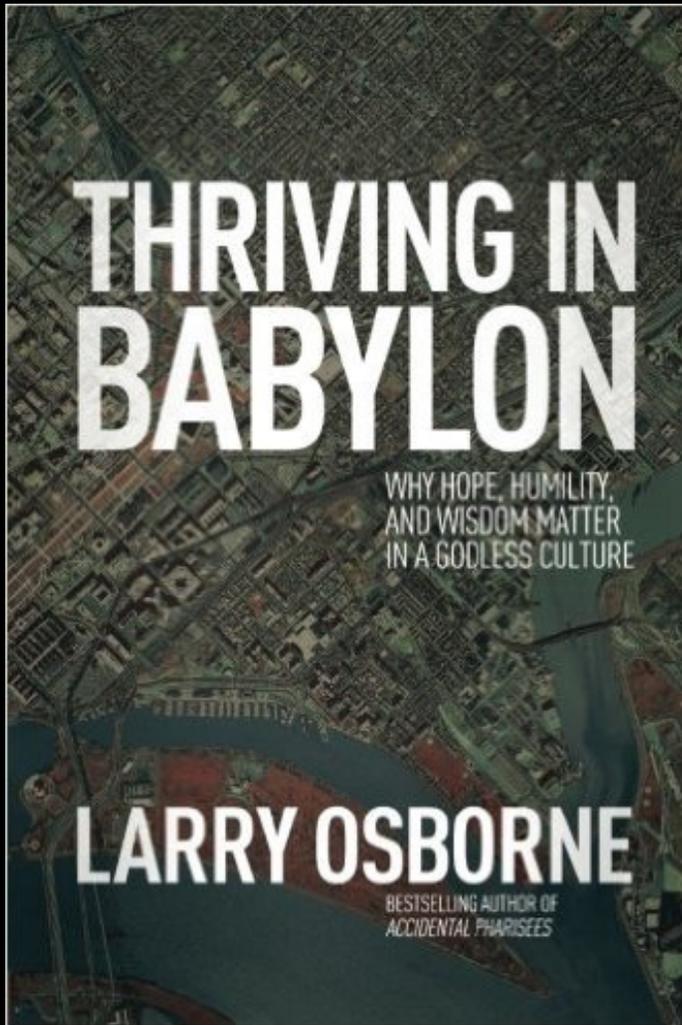


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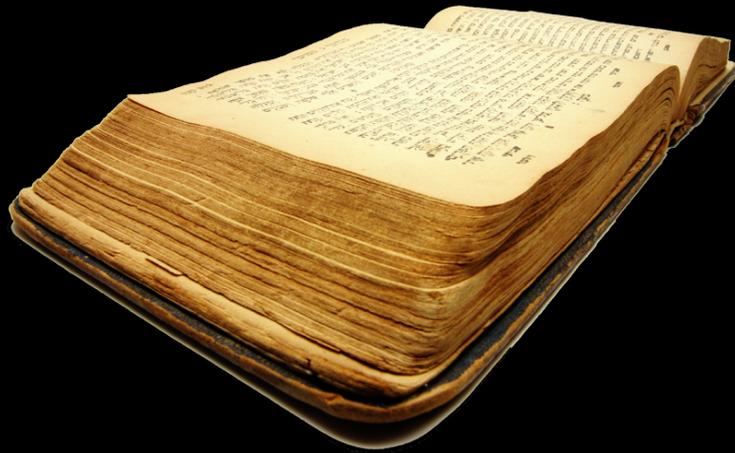


