

# THE FOUR WORLD EMPIRES

## Empire #1 (Babylon)

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- In a Bible Class, we are to search the scriptures with the aid of our publications CW 112.1
- **Publications = Our Periodicals**  
“The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in **our books** and **periodicals**. **Our publications** are to show that the end of all things is at hand.” {ChS 146.1}
- **Our Periodicals = The Pioneer Writings, including Haskell’s writings** (CW 28.1-.2; 9T 73.1-.2)
- See ALSO → {1MR 55.1 }

**“...LIKEWISE ASSYRIA, BABYLON, GREECE, AND ROME; WHATEVER THE NATION AND WHATEVER ITS PLACE IN TIME, ITS HISTORY IS NOTED BY THE DIVINE HISTORIAN ONLY DURING THE TIME WHEN IT HAS BEEN AN INSTRUMENT IN GOD’S HAND TO SPREAD HIS TRUTH, OR TO PROTECT HIS PEOPLE.”** {1901 SNH, SDP 161.1}

- Go to → Jeremiah 50:17

**“THE KINGDOM OF BABYLON, PROPER, OR AS WE READ OF IT IN SCRIPTURE, DATES FROM B.C. 747; BUT YET IT DATES IN PROPHECY FROM B.C. 677. THE REASON OF THIS IS, BECAUSE KINGDOMS ARE NOT RECOGNIZED IN THE PROPHETIC RECORD, AS EXISTING, UNTIL THEY BECOME CONNECTED WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD. HENCE IN PROPHECY, KINGDOMS MUST DATE FROM THAT POINT OF TIME AT WHICH THEY BEGAN TO ACT A PART IN THE PROPHETIC DRAMA. BABYLON FIRST BECAME CONNECTED WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD BY TAKING MANASSEH, KING OF JUDAH, CAPTIVE, B.C. 677. 2 Chron. xxxiii...”** {1864 UrS, KPC 7.1} KPC = Key to the Prophetic Chart

**NOTE:** Babylon ruled over the people of God entirely from 677 B.C. to 538 B.C.

- BUT, The Head of Gold, in the days of Nebuchadnezzar, starts from 606 B.C. to 538 B.C.

**“BABYLON, THE HEAD OF GOLD, WAS THE FIRST OF THE UNIVERSAL EMPIRES...For a while Babylon had been true to her trust, and had done the work required at her hand by the Lord; but when she neglected this, and turned from it, God took the Medes and the Persians and through them brought punishment upon the guilty nation. Then the power of Medo-Persia filled the world...”** {1899 PTM, PRUS 179.1} PRUS = Peril to the Republic of the U.S. by P. Magan

### **BABYLON BECOMES INDEPENDENT OF ASSYRIA**

- **4. Nabopolassar** (Father of Nebuchadnezzar) (the 4<sup>th</sup> king o Babylon)  
In 625 B.C., he caused the Kingdom of Babylon to rule separately from Assyria

**“...THE NEW BABYLONIAN EMPIRE WAS ESTABLISHED BY NABOPOLASSAR IN 625 B. C., ENTIRELY INDEPENDENT OF ASSYRIA, and ANOTHER FIFTEEN YEARS BROUGHT THAT LONG DOMINANT EMPIRE TO EXTINCTION.”** {1932 WWP, SPBI 150.1} SPBI = The Spade and the Bible

**NOTE:** In 614 B.C., Assyria became extinct by Babylon

**NOTE:** In 604 B.C. – Nebuchadnezzar’s father, Nabopolassar passed away  
Nebuchadnezzar becomes sole ruler of Babylon

- **5. Nebuchadnezzar**  
606 B.C. – Ruled conjointly with his father to 604 B.C.  
– Invaded Judah and took Daniel and his 3 friends captive  
This was Nebuchadnezzar’s 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 invasions of Judah  
The children of Judah were to be captive in Babylon for 70 years  
from 606 B.C. to 536 B.C.  
See → Jeremiah 25:11-12; 29:10

