

# Daniel's Decision of Faith

Daniel 1:1-21

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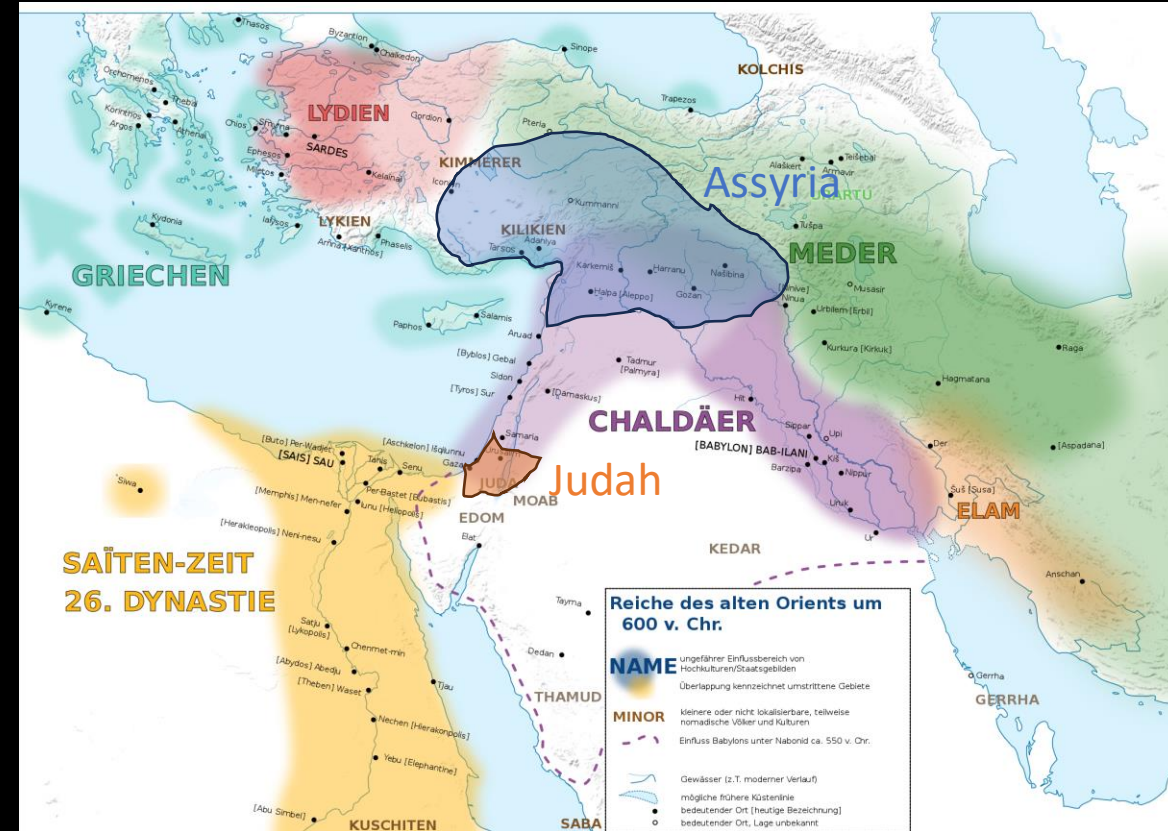
„In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.“

- Daniel 1,1 -

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3 main powers:

1. Declining **Neo-Assyrian Empire**
2. Rising **Neo-Babylonian Empire** under King Nabopolassar & Nebuchadnezzar II.
3. **Saite Egypt** under King Necho II.

