

Figure It Out

March 6th

DANIEL 5:1-31

Handwriting on the Wall



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Daniel 1

5" And beside the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, Ephraim, one portion.

6" And beside the border of Ephraim, from the east side to the west side, Reuben, one portion.

7" And beside the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west side, Judah, one portion.

8" And beside the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall be the allotment which you shall set apart, 25,000 cubits in width, and in length like one of the portions, from the east side to the west side; and the sanctuary shall be in the middle of it.

9" The allotment that you shall set apart to the LORD shall be 25,000 cubits in length, and 10,000 in width.

Portion for the Priests

10" And the allotment shall be for these, namely, the Levites, toward the north 25,000 cubits in length, toward the west 10,000 in width, toward the east 10,000 in width, and toward the south 25,000 in length; and the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in the middle of it.

11" It shall be for the Levites who are sanctified by the LORD, who have kept My charge, who did not go astray when the sons of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray.

12" And it shall be an allotment to them from the allotment of the land, a most holy place, by the border of the Levites.

13" And alongside the border of the priests the Levites shall have 25,000 cubits in length and 10,000 in width. The whole length shall be 25,000 cubits and the width 10,000.

14" Moreover, they shall not sell or exchange any of it, or alienate this choice portion of land; for it is holy to the LORD.

15" And the remainder, 5,000 cubits in width and 25,000 in length, shall be for common use for the city, for dwellings and for open spaces; and the city shall be in its midst.

16" And these shall be its measurements: the north side 4,500 cubits, the south side 4,500 cubits, the east side 4,500 cubits, and the west side 4,500 cubits.

17" And the city shall have open spaces: on the north 250 cubits, on the south 250 cubits, on the east 250 cubits, and on the west 250 cubits.

18" And the remainder of the length alongside the holy allotment

5" Josh. 16:5-9; 17:8-10, 14-18

6" Josh. 13:15-21

7" Josh. 15:1-63

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shall be 10,000 cubits toward the east, and 10,000 toward the west; and it shall be alongside the holy allotment. And its produce shall be food for the workers of the city. And the workers of the city, out of the tribe of Israel, shall cultivate it.

20" And the allotment shall be 25,000 cubits; you shall set apart the holy allotment, a square, with the property of the city.

Portion for the Prince

21" And the remainder shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy allotment and of the property of the city; in front of the 25,000 cubits of the allotment toward the east border and westward in front of the 25,000 toward the west border, alongside the portions, shall be the prince. And the holy allotment and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the middle of it.

22" And exclusive of the property of the Levites and the property of the city, which are in the middle of the allotment, shall be the portion for the prince.

Portion for Other Tribes

23" As for the rest of the tribes: toward the east side to the west side, Benjamin, one portion.

24" And beside the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, Simeon, one portion.

25" And beside the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, Issachar, one portion.

26" And beside the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, Zebulun, one portion.

27" And beside the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, Gad, one portion.

28" And beside the border of Gad,

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31 shall be the gates of the city, named for the tribes of Israel, three gates toward the north; the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one; the gate of Levi, one.

32" And on the east side, 4,500 cubits, shall be the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Manasseh, one; the gate of Ephraim, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one; the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one.

33" And on the south side, 4,500 cubits by measurement, shall be three

THINK OF DANIEL'S AS HE WAS LED AWAY IN 605 BC
THE BOOK OF DANIEL
The Choice Young Men

IN the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

2 And the LORD gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the vessels of the house of the LORD; and he brought them to the house of Shinar, to the house of the king of Babylon. And he brought the vessels of the treasury of his god.

3 Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his officials, to bring in some of the sons of Israel, including some of the royal family and of the nobles,

4 youths in whom was no defect, who were good-looking, showing intelligence in every branch of wisdom, endowed with understanding, and discerning knowledge, and who had ability for serving in the king's court; and he ordered him to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king appointed for them a daily ration from the king's choice food and from the wine which he drank, and appointed that they should be educated three years.

6 And at the end of three years, the king brought them before him, and he found them all well-favored, and they were all of one mind, and they were all of one countenance, and they were all of one stature, and they were all of one age.

7 And among them were four of the sons of Judah: Hananiah, Mishael, Michael, and Azariah.

8 But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself

31 Rev. 21:12, 13

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34" On the west side, 4,500 cubits, shall be three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one.

35" The city shall be 18,000 cubits round about; and the name of the city from that day shall be, 'The LORD is there.'

we go through court
amen! channels
ad the
works it out!

with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank; so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself.

