

Daniel's Timeline

Timeline is not proportionate

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

	640 _{BC}		
	627 _{BC}	Nabopolassar	¹ becomes king of Babylon
	612 _{BC}		¹ Nineveh falls to Babylon & Media
	611 _{BC}		¹ Nabopolassar moves against Assyrians in Haran
	610 _{BC}		¹ Nabopolassar allies with Media to continue attacking Assyrians
	609 _{BC}		¹ Assyrians flee west of Euphrates and seek Neco pharaoh of Egypt's help
	605 _{BC}	Nebuchadnezzar	^{1,2,3} attacks Egypt and defeats them at Carchemish in may/june returns to Babylon in august after hearing his father dies. He becomes king. Attacks Jerusalem in september and takes hostages back
		[17] Daniel & S/M/A	^{1,2,3} are taken to Babylon. (Dan 1)
	603 _{BC}	[19] Daniel	⁴ King Nebuchadnezzar has his first dream (Dan 2) God gives Daniel what the dream was and its interpretation
Jehoiachin Jehoiakim's son becomes king, he reigns 3 months	598 _{BC}		
Zedekiah Jehoiakim's brother becomes king	597 _{BC}		¹ Nebuchadnezzar returns to sack Jerusalem 10,000 are taken to Babylon, this includes Ezekiel the prophet
	588 _{BC}		¹ Nebuchadnezzar returns to Jerusalem. It takes a long time to besiege Jerusalem.
	587 _{BC}	S/M/A	⁵ King Nebuchadnezzar setup 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	586 _{BC}		¹ Jerusalem falls. The wall and temple are destroyed. Those not killed are taken back to Babylon.
	567 _{BC} ?	[55] Daniel	⁶ Nebuchadnezzar has a 2nd dream of a large tree. God gives Daniel the interpretation (Dan 4).
	562 _{BC}		¹ Nebuchadnezzar dies.
	560 _{BC}	Evil-Merodach	⁷ (Nebuchadnezzar's son) becomes king (in 562)
	560 _{BC}	Neriglissar	^{7,8} Evil-Merodach is murdered by Neriglissar becomes king and reigns 4yrs (Nebuchadnezzar's son-in-law)
	556 _{BC}	Labashi-Marduk	^{7,9} becomes king when his father dies (reigns 2 months)
	556 _{BC}	Nabonidus	^{7,9} assassinates young Labashi-Marduk and becomes king
	554 _{BC}	Belshazzar	⁷ coregent with his father Nabonidus (father builds temple and fights)
	553 _{BC}	[69] Daniel	¹⁷ has dream of the 4 beasts (Dan 7)
	551 _{BC}	Daniel	¹⁰ in 3rd yr of Belshazzar, vision of Ram & Goat (Dan 8)
	539 _{BC}	[83] Daniel	¹¹ Daniel brought to Belshazzar to read writing on the wall by hand (Dan 5)
		Darius	¹¹ Belshazzar is slain by Darius that night
		Cyrus	¹¹ becomes king that night (he is a Mede, son of Xerxes)
		[84] Daniel	¹⁴ becomes king of Persia
		[84] Daniel	¹² Daniel is thrown into the lions den (Dan 6)
		[84] Daniel	¹³ Daniel is praying and Gabriel appears and tells him of the 70 sevens (Dan 9)
	538 _{BC}		^{14,15} Cyrus issues decree to permit Jews to return to Jerusalem 49,897 return under Zerubbabel to start building the Temple (Ezra 2)
	536 _{BC}	[86] Daniel	¹⁶ in the 3rd yr of Cyrus, Daniel has a vision of a man (Dan 10)
			the alter and Temple foundation built (Ezra 3:1 - 4:5) 536 _{BC}
	515 _{BC}		Temple is completed in Jerusalem (Ezra 5 & 6)

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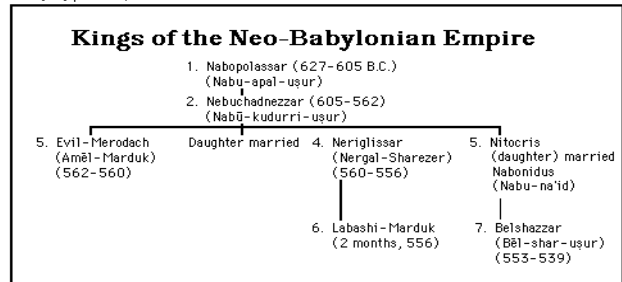


Chart from Bible Knowledge Commentary
found in preface to Daniel

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 date are the same as Bible Knowledge Commentary.
- 2 NIV Study Bible dates ch 1 as 605_{BC} in the footnotes for 1:1
- 3 the Teacher's Commentary dates this as happening in 605_{BC}
- 4 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 give the date 595_{BC} but give no references of how they were derived
- 5 Daniel ch 3, Nebuchadnezzar sets up a statue, Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego are put into the furnace
Bible Knowledge Commentary notes that the Septuagint includes that this happened in the 18th yr of Nebuchadnezzar (587_{BC})
- 6 Daniel ch 4. Nebuchadnezzar has a dream of a huge tree.
the dates below seem not to fit. Nebuchadnezzar reigned 43 yrs.
Old Testament Survey says that 36 yrs or longer may have elapsed since Dan 3. (how can this be, 36 + 7 = 43, no room to be restored after 7 yrs)
(how can this be, 567 - 7 = 560. 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.
- 7 Bible Knowledge Commentary p1344. (see sheet 3)
- 8 Also found in 2 Kings 25:27-30 and Jer 52:31-34.
- 9 Also noted in Jer 39:3 & 13.
- 10 Daniel ch 8. Daniel has a dream of a Ram & Goat. Gabriel is sent to reveal its meaning.
Dan 8:1 In the third year of King Belshazzar's reign. 2yrs after Dan 7, so it would be 551BC
- 11 Daniel ch 5. Belshazzar has party and brings out goblets from temple in Jerusalem. God has a hand write on the wall
Don't know if the lion's den or the visit of Gabriel happens first. But both happen early in the reign of Darius.
- 12 Daniel ch 6. Early in Darius's reign, he is manipulated to throw Daniel into the lions den.
- 13 Daniel ch 9. In the 1st yr of Darius's reign, he is praying and Gabriel appears and tells him of the 70 sevens.
- 14 Bible Knowledge Commentary p1326 (info on Cyrus the king of Persia)
- 15 Also mentioned in Ezra 1:1-4 and 2 Chron 36:22-23.
- 16 Daniel ch 10, 11, & 12. Daniels vision of a man and visit of angels which tell of future events.
- 17 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 (605BC until 538BC)
The Temple was destroyed for about 70 yrs (586BC until 515BC)