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Prophecy, Apocalyptic, and Wisdom Literatures
(Intro to Chapter 7)

<i>Category</i>	<i>Prophecy</i>	<i>Apocalyptic</i>	<i>Wisdom</i>
<i>Author as Person</i>	Character & call are essential to validity of the message	Person is tour-guide through the visions	Character is assumed, but not essential to message
<i>General Perspective on Time</i>	Calls people back to past revelation in preparation for future	Points people to future to steel people for today (strengthen)	Timeless, message applies in the present moment
<i>Specific Perspective on Future</i>	Prophecy builds on past as a foundation, addresses the present context, usually applies to the near future, and might have one or more applications in far future	Apocalyptic builds on past as foundation, is rooted in present context, looks ahead to the future, near and far, with a clear concern for the end of time	Wisdom comes out of the past, builds on the present context, might apply to the near future, and rarely speaks explicitly to the far future
<i>Fulfillment</i>	Often conditional (e.g. vis-à-vis repentance)	Almost certain, especially with respect to end times	Not applicable
<i>Form</i>	Oral sermons, with visual or acted elements	Written record and explanation of visions and oracles	Oral sayings written down and compiled
<i>Ethical Content</i>	Description of evils followed by warnings; or description of faithfulness followed by blessings	Appeal to live a holy life in the face of present troubles, difficulties, and chaos, trusting in God's wisdom, authority and power to overcome evil	Combination of both warnings and blessings, generally central theme of wisdom literature

(Notes taken from various resources, including Grant Osborne's *The Hermeneutical Spiral*.)

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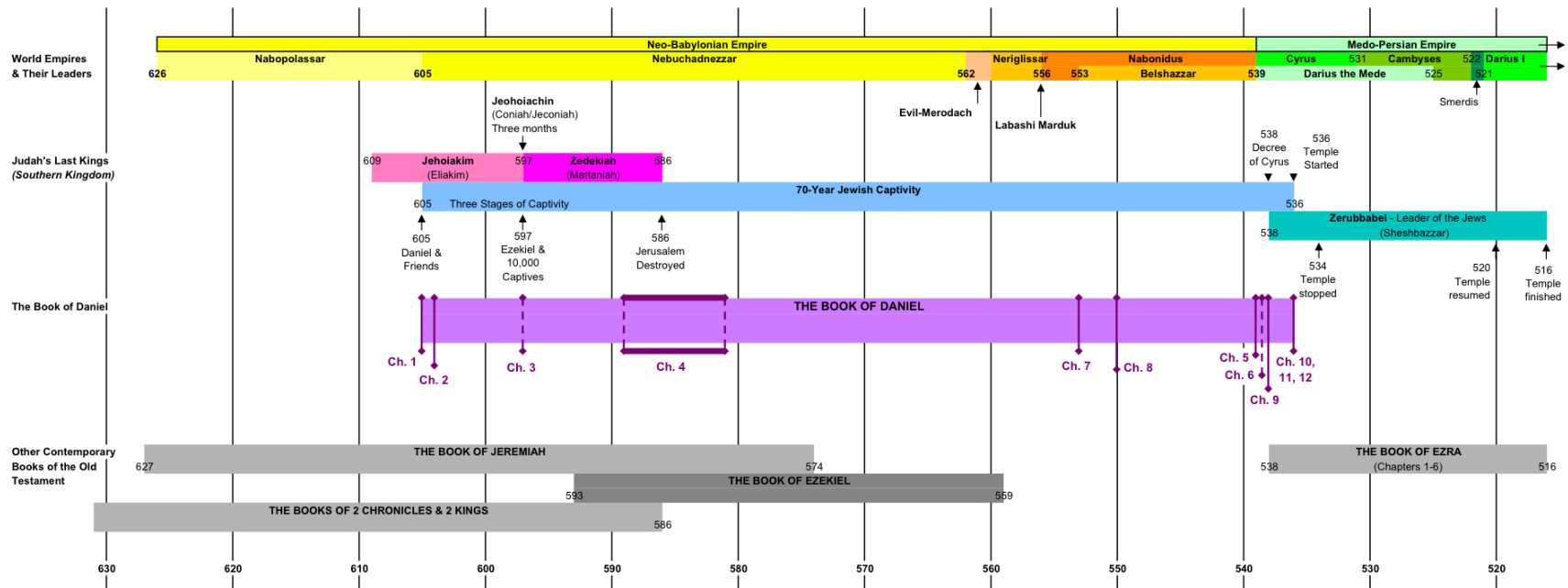
Daniel Time Line

605 BC	Daniel Refuses the King's Portion	Daniel 1
604 BC	Daniel Interprets Nebuchadnezzar Dream	Daniel 2
585 BC	Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego	Daniel 3
582 BC	Nebuchadnezzar's Dream	Daniel 4
582 BC	Daniel Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's Dream	Daniel 4:19
539 BC	Daniel Interprets Handwriting on the Wall	Daniel 5
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539 BC	Daniel's Vision of Four Beasts	Daniel 7
539 BC	Daniel's Vision of the Ram and Goat	Daniel 8
539 BC	Daniel's Prayer and Gabriel's Answer	Daniel 9
539 BC	Daniel Comforted by the Angel	Daniel 10
539 BC	Daniel Prophecies Overthrow of Persia	Daniel 11
539 BC	Daniel Prophecies Deliverance for Israel	Daniel 12

