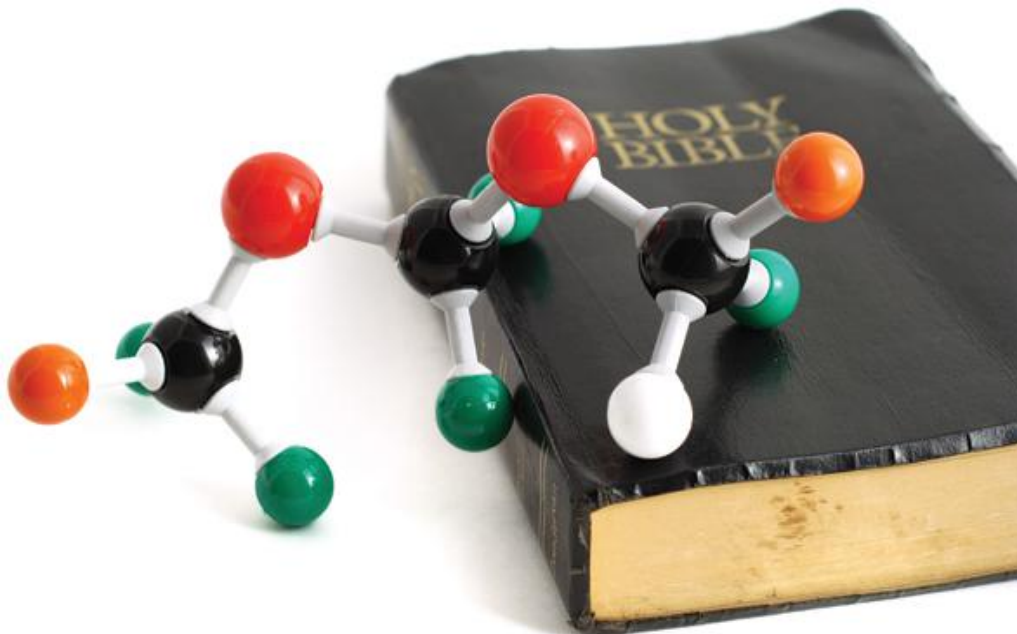


SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY



- *Acharit Ha'yamim* = End Times
- Systematic Theology protected the church from the Enlightenment philosophers
- Also used the scientific method to interpret the bible
- Thus the supernatural, miracles, and predictive prophecy are impossible and cannot be real



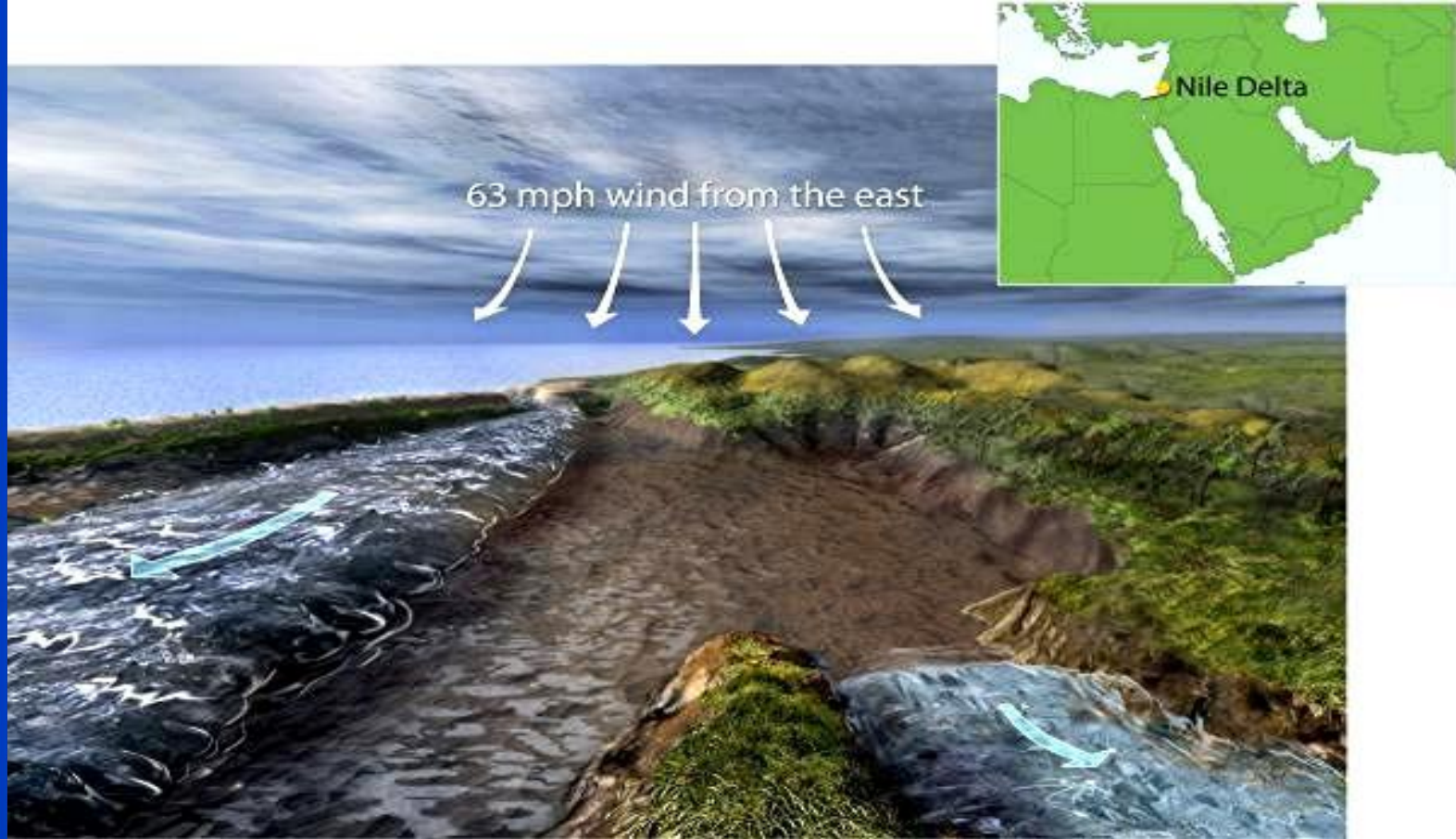
“I’ve never heard a Pastor say that...”