9 Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials.

10 and the commander of the officials said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink; for why should he see your faces looking more haggard than the youths who are your own age? Then you would make me forfeit my head to the king."

11 But Daniel said to the overseer whom the commander of the officials had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah,

12 "Please test your servants for ten days, and let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink.

13 "Then let our appearance be observed in your presence, and the appearance of the youths who are eating the king's choice food; and deal with your servants according to what you see."

14 So he listened to them in this matter and tested them for ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their appearance seemed better and they were fatter than all the youths who had been eating the king's choice food.

16 So the overseer continued to withhold their choice food and the wine they were to drink, and kept giving them vegetables.

17 And as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and intelligence in every branch of literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood all kinds of visions and dreams.

18 Then at the end of the days

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DANIEL 5:1-4 Belshazzar the king held a great feast for 1,000 of his nobles - and he was drinking wine in the presence of the 1,000. When Belshazzar tasted the wine he gave orders to bring the gold and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his grandfather had

בא father's father

taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem - so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them [they drink wine in vessels from Solomon's Temple]

Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken out of the temple - the house of God in Jerusalem - and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them

They drank the wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone

Belshazzar also in Daniel 7:1 first year of his reign Daniel 8:1 second year of his reign

✓ Daniel 5:30 he is killed that very evening

✓ Xenophon concurs [Cyropaedia] banquet on night of conquest of Babylon city
a king was killed then

✓ Herodotus concurs [Histories] banquet happened on night of Babylon conquest

Vessels from Solomon's Temple in Pagan Drunken Desecration

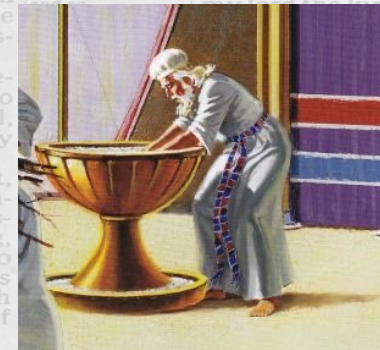
Gold Lampstand - Altar of Incense - Silver Trumpets - Bronze Altar - Bronze Fire Pans
Gold Ark of the Covenant - Gold Mercy Seat - Bronze Tongs - Bronze Laver - Dishes
Silver Candle Snuffers - Gold and Silver Bowls - Silver Cups for Ceremonial Washings

Ezra 1:8-11 Cyrus king of Persia had the vessels brought out by Mithredath the Treasurer who counted them out to Shashbazzar the leader of Judah:

5,400 was the total of all vessels

- 30 gold dishes
- 1,000 silver dishes
- 29 knives
- 30 golden bowls
- 410 silver bowls of different kind
- 1,000 other vessels

All are described in **1st Chronicles 28**



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DANIEL 5:1-4

DANI-EL Bel-Te-shazzar

my judge is Elohiym
Prince of Bel [formerly called Marduk]

Second in command after #1 Nabonidus is *Bel-shazzar*

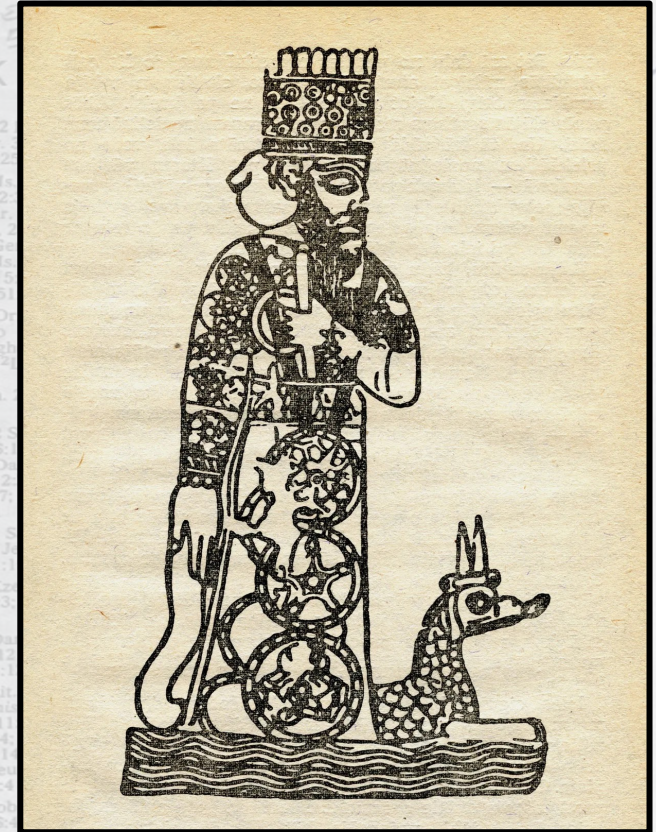
The extra "Te" in Daniel's Babylonian name infers
'adoption' 'ex-pat' 'outside the original ethnic hereditary line'
Essentially: *"the god Bel will even protect this exiled Jew"*

