

## TIMELINE: Daniel

Ca. **4000 BC** - Creation (Genesis 1-2)

Ca. **2350 BC** - The Flood (Genesis 7)

The name Methuselah means “his death shall bring.” God had given Enoch, Methuselah’s father, insight into the future judgment. In the year he died, judgment came to the world via a flood.

Ca. **2240 BC** - The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11)

Nimrod, descendant of Ham, is the first “king” mentioned in the Bible (lit. “tyrant” in Hebrew). Nimrod’s Tower of Babel “opened to the skies” and the mystery religion of star worship began.

**1996 BC** - The birth of Abraham (Genesis 11).

**1921 BC** Abraham goes to Egypt (Gen. 12:10). God’s people sojourned in Egypt 430 years (Ex. 12:40).

**1491 BC** Abraham’s descendants (Israel) leave Egypt via the Exodus (Galatians 3:16-18)

**1450 BC** Israel enters Canaan under the leadership of Joshua (Joshua 1).

**1095 BC** Saul crowned king over Israel - (the exact year Israel began neglecting Sabbath rest).

David served as king from **1055 BC to 1015 BC** and Solomon from 1015 BC to 975 BC (I Kings 6:1 is the key verse for dating the reign of Solomon in relation to the Exodus of Israel).

**975 BC** Israel divides into the northern kingdom (Israel) and the southern kingdom (Judah)

**776 BC** The Olympic Games begin by order of the Oracle of Delphi to prevent “eternal wars.”

**722 BC** The northern kingdom of Israel falls to the Assyrians (the first ancient world empire). (The ten tribes of the north are scattered throughout the world; see II Kings 17:24)

**609 BC** The Assyrians are finally defeated by King Nabopolassar, leader of the neo-Babylonian empire.

**605 BC** King Nebuchadnezzar, Nabopolassar’s son, takes **Daniel** and other young men back to Babylon.

**597 BC** Ezekiel is taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar during the second attack on Jerusalem by Babylon.

**586 BC** The Temple is destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar during his third and final attack on Jerusalem.

**539 BC** Persia (modern Iran) under King Cyrus conquers **Babylon** and begins allowing Jews to return.

**516 BC** The Jews dedicate a rebuilt Temple (the Second Temple) in Jerusalem. Daniel stays in Babylon.

**490 BC** The Battle of Marathon when Persia (under Darius) attacks the city-states of Greece and loses.

**480 BC** The Battle of Thermopylae when **Persia** (under Xerxes) attacked **Greece** in the second invasion defeated the Spartans, burned Athens, and then to the Greeks at the Battle of Salamis.

**458 BC** Artaxerxes, son of Xerxes, issues the decree (Ezra 7:7-26) that begins the 490 years of Daniel 9.

**356 BC** Alexander is born. He conquers the world, defeating Persia, and dies in Babylon in 323 B.C.

Upon Alexander’s death, the civilized world is divided among Alexander’s four Greek generals.

**146 BC** The rising power of **Rome** utterly destroys Carthage and makes Greece a Roman province.

**31 BC** Octavius, leader of the Roman Republic, defeats Antony and Cleopatra, declares himself Caesar.

**4 BC** Jesus was born during the reign of Caesar Augustus (Octavius) and the Roman tetrarch Herod.

**AD 30** Jesus died at Calvary at the age of thirty-three. Steven, the first Christian martyr, dies in AD 33.

**AD 70** The Temple is destroyed, fulfilling Jesus’ prophecy in Matthew 24 as well as Daniel’s prophecies. *God launched a New Covenant with Jews and Gentiles; an eternal kingdom of rest* (Psalm 110:1).