- Pastors avoid controversy and difficult doctrines
- Bible commentators obscure their theology in academic grammar and vocabulary
- John Piper forced to reveal his theology due to his public anti-Israel, Pro Palestinian stand

Christianity Today



**John Piper and David Brickner debate:
“Do Jews Have a Divine Right to Israel’s Land?”**



- Systematic Theology focuses more on intellectual logic and reason
- Red Sea crossing was really across the Reed Sea mud flats, due to a coincidental natural dry wind
- Now considered a Jewish legend and a religious folk story, but with a good message

JOHN J. COLLINS:

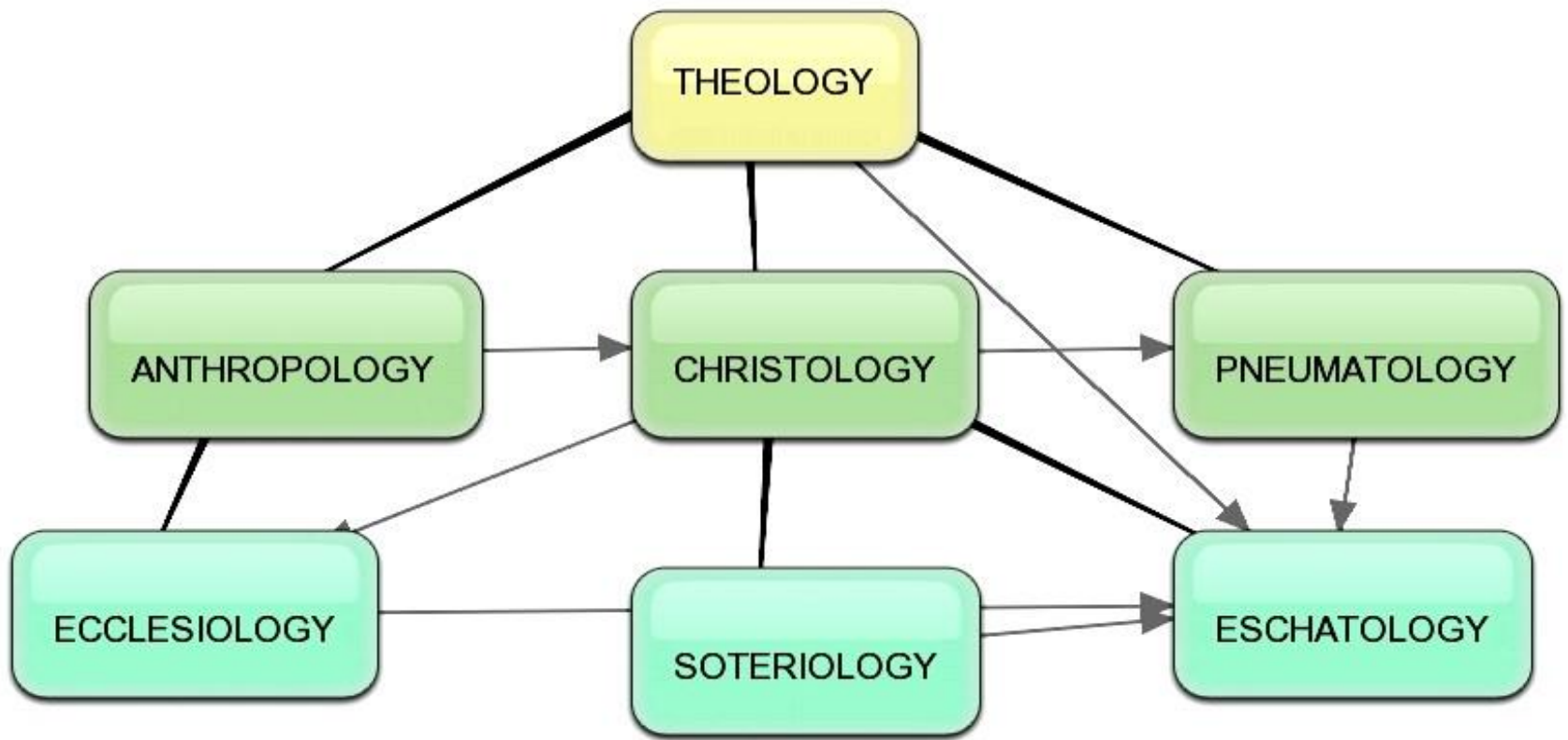
“Daniel is....Aramaic tales”

