

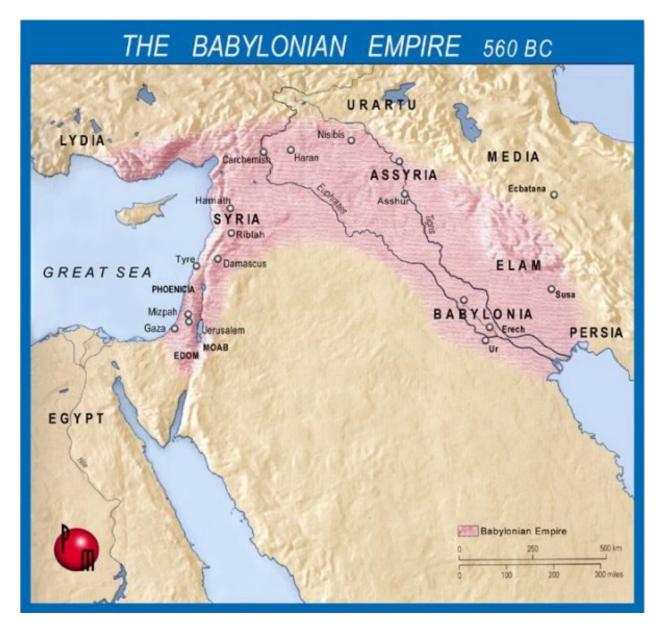
Handouts for Week of December 31, 2023-"God"

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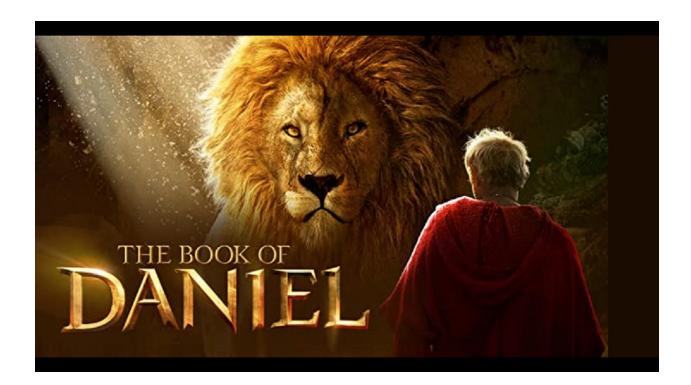


The Babylonian Empire



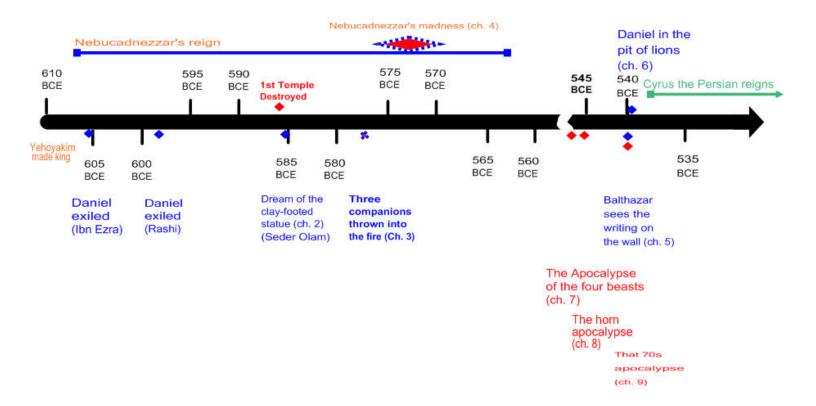


Daniel Movie (you should be able to click on this and watch a movie)





Daniel Timeline





Palestine in the Time of Jesus





II Timothy 3:14-17

"From a child: know the holy Scriptures"

Dr. Doddridge

The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul — Philip Doddridge

was born in London, June 26, 1709. He was of a consumptive habit from infancy, was brought up in the early knowledge of religion, and was left an orphan before he arrived at the age of 14. At 16 be made a profession of religion; at 20 commenced preaching the Gospel; and at 21 was settled over a small congregation, in an obscure village, where be devoted himself to the acquisition of useful knowledge with indefatigable zeal. At 27 he was removed to the pastoral care of the church in Northampton, where, for 22 years, amidst other diversified labors, he acted as an instructor of youth preparing for the ministry, having had under his charge, during that period, upwards of 200 young men.

(Timothy was taught from a very young age – the Scriptures. From his grandmother Lois, and his mother, Eunice, and then eventually Paul)

It does not elsewhere occur, and its current use would make it probable that Timothy had been taught the Scriptures as soon as he was capable of learning anything. Dr. Doddridge correctly renders it here "from infancy." We can conclude:

- (1) that it is proper to teach the Bible to children at as early a period of life as possible.
- (2) that there is reason to hope that such instruction will not be forgotten, but will have a salutary influence on their future lives.

- (3) it is proper to teach the "Old" Testament to children since this was all that Timothy had, and this was made the means of his salvation.
- (4) we may see the utility of Sunday schools. The great, and almost the sole object of such schools is to teach the Bible, and from the view which Paul had of the advantage to Timothy of having been early made acquainted with the Bible, there can be no doubt that if Sunday-schools had then been in existence, he would have been their hearty patron and friend. (Dr. Doddridge)

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Scripture: in Greek – *graphe*, 1124 Holy Writ; Scripture; a thing written; the sacred books (of the O.T.); the holy scripture; also the books of the N.T. already begun to be collected into a canon

(Accordance Greek Strong's Dictionary and Thayer).

Inspiration: in Greek is *theopneustos*: God-breathed, inspired by God, relating directly to God's Spirit (pneuma). The word occurs nowhere else in the N.T., only in II Tim 3:16

"Theopneustos is also used more generally of the divine influence which enabled the human instruments of revelation – prophets, psalmists, apostles – to speak as well as to write God's word" (The Origin of the Bible, page 30).

SH 497:3-4

1. As adherents of Truth, we take the **inspired** Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life.

Inspired can be thought of as *prophetic*. We take the 'prophetic Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal life.' Prophetic means 'God-breathed, 'the breath of God,' the 'out-breathing of inspiration.'

Profitable: ophelimos in Greek: Beneficial, useful, profitable

Doctrine: in Greek: *didaskalia*: 1319 Teaching, instruction, that we might be taught (for our learning); precepts; doctrine (Accordance Greek Strong's Dictionary and Thayer).

Reproof: in Greek *elengchou*; 1650 A proof, that by which a thing is proved or tested;

Correction: in Greek *epanorthosis*: 1882

Restoration to an upright or a right state; correction

Instruction: in Greek *paideia*: 3809 The whole training and education of children (which relates to the cultivation of mind and morals, and employs for this purpose now commands and admonitions, now reproof and punishment;

17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.	Throughly: completely equipped; utter capable Furnish: Exartizo in Greek
"It should be natural for Christian Scientists to speak the mother tongue, to think spiritually, to talk spiritually, to read the Scriptures spiritually, and thus declare themselves and their generation on God's side, yea, to characterize their language and their love as spiritual not material." (Mary Baker Eddy Library Accession #A10320)	
SH 117:6-7 God is Spirit; therefore the language of Spirit must be, and is, spiritual	