From:

<http://www.anchormb.org/lessons/Dan/Dan-Time.pdf>

Timeline for the Book of Daniel



Based on Timeline from the New Inductive Study Bible, with additions

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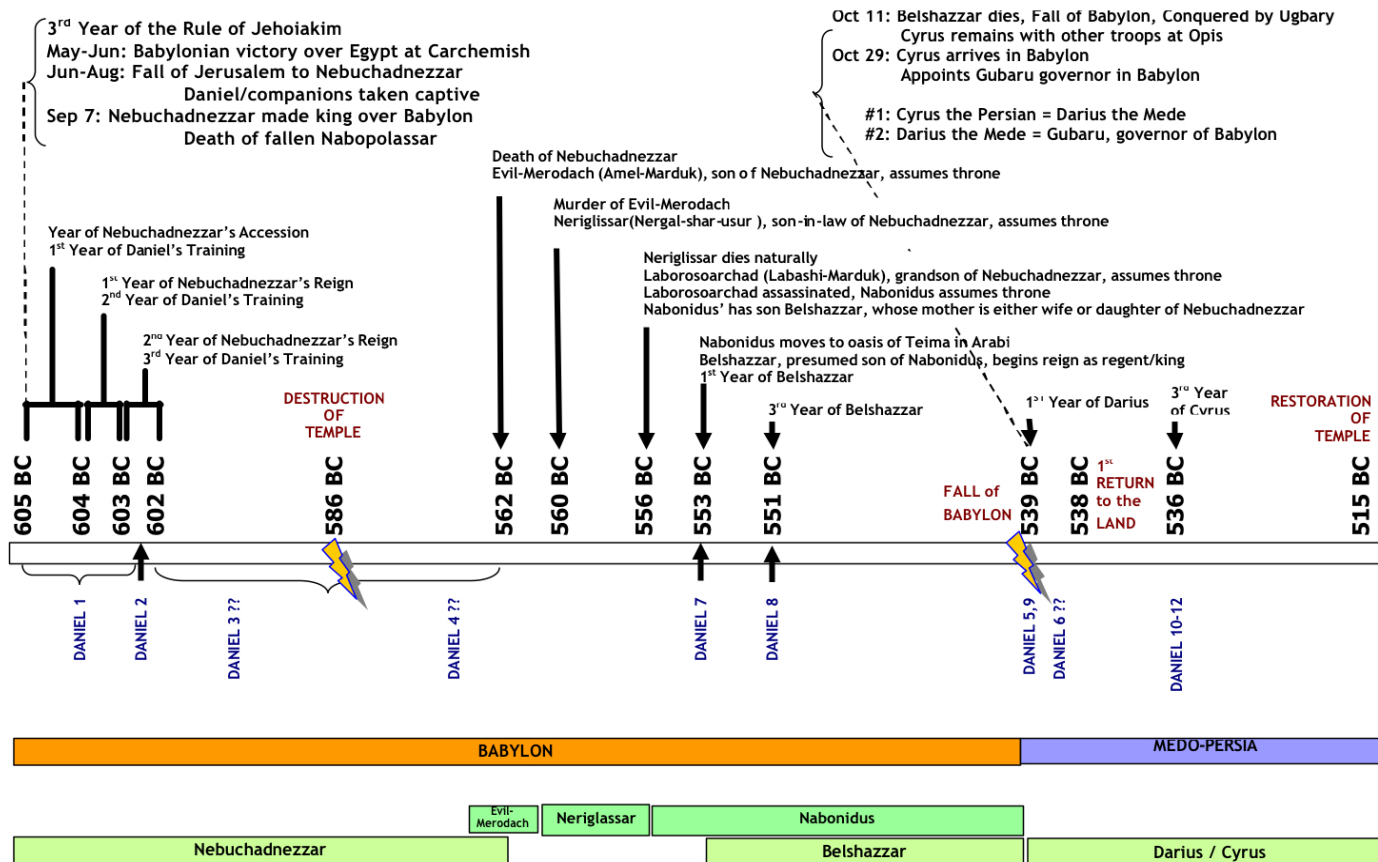