- Assumes as a given that Daniel was written at the time of Antiochus Epiphanies
- *“....Daniel....never existed..*
- Admits that from the 2nd through 17th centuries the church never questioned Daniel’s authenticity, nor did the Jews from the time of Ezra
- ONLY since the Age of Enlightenment
- Daniel among the Dead Sea Scrolls

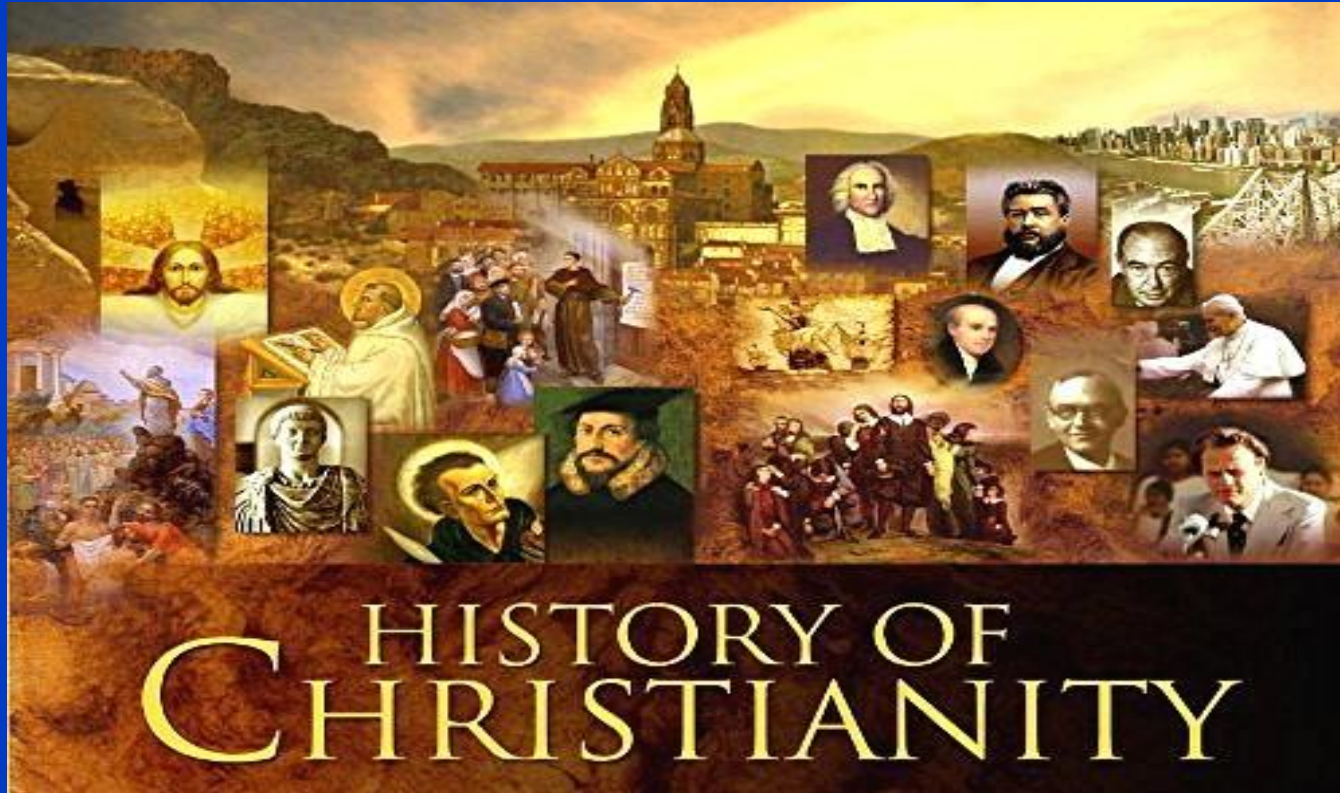


MYTHOLOGY

Today it's religion, tomorrow it's fable.



