

**The Book of Daniel**  
**Chapter 2**  
**Part 3**

# The Book of Daniel

## Outline

- Personal History of Daniel (Chapter 1). Written in Hebrew
- Prophetic History of the Gentiles during the ***Times of the Gentiles*** (Chapters 2-7). Written in Aramaic
- Prophetic History of Israel during the ***Times of the Gentiles*** (Chapters 8-12). Written in Hebrew
- *and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the ***times of the Gentiles*** be fulfilled. Luke 21:24 NASB*

# Language and Literary Style

- Aramaic Chiasm (Chapters 2-7).
- 1. Gentile History (Chapter 2)
  - 2. Protection (Chapter 3)
    - 3. Revelation to a gentile king (Chapter 4)
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  - 2. Protection (Chapter 6)
- 1. Gentile History (Chapter 7)

# Daniel 2



**Babylonian Empire  
606BC**

**Medo-Persian Empire  
536BC**

**Greek Empire  
330BC**

**Roman Empire  
27BC**

**END TIMES**

# Daniel 7



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- Daniel's promotion (2:46-49)

# Statue & Stone

## 2. A Statue and a Stone



Statue is destroyed by a great stone, which represents Jesus Christ



HEAD  
**GOLD**

WORLD POWER  
**BABYLON**  
606-539

CHEST AND ARMS  
**SILVER**

WORLD POWER  
**PERSIA**  
539-331

STOMACH AND THIGHS  
**BRASS**

WORLD POWER  
**GREECE**  
331-323

LEGS AND FEET  
**IRON & CLAY**

WORLD POWER  
**ROME**  
322 B.C.—A.D. 476  
FUTURE

# Interpretation (2:36-45)

## 6 Empires

- Babylon (2:36-38) 605-539 BC, see Dan. 2:37-38
- Media-Persia (2:39a) 539-331 BC see Dan. 5:28; 8:20 (vision of the ram); 10:13
- Greece (2:39b) 331-63 BC see Chapter 8:21, vision of the goat
- Rome I (2:40) 322 BC-476 AD, historical fact that Rome existed and replaced Greece. Rome gradually fell apart and out of existence
- Rome II (2:41-43) Tribulation, see Rev. 17:12, 18
- Kingdom (2:44-45) After 2nd Coming, see Dan. 7:24; Rev. 20:4

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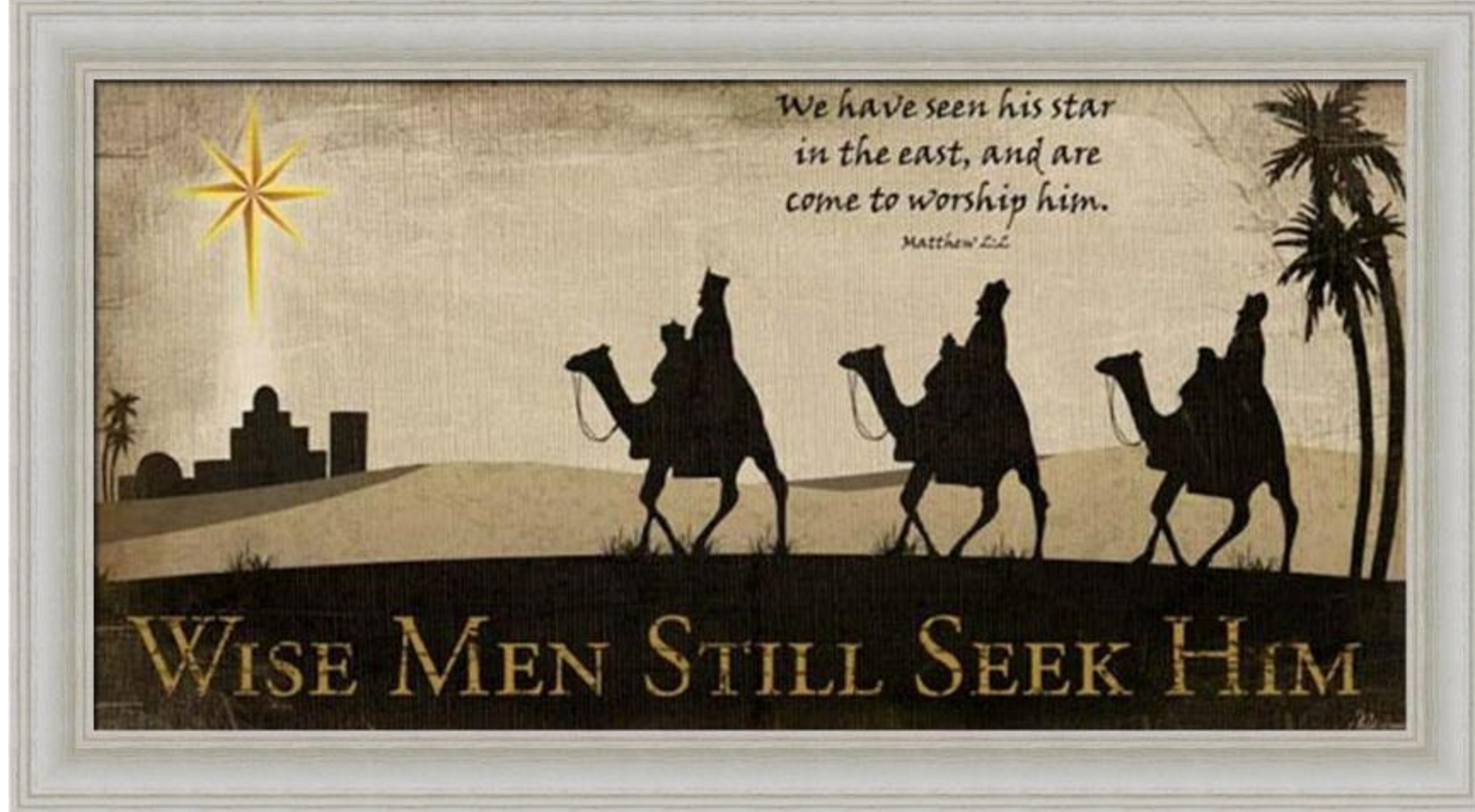
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**A man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men. Proverbs 18:16**