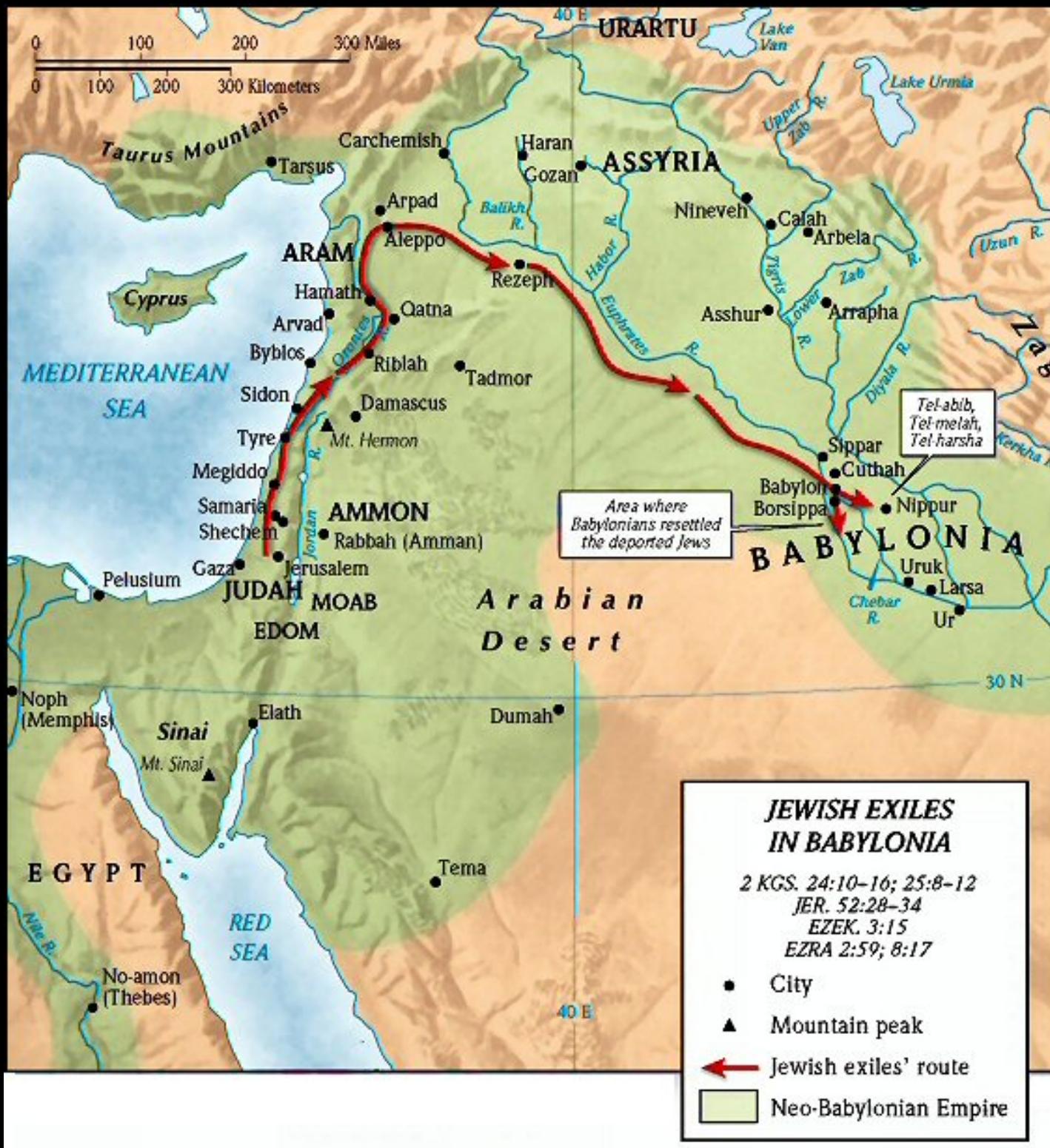
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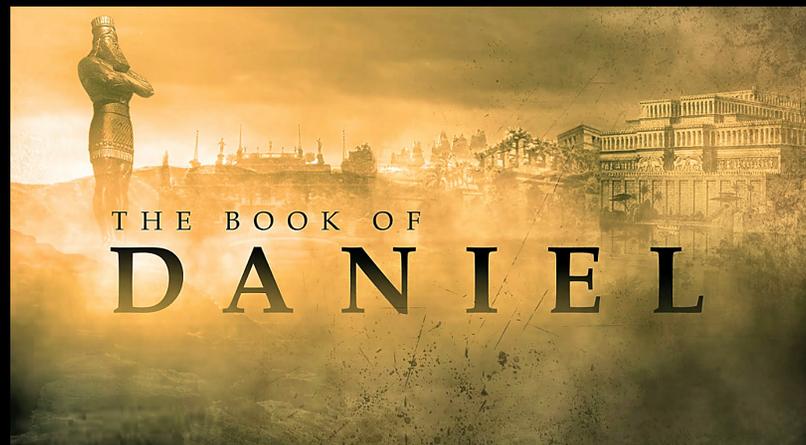
Why hope,
humility and
wisdom matter
in a godless
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"How do I live as a believer in a society where all of the cultural institutions are hostile to my faith and to the God I believe in?"



