

Ruler	Reigned	Comments
Nabu-apla-usur (Nabopolassar)	626 – 605 BC	Took control of Babylonia from Sinsharishkun of Assyria, ejected Assyrian armies from Babylonia in 616 BC. Entered into alliance with Cyaxares and destroyed Assyrian empire.
Nabu-kudurri-usur (Nebuchadnezzar II)	605 – 562 BC	Chaldean king. Defeated the Egyptians and Assyrians at Carchemish . Is associated with Daniel in the Bible.
Amel-Marduk (Evil-Merodach)	562 – 560 BC	Released Jeconiah after 37 years in captivity.
Nergal-shar-usur (Nergal-sharezer/Neriglissar)	560 – 556 BC	Son-in-law of Nebuchadnezzar II. Murdered Amel-Marduk.
Labashi-Marduk	556 BC	Son of Neriglissar. Murdered after being deemed unfit to rule.
Nabu-na'id (Nabonidus)	556 – 539 BC	Last Mesopotamian king of Babylon, originated in Harran in Assyria. Was not a Chaldean, often left rule to his son Belshazzar .

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Cyrus the Great	539-530 BC	Conquered Babylon into the Persian Empire .
Cambyses II	530 – 522 BC	Son of Cyrus the Great.
Bardiya	522 BC	Son of Cyrus the Great (possible an usurper named Gaumata) Reigned only for seven months.
Darius I the Great	521 – 486 BC	Son-in-law of Cyrus the Great and son of Hystaspes .
Xerxes I the Great	485 – 465 BC	Son of Darius the Great and grandson of Cyrus the Great. Maybe the Ahasuerus mentioned in the Book of Esther .
Artaxerxes I Longimanus	465 – 424 BC	Son of Xerxes the Great. Mentioned in the book of Ezra and the book of Nehemiah .

DANIEL 2		DANIEL 7		DANIEL 8		DANIEL 11, 12	
GOLD		BABYLON	LION	NONE	NONE		
SILVER		MEDO-PERSIA	BEAR	RAM WITH TWO HORNS		FOUR KINGS (Verse 2)	
BRASS		GREECE	LEOPARD	THE GOAT		MIGHTY KING (Verses 3-13)	
IRON		ROME	PIERCE BEAST	LITTLE HORN FROM FOUR HORNS		KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 14-35)	
IRON AND CLAY		DIVIDED KINGDOMS 1260 YEARS	TEN HORNS	LITTLE HORN GREAT		KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 30-39)	
STONE CUT OUT WITHOUT MAN'S HANDS		INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT	LITTLE HORN	LITTLE HORN WAXED			TIME OF THE END (Verses 40-45)
STONE FILLS WHOLE EARTH		CHRIST'S KINGDOM	JUDGMENT SCENE	CLEANSING OF HEAVENLY SANCTUARY		EXECUTIVE JUDGMENT	MICHAEL STANDS UP (Chapter 12:1-3)
			KINGDOM GIVEN TO SAINTS				

DANIEL CHAPTER ONE

Daniel 1:

God has chosen Daniel, and the other three to serve in the palace. God gave them wisdom, skills and learning. This palace is not a godly place. Daniel chose not to defile himself with the food there. And with that, he became even better than all the others and was given favour.

Lesson: God puts us in places of uncertainty or ungodly, not to be defiled by it, but so that through it we can practice our faith and eventually use it in His glory. God has the ability to protect us and give us favour wherever we are. We ought not to eat, accept or practice anything that defiles the name of the Lord.

DANIEL CHAPTER TWO

Nebuchadnezzar had a dream he wants to be interpreted. So he called the wise men to interpret it. But the first people that he called could not give him what he wants. For he wanted them to tell his dream before they interpret it. With that he got angry and command to kill all the wise men in the place that were unable to tell his dream. But Daniel having heard the news prayed to God. Then God revealed to him Nebuchadnezzar's dream. Daniel, after the revelation with rejoicing has the confidence to come before Nebuchadnezzar to tell the dream and interpret it. After saying and interpreting the dream precisely, with awe, Nebuchadnezzar promoted him and his three friends immediately.

Lesson: Our bosses at work will command us things that are sometimes impossible or even can hurt us for any reason. With that scenario, always seek God. And God will answer us to solve the problem that seems impossible to solve. When God commands us we have to obey him and have the confidence to say His message to the people. This message will amaze men and glorify God. It will also give you favour to the people just like Nebuchadnezzar's promotion to Daniel.



DANIEL CHAPTER THREE

Nebuchadnezzar made a god out of gold and commanded everyone bow down to it once they hear the sound of a trumpet. Anyone who would not bow down would be thrown in the blazing furnace. Shadrac, Meshac and Abednego did not bow down, even if it meant they would be thrown in the furnace. Nebuchadnezzar out of anger, commanded that these three be thrown in the burning furnace with an increase amount of fire. But he was astonished to see four men in the furnace. They are there walking untied. He realized that they were with the son of God. So he commanded them to come out. After the event, Nebuchadnezzar praise GOD and even commanded everyone to respect God. He also promoted the three after the incident.

Lesson: Our bosses, leaders, or anyone in authority with us may have their own beliefs. They can invite us to believe in their god and thus compromise our faith. This may also include our media, internet and television. But let us not give in to them. Let's be firm about our faith no matter what is the cost. Let us not bow down to other gods even if it will give us comfort. Let's not explain ourselves to others with our mouth alone but explain with our actions, giving God the glory. If we faithfully obey God, the unbelieving people around us that was once persecuting us will believe God and praise Him. And we too will get a promotion from God and be blessed if we remain in Him.



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- 2) SIMEON
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- 4) JUDAH
- 5) DAN
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