
 - primary focus on Gentiles
 - 1 = Introduction (*Hebrew*)
 - 2—7 = *Aramaic*; chiastic structure
 - 2: Gentile history
 - 3: Supernatural protection
 - 4: God reveals to a Gentile king
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 - 6: Supernatural protection
 - 7: Gentile history

Structure/Outline of Daniel

- 8—12 = Prophetic
 - 1st person
 - primary focus on Israel
 - written in *Hebrew*
 - 8: *Ram* (Persia) and *Goat* (Greece)
 - 9: 70 weeks
 - 10—12: Final vision

The purpose of Daniel 1:

- To explain current circumstances
- Proclaim God's sovereignty
- Confirm God's promise to preserve a remnant

History of Babylon after 539 B.C.

Event	Date
Herodotus records measurements of Babylon	450 B.C.
Alexander the Great visits and dies in Babylon	323 B.C.
Seleucus gains control of Babylon	312 B.C.
Strabo declared Babylon's <i>hanging gardens</i> as 1 of the 7 wonders of the world	25 B.C.
Home of the Magi (Matt. 2:2)	
Jewish citizens of Babylon at Pentecost (Acts 2:9)	
Babylonian Talmud	200 A.D. – 500 A.D.

Structure/Outline of Daniel (Gentile rulers)

- 1—4: Nubuchadnezzar (Babylon)
- 5: Belshazzar (Babylon)
- 6: Darius (Medo-Persian)
- 7—8: Belshazzar (Babylon)
- 9: Darius (Medo-Persian)
- 10—12: Cyrus (Medo-Persian)

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Deuteronomy 28:49–50 (ESV)

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, (3)for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. (4)And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2–4 (ESV)

Judah's conquering in 3 stages:

- 605: Daniel and a few others (Dan. 1:1)
- 597: Ezekiel and majority (2 Kings 24:10-16)
- 586: Jerusalem, Temple destroyed; remnant taken (2 Kings 25:1-21)

Age of Daniel:

Chapter	Event	Age
1	Taken to Babylon	15
2	Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream (statue)	17
3	Fiery furnace	20
4	Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream (tree)	45-50
5	Interprets handwriting on the wall	Early 80s
6	Den of lions	83
7-8	Personal visions and dreams	60s
9	Seventy weeks prophecy	early 80s