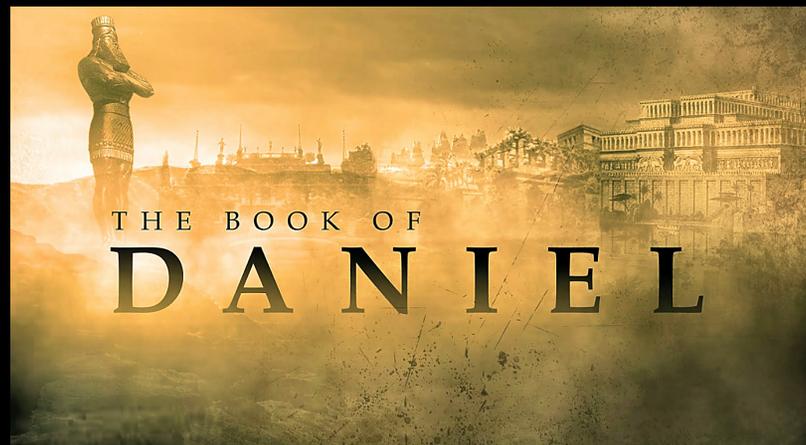


²⁶The king asked Daniel (also called Belteshazzar), "Are you able to tell me what I saw in my dream and interpret it?"



Daniel, is a Hebrew name meaning-
"God is my judge,"

Belteshazzar, is Babylonian name meaning
"Bel is my god."



"This is what the LORD [says to the exiles in Babylon]: 5' Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6 Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage ... Increase in number there; do not decrease....



7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper ... 8 Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you.' " Jeremiah 29:4-8



Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile.

