

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

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 - **Daniel 12:4; Matthew 24:25**

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◉ Timing of Events:

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- The period of the Babylonian captivity.

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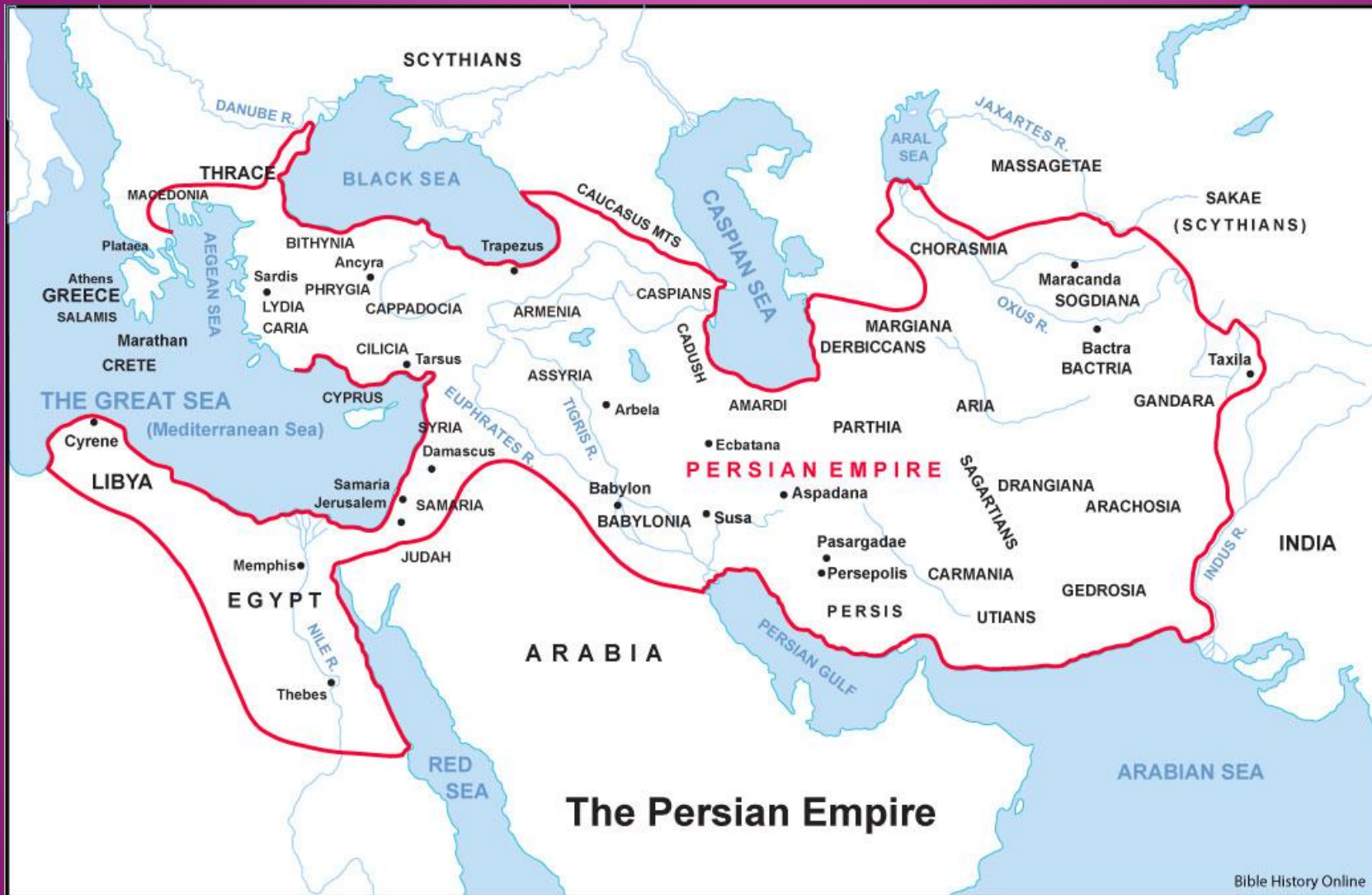
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- **Babylon or Persia**

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - Faithful to God in a challenging setting, Daniel is blessed.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** enables Daniel to interpret dreams
- **Daniel:** taken in captivity to Babylon; groomed as a royal servant; always true to God
- **Nebuchadnezzar:** king of Babylon; takes treasures and people of Jerusalem to Babylon
- **Hananiah, Michael, Azariah:** friends of Daniel; thrown into a fiery furnace, but survive
- **Belshazzar:** son of Nebuchadnezzar; sees the handwriting on the wall
- **Darius:** succeeds Belshazzar and puts Daniel in the lion's den

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- ◎ Where is the work of Christ?
 - Daniel has a vision of “One like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven” (7:13). This is a prophecy of Christ’s second coming at which time He will be given glory and dominion over all people.

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Verse to Remember

- ◎ “So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.” (Daniel 9:3)

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◎ Interesting Facts:

- Daniel is one of the few well-known biblical characters about whom nothing negative is written. Three times Daniel is mentioned by his 6th century counterpart, Ezekiel, as an example of righteousness. (Ezekiel 9:23; 10:11, 19)
- The first six chapters of Daniel are written in the third person, while the last six chapters are written in the first person.
- During the reign of Darius, a plot against Daniel results in his being put in the den of lions. At a minimum, Daniel would have been at least 82 years old when that occurred.

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- ◎ What is my take away?
 - God hears us when we pray, and our words, when spoken with a sincere heart, carry weight in heaven.

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◎ Home Study

- Read a couple chapters daily in Hosea this week.
- Review your One-Sentence Summaries.
- Recite your memory verses.