

BABYLONIAN & PERSIAN KINGS

KINGS IN THE BOOK OF DANIEL

NEBUCHADNEZZAR

King of Babylon

- Attacked and controlled Judah
- Exiled most Judeans to Babylon
- Destroyed Jerusalem and took Temple treasures
- Had a dream that Daniel interpreted (Dan. 2)
- Three men would not bow to his statue (Dan. 3)
- Driven away from humanity then restored (Dan. 4)

BELSHAZZAR

King of Babylon, grandson of Nebuchadnezzar

- Writing on the wall that Daniel interpreted (Dan. 5)

DARIUS THE MEDE

King of the Chaldeans, possibly King Cyrus of Persia

- Signed a decree which put Daniel in a lion's den (Dan. 6)

CYRUS

King of Persia

- Daniel had a vision during this time (Dan. 10)

PERSIAN KINGS

CYRUS

- Issued a decree allowing Jewish people to return to their homeland (2Chron. 36:22-23; Ezra 1:1-3)

DARIUS THE GREAT

- Ordered the work on the Temple to resume after it had been halted (Ezra 6:1-12)

XERXES

aka Ahasuerus

- The son of Darius the Great
- Married Esther

DARIUS II

- The son of Xerxes (Dan. 9:1)

ARTAXERXES

- The son of Xerxes
- His cupbearer was Nehemiah
- Supported Ezra and Nehemiah as they returned to Jerusalem (Ezra 7:1; Nehemiah 2:1)

DARIUS THE MEDE

- Made king over the realm of the Chaldeans by Cyrus (Daniel 6:1)