Jeremiah 29:7



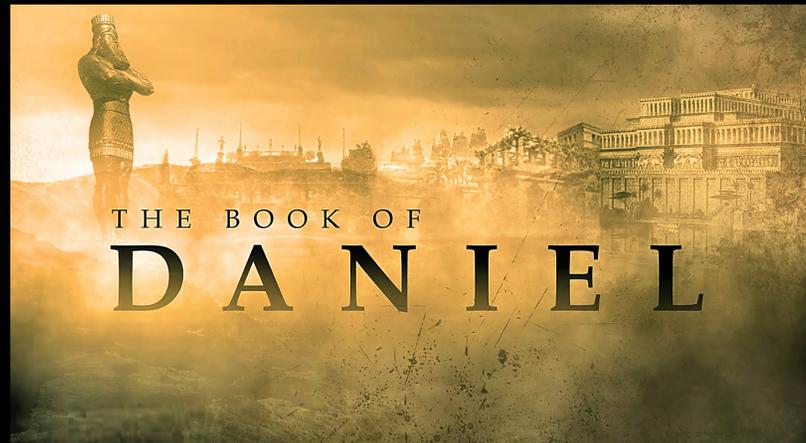
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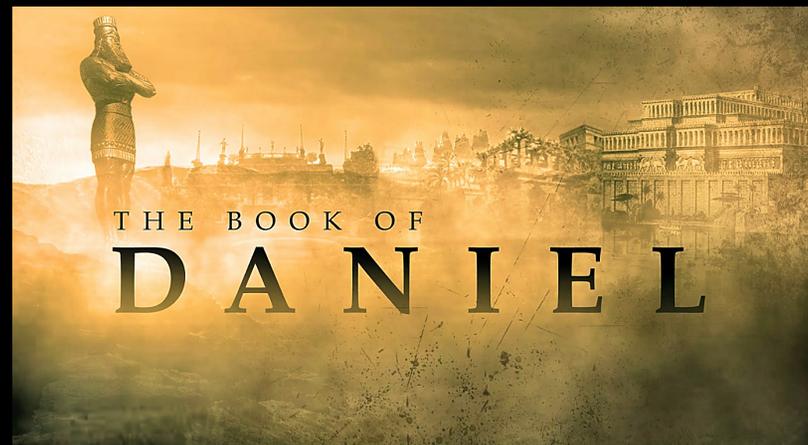
PRAY FOR THE CITY ...also, seek the peace
(*shalom*) because if it prospers,
you too will prosper."



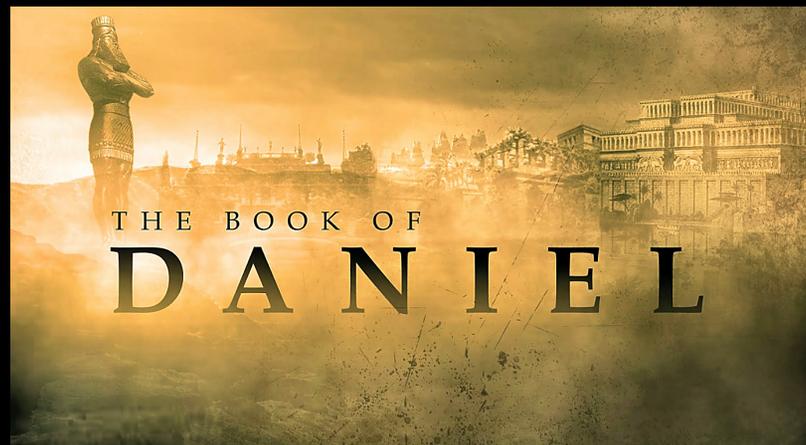
"No wise man, enchanter, magician, or
diviner can explain to the king the mystery
he has asked about"? vs.27



...your predecessor King Nebuchadnezzar—
made him chief over all the magicians,
enchanters, astrologers, and fortune-tellers
of Babylon. Daniel 5:11

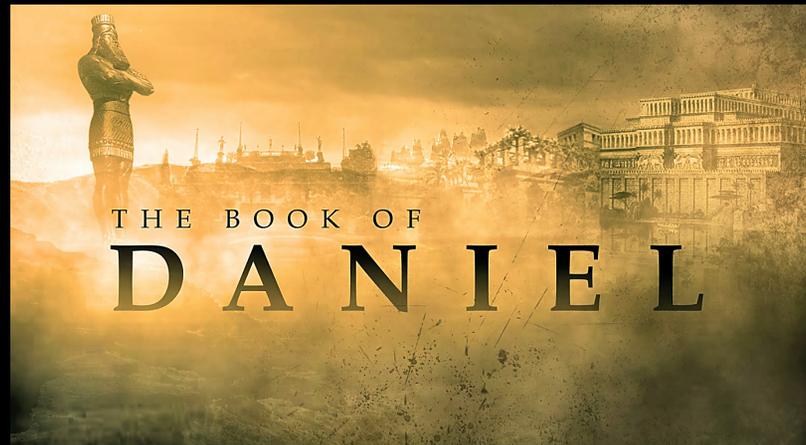


Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep. 2 So the king summoned the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed. Daniel 2:1,2