while without that "Te" Literally: *"the god Bel protects you"*

Third in command after #1 Nabonidus and #2 Belshazzar

is offered to Daniel if he can read and interpret the writing

ALSO: Consider the size of the venue that holds 1,000 people for
a banquet-party! Archaeology found the hall = 8,000 ft²



Remember ROYAL LINEAGE OF BABYLON

Naboplassar 627-605 BC

his son **Nebuchadnezzar 605-562**

his son Amel-Marduk 562-560 is 'Evil-marodach' from Jeremiah 52:31 2nd Kings 25:27

his un-named daughter married Neriglissar 560-556 Nergal-sharezer from Jeremiah 39:3

his daughter Nitocris married Nabonidus 553-536 he went to Syria, Samaria Judah, Edom, Arabia

leaves his son **Bel-Shazzar 553-539** as co-regent in Babylon Daniel 5



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BELSHAZZAR is a factual historical person

Cylinder of Nabonidus includes his prayer to the Babylon moon god:

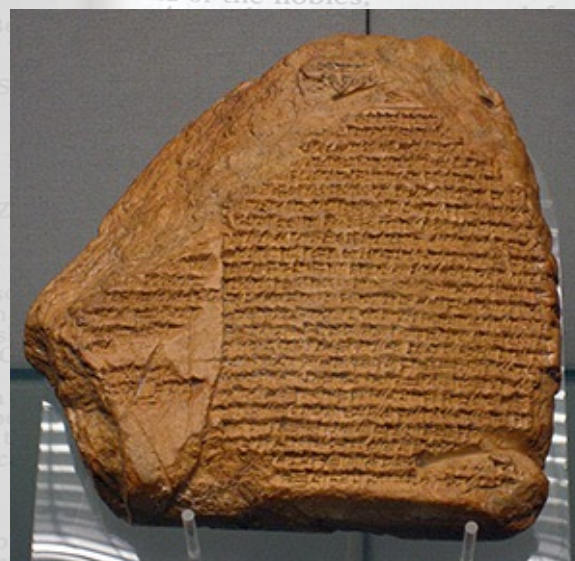
“... for Balshazzar - oldest son - my offspring”

Nabonidus Chronicle Tablet matches Persian Verses of Nabonidus [1924]

“... he started on long journey - entrusted throne/rule/kingship to eldest - firstborn”



1854, Nabonidus cylinders from Ur



1882 Nabonidus Chronicle Tablet

Handwriting on the Wall

DANIEL 5:5-9 Suddenly the fingers of a man's hand emerged and began writing opposite the lampstand on the plaster wall of the king's palace - the king saw the back of the hand doing the writing

Then 1] king's face grew pale - 2] his thoughts alarmed him - 3] his hip joints went slack literally "his loins were loosed" meaning he wet himself ["girding of loins" thru Bible]

4] his knees began knocking together - so the king called aloud to bring in the conjurers Chaldeans, and diviners then the king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon:

"ANY man who can read this inscription AND explain its interpretation to me shall be clothed with purple and have a necklace of gold around his neck, and have authority as Third ruler in the kingdom"

1- Nabonidus 2- Belshazzar 3- Belteshazzar

Then all the king's wise men came in but they **could not** read the inscription and **could not** make known its interpretation to the king - so then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, his face grew even more pale and his nobles were deeply perplexed

This is clearly written in some unusual manner - or it would be easily-readily known

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DANIEL 5:13-16 Daniel was brought in before the king and [Balshazzar] said to Daniel:

“Are you that Daniel who is one of the exiles from Judah whom my grandfather the king brought from Judah? for I have heard about you that a **Spirit of the Gods** [Elaw like Elohiym]

is in you and that illumination, insights, and extraordinary wisdom have been found in you – for just now the wise men and the conjurers were brought in before me that they might read this inscription and make its interpretation known to me but **they could not** declare the interpretation of this message, but I personally have heard about you [queen reminded him and ALL of the story of Nebuchadnezzar] that you are able to give interpretations - solve difficult problems - so now if you are able to **read the inscription and make its interpretation** known to me, you will be clothed with purple and wear a necklace of gold around your neck and you will have authority as the **Third ruler in the kingdom**”

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DANIEL 5:17-21

Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Daniel uses opportunity to make speech to reminds ALL of prior events!