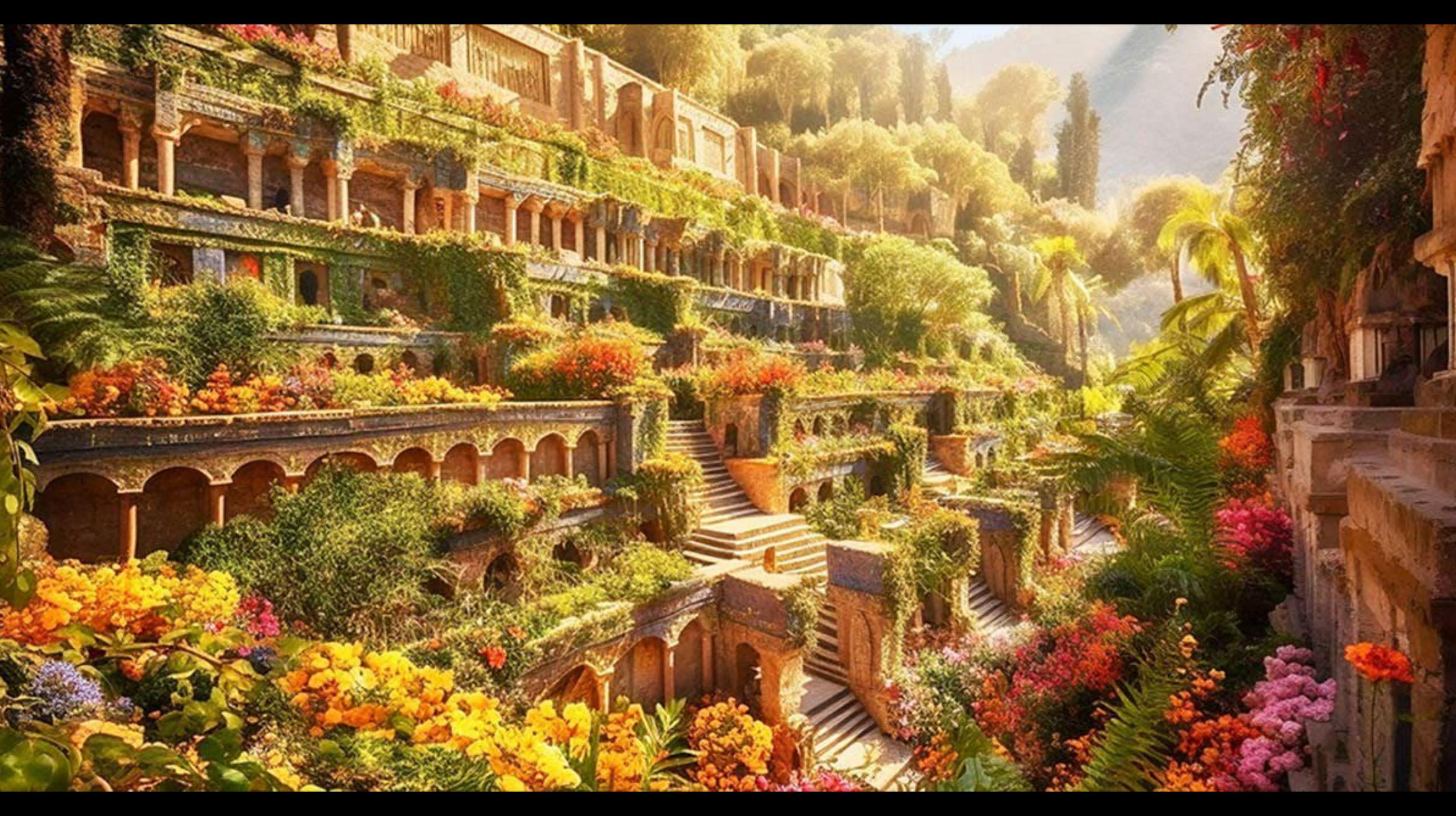
Babylon (Shinar) in biblical history:

- Garden of Eden (Gen. 2)?
CREATION
- Babel (Gen. 11)
PAST
- Babylon (Dan. 1)
PRESENT
- World headquarters (Zech. 5; Rev. 17—18)
FUTURE



Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. (2)And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. (3)And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. (4)Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”

Genesis 11:1–4 (ESV)



Then the angel who talked with me came forward and said to me, “Lift your eyes and see what this is that is going out.”
(6) And I said, “What is it?” He said, “This is the basket that is going out.” And he said, “This is their iniquity in all the land.”
(7) And behold, the leaden cover was lifted, and there was a woman sitting in the basket! (8) And he said, “This is Wickedness.” And he thrust her back into the basket, and thrust down the leaden weight on its opening.

Zechariah 5:5–8 (ESV)

)Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, two women coming forward! The wind was in their wings. They had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven. (10)Then I said to the angel who talked with me, “Where are they taking the basket?” (11)He said to me, “To the land of Shinar, to build a house for it. And when this is prepared, they will set the basket down there on its base.”

Zechariah 5:9-11 (ESV)

They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, “Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your judgment has come.”

Revelation 18:10 (ESV)

Original names/meanings (Dan. 1:6)

Hebrew Name	Meaning
Daniel	God is my judge
Hananiah	Yahweh is gracious
Mishael	Who is what God is?
Azariah	Yahweh has helped

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he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)

Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

Genesis 2:19 (ESV)

Changed names/meanings (Dan. 1:7)

Babylonian Name	Meaning
Belteshazzar	Lady protect the king
Shadrach	I am fearful of God
Meshach	I am of little account
Abednego	Servant of Nebo

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Genesis 1:26 (ESV)

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. (7) You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Deuteronomy 6:6–7 (ESV)

Dates in Daniel:

Scripture	Date
1:1, "Third year of Jehoiakim"	605 B.C.
2:1, "Second year of Nebuchadnezzar"	603 B.C.
5:31, "Darius the Mede received the kingdom"	Oct. 12, 539 B.C.
7:1, "First year of Belshazzar"	553 B.C.
8:1, "Third year of Belshazzar"	551 B.C.
9:1, "First year of Darius"	538 B.C.
10:1, "Third year of Cyrus"	536 B.C.

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