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.

== 538 ==
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,

CYRUS’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 -- DECREES**

**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 DECREES**

**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.
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.