\* CHALLENING THE TIMELINE OF DANIEL 10 PART 1 \*

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This presentation and the next couple of presentations that I'll be giving will be about Daniel chapter 10.

And this subject is something that hasn't been looked at for a while. So, I thought I would revisit this subject. What I have on the board here, is what we currently **teach** about Daniel chapter 10, and the line of 538 to 536.

1. Daniel 10:1 = 536
2. **Co- Regency** **is reference point to interpreting** Daniel 1
3. Daniel 10 (**including** Daniel 10:13) + PK 571.2 = **Contextually about passing the Decree**.
4. Daniel 1:21 **= Death** **of** Daniel, **in** Cyrus’s **first year**
5. Daniel 11:1 **= Contextually about the fall of** Babylon in – 538

One **reason** that I've **revisited** this study is because something **important** that **Elder Parminder** and **Elder Tess** have been bringing out, is how we **read** things. And that we **need** to **read** things in their **correct context**, we need to **read** **carefully** before we make **conclusions** in our **studies**.

So, that's something that I would like us to do together in these next few **presentations,** looking at Daniel chapter 10.

So, on the board here, is the line from 538 to 536. So, the year 538 is when the **fall of** Babylon took place, and this is the **first year** of King Darius, we get this year from the **chart**. It says the **overthrow** of ancient Babylon took place in this year.

 70 70

 Jeremiah 25 Jeremiah 29

 Daniel **10:1 3rd yr**.

 Daniel **9:1** Daniel **1:1 1st yr.**

 Daniel **11:1** Daniel **1:21 1st yr.**

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 Fall of Darius Dies

 Babylon Decree

 **1st**  Darius **/** Cyrus **3rd** x Darius / + Cyrus

 **1st** Cyrus

So, 538 is when the **fall o**f Babylon took place, and this is the **first year** of Darius. And two other **witnesses** that speak to the first year of Darius, other than the **chart**, are Daniel 9;1 and Daniel 11:1.

Let's go there to read those verses, I'll start with Daniel 9:1, it says,

“**In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans.”**

So, this is the first year of Darius, now I'll jump to Daniel 11:1.

**“Also, I in the first year of Darius the Mede, *even* I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.”**

So, Darius king of the Medes, in his **first year** of **rule,** even though he was ruling before this, his **first year** of **rule** that's marked in the Bible, is when he **overtook** Babylon. And that was in the year 538.

This year 538, is not only when the **fall of** Babylon took place, but this is also the year in which we marked the **co-rulership** that Darius and Cyrus shared, Darius a Mede and Cyrus was a Persian. And we mark this **co-rulership** here, because they were **co-ruling** together.

So, when Babylon was **overthrown,** they **maintained** their **co-rulership**, but Darius is the main **king**.

This **co-rulership** between these **two** kings lasted until the Year 536, Darius **died** in this year, and Cyrus **became the sole ruler**. When Cyrus took the throne this is a year, he made the **decree** to let the **captives** go.

 And we see this **decree** marked in Ezra 1:1. Let's turn there,

**“Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying.”**

So, this is the decree that Cyrus made in his first year.

Another verse that named Cyrus’s his **first year**, is Daniel 1:21. Daniel 1:21 it says.

**“And Daniel continued even unto the first year of King Cyrus”.**

So, this is another **reference** to the **first year** of Cyrus.

So, we mark these **two** verses here, in the year 536. Ezra 1:1 this is a decree, **first year**. Daniel 1:21 this is a reference to his **first year.**

And another verse that we mark in this year is Daniel 10:1.

This verse in particular is something that I would like to **specifically** address. It's what I'll be **focusing** the study on, the **placement** of this verse,

Daniel 10:1, it says,

**“In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called belter Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed *was* long: and he understood the thing and had understanding of the vision”.**

So, this verse Daniel 10:1, names the **third year** of Cyrus, but we mark it in the same year, as the **first year**, these other two verses that we read.

Daniel 10:1 presents a **dilemma** to us readers, because we've already marked these **two years**, which are clearly the **first year** of Cyrus. We've marked these **two years** in the year 536 because they make mention of it of his first year.