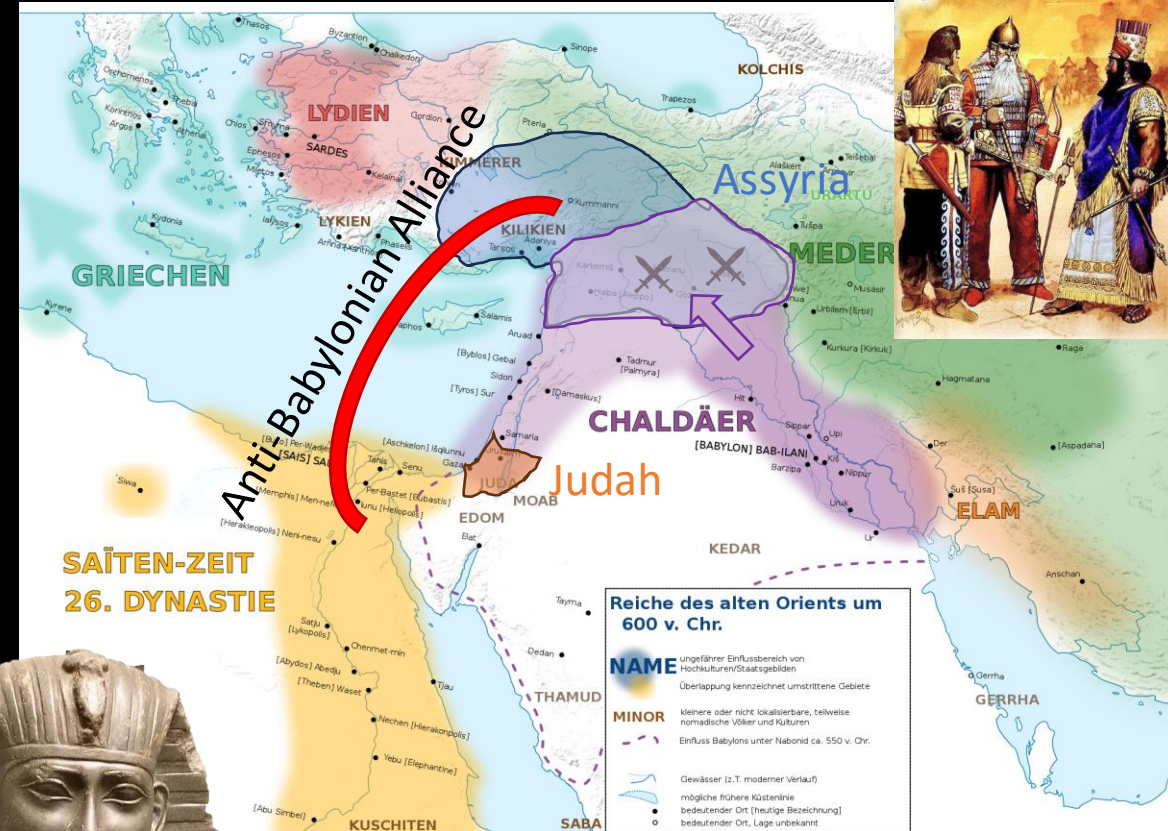


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Nabopolassar &  
Nebuchadnezzar II.

Growing tensions:

- 640: Neo-Assyrian Empire **corrupted** by civil unrest
- 626: Nabopolassar declares **Babylon's independence** from Neo-Assyria
- 610: The Babylonians conquer Haran and **Niniveh**
- 609: Egypt enters **Anti-Babylonian alliance** with Assyria