## NEBUCHADNEZZAR, REPRESENTING BABYLON, IS REFERRED TO AS:

- **Head of Gold** → Daniel 2:31-32,38  
referred to as “head of gold” in Nebuchadnezzar’s day because he made it a “golden” empire  
**“THE HEAD OF GOLD REPRESENT BABYLON, WHOSE UNIVERSAL DOMINION LASTED FROM 606 TO 538 B.C...”**  
{January 31, 1895 EJW, PTUK 69.3} 1897 UrS, DAR 47.1  
**See Also** → DAR 47.1-47.2
- **Lion with 2 wings** → Daniel 7:3-4 (See Also → Exodus 19:4 and Isaiah 40:310)
- **A Lion** → Jeremiah 50:17
- **Called the “glory of Kindgoms” AND “beauty of the Chaldees”** (Isaiah 13:19)

## *Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem 3 x:*

- . - **“Daniel lived long enough to see when it was decreed for them to be set free** (Daniel 1:21)  
**“AT the time when the book of Daniel opens, the Jewish nation was subject to the Babylonians, and many of the Jews were in Babylon.** A few years before (about 610 B.C.), **the king of Egypt had deposed Jehoahaz, king of Judah, and placed Eliakim, whom he named**

**606 B.C - #1: Jehoiakim, on the throne.** 2Chron.36:2-4. **In the third year of his reign** (Dan.1:1) **Nebuchadnezzar came to Jerusalem and BESIEGED IT.** **THE CITY WAS TAKEN, Jehoiakim was bound with fetters, and SOME OF THE VESSELS OF THE HOUSE OF GOD** (2Chron.36:7; Dan.1:2) **WERE CARRIED TO BABYLON. SOME OF THE PEOPLE, ALSO, AMONG WHOM WERE DANIEL AND HIS FELLOWS, WERE CARRIED TO BABYLON AT THIS TIME.** Dan.1:3-7. **Jehoiakim, however, was allowed to remain in Jerusalem, where he reigned eight years longer.** 2Chron.36:5. **He was then succeeded by**

**599 B.C. - #2: JEHOIACHIN, HIS SON, who, after a reign of three months, WAS TAKEN BY NEBUCHADNEZZAR TO BABYLON.** 2Chron.36:9,10. **With him were also taken all the royal family, the wealthy people, and the artisans, so that only the poorest people of the land were left in Judah.** **2Kings 24:8-16. This was about B.C. 599.**

**588 B.C. - #3: Nebuchadnezzar then placed Mattaniah on the throne of Judah, and changed his name to Zedekiah. After a few years' reign Zedekiah rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar, who again came to Jerusalem, and in the eleventh year of Zedekiah's reign (about B.C. 588) he succeeded in capturing the city. ZEDEKIAH WAS CARRIED TO BABYLON, AND WITH HIM ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAD BEFORE BEEN LEFT, AND THE WALLS AND PALACES OF JERUSALEM WERE BURNED TO THE GROUND.** 2Chron.36:11-21. **THIS FULFILLED THE PROPHECY OF JEREMIAH** (chap. 17:27), **AND COMPLETED THE OVERTHROW OF THE JEWISH NATION.”** {1889 EJW, PROLI 59.2}

**NOTE:** Nebuchadnezzar died in B.C. 561, in his 44<sup>th</sup>(some say 43<sup>rd</sup>) year of reigning as king

**“Nebuchadnezzar expired at Babylon in the forty-fourth year of his reign, B. C. 561, after an illness of no long duration. He was probably little short of eighty years old at his death.”** -- Rawlinson. 36 --- {1898 ATJ, GEP 24.1}