And the reason that this verse presents a **dilemma** when we mark it here, is because when we read Daniel 1:21, if you remember it said and Daniel continued unto the **first year** Cyrus. When we read these words, we are taking that wordage to mean that Daniel **died** in the **first year** of Cyrus.

So, when we read these two verses together, we say, how could Daniel have **died** in the **first year** of Cyrus, but received a **vision** two years later, in his third year? So. it's kind of a **dilemma.**

And the way that we've **resolved** that, that seeming **contradiction**, is we've allowed the **co-rulership** between Darius and Cyrus to **influence** the way that we **interpret** this verse.

And what we've done is, we say that Cyrus's **first year** is also his **third year**, because of this **co-rulership**.

So, on the board to the left here, I have a list of points that summarize what's reflected here.

The first one is, we say that Daniel 10:1 which makes reference, names the **third year** of Cyrus. We say that this verse is the year 536.

The second point is the **co-regency** between these **two** kings, that lasted until here. We allow that **co-regency** to be our reference point for interpreting Daniel 10:1.

The **third point** is when we read Daniel 10, we say that the context of this chapter is **contextually** about the passing of the decree. And in **conjunction** with this, let's go to Daniel 10 verse 13.

**“But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but lo, Michael, “one of the chief prince's came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.”**

Does this verse sound familiar to everybody? This is the **battle** that Satan and Gabriel are **having** over Cyrus’s **mind**. And this verse, in addition to this specific passage, in Prophets and Kings, which we’ll read later, Prophets and Kings, 571.2.

These **two** together, we say they're **contextually** about the **passin**g of the **decree**.

The **fourth** point I have on here, is Daniel 1:21. I won't be addressing this today, but we say, that this verse is the **death** of Daniel in Cyrus's **first year.**

And finally, Daniel 11:1, let's turn there. Daniel 11:1, when we read this verse, we interpret this to mean that it's **contextually** speaking about the **fall of** Babylon. So, Daniel 11:1 says,

**“Also, I in the first year of Darius the Mede, *even* I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.”**

Something I want to add, which I probably should have said at the beginning. When we opened Daniel 11, and we do a study on Daniel 11, the first thing we always do, is we look to Daniel 10.

And why do we do that?

So, we want to do a study on Daniel 11. And we start with Daniel 11:1, and we say, well we can't understand this until we go to Daniel 10.

Does anyone know why we do that?

Daniel 10 through 12 is the **same** **vision**. So, Daniel 10 through 12 is to be looked at as a **block**, they **go together**. You can't have this chapter **without** this chapter.

 Daniel 10 and Daniel 11

In this chapter, the first verse which we read earlier, it places you in the **third year** of Cyrus. it gives you the context for when this **vision** took place, I needed to mention that.

So, when we read Daniel 11:1, this is Gabriel pointing Daniel's mind backwards to something that he did for Darius, because currently Daniel’s under the **reign** of Cyrus.

So. this list that I have up here, I'll be going through these **systematically.** I like to suggest that when we **approach** this study, this list of things are assumptions that we're making.

I'll be systematically going through each of these points

This passage here, from Prophets and Kings 571.2, chapter 46, goes together with the **previous chapter**, which is chapter 45. And I'd like to suggest that we can't **read** this passage **correctly**, unless we **understand** that these two chapters go together. And that there is a structure of progression within these chapters.

I'd like us to read this paragraph from Prophets and Kings 571.2, this is from chapter 46. It says,

**“While Satan was striving to influence the highest powers in the kingdom of Medo-Persia to show his favor to God's people, angels worked in behalf of the exiles. The controversy was one in which all Heaven was interested. Through the prophet Daniel we are given a glimpse of this mighty struggle between the forces of good and the forces of evil. For three weeks Gabriel wrestled with the powers of darkness, seeking to counteract the influences at work on the mind of Cyrus; and before the contest closed, Christ himself came to Gabriel's aid. “The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days,” Gabriel declares; “but lo Michael, one of the chief prince's, came to help; me and I remained there with the kings of Persia.”**

This is the verse that we read earlier, Daniel 10:13,

**“All that heaven could do in behalf of the people of God was done. The victory was finally gained; the forces of the enemy were held in check all the days of Cyrus, and all the days of his son Cambyses, who reigned about seven and a half years.”**

When we read this paragraph, we teach it to mean that it's **contextually** about Cyrus **passing** the **decree**. That he's having this **struggle** over the **issuance** of the **decree,** and it's taken from chapter 46.

