



Transcending Our Reality

Daniel 6



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Gen 15:2 “But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless...”

¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And **by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”**

¹⁶ The **Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.**

Romans 8:15-17

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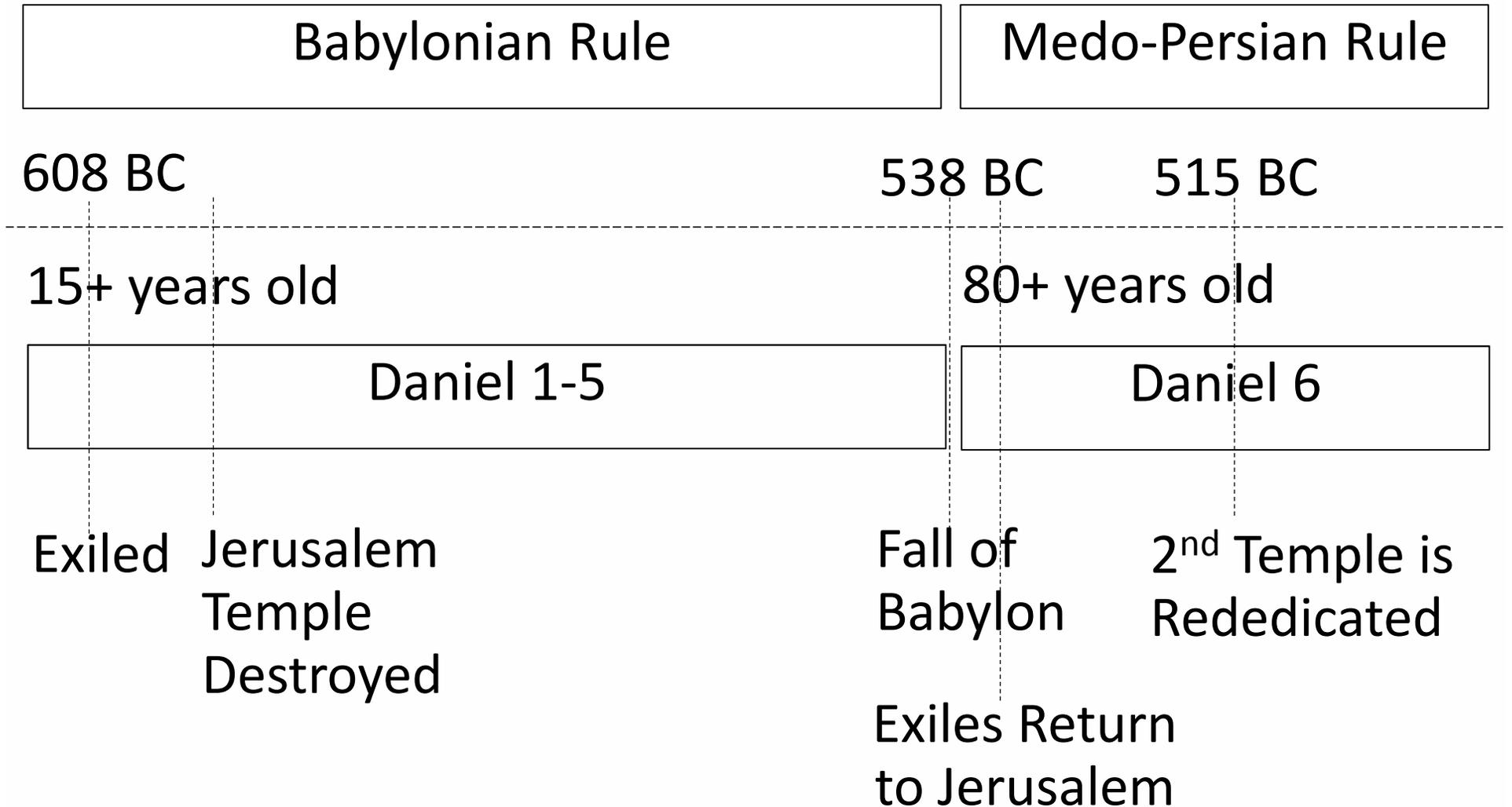
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It pleased **Darius** to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, 2 with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. 3 Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his **exceptional qualities** that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

Daniel 6:1-3

A Rough Timeline



6 So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: “May King Darius live forever! 7 The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that **anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions’ den.**

Daniel 6:6-7

Prayer does not fit us for the greater work;
prayer is the greater work

Oswald Chambers

I have so much to do
that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.

Martin Luther

I have so much to do
that I shall do it to perfection and will not sleep
until someone gives me an 'A.'
...oh and then thank God for my 'A.'
Please will someone give me an 'A?'

James Chang

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, **just as he had done before.**

Daniel 6:10

¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" ¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed.

¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

Daniel 6:16-18

¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

²¹ Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

Daniel 6:19-21

²⁵ Then King Darius wrote to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth:

“May you prosper greatly!

²⁶ “I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel.

“For he is the living God
and he endures forever;
his kingdom will not be destroyed,
his dominion will never end.

²⁷ He rescues and he saves;
he performs signs and wonders
in the heavens and on the earth.
He has rescued Daniel
from the power of the lions.”

Daniel 6:25-27

Some Transcending Movements in Prayer to Consider

- Turn your Scripture Readings into Prayers
- Add a Quiet Meditation time to your Devotions
- Change a Morning, Afternoon, and/or Evening Routine into Prayer
- Pray with Greater Expectation