

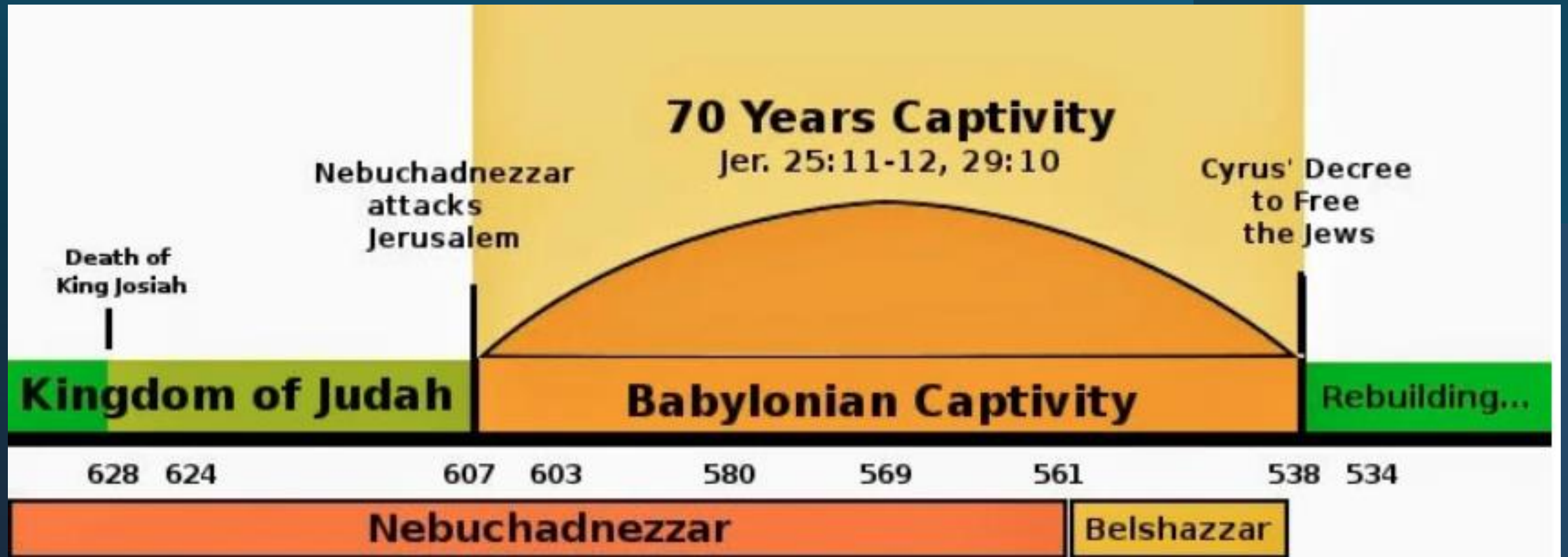
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IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Passage: Daniel 3

Lesson: Standing Tall When Everyone Bows

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Outline of Daniel

- I. Chapter 1: Written in Hebrew – The Personal History of Daniel.**
- II. Chapters 2-7: Written in Aramaic – The Prophetic Plan for the Gentiles.**
- III. Chapters 8-12: Written in Hebrew – The Prophetic Plan for Israel.**

Theme of Daniel

The overall theme of the Book of Daniel is the absolute sovereignty of God—His control over kings, kingdoms, history, and the ultimate destiny of the world.

Daniel 4:34-35

^{34b} I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever;

**For His dominion is an everlasting dominion,
And His kingdom endures from generation to generation.
³⁵ “All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
But He does according to His will in the host of heaven
And among the inhabitants of earth;
And no one can ward off His hand
Or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’**

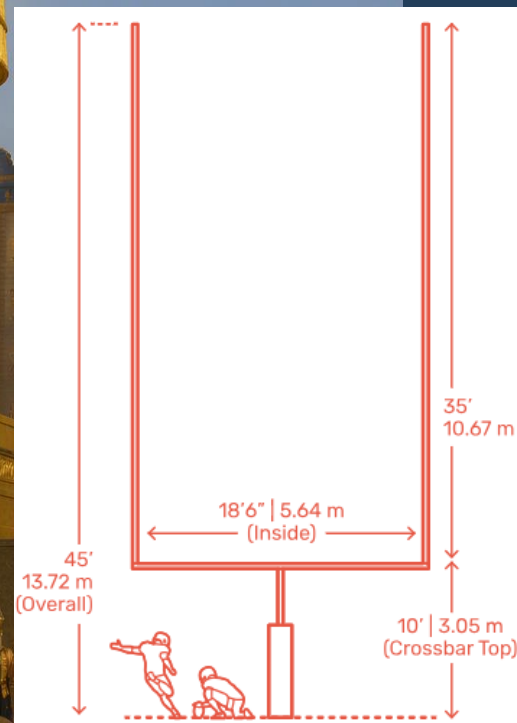
Daniel 3

Daniel 3 teaches that God is sovereign over every act of state-sponsored persecution and we must remain faithful to God above all else, trusting His sovereign power and presence even when obedience leads to suffering.

Standing Tall When Everyone Bows – Daniel 3

I. A Public Challenge to God's People (1–15)





Daniel 2

Statue Made of:

- Gold
- Silver
- Bronze
- Iron
- Clay







Psalm 91:1-4

¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say to the Yahweh, “My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!” ³ For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper And from the deadly pestilence. ⁴ He will cover you with His pinions, And under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.

2 Timothy 2:11-13

¹¹ It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; ¹² If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; ¹³ If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.



Isaiah 55:8-9

⁸ “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” declares Yahweh. ⁹ “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.”

Matthew 5: 10-12

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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II. A Public Confession of Unshakable Faith (16–18)

Psalm 27:1

**The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread?**

Matthew 10:28, 32-33

²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

³² ... everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

Isaiah 43:1-2

¹ But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine! ² “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you.

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IV. A Public Recognition of God's Glory (28–30)



God's Purposes for Persecution

- 1. For God's Own Glory Before Government Officials.**

Isaiah 48:10-11

**10 “Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver;
I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.**

**11 “For My own sake, for My own sake, I will act;
For how can My name be profaned? And My
glory I will not give to another.**

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- 1. For God's Own Glory Before Government Officials.**
- 2. For the Salvation of the Elect.**
- 3. For Our Own Spiritual Growth.**

Romans 5:1-5

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; ⁵ and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.