I'd like to suggest that we're cherry-picking this passage. In the **correct context** we need chapter 45, and chapter 45 is where I'll be beginning this study. We'll be going through this entire chapter systematically.

So, I'll begin in chapter 45 of Prophets and Kings. Chapter 45 begins on page 551.1. It says.

**“The advent of the army of Cyrus before the walls of Babylon was to the Jews a sign that their deliverance from captivity was drawing nigh. More than a century before the birth of Cyrus inspiration had mentioned him by name, and had caused a record to be made of the actual work he should do in taking the city of Babylon unawares, and in preparing the way for the release of the children of the captivity. Through Isaiah the word had been spoken.’**

The first sentence of the chapter of this paragraph I'll read it again, it says,

**“The advent of the army of Cyrus before the walls of Babylon was to the Jews a sign that their deliverance from captivity was drawing nigh.”**

This is the first sentence of chapter 45, it’s **placing** us just before the fall of Babylon, just before the captivity ends. And this is something to keep in mind as we **progress** through the chapter. It places you as a **reader** just before the fall of Babylon.

The next paragraph says,

**“Thus saith the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him;…to open before him to leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut; I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: and I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayst know that I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.”**

So, this is a prophecy about Cyrus, and what he was going to do before he overtook Babylon.

**The next paragraph begins**.

**“In the unexpected entry of the army of the Persian conquer into the heart of the Babylonian capital by way of the channel of the river whose waters had been turned aside, and through the inner gates that in careless security had been left open and unprotected, the Jews had abundant evidence of the literal fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy concerning the sudden overthrow of their oppressors. And this should have been to them an unmistakable sign that God was shaping the affairs of nations in their behalf;”**

The first prophecy that Ellen White quotes just before this, was about Cyrus **conquering** Babylon. And another prophecy, which I’m skipping over, it says that he's not only going to conquer Babylon, but he's been commissioned, to **allow** the **temple** of the **Lord** to be **rebuilt**.

**The next paragraph says,**

 **“Nor were these the only prophecies upon which the exile had opportunity to base their hope of speedy deliverance. The writings of Jeremiah….”**

So, Ellen White just quoted prophecies from **Isaiah**, and now she's going to talk about prophecies of **Jeremiah**.

 **“The writings of Jeremiah were within their reach, and in these was plainly set forth the length of time that should elapse before the restoration of Israel from Babylon. “When seventy years are accomplished,” the Lord had foretold through his messenger, “I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and I will make it perpetual desolations,” Favor would be shown the remnant of Judah, in answer to fervent prayer.**

Then Ellen White quotes **Jeremiah,** when it says in the **middle** of this paragraph,

**“Favor would be shown to the remnant of Judah, in answer to fervent prayer.”**

What chapter in Daniel is she **speaking** of, when she says this? Ellen White **speaking** of a chapter in the book of Daniel 9, **fervent prayer**.

And does anyone know what year Daniel 9 is? It’s Daniel 9:1, 538.

 DANIEL 9:1 IS 538.

**The next paragraph is** Prophets and Kings. 550 3.1

“**Often had Daniel and his companions gone over these and similar prophecies outlining God's purpose for his people. And now, as a rapid course of events betokened the mighty hand of God at work among the nations, Daniel gave special thought to the promises made to Israel.”**

And Ellen White quotes a couple verses, she's saying in the first sentence, Daniel and his companions had gone over these and similar prophecies.

So, prophecies from Isaiah and Jeremiah they had gone over these prophecies that were outlining God's purpose for his people.

So, Daniel was seeing God's providence, and he's saying that the 70-year captivity is about to come to an end. So, he begins **praying** for the captivity to end.

**The next paragraph**, 553.2,

**“Shortly before the fall of Babylon, when Daniel was meditating on these prophecies and seeking for an understanding of the times, a series of visions was given him concerning the rise and fall of kingdoms. With the first vision, as recorded in the seventh chapter of the Book of Daniel, an interpretation was given: yet not all was made clear to the prophet.”**

**So, in this paragraph** Ellen White mentions it was shortly before the fall of Babylon,

So, shortly before 538, Daniel had begun to meditate on these prophecies. **Specifically**, the ones from Isaiah and Jeremiah. And he's **seeking** to **understand** the **times**. And with this God begins to **give** him **visions**.