**"Keep your gifts for yourself or give your rewards to someone else - for I will
a) read the inscription to the king and b) make the interpretation known to him
O king, The Most High God granted sovereignty, grandeur, glory and majesty to
Nebuchadnezzar your father - Because of the grandeur which He bestowed on him
all the peoples, nations - men of every language feared and trembled before him
for whomever he wished he killed, whomever he wished he spared alive, and
whomever he wished he elevated, whomever he wished he humbled"**

**"But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit became so Proud that he behaved arrogantly he
was deposed from his royal throne - his glory was taken from him - He was also driven away
from mankind - his heart was made like that of beasts - his dwelling place was with wild donkeys
He was given grass to eat like cattle - his body was drenched with the dew of heaven
until he recognized that the Most High God is ruler over the realm of mankind and
He sets over it whomever He decides!**

Like the queen, he knows this firsthand!

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DANIEL 5:22-24

Yet you - his grandson Belshazzar - have not humbled your heart even though you knew all this but you have exalted yourself against the Lord of heaven and brought the vessels of His house before you - so you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines have been drinking wine from them - you have praised the gods of silver, gold, bronze, iron, wood and stone - which are not able to see, hear, understand

Daniel knows Hebrew scriptures and openly quotes Psalm 115:4-8

But the God in whose hand are your life-breath and all your ways, you have not glorified so then the hand was sent from Him and this inscription was written out

31 shall be the gates of the city, named for the tribes of Israel, three gates toward the north; the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one; the gate of Levi, one.

32 And on the east side, 4,500 cubits, I shall be three gates: the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the gate of Dan, one.

33 And on the south side, 4,500 cubits by measurement, shall be three

31 Rev. 21:12,

32 Lit., and

33 Heb., YHWH-shammah

Jer. 23:6; 33:16

Is. 12:6; 14:32;

24:23; Jer. 31:17;

8:19; 14:9; Ezek.

35:10; Joel 3:21;

Zech. 2:10; Rev.

21:3; 22:3

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35 The city shall be 18,000 cubits round about; and the name of the city from that day shall be, "The Glory of the Lord."

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house of God; and he brought them
to the land of Shinar, to the house
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3 Then the king ordered Ashpe-
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bring in some of the sons of Israel,
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youths in whom was no defect,
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court; and he ordered him to teach
them the literature and language of
the Chaldeans.

5 And the king appointed for
them a daily ration from the king's
choice food and from the wine
which he drank, and appointed that
they should be educated three
years, at the end of which they were
to enter the king's personal service.

6 Now among them from the
sons of Judah were Daniel, Hana-
niah, Mishael and Azariah.

7 Then the commander of the of-
ficials assigned new names to them;
and to Daniel he assigned the name
Belteshazzar, to Hanaiah Shad-
rach, to Mishael Meshach, and to
Azariah Abed-nego.

8 But Daniel made up his mind
that he would not defile himself

Daniel's Resolve

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that he would not defile himself

and so he sought permission from the com-
mander of the palace, that he might
eat vegetables.

10 And after ten days, Daniel's
appearance was fatter and more
plump than that of the youths who
were eating the king's choice food.

11 Then the commander of the
officials had appointed over Daniel,
Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah,
four youths, to be given some
vegetables to eat and water to drink.

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telligence in every branch of litera-
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derstood all kinds of visions and
dreams.

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DANIEL 5:25-31

Now this is the inscription that was written out:

MENE MENE TEQAL UPHARSIN

Jewish Talmud states the writing was both VERTICAL and BACKWARDS

a deliberate puzzle to READ:

[not R to L] [letters in reverse order]

פִּרְסָא P_R_S

Aramaic conjunction plural of p_r_s [peres]

תְּקַל T_QAL

broken-divided [pun: paras means "Persian"]

מְנֵא M_NE

weighed-calibrated

מְנֵא M_NE

numbered-reckoned-accounted

numbered-reckoned-accounted

This is the INTERPRETATION of the message:

MENE MENE

means God has numbered your kingdom "your number is up"

TEQAL

means You are now weighed on scales and found deficient [come up short]