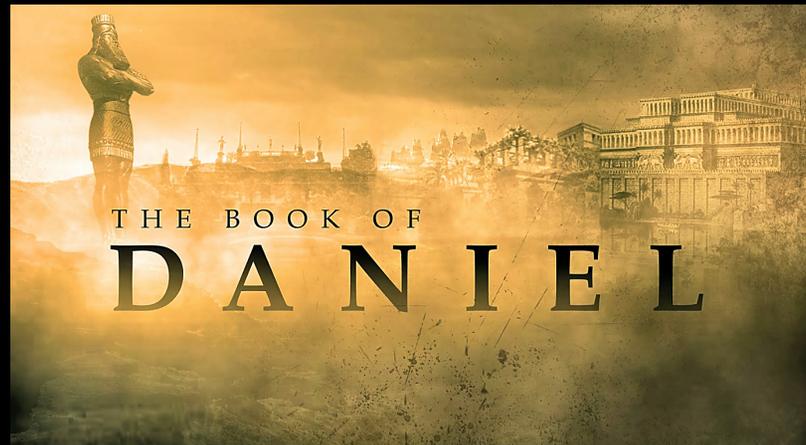


“This is what I have firmly decided: If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble.

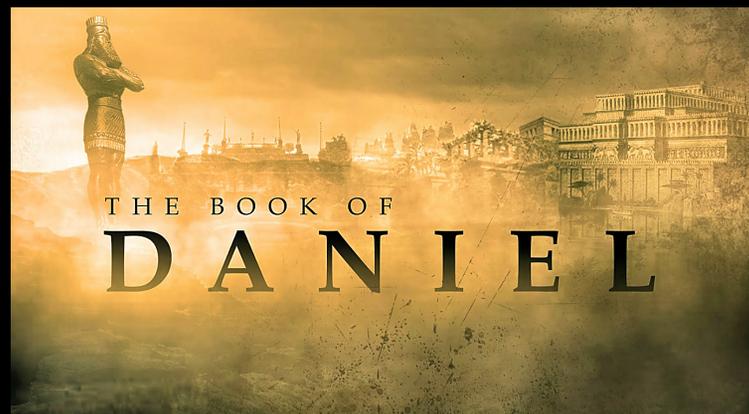
Daniel 2:5



King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, sixty cubits high and six cubits wide, and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. Daniel 3:1



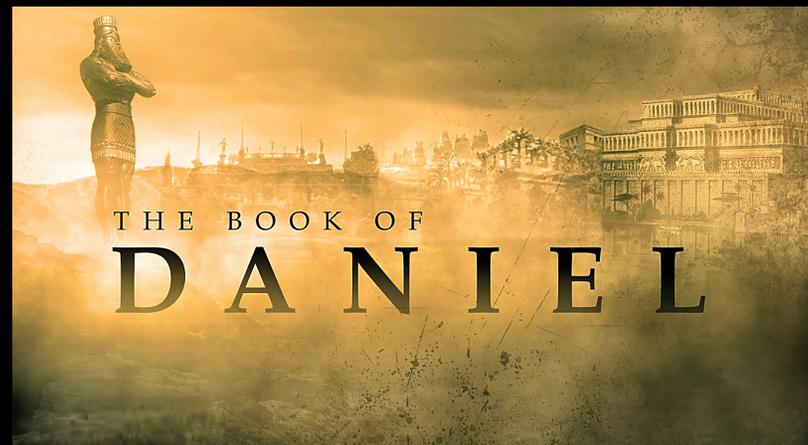
While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. 35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were all broken to pieces and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace.