The **first vision** was Daniel 7. Ellen White says Daniel 8 was given in the following paragraph. Ellen White speaks about Daniel 9, when he's **repenting** and **asking** for **forgiveness.**

**I'm going to** Prophets and Kings, 556.4, this is Daniel 9.

**“Daniels prayer had been offered “in the first year of Darius”**

So, this is Daniel 9:1,

**“In the first year Darius the Median monarch who’s general, Cyrus, had wrested from Babylonia the scepter of universal rule. The reign of Darius was honored of God. To him was sent the angel Gabriel, to confirm and to strengthen him.”**

When Ellen White says, “to him” who is this him in this sentence?

**“To him was sent the angel Gabriel. Who was Gabriel sent to? It says, in the first year of Darius the Median monarch who’s general, Cyrus had wrested from Babylonia the scepter of universal rule. The reign of Darius was honored of God. To him** (Darius) **was sent the angel Gabriel, “to confirm and to strengthen him.”**

**When she says**,

**“To confirm it to strengthen him.”**

Ellen White is quoting from Daniel 11:1. When it says,

**“In the first year of Darius I stood to confirm in to strengthen him.”**

So, Gabriel was sent to Darius,

**“Upon his death, within about two years of the fall of Babylon.”**

**So, this is speaking of** Darius.

**“Upon his death, within about two years of the fall of Babylon, Cyrus succeeded to the throne, and the beginning of his reign marked the completion of the seventy years since the first company of Hebrews had been taken by Nebuchadnezzar from their Judean home to Babylon.”**

So, let's dissect this paragraph a little bit. Based on the first sentence, what year does this put us in? This is the year 538.

And the reason for that, is **two things**, it says, the **first year** of Darius, and we know that the **first year** of Darius was 538, when Babylon **fell.** And she makes a **reference** to Daniels **prayer.**

And Daniels **prayer**, is in Daniel **chapter** 9. And Daniel **chapte**r 9, puts you in the **contex**t of 538. because it says, in the **first year** of Darius.

 So, this paragraph is making a **reference** to the year 538, **and then it says,**

 **“To him to him was the sent the angel Gabriel,”**

And she quotes Daniel 11:1. The prophecies in this **chapter** which she's refers to, are prophecies from Isaiah and Jeremiah. And **these** are about Cyrus and his **conquering** of Babylon, **history** provides a nice **account** of this of this **enterprise**.

Something I want to add, is that Darius wasn't involved in the **overthrow** of Babylon. This was attributed to Cyrus. Cyrus is the one who **conquered** Babylon.

The reason I'm making **mention** of this, is because when we read Daniel 11:1, it says. that in the **first year** of Darius, Gabriel came to **confirm** and to **strengthen** Darius. We say, Oh, Gabriel came to **confirm** and **strengthen** him for the **overthrow** of Babylon, but Darius wasn’t even involved.

So, this should cause us to ask ourselves, why did Gabriel come to strengthen Darius if he wasn't involved in the **fall of** Babylon?

We say that this verse Daniel 11:1 is **contextually** about the fall of Babylon. We say this was in the **first year** of Darius. But Darius was not **involved in this enterprise**, at all.

So, again, this should **cause** us to **ask** ourselves why did Gabriel come to **confirm** and **strengthen** Darius?

Because, Cyrus was the one who **overthrew** Babylon.

Daniel 11:1 gives us **two** details, it gives us the **fall of** Babylon, and it tells us that Darius was **strengthened.**

 So, I'm proposing, that since Darius wasn't there, Cyrus was.

Darius was **confirmed** and **strengthened** for a **different** reason, **independent** of the **fall of** Babylon.

So, the next paragraph is Prophets and Kings 557.1.

**“The deliverance of Daniel from the lion from the den of lions had been used of God to create a favorable impression upon the mind of Cyrus the Great. The sterling qualities of the man of God as a statesman of farseeing ability led the Persian ruler to show him marked respect and to honor his judgment. And now, just at the time God had said He would cause His temple at Jerusalem to be rebuilt, He moved upon Cyrus as his agent to discern the prophecies concerning himself, with which Daniel was so familiar, and to grant the Jewish people their Liberty.”**

So, if we look at the **sentence** of the **previous paragraph**, the first sentence of this paragraph is speaking about Daniel in the **lion's den**.