**And whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.  
Matthew 23:12**

***You will never be in a position of authority until you come under authority.***



**Daniel was made ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wisemen of Babylon**

# Promotion of Daniel

**2:48: ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon**

- The wise men, also known as Magi, came from the East, which in Biblical terms refers to the region of Mesopotamia or Babylon. This area is located between the Euphrates and Tigris rivers, modern day Iraq. The Magi were likely influenced by ancient prophecies, including those of Balaam and Daniel, which connected the coming of the Messiah with the appearance of a star.
- They followed this star from Babylon to Jerusalem and then to Bethlehem to worship the newborn King, Jesus Christ.

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# Daniel's 490-Year Plan

Daniel 9:24-27

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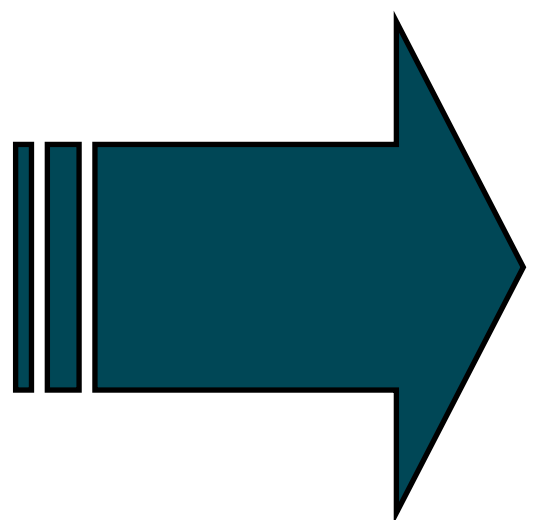
**“69 Weeks” = 483 Years**

**69 X 7 = 483 YEARS  
X 360 days per year =  
173,880 days**

**(Church Age)**  
(Gal. 3:24-25; Rom. 11:5, 25; Eph. 3:1-2)

**“1 Week” =  
7 YEARS**

**Daniel 9:25a**  
**“From”**  
Artaxerxes’s Decree:  
March 5, 444 B.C.  
(Neh. 2:1-8)



**Daniel 9:25b**  
**“Until”**  
Christ’s Triumphant Entry:  
March 30, A.D. 33  
(Luke 19:28-40)

**Daniel 9:26**  
**“After 69th week”**  
Messiah cut off  
(April 3, A.D. 33);  
city and temple destroyed (A.D. 70)

**Daniel 9:27**  
**“Then”** (after  
Messiah is cut off)  
the final week will  
begin.  
= Tribulation  
(Rev. 6-18;  
Matt. 24-25)

