HaDavar Messianic Ministries

Daniel
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Week Two...
Review:

- Why study the book of Daniel?
- My presuppositions and agenda
- The purposes for the book of Daniel and what it reveals
- Background of Daniel
- Overview
- Historical context

J. Historical Context (cont.):

- Leviticus 26
  - blessings & cursings
  - God warned them again & again
- Ignoring God’s laws and His warnings is what caused the Babylonian captivity
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         -founded by Sargon (Nimrod?)
         -spoke Aramaic
Ancient Babylonia

Babylon

Artist’s rendition of the ancient city of Babylon
K. In-depth historical background (cont.):

b) Babylon

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  c) Egypt
     - had a loose alliance with Assyria
     - wasn’t really a major player
  d) Judah
     - was not a strong power
     - Judah was ripe for judgment
K. In-depth historical background (cont.):
  1) Major players
  2) The Northern Kingdom falls

The Babylonian Chronicles
Captivity and fall of Israel

A lamassu from the palace of Sargon II at Dur-Sharrukin.
Moreover, the priests and the Levites who were in all Israel stood with him from all their districts. For the Levites left their pasture lands and their property and came to Judah and Jerusalem, for Jeroboam and his sons had excluded them from serving as priests to the LORD. He set up priests of his own for the high places, for the satyrs and for the calves which he had made. Those from all the tribes of Israel who set their hearts on seeking the LORD God of Israel followed them to Jerusalem, to sacrifice to the LORD God of their fathers.
Sennacherib during his Babylonian war, relief from his palace in Nineveh. Located in the public domain.

Sennacherib besieging Judah
2 Kings 19:35-36
"35 Then it happened that night that the angel of the LORD went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when men rose early in the morning, behold, all of them were dead. 36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and returned home, and lived at Nineveh."
K. In-depth historical background (cont.):
1) Major players
2) The Northern Kingdom falls
   a. The Angel of the Lord = "Christophany"
   b. In Judah the people continued to sin
   c. Ahaz—bad king!
   d. Hezekiah—good king...still gave in to pride
      - God gave him 15 more years
      - Manasseh was born

K. In-depth historical background (cont.):
- He showed off to Babylon
- Manasseh—worst king ever in Judah
- Josiah’s reforms—too little, too late
K. In-depth historical background (cont.):
  3) The battle of Carchemish
     a. the setting
Pharaoh Necho II
Pharaoh Necho Battles King Josiah at Megiddo
2 Kings 23:29

605 BC
Nebuchadnezzar moves up the east bank of Euphrates in early August to surprise Neco at Carchemish. Egypt is driven back across its borders.
Neco Retreats through Syria and Israel back to Egypt
Jeremiah 46:10
"For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates."

The 3 stages of the fall of Jerusalem

Captivity Begins
605

597
The City and Temple are Destroyed

586
Cyrus lets the Jews go home

536

516
Temple is rebuilt

The Three Sieges by Nebuchadnezzar
The 70-year judgments

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Second Siege and Deportation

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70 Years—The Servitude of the Nation

70 Years—The Desolations of Jerusalem

The Three Sieges by Nebuchadnezzar