It seems out of place because the previous paragraph, is speaking about Daniel 9, Darius being **strengthened** in his **first year**, the **overthrow** of Babylon and the **captivity.**

So, she’s **speaking** about these things, and then when we get to this paragraph, she brings Daniel, in the lion's den. Which are **events** that are **contained** in Daniel chapter 6.

So, these things seem completely unrelated. But I like to propose that they **are** related. And I’ll briefly attempt to do this.

The first sentence says,

**“The deliverance of Daniel from the den of lions had been used of God to create a favorable impression upon the mind of Cyrus the Great.”**

The events of Daniel chapter 6 take place during the **rulership** of Darius. And the **rulership** of Darius was anywhere between 538 to 536, under his **rule** is when the **events** of Daniel chapter 6 take place.

So, if we turn to Daniel chapter chapter 5:I.

I want to read a **couple** of verses from Daniel chapter 5, the last **two** verses.

So. verses **30** and **31** it says,

**“In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. And Darius the Median took the kingdom,** *being* **about threescore and two years old.”**

So, **Belshazzar** king of Babylon dies, Darius takes the **kingdom** and he begins to **reign**. He began to **reign** in 538.

Then Daniel **chapter** 6, let's read verses 1 and 2. So Darius is now ruling. Daniel **chapter** 6. I'll read **verses** 1 and 2.

**“It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom: And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel** *was* **first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the King should have no damage.”**

So, Darius begins to **reign**, Daniel **chapter** 6, in this context, In these two verses, what is it showing that Darius does? Babylon is **overthrown**.

In Daniel **chapter** 6, we read the first **two** verses, he's **appointing presidents** and **princes**. What is this involving? What is Darius **doing**? Darius is **organizin**g **his government**.

He **overthrows** a **kingdom**, he begins to **reign,** and the first thing **somebody** does when they begin to reign is, **organize** how they want things done. That's **exactly** what Darius **is doing**

So, he's **organizing** his **kingdom,** and he's **setting** up **presidents** and **princes.**

I would like to read that adds detail to this, it’s Review and Herald February 8, 1881. I'll read paragraph 9. It's written here on the board,

 **Review and Herald February** 8, 1881

“Darius now took possession of the throne of Babylon, he at once proceeded to reorganize the government. He “set over the kingdom a hundred and twenty princes…;”

The first sentence is something I want to bring out. She says,

**“Darius now took possession of the throne of Babylon, he at once proceeded to reorganize the government.”**

In the previous **paragraph**, it's **speaking** to Babylon being conquered by Medo-Persia. And she's pointing us to Daniel chapter 5.

In the first **sentence** of the **paragraph** that we just read, points our **attention** to Daniel chapter 6.

When we **read** the **sentence,** Darius now took **possession** of the **throne** of Babylon, and at once **proceeded** to **reorganize** the **government**. What does this tell us as **readers,** in r**eference** to time frame? There are two **references** to time in this sentence.

**She says**,

 “**Now** and at **once**.”

So, if she's **speaking** about Daniel **chapter 6,** and this is in the under the **reign** of Darius, and the last verse of Daniel **chapter** 5 is 538 when Darius takes the **throne,** and she says,

“Darius now took possession and at once began to reorganize his government.”

Those two **references** to **time** do not create a gap between chapters 5 and **6,** it's **immediately after Babylon is overthrown.**

So, I'm proposing that Daniel chapter 6, is in the year 538.

So, this **language** indicates i**mmediate** action in no **delay** whatsoever.

So, I wanted to **establish** that. There's no **gap** of **time** between Daniel 531 and chapter 6.

**Just to keep us organized,**

 THE YEAR 538 WE HAVE

 Daniel 5

 Daniel 6

 Daniel 8

 Daniel 9:11

So, what I'm saying on a generic level, is that the events of Daniel chapter 6 are in the year 538. I don't want to put a **label** specifically on what Darius was **strengthened** for, because we're **told** he was **strengthened** in his **first year**.