# Messiah must present Himself to Israel on March 30, A.D. 33

- **Daniel 9:25** : This prophecy gave the wise men insight into the timing of the Messiah's coming



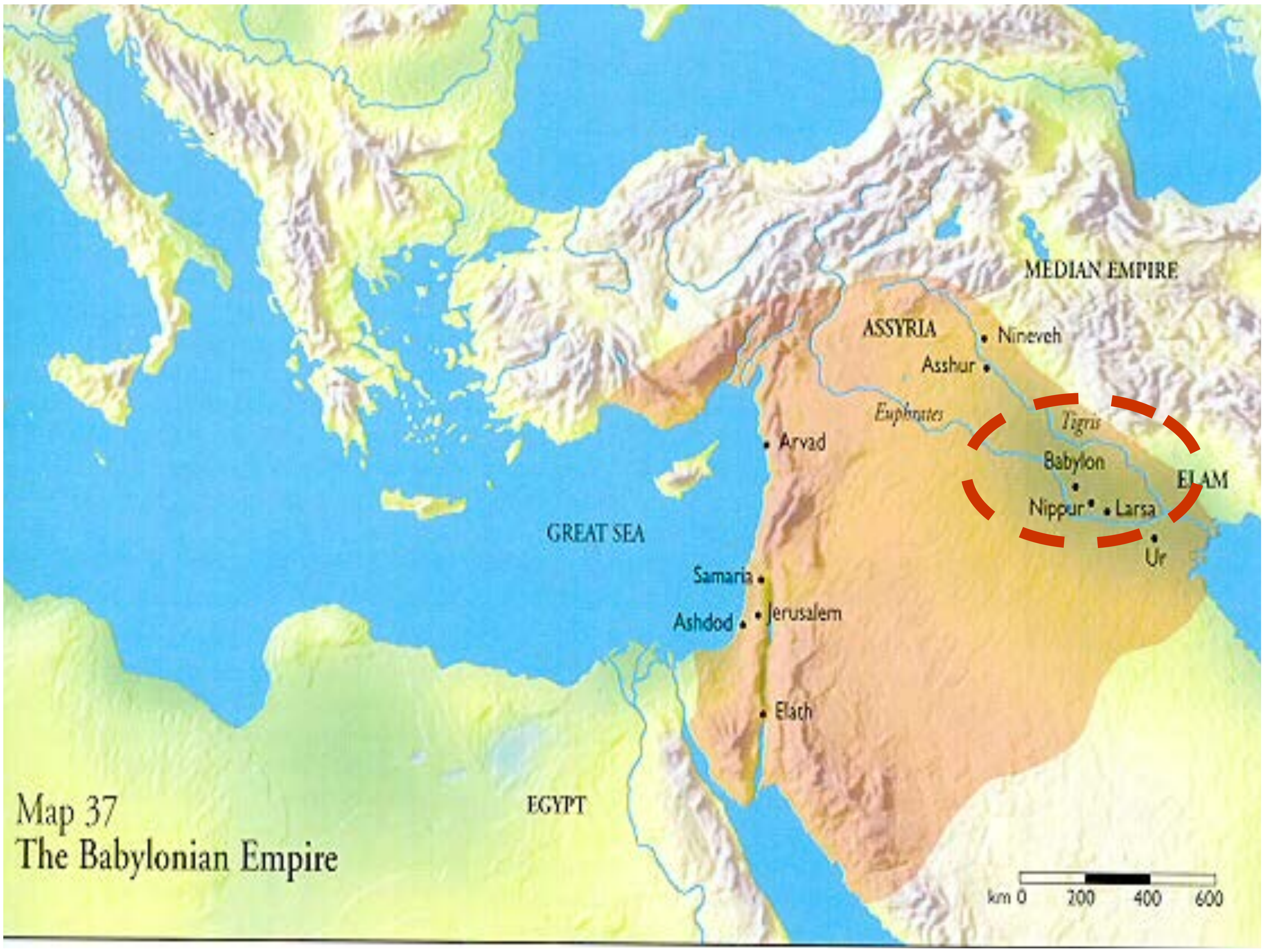
# Map of Babylon



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- Relevant Bible verse include:
- “Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the East and have come to worship Him.” Matthew 2:1-2 NASB



Map 37  
The Babylonian Empire

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Daniel did not forget his friends

- ***A man of many friends comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24***
- Do you know that you are a part of a team?

