

* CHALLENGING 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**.

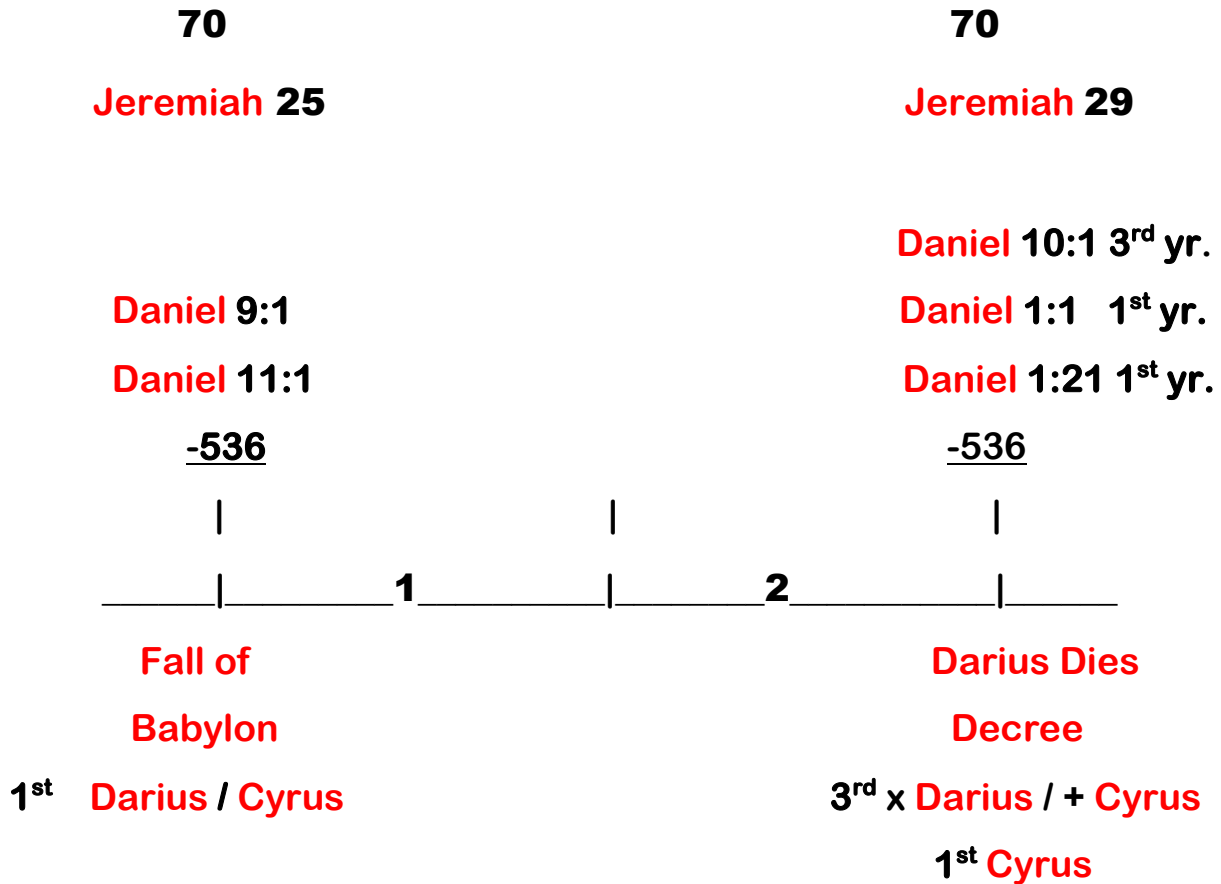
And this subject is something that hasn't been looked at for a while. So, I thought I would revisit this subject. What I have on the board here, is what we currently **teach** about **Daniel** chapter **10**, and the line of **538** to **536**.

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.



So, **538** is when the fall of **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 passing 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** chapter **9**, puts you in the context 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 **5:1**.

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 organizing 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 reference 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 immediate 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, instead 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 strengthened 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 important that he had a favorable impression of him,

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

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 DETERMINED

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 it 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 **specific** 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.



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.