I want to **suggest** that the **answer** to that, i**nstead** of saying the reason Gabriel came to **confirm** and **strengthened** Darius. was for the **fall of** Babylon. I'm suggesting that because, Darius wasn't there to **overthrow** Babylon. The **answer** for **why** he was **confirmed** and **strengthened** might be **contained** in **Chapter** 6.

Going back to Prophets and Kings, chapter 45, we left off in Prophets and Kings, 557.1, The first sentence says,

 “The deliverance of Daniel from the den of lions had been used of God to create a favorable impression upon the mind of Cyrus the Great”

So. Ellen White is making a couple **connections** with this sentence. She's saying how Darius was s**trengthened** and **confirmed** in his **first year.** Or at least there's reference to it.

Daniel being **thrown** in the **lion's den**, also occurred in Darius **first year**. She says that this **event** of Daniel being **thrown** in the **lion's den**, is what **allowed** Cyrus to show **favor upon** Daniel. Also, to **listen** to what Daniel had to **show** him about the prophecies **concerning himself**.

Something I would like to **ask**, why is it **important** that Cyrus had to have this **favorable impression of** Daniel? Daniel had to show him his **role** in prophecy.

So, Cyrus **cannot** make this **decree** until he **understands** that he's been **commissioned** by God to make that **decree**. And Daniel does this by **walking** him through the **prophecies** in from Isaiah and Jeremiah. If Cyrus did not have this favorable impression of Daniel Cyrus wouldn't **listen** to what Daniel had to tell him

So, back to Prophets and Kings the paragraphs 556.4 and 557.1, there's a **progression** within these two paragraphs 556.4 is speaking about the **reign** of Darius and then the reign of Cyrus afterwards.

In the next paragraph she brings in events of Daniel in the **lion's den**.

So, first in this paragraph in the preceding paragraph the progression is **Darius** reigning Darius is king, He becomes king in Daniel 531, It says Babylon was **overthrown** and Darius began his **first year.**

So, Darius is King and then immediately after is Daniel in the **lion's den.** Daniel chapter 6, Darius dies, and Cyrus becomes king. And because of this **event** here Cyrus had a **favorable impression** of Daniel, and he listens to what Daniel has to tell him. Which was key because the **decree** wouldn't have been **passed** to deliver the **captives** if he didn't have this **favorable impression**

That's something I really want to stress, it's i**mportant** that he had a **favorable impression** of him,

I'm going to add a couple things just to make it easier for everybody.

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 Daniel 5:31 this is the fall of Babylon.

Daniel 6, this is when Darius reorganizes his government.

This is also the year when the lion’s den takes place.

Daniel 9 is Daniel's prayer in the **first year** of **Darius** which is 538 Daniel 11:1 is speaking to Darius being confirmed and strengthened.

 Back to Prophets and Kings, this is paragraph 557.2.

This next paragraph is important, I like to emphasize this paragraph.

“As the king saw the words foretelling, more than a hundred years before his birth, the manner in which Babylon should be taken; as he read the message addressed to him by the Ruler of the universe, “I girded thee, though thou has not known Me: that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside Me,” as he saw before his eyes the declaration of the eternal God. “For Jacob my **servant’s** sake, and Israel Mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou has not known Me;” as he traced the inspired record, this is speaking about Cyrus as he traced the inspired record I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build My city, and he shall let go My captives, not for price nor reward” his heart was profoundly moved, and he determined to fulfill his divinely appointed mission.”

He would let the Judean captives go free; he would help them restore the temple of Jehovah. In a written Proclamation published “throughout all his kingdom,” Cyrus made known his desire to provide for the return of the Hebrews and for the rebuilding of their temple.”

The way that we read this paragraph, Prophets and Kings 571.2 which is from chapter 46. We say this battle over Cyrus’s **mind** between Gabriel and Satan. We see that Cyrus was **struggling** to pass a decree, and they were going back and forth and **fighting** over Cyrus’s **mind.** And he was **wavering** whether he should **pass** the **decree**.

And Satan was **influencing** him to not **pass** the **decree.**

In this paragraph that I just read and the sentence after that, what does Ellen White tell us about Cyrus’s reaction to him hearing the prophecies that Daniel presented him?

He has a specific reaction and it's towards the end of the paragraph 557.2. He’s profoundly moved and determined.