Chart of Kingdoms (1 of 3)**Images As They Are Recorded in Scripture**

Images in the Visions	Chapter 2	Chapter 7	Chapter 8
Context	Mystery given by God Alone (vss. 27-30)	Promise of Victory and Inheritance for Saints (vss. 17, 18)	Promise that the End of the Time Shall Come (vs. 17)
First	Head of Pure Gold (vs. 32)	Lion (vs. 4), standing with heart of man	Ram (vss.3, 4) with two horns
Second	Chest and Arms of Silver (vs. 32)	Bear (vs. 5), eating three ribs	Goat (vss. 5-8) with large horn
Third	Belly and Thighs of Bronze (vs. 32)	Leopard (vs.6), with four heads	Four new Horns (vs. 8)
Fourth	Legs of Iron (vs. 33)	Beast (vs. 7) with iron teeth and ten horns	Small Horn (vss. 9-12) which grows large
Fifth	Feet of Iron and Clay (vs. 33)	Little horn (vss. 8, 11) uproots three others and spoke boastfully	
Other	Rock (vs. 34) which grows into a Mountain (vs. 35)	Son of Man (vss. 13 - 14) and his kingdom	Prince of hosts (vs. 25) will have victory

Chart of Kingdoms (2 of 3)**Interpretations as They Are Given In Scripture**

Interpretations of Visions Given to Daniel	Chapter 2	Chapter 7	Chapter 8
First	Nebuchadnezzar (vss. 37, 38)	Babylon under the leadership of Nebuchadnezzar (vs. 4 cf. vs.17)	Media and Persia (vs. 20)
Second	Another Kingdom (vs. 39) inferior to Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon	A Nation to Come (vs. 17)	King of Greece (vs. 21)
Third	Yet Another Kingdom (vs. 39)	A Nation to Come (vs. 17)	Four Pieces of Greek Empire (vs. 22)
Fourth	A New United Kingdom (vs. 40)	A Devouring Global Kingdom (vss. 23, 24) with ten kings	A Stern-faced King (vss. 23-25)
Fifth	The Kingdom Divided (vss. 42-43)	One Arrogant King (vss. 24, 25) who speaks against God	
Other	Future Kingdom (vss. 44,45) established by God	Son of Man (vss. 13 - 14) and his kingdom will be for God's people (vs. 27)	Prince of hosts (vs. 25) will have victory

Chart of Kingdoms (3 of 3)

Possible Historical Interpretations

	Babylonians Nebuchadnezzar	Median Empire	Medio- Persian Empire	Persian Empire	Alexander the Great	Greek Empire	Greek s, Seluecids Ptolemies	Roman Empire	
Gold	Yes								Gold
Lion	Yes								Lion
Silver		Maybe	Maybe	Maybe					Silver
Bear		Maybe	Maybe	Maybe					Bear
Ram		Maybe	Maybe	Maybe					Ram
Brass				Maybe	Maybe	Maybe			Brass
Leopard				Maybe	Maybe	Maybe			Leopard
Goat					Probably	Maybe	Maybe		Goat
Iron						Maybe	Maybe	Maybe	Iron
Beast						Maybe	Maybe	Maybe	Beast
Clay							Maybe	Maybe	Clay
Four Horns							Probably		Four Horns
Little Horn							Probably	Maybe	Little Horn

For Daniel Chapter 9

Reference: <http://calvinistguy.blogspot.com/2010/03/examining-dispensational-parenthesis.html>
Examining the Dispensational Parenthesis Theory of Daniel's Seventy Weeks Prophecy

Interpretations	The Three Time Periods		
	Seven "sevens"	Sixty-two "sevens"	Final "seven"
1 st interpretation (literal years) > No breaks between the three periods	From Jerusalem's destruction (586 B.C.) to Babylon's fall (539/538 B.C.)	From Babylon's fall to the high priest Onias III (170 B.C.)	Antiochus IV Epiphanes's persecution in 170-163 B.C.
2 nd interpretation (symbolic years) > No breaks because time periods are symbolic	From Cyrus's decree allowing the return of the Jewish exiles (538 B.C.) to the time of Ezra and Nehemiah (approx. 440-400 B.C.)	From about 400 B.C. until the first advent of Christ	From the first advent of Christ until an unspecified point sometime after Christ's earthly ministry but before the destruction of Jerusalem (A.D. 70.)
3 rd interpretation (literal + symbolic years) > Change from historical time periods to symbolic	From Cyrus's decree or Artaxerxes I's decree to Ezra (458 B.C.) until the first advent of Christ	From Christ's earthly ministry until the persecution of the church by the Antichrist.	From the Antichrist's persecution of the church until the end of the age
	From Cyrus's decree or Artaxerxes I's decree to Ezra until the completion of Jerusalem (ca. 409 B.C. or ca. 396 B.C.)	From about 400 B.C. until the first advent of Christ	From Christ's earthly ministry until the end of the age
4 th interpretation (dispensational literal) > Specifically one break between the second and third time periods	From Artaxerxes I's decree to Ezra or his second decree (445 B.C.) until the completion of Jerusalem	From about 400 B.C. until the first advent of Christ	From the Antichrist's covenant with national Israel to the 2nd advent of Christ and the establishment of his earthly millennial kingdom
Breaks in between:	?	?	?
	Decree to Restore	Jerusalem Rebuilt	city destroyed
	Anointed Ruler	Anointed Cut off	He ruler / prince
			end end

See also document:

Interpretive Timelines for Daniel.pdf