2:34,35

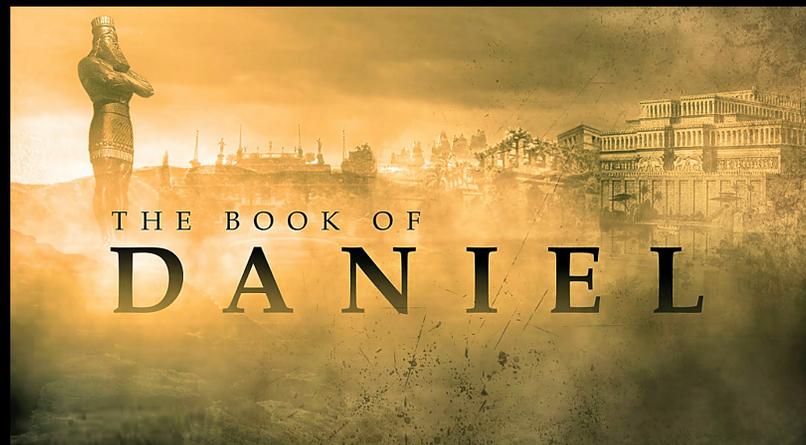
The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, 33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay.

Daniel 2:32,33



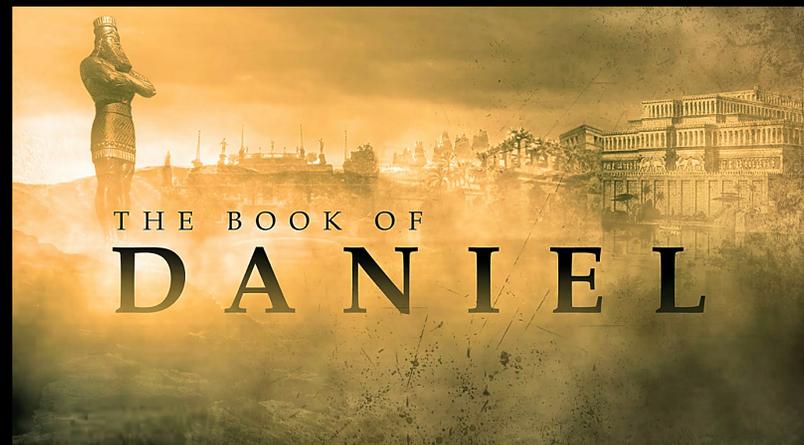
“But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.”

Daniel 2:35

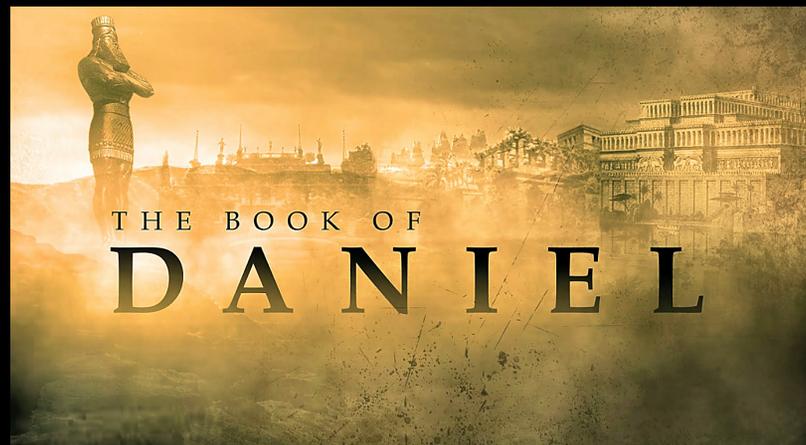


“In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.”