So, Cyrus’s reaction; Daniel has just shown him his **role** in prophecy. And Cyrus’s reaction, which she **documents** here, says,

 CYRSUS’S **REACTION:**

 **HIS HEART WAS MOVED**

 **HE WAS DETREMINED**

 **HE HAD A DESIRE**

There's specific emotion that she puts in there; a desire.

So, Ellen White has just documented Cyrus's **reaction** to him hearing his role in prophecy his heart was moved, he was determined to fulfill his mission. And he had a desire to do.

So, my question for you and this movement, is when we read this paragraph in Prophets and Kings 571.2 about this battle over Cyrus’s **mind;** and when we read this verse, Daniel 10:13, in the entire context of Daniel chapter 10, when we say that Cyrus was wavering to pass a decree, what is our basis for doing so?

Because Ellen White **names** three **different** reactions, that Cyrus had. This **language** indicates no **wavering whatsoever** to pass the **decree**, his heart was **moved**, he was **determined** to fulfill his mission. He had a desire to do so. There was no **wavering** **whatsoever** on the part of Cyrus to pass this **decree**.

And I'd like to also add what year did Cyrus pass this decree in? Cyrus passes the decree in 536.

What year of his reign was that? We want to read Ezra 1:1. What year does it name for us? His **first year**.

So, it speaks **volumes** that Cyrus **passed** this **decree** in his **first year** of **reign.** He didn't wait a long **period** of time to do it, he passed it in his first year. And she **clearly** shows us what his **reaction** to hearing his **role in** prophecy was.

So, he **hears** his **role**, he **reacts**, he wants to **pass** this **decree**, and he does it in his very **first year**. So, I'd like to suggest with these things, Cyrus wasn't **wavering** to pass the **decree**.

Prophet and Kings 558.1, when she's naming the **decree**, what tense is this in? Is the decree in the past, is it present? What **tense** is this **paragraph** about the **decree**? **The decree is present**.

So, this is 558.1, she says in a written **proclamation**, she quotes the verses, and so the **decree** begins to be **present** in this paragraph 558.1.

I'm just going to put **decree** and everything we've read up until this paragraph. Which would be this **section of the chapter**

 581.1 to 557.2

She put us in the context of Daniel going back and looking at prophecies and this was leading up; this was before the fall of Babylon.

So, she begins a **chapter** within this **context**, and then she speaks about the **visions** that Daniel had, and then later, in this **section** she speaks of these **events** of how Daniel was showing Cyrus his **role** in prophecy,

In **reference** to the **decree,** what **tense** would this put you in?

If the **decree** is **present** here, what is it this? This is pre. This is before the decree is passed.

 **PRE** **--** **DECREE**

 PK 551.1 **--** **557.2**

In the first **sentence** of the **paragraph** she us puts at Daniel going back and **revisiting** the **prophecies** before 538, and the **decree** was passed in this year.

 PRESENT DECREE

 PK 558.1

One important thing that I intended for this study, was that we **understand** that Prophets and Kings chapters 45 and 46 go together, that the are **one block of information**

That there's a **structure of progression** within those **two** chapters.

You can't **understand** chapter 46 in its correct context, which is where this **paragraph** comes from, (Prophets and Kings **571.2**) **without understanding** the context of chapter 45. And so that's why I've tried to **systematically** go through this chapter.

So, that we as **readers** will know where we are **placed** as we **progress** through the chapter.

So, I'll **summarize**, I started off with this line, and this is how we've structured this line of 538 to 536

And these are the various **characteristics** of these **way marks** that we place within this line.

We have many **references** for the year 538, I put **two** of them on here.

 **DANIEL** 9:1

 **DANIEL** 11:1

And this is the **year** that the **fall of** Babylon took place and we get this year from the **chart** as well as **pioneers.**

 **538**

This year is also when we marked the **co-rulership**, that took place between Darius and Cyrus. Though they were **co-ruling** prior to this point, we teach that the Bible marks the **co-rulership** in this year.

 **538**

Cyrus is attributed with all the glory for **overthrowing** Babylon. Darius is not involved in that enterprise.

