

# 19 Have faith

## Major Prophets in exile - Ezekiel and Daniel

Reference	BC	What happened?
Daniel 1:1-6	606	
Ezekiel 1:1-3	597	
2 Kings 25:1-7	586	
Daniel 5:29-31	536	

### Some amazing comparisons

Think about the dates and where things are happening.

#### The siege of Jerusalem

Compare Ezekiel 24:1 with 2 Kings 25:1

Ezekiel 33:21 with 2 Kings 25:1-3

#### 70 years

Compare Jeremiah 25:11-12 with Daniel 9:2

#### Cyrus

Compare Isaiah 44:28, Isaiah 45:1-5 (written about 700 BC) with

2 Chronicles 36:22-23 (this happened about 516 BC).

The Babylonians and Jews used different methods of calculating years and different start dates so working out dates can mean the years don't exactly match up. We still do similar things today with calendar years, tax years and academic years

### Where were they?

#### Where was Ezekiel?

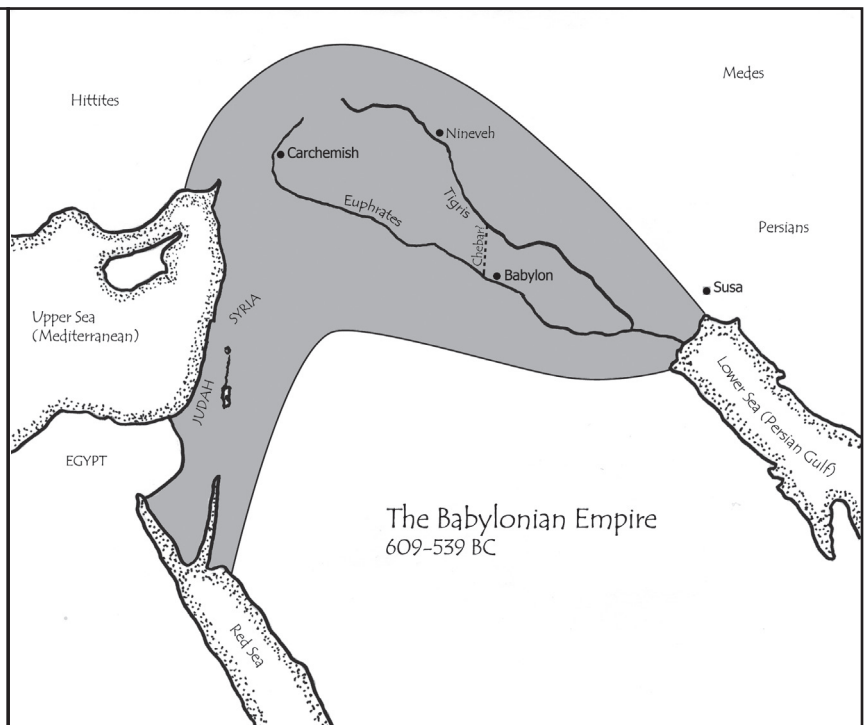
See Ezekiel 1:3. The Chebar (or Kebar) may have been the royal canal of Nebuchadnezzar, which connected the Tigris with the Euphrates. Perhaps the Jews were used as slaves to build it? See Psalm 137.

#### Where was Daniel?

Daniel must have spent most of his time in Babylon - see Daniel 2:48 for instance. Do you think Daniel and Ezekiel would have met each other?

#### Later on

Daniel (8:2) has a vision where he is in Susa, the capital of the Persian empire. Who else was there? See Esther 2:8 and Nehemiah 1:1



650 BC

600 BC

550 BC

# Ezekiel

## What a strange thing for God to say.

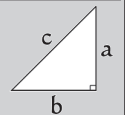
Ezekiel 24:16

What happened? see verse 18

Why did God say it? see verses 19-24

Pythagoras,  
Greek  
philosopher and  
mathematician  
lived 581-497 BC

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$



### Shepherds of Israel

Who are the Shepherds and what are they doing?

Psalms 23:6

Ezekiel 34:2, 6.

Ezekiel 34:11-16

John 10 (notice verse 30)

### God says

I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

Ezekiel 34:16



Ezekiel's Vision of the Valley of Dry Bones.  
An engraving by Gustave Doré.



Ezekiel saw a vision of a new temple in Jerusalem. Two temples were later built, but not like the one Ezekiel saw.

## Funny Bibles

An 1806 printing of the Bible had in Ezekiel 47:10 'and fishes shall stand upon the sea..' What should it have said?

# Daniel

... the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.'  
Daniel 4:17

## A vision of Daniel (chapter 8)

Read verses 1-4, 20.

What did he see?

What did it mean?

See verses 5-8, 21-23.

What else did he see? What did it mean?

## Another vision (chapter 7)

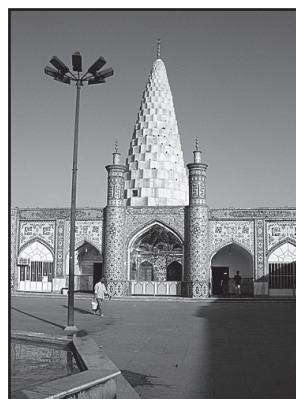
How many horns this time? verse 7

How many horns and heads? Revelation 17:3.

## How did Daniel feel?

Daniel 7:28

What do you think?



The modern Iranian town of Shush is at the site of ancient Shushan (Susa). It contains this very old building which is believed to be the tomb of Daniel.

## The Time of the end

Use your concordance

Look up these words and find some parallels between Daniel 12:1-7 and Revelation.

- a time of distress,
- written in the book,
- everlasting life,
- seal the words of the scroll,
- clothed in linen
- 'times, times and half a time'.

500 BC

450 BC

400 BC