## **THE NEXT KINGS TO RULE BABYLON AFTER NEBUCHADNEZZAR:**

- “NEBUCHADNEZZAR REIGNED FORTY-THREE YEARS, AND WAS SUCCEEDED BY THE FOLLOWING RULERS:**
- #1: **HIS SON, EVIL-MERODACH, TWO YEARS;**
  - #2: **NERIGLISSAR, HIS SON-IN-LAW, FOUR YEARS;** {1898 ATJ, GEP 26.2}
  - #3: **LABOROSOARCHOD, NERIGLISSAR'S SON, NINE MONTHS, which, being less than one year, is not counted in the canon of Ptolemy;**
  - #4: **AND LASTLY, NABONADIUS, {1901 SNH, SDP 63.3} WHOSE SON,**
  - #5: **BELSHAZZAR, GRANDSON OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR, was associated with him on the throne, and WITH WHOM THAT KINGDOM CAME TO AN END.** {1897 UrS, DAR 50.2}

## **THE PROPHETS DURING BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY UNDER NEBUCHADNEZZAR**

1. **Daniel** (taken during Nebuchadnezzar's 1<sup>st</sup> siege) (Jehoiakim(Josiah's son) was king) (Daniel 1:1-4,6)
2. **Ezekiel** (taken during Nebuchadnezzar's 2<sup>nd</sup> siege) (Jehoiachin(Josiah's grandson) was king)(Ezekiel 1:1-2)
3. **Jeremiah** (during Nebuchadnezzar's 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> siege)(Zedekiah(Josiah's son) was king  
(Jeremiah 29:1-2; 34:1; 32:1-3; 39:2-5)

## **THE DREAMS/VISIONS GIVEN DURING THE DAYS OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S AND HIS GRANDSON, BELSHAZZAR'S REIGN ARE:**

1. **Nebuchadnezzar** (The Great Image)(**Daniel 2**) (please read this chapter in your own time by tomorrow)  
2<sup>nd</sup> year of Nebuchadnezzar (vs:2)
2. **Nebuchadnezzar** (Of himself becoming a beast and living among the beasts x 7 years) (**Daniel 4**)  
vs:4-5  
**NOTE:** Nebuchadnezzar wrote Daniel chapter 4; Daniel wrote all the other chapters of the book of Daniel
3. **Daniel** (The 4 Beasts/Kingdoms) coming up out of the Water (**Daniel 7**)  
1<sup>st</sup> year of Belshazzar  
vs:1,3
4. **Daniel** (Greece overcoming Medo-Persia(Battle of Arbela) and ruling the World and being Divided into 4  
3<sup>rd</sup> year of king Belshazzar  
(**Daniel 8:1, then verses 2-8**)  
And Pagan and Papal Rome on the Scene and the 2300 Days Prophecy  
(**Daniel 8:9-14**)

## **THIS BEAST (Babylon the Lion) may be found in Revelation 13:2**

- **"IN THE REVELATION ALL THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE MEET AND END. HERE IS THE COMPLEMENT OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL. ONE IS A PROPHECY; THE OTHER A REVELATION. THE BOOK THAT WAS SEALED IS NOT THE REVELATION, BUT THAT PORTION OF THE PROPHECY OF DANIEL RELATING TO THE LAST DAYS..." {AA 585.1}**
- The Book of Daniel = The Sealed book (Daniel 12:4,9) **See ALSO** →(GC 356.2)  
AND
- The Book of Revelation = The book of Daniel unsealed (Revelation 5:1-8; 10:1-2)

## **TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BABYLON READ THE FOLLOWING:**

- **'Story of Daniel the Prophet'** by: Stephen Haskell : **CHAPTERS 1-6**  
**See** → 9T 73.1-.2 on how this book is to be read and sold  
She wrote the above in 1909. The only 2 books of Haskell's in existence at that time were  
'Story of Daniel the Prophet' AND 'Story of the Seer of Patmos'
- **'Daniel and the Revelation'**, 1897 correct edition: **CHAPTERS 1-5**  
**See** → 1MR 60.6-61.2; 62.3-63.1/.3-.4)