But Cyrus being Darius’s general, and his nephew through courtesy, he allows the Darius to have the throne. So, Darius is the main King in this year

 **538**

Two years later Darius **dies,** and when Darius **dies** Cyrus becomes **sole ruler**. Cyrus becomes the main King. And in Cyrus’s **first year** this is when he **passes** the **decree** to let the **captives** go.

 These three verses we mark in this year 536, Ezra 1:1 **document** the actual **decree**, it says it was in his **first year**

Daniel 12:1 refers to Cyrus’s **first year.**

Another way mark here 536 is Daniel 10:1,

 DANIEL 10:1

 EZRA 1:1

 DANIEL 1:21

 these two passages in the Bible stay **first-year,** this verse in the Bible says **third year.**

 DANIEL 10:1 3rd Year

 EZRA 1:1 1st Year

 DANIEL 1:21 1st Year

When we read Daniel 1:21 it says, Daniel continued unto the **first year** of King Cyrus. And when we **read** this verse, we **interpret** it to **mean** that it's **speaking** of Daniels **death**

So, if Daniel **dies** in Cyrus's **first year,** when we read Daniel 10:1, it says Cyrus’s **third year,** Daniel **receives** a **vision i**t presents a **dilemma.** Does everyone **understand** that there's **a dilemma?**

 If Daniel **died** in Cyrus’s **first year,** how can he **receive a vision** **two years later?** Do you see that **dilemma?**

So, we resolved this **dilemma** is, we say okay, there's no **contradictions** in the Bible, so the reckoning for these two verses must be relying on the **co-rulership** that was between Darius and Cyrus. And when **we** do that, we **teach** that Cyrus’s **third year,** which is in this verse, can also be his **first year** which is in these **two verses.**

 DANIEL 10:1 3rd Year

 EZRA 1:1 1st Year

 DANIEL 1:21 1st Year

**So**, that's how we've **solved** this **dilemma.** The **third year** equals the **first year**, and there's no **contradictions.**

I'm proposing that we're **miss reading** the **context** of this **chapter** (**Dan** 10:1)

And I'm proposing, even though the **co-regency** existed we shouldn't allow it to be our **reference** point for interpreting the reckoning of these two verses. (**Dan** 10:1 and **Dan** 21:1)

This third point Daniel 10, the entire chapter which includes the verse that specifically speaks of the battle between Gabriel and Satan, the entire chapter of Daniel 10 and this paragraph (571.2) which comes from Prophets and Kings chapter 46.

These **two** together we assume that the context of these two passages is about the passing of the decree. And what's contained in chapter 45 is what we went through, when we read Cyrus's reaction, it **indicates** no **wavering whatsoever** for Cyrus to **pass** the **decree**.

So, I'm saying that we did that based on assumption and we weren't **reading** this **paragraph** (571.2) in its **correct context**. And if we don't **read** it in its **correct context**, we can't **properly** place it.

I won’t go over this point today: Daniel 21:1 > Death of Daniel

With this **dilemma** between Daniel 10:1 and Daniel 12:1, we're assuming, that verse means Daniel's death, that Daniel died in that year.

And finally, I briefly touched on this. I wasn't **necessarily** suggesting something s**pecific** about why Gabriel came to **confirm** and **strengthened**, but I'd like to **suggest,** that it **wasn't** about the **fall of** Babylon.

Maybe it was **connected** but it wasn't **specifically** about the **fall of** Babylon.

I'd like to suggest that it was **potentially** something that **took place** in Daniel chapter 6, that Darius was **confirmed** and **strengthened** for.

So, we'll pick up tomorrow, Prophets and Kings chapter 45.

So, I wanted to establish what we've gone through so far, to be a **structure** of **progression** within the chapter. We've gone through the first **two** sections which would be **pre decree**,

 PRE **–** DECREE > Prophets and Kings 551: - 557.2

And we just left off from where the decree is present.

 DECREE > 558:1 - 559:1

Tomorrow we'll go over the remainder, and what section we can categorize that as.

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 END OF PRESENTATION

So, with that I will close. Please kneel with me in pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for this day, I thank you for this camp meeting and for the nice fellowship that we've had together, and for these blessed studies. I pray Lord that you continue to grant us more light, increased light on your prophetic word. And I pray for your Holy Spirit to be amongst us, and I ask that you continue to bless this seminar, as we're all gathered here in your name. And I ask this, in Jesus name, Amen.