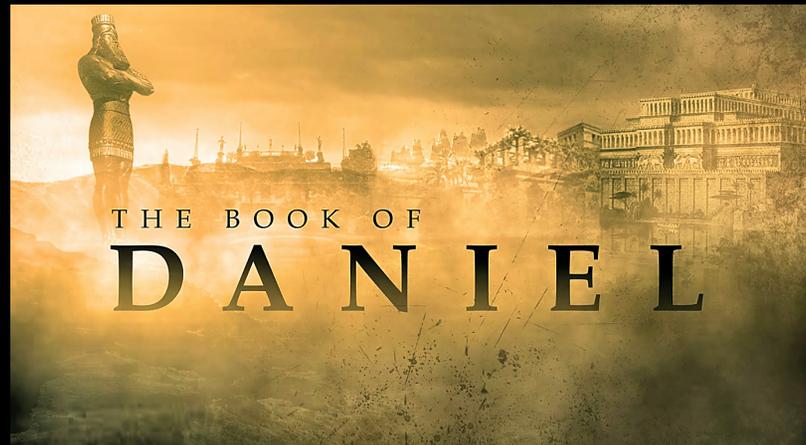
Daniel 2:44



"This man Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, has exceptional ability and is filled with divine knowledge and understanding. He can interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means." Daniel 5:12

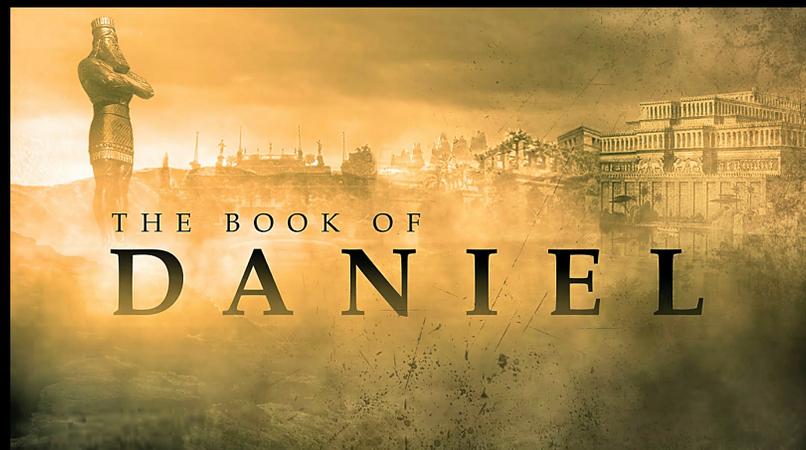


Then King Darius sent this message to the people of every race and nation and language throughout the world: "Peace and prosperity to you! 26 "I decree that everyone throughout my kingdom should tremble with fear before the God of Daniel.



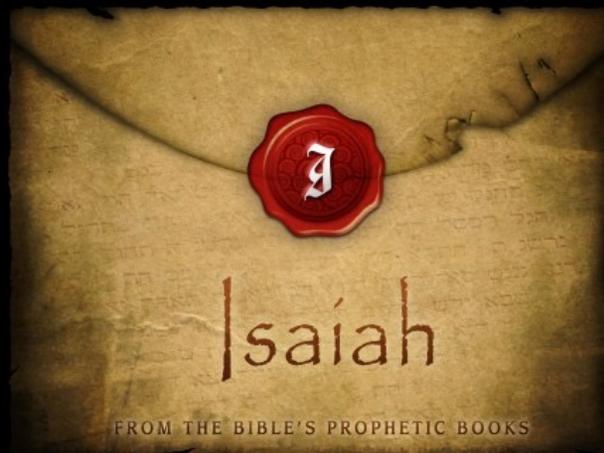
For he is the living God, and he will endure forever. His kingdom will never be destroyed, and his rule will never end. 27 He rescues and saves his people; he performs miraculous signs and wonders in the heavens and on earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions."

