## Daniel's Timeline

### Kings of Judah

- **Josiah**: becomes king of Judah at the age of 8.
- **Jehoahaz**: Josiah dies in battle against Neco, his son becomes king after his father dies.
- **Jehoiakim**: becomes king when Jehoahaz dies after 3 months.

### Kings of Babylon/Mede/Persia

- **Nebuchadnezzar**: attacks Egypt and defeats them at Carchemish in May/June.
- **Nebuchadnezzar** returns to Babylon in August after hearing his father dies. He becomes king. Attacks Jerusalem in September and takes hostages back.
- **Jehoiachin**: Jehoiakim's son becomes king, he reigns 3 months.
- **Zedekiah**: Jehoiakim's brother becomes king.
- **Nebuchadnezzar**: returns to sack Jerusalem.
- **Nebuchadnezzar** returns to Jerusalem. It takes a long time to besiege Jerusalem.
- **S/M/A**: King Nebuchadnezzar sets up a large statue and forces all to worship it (Dan 3). Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego were put into the fiery furnace, God delivered them.

**Captured at fall of Jerusalem, blinded & taken**

- **Jerusalem falls. The wall and temple are destroyed**. Those not killed are taken back to Babylon.

### Additional Events

- **Nebuchadnezzar dies**.
- **Nebuchadnezzar's son** becomes king (562).
- **Nebuchadnezzar's son-in-law** becomes king and reigns 4 yrs.
- **Labashi-Marduk**: becomes king when his father dies (reigns 2 months).
- **Nabonidus**: assassinates young Labashi-Marduk and becomes king.
- **Belshazzar**: coregent with his father Nabonidus (father builds temple and fights)

### Additional Notes

- **Daniel**: has dream of the 4 beasts (Dan 7).
- **Daniel**: in 3rd yr of Belshazzar, vision of Ram & Goat (Dan 8).
- **Daniel**: Daniel brought to Belshazzar to read writing on the wall by hand (Dan 5).
- **Belshazzar**: slain by Darius that night.
- **Cyrus**: becomes king that night (he is a Medo, son of Xerxes) becomes king of Persia.
- **Cyrus**: Daniel is thrown into the lions den (Dan 6).
- **Cyrus**: Daniel is praying and Gabriel appears and tells him of the 70 sevens (Dan 9).
- **Cyrus**: issues decree to permit Jews to return to Jerusalem.
- **Cyrus**: 49,897 return under Zerubbabel to start building the Temple (Ezra 2).
- **Daniel**: In the 3rd yr of Cyrus, Daniel has a vision of a man (Dan 10).
- **Temple is completed in Jerusalem (Ezra 5 & 6).
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Kings of the Neo-Babylonian Empire

1. Nebuchadnezzar (605-562 BC)
2. Belshazzar (562-539 BC)
3. Darius I (522-486 BC)
4. Artaxerxes I (465-424 BC)
5. Cyrus the Great (550-529 BC)
6. Cambyses II (528-522 BC)
7. Darius II (522-486 BC)
8. Artaxerxes II (404-359 BC)
9. Artaxerxes III (359-338 BC)
10. Darius III (336-330 BC)

Footnotes

Since the Bible Knowledge Commentary had the most dating info, chart references are for the most part using their dates. It would be confusing to mix dates from different sources.

But below references point out dating differences among commentary scholars:

1. Bible Knowledge Commentary give a full description of events of Babylonian kings. [Old Testament p1325]
   Nelson's Illustrated Bible Commentary has a info box under 2 Chron 36:13 which give Babylonian history (close to the same as BKC)
   New Unger's Bible Handbook, most of these dates are the same as Bible Knowledge Commentary.

2. NIV Study Bible dates ch 1 as 605 BC in the footnotes for 1:1
   Daniel ch 2. Scripture tells us that this is the 2nd year of Nebuchadnezzar’s reign, he has a dream of a statue made of different materials.
   New Bible Commentary dates this as 604 BC
   Nelson's Study Bible NKJV dates this as 603 BC
   Bible Reader's Companion dates this as 602 BC.
   Teacher's Commentary dates this as 595 BC but give no references of how they were derived

3. Daniel ch 3, Nebuchadnezzar sets up a statue, Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego are put into the furnace
   Daniel ch 4, Nebuchadnezzar has a dream of a huge tree.
   Teacher's Commentary notes that the Septuagint includes that this happened in the 18th yr of Nebuchadnezzar (587 BC)

4. Daniel ch 5, Nebuchadnezzar dies in 562, no room to be restored either
   Teacher's Commentary give the date 567 BC, but give no references of how they were derived.

5. Bible Knowledge Commentary p1344 (see sheet 3)
6. Also found in 2 Kings 25:27-30 and Jer 52:31-34.
7. Also noted in Jer 39:3 & 13.
8. Daniel ch 8. Daniel has a dream of a Ram & Goat. Gabriel is sent to reveal its meaning.
9. Dan 8:1. In the third year of King Belshazzar's reign, 2 yrs after Dan 7, so it would be 551 BC
10. Daniel ch 5. Belshazzar has party and brings out goblets from temple in Jerusalem. God has a hand write on the wall
11. Daniel ch 6. Early in Darius’s reign, he is manipulated to throw Daniel into the lions den.
12. Daniel ch 9. In the 1st yr of Darius’s reign, he is praying and Gabriel appears and tells him of the 70 sevens.
13. Bible Knowledge Commentary p1326 (info on Cyrus the king of Persia)
15. Daniel ch 10, 11, & 12. Daniels vision of a man and visit of angels which tell of future events.
16. In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon (Dan 7:1, BKC: in the first year of Belshazzar’s reign, 553 B.C., when Belshazzar was made coregent with Nabonidus)

The Jews were in captivity for about 70 yrs (605 BC until 538 BC)
The Temple was destroyed for about 70 yrs (586 BC until 516 BC)