UPHARSIN

means Your kingdom divided - given to Medes and Persians

Other rabbinical commentary say it was encrypted - a cypher-primer was needed

EXAMPLE - Handwriting on the Wall

DEVID

First task was to READ what was written

DEHGW

Numbered-Accounted-Weighed-Divided

DETNUOCCA

Second task was to INTERPRET what was READ

DEREBMUN

God has numbered your days and accounted for them, for you have been weighed in the scales of what is expected and you have come up short and been found lacking, so that your kingdom will be broken and divided over to the Medes and the Persians

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DANIEL 5:25-31 Right then Belshazzar gave orders and they clothed Daniel with purple and put a necklace of gold around his neck, and issued a proclamation concerning him that he now had authority as the Third Ruler in the kingdom

Then that very same night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was slain so that Darius the Mede received the kingdom at about the age 62 LOADED SENTENCE!

That VERY evening is when Babylon was captured – dream of Nebuchadnezzar begins to be fulfilled as *gold head* gives way to *silver chest and arms*. This is the “Babylon Conquered” as *Medo-Persia* succeeds Babylon in the sequence of “world empires” [*remember dream statue*]

But also a Biblical “Babylon Destruction”? Chuck Missler had us read + compare: **Revelation 17-18** alongside **Jeremiah 50-51** and **Isaiah 13-14** [Daniel contemporaries]

NEXT WEEK we will review “literal” Babylon and “mystery” Babylon

Conquering of Babylon

Destruction of Babylon

[in our History]

[prophetic in our FUTURE]

and exactly HOW Medo-Persian Empire overthrew Babylon on this fateful night!

Babylon Details [next week]

“Babylon” *post-2484 BC* Noah-Ham-Kush-Nimrod [Noah’s great grandson]

“Babylon Conquered” *539 BC*

City falls by stealth - not a bloody battle

Cyrus makes Babylon city his winter capital

Alexander the Great makes Babylon his main capital city

“Babylon Destruction” *still future*

Never inhabited by people again

Bricks Stones Foundations Never used again

It will be obliterated like Sodom and Gomorrah

Jeremiah 50-51 Isaiah 13-14

“Babylon the Great” *still future*

Mother of prostitutes and abominations of Earth

Revelation 17-18 Isaiah 47 Babylon birthplace of idols-occult

Belshazzar Chaldean king slain - Darius the Mede gets the kingdom at age 62

Cyrus II 'the Great' has Persian father + Median mother

October 12, 539BC "conquers Babylon" without battle or casualties

Herodotus [Histories] records: "diverts Euphrates - water to thigh depth
troops walk easy into city **under the gates**"

Josephus [Antiquities of Jews XI, 1-2]: "Daniel presents to Cyrus scroll of Isaiah"

Isaiah died 150 years before Cyrus born

Isaiah 44 + 45 Lord says "I will make your rivers dry up" - Cyrus "He is my shepherd and will do all of My desire" he will declare of Jerusalem "be rebuilt" and of My Temple "your foundation will be laid"
Lord says to Cyrus His anointed [Gentile?!] I have guided his right hand to subdue nations and loose the loins of kings, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut - I will go before you and make rough places smooth, I will shatter bronze doors, cut iron bars [remember the Tree] I will give you treasures from a dark place, hidden wealth of secret places, so you will know the Lord God of Israel calls you by YOUR NAME" - For sake of Israel my chosen I call you by NAME, I give you title of honor and gird you though you have not known me that all will know from rising to setting of the sun there is no one beside Me, I AM the Lord, there is no other"

Picture Cyrus hearing this!!

CYRUS STELA

1879

Excavated at Babylon by Hormuzd Rassam - Babylonian cuneiform



Historical account of Persian king Cyrus-II the Great after conquering Babylon 539 BC

Cyrus lets captured exiled Jews return to their homeland

“Without any battle, he entered the town, sparing any calamity I returned to sacred cities on the other side of the Tigris, the sanctuaries of which have been ruins for a long time and established permanent sanctuaries. I also gathered all their former inhabitants and returned to them their habitations.”

Ezra 1:1-3 In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia - to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so he sent a proclamation across his kingdom in writing, saying: “Thus declares Cyrus king of Persia, the Lord God of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of Earth and charged me to build Him a house at Jerusalem in Judah. Who is there among you of all His people? That his God be with him — so let him go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the house of the Lord God of Israel - for He is the God which is in Jerusalem”