Daniel 6:25-27

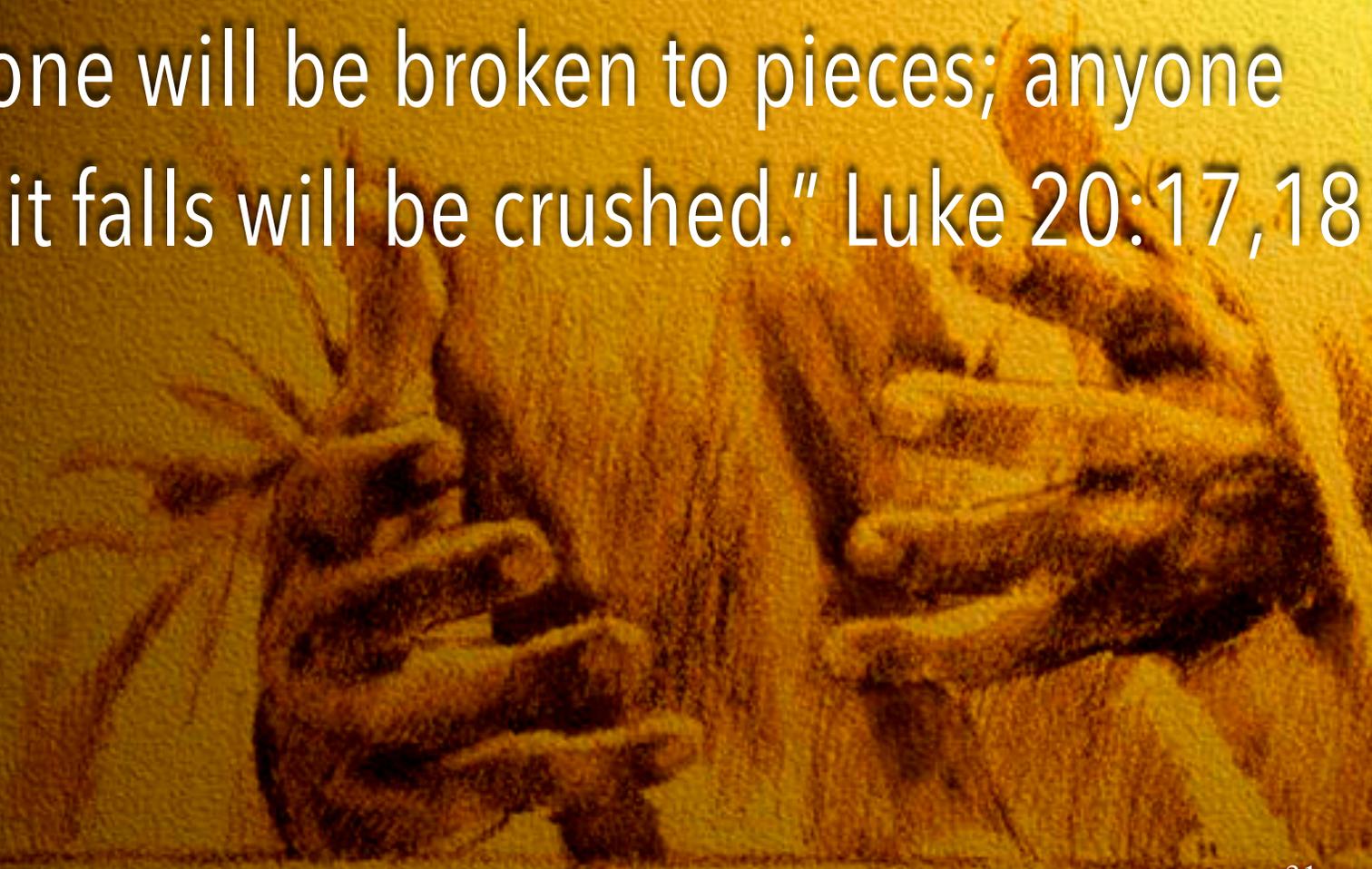


Therefore thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, A costly **cornerstone** *for* the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes *in it* will not be disturbed.

Isaiah 28:16



“Then what is the meaning of that which is written: “‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? 18 Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.” Luke 20:17,18



¹³As for you, *Daniel*, go and be faithful to the end of your life. You will surely rest, but when the end of days arrives, you will rise again to receive the inheritance allotted for you.

Daniel 12:13