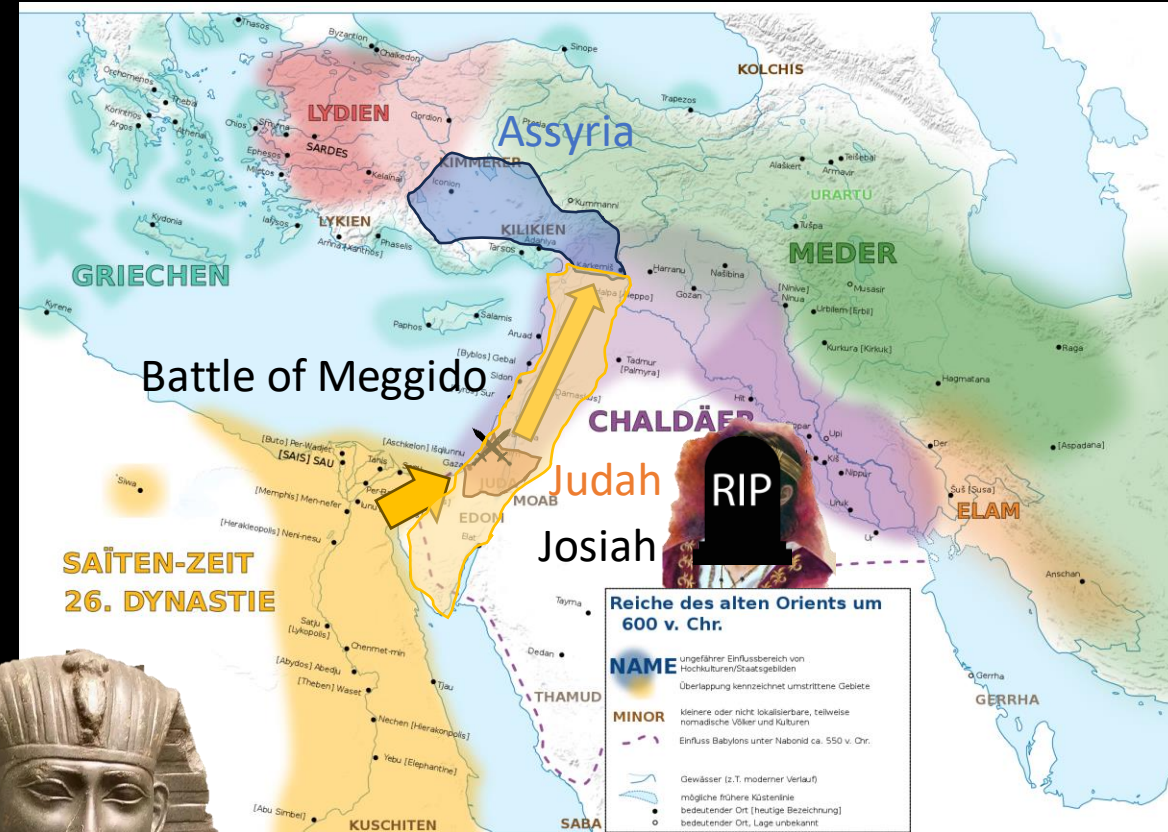
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The Role of Judah:

- 609: **Josiah** stops Necho II. at Meggido  
→ Josiah killed in the **battle of Megiddo**
- 608: Jehoiakim – **Judah as Egypt's vassal**
- Babylon feels **provoked** by Egypt extending their influence in the levante



Necho II.

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## Decisive Battle at Carcemish 605:

