

Historical context of Daniel's prophecies

The Assyrian Empire

612 Fall of Nineveh

1. The Babylonian Empire

609 Battle of Meggido

605 Battle of Carchemish

604 **Nebuchadnezzar** (604-562)

587 **Deportation** (Jeremiah 25 : the 70 years)

Deportation of Daniel (Daniel 1)

545 **Balthazar** (son of Nabonide, son of Nebuchadnezzar)

2a. The Empire of Medes

555 **Cyrus** the Persian : revolt against the Medes

539 Cyrus enters in Babylon : Death of Balthazar (Daniel 5,30)

2b. The Persian Empire

538 Cyrus' edict (Daniel 9)

530 Cambyses (son of Cyrus) Interruption building Temple Ezra 4 and 5

522 **Darius I : (522-486) (Daniel 6,1)** Resumes building Temple Ezra 6

3. The Greek Empire

336 **Alexander The Great**

333 Battle of Issus

331 Battle of Arbela

319 Four Seleucides

175 **Antiochus IV Epiphanes** (175-164) (Daniel 7,8 / 8,9)

170 Abomination of desolation (Daniel 9,27 / 11,31 / 12,11 Matthew 24,25)

63 Pompey takes Jerusalem

1 Jesus : (Daniel 9,25)

70 Titus destroyed the 2nd Temple (Daniel 9,26)

4. The Roman Empire

Daniel 1 : Daniel to Babylon
Daniel 2 : Statue of 4 empires (under Nebucha.) (Babylonian, Mede-Persian, Greek, Roman)
Daniel 3 : Golden statue and canticle
Daniel 4 : The tree and madness of Nebuchadnezzar
Daniel 5 : Death of Balthazar
Daniel 6 : Daniel in lions' den
Daniel 7 : Vision of 4 animals (Year I of Balthazar): (Babylon - Medes - Persia - Greek)
Daniel 8 : The Ram and The Billy Goat (Persian-Greek : year III of Balthazar)
Daniel 9 : 70 weeks (year I of Darius)
Daniel 10-11: Persian and Greek(year III of Cyrus) (Antiochus IV Epiphanes)
Daniel 12 : Time of the End

N.B.: To read :

1 Maccabees 1 ; compare with Daniel 11,31-39

Matthew 24 / Luke 19,41-44 / Luke 21,20-24

Ezra and Nehemiah.