# Takeaways from Daniel 2

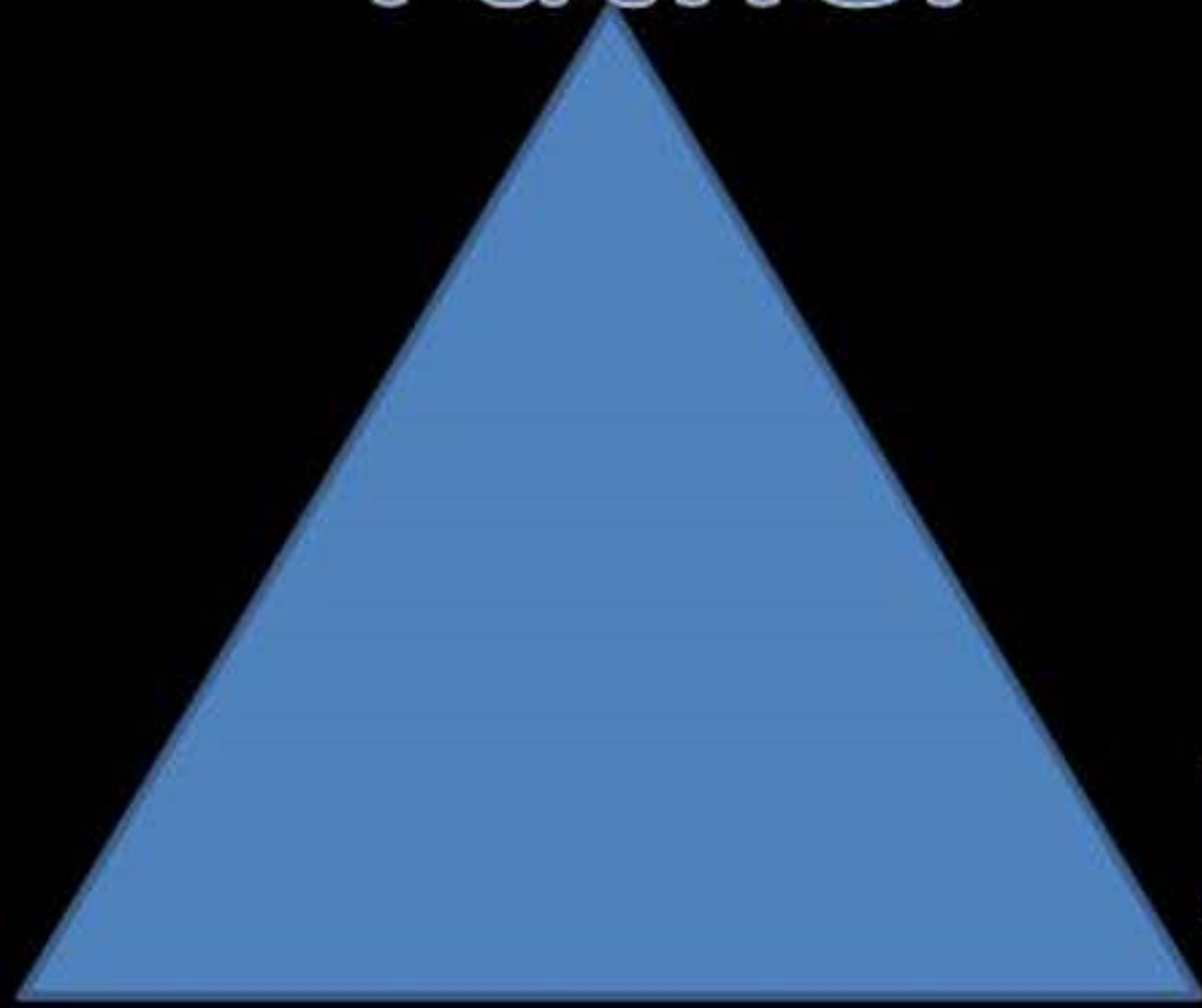
- Mosaic Law taught Israel how to live inside the land
- The example of the four Hebrew youths taught them how to live outside the land
- Consecrate themselves to God
- Live by faith from crisis to crisis and leave the results to God
- Allow God to promote us in His due time

# Trinity

Father

Son

Holy  
Spirit



# What is the Gospel?

**Conclusion**  
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