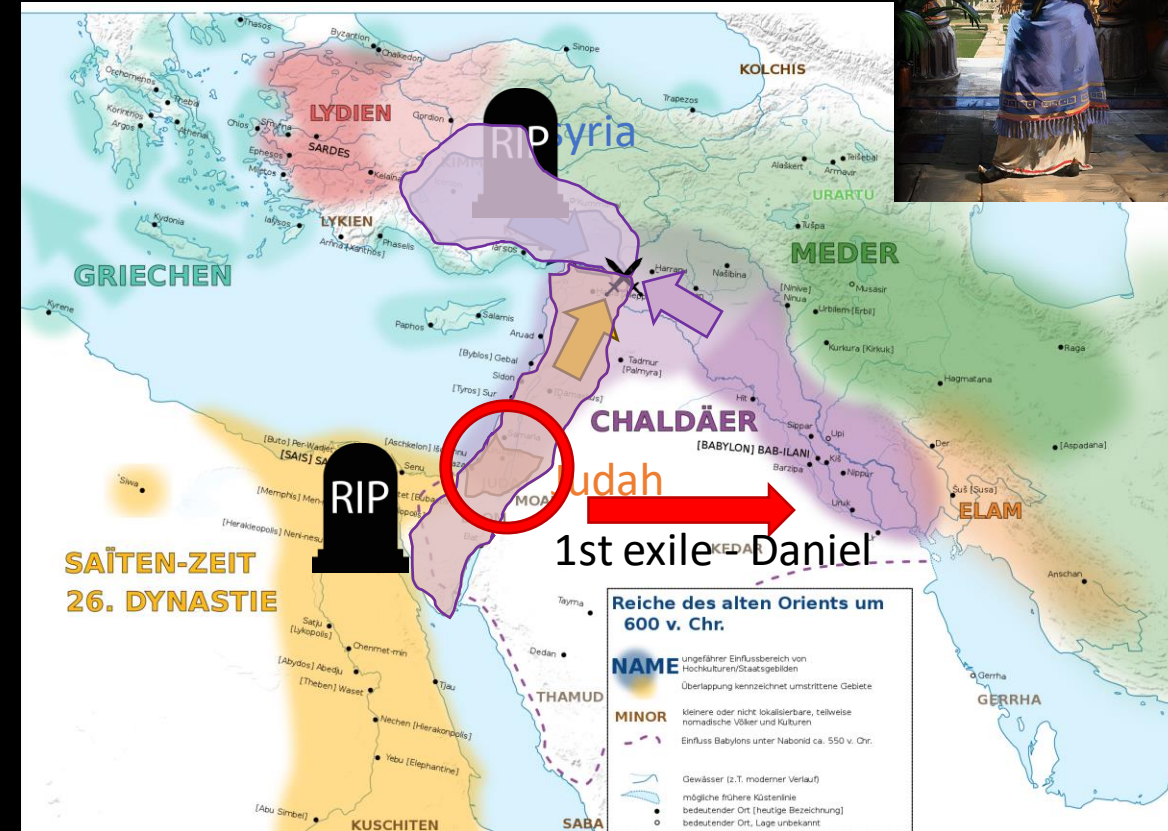
1. The Neo-Assyrian empire ceased to exist
2. Egypt had to cede the Levant to Babylon
3. Babylon is the new super power

→ Judah as a Babylonian vassal

• 605: Nebuchadnezzar takes Jerusalem

→ Daniel 1:1

Nebuchadnezzar II.



# 1. Daniel, a Prisoner From Judah in Babylon (1-7)

The king educates the **young next generation elite** of the conquered nations to consolidate and stabilize his empire:

„Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility“

- Daniel 1,3 -





# 1. Daniel, a Prisoner From Judah in Babylon (1-7)

The king wants to eradicate all of their original identity so that they become „true Babylonians“

„The king assigned them a daily amount of **food and wine from the king's table**. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service. Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.“

- Daniel 1,5.6 -

Israelite Name	Meaning	Babylonian Name	Meaning
Daniel	<b>God</b> is judge	Belteshazzar	<b>Baal</b> protects the king
Hananiah	<b>God</b> is great	Shadrach	Reign of the <b>Moon God</b>
Mishael	Who is like <b>God</b>	Meshach	Who is like the <b>moon God</b> ?
Azariah	<b>God</b> has helped	Abed-Nego	Servant of <b>Nergal</b>

## 2. Daniel's Decision of Faith and God's Blessing (8-21)

Daniel made **THE** clear decision of faith – a firm decision to be **faithful to his true spiritual identity as a holy nation of God's people and as a kingdom of priest**

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„Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be **my treasured possession**. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a **kingdom of priests** and a **holy nation**. These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites“

- Ex 19:5.6 -

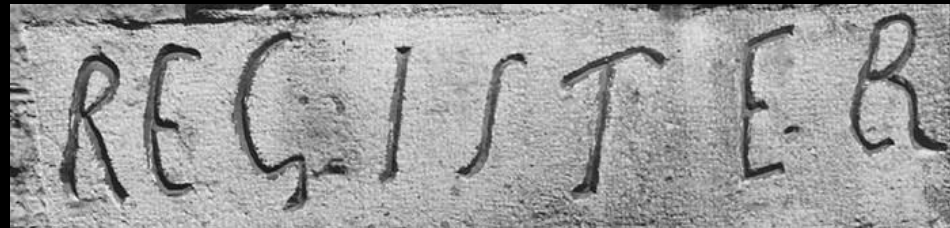


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Marie Durand made **THE** clear decision of faith – a firm decision to be **faithful to her true spiritual identity as one of God's holy people and as a royal priestess**



38 Years imprisoned



Resiste!



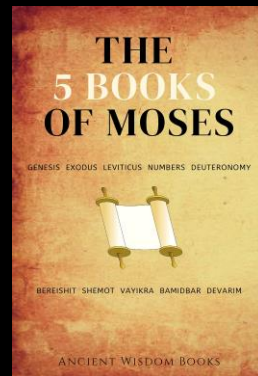
The desert church

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Our Next Generation has made **THE** clear decision of faith – a firm decision to be faithful to God's identity and sovereign counsel for them, as royal priests, bible teachers and campus shepherds



Ht. Olaf Winkler





## 2. Daniel's Decision of Faith and God's Blessing (8-21)

By God's grace, God let me make **THE** clear decision of faith – a firm decision to be **a campus sheperd and next generation global spiritual leader that God uses as a father of many nations**

„I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.“

- John 10:11 -



Samuel...



...and three friends



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Daniel and his three friends find a way to eat water and vegetable for three years

„Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water and to drink.“

- Dan 1:12 -

„At the end of the ten days they looked **healthier and beter nourished than any of the young men** who ate the royal food. So the guard took away their choice food and the **wine** they were to drink and gave them **vegetables** instead.“

- Dan 1:15.16 -



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Daniel's **clear decision of faith** to hold to his spiritual identity, no matter what the cost, was the **starting point for God to use Daniel as an influential shepherd and as a Bible teacher**

### 1. God used Daniel as a shepherd for kings over world empires



Nebukadnezar II.  
(604-562)



Amel-Marduk  
(561-560)

Nabonid  
(555-539)

Belsazar  
(552-543)



Darius von Medien  
(?-?)



Kyros II. „the great“  
(559-530)

Babylonische Könige

Medo-Persische K.

Persische Könige



## 2. Daniel's Decision of Faith and God's Blessing (8-21)

2. God used Daniel as a Bible teacher and Shepherd who sought God's sovereign counsel for his people and prayed for the spiritual revival of his people as a kingdom of priests and as a holy nation

Daniel comes to God in prayer with Israel's sins (Dan 9)



Daniel fights with God's prince against the anti-Christ (Dan 10)

Daniel learns through Bible Study what God's sovereign counsel for his people is (Dan 7, 8, 11)





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**Because of Daniel's decision of faith, God could use him as a holy stump and as a shining star forever and ever to prepare the spiritual revival of God's people**



Jerusalem  
burned down

604-586

530

3 exile waves

Enemies  
prevent temple  
rebuilding



God saves Esther  
and the Israelites

516

480

The temple  
rebuilt



Ezra: Spiritual restoration  
to be God's people

458-445



Nehemiah: Walls of  
Jerusalem rebuilt

## 2. Daniel's Decision of Faith and God's Blessing (8-21)

Daniel

Ezra

Martin Luther

M. John Park

Samuel A. C.

Lydia P.

Apostle Paul

Daniel Gates

Sarah S.

Maria Pak

Josua Elsholz

Noah Schw.

Dr. Samuel Lee

M. Dr. Peter Chang

**The shining stars forever and ever:**

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