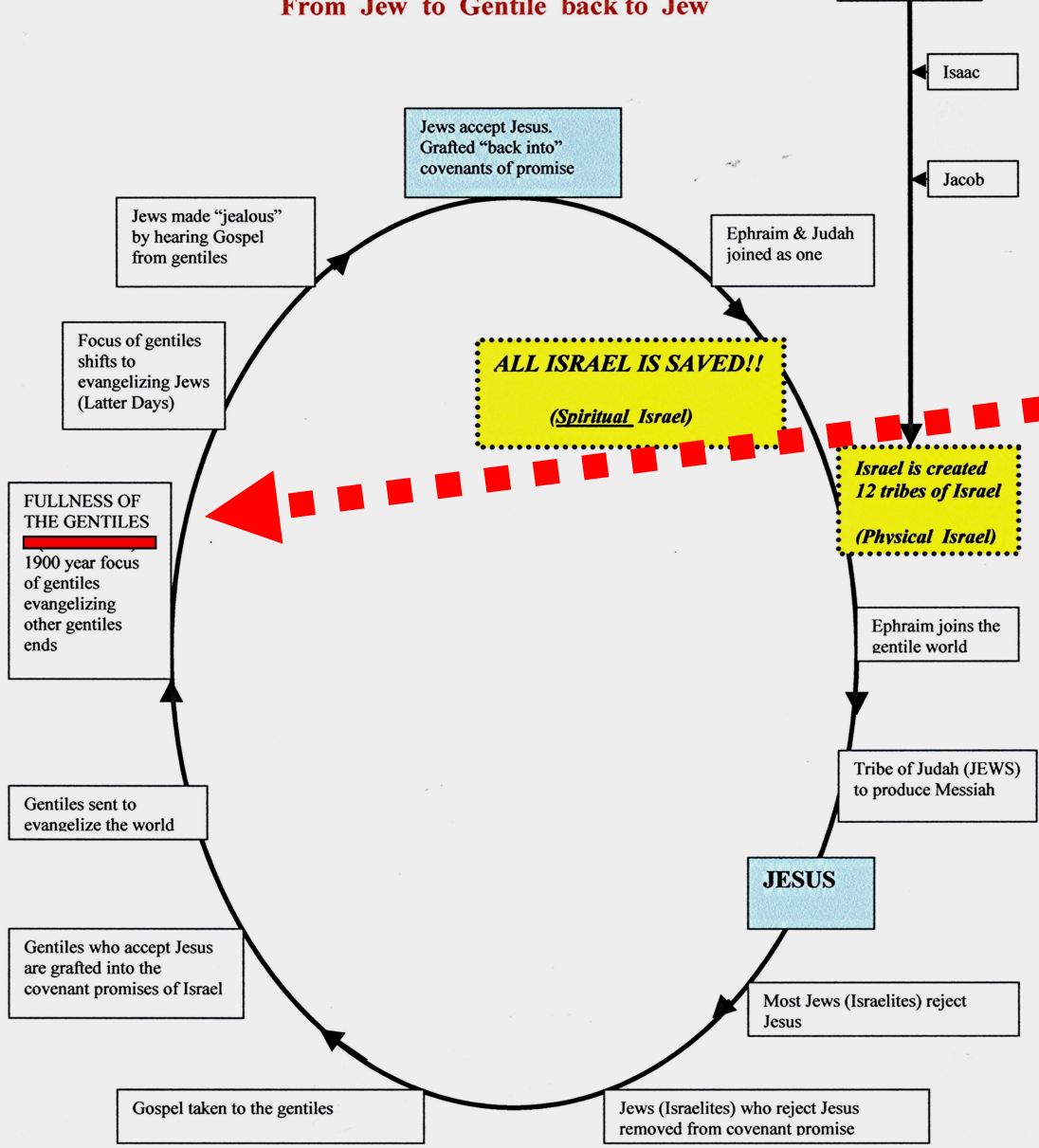
- Summed up in 3 named Theological viewpoints:
Amillennialism Post Millennialism Pre Millennialism
- Authors of Bible commentaries begin with a predetermined conclusion, based on their personal theology



- At first a purely Jewish sect called The Way
- 4th Century Constantine, Hellenistic Christianity
- 6th – 17th centuries, Church sought political power and fended off other religions. Inward looking
- Turn of 19th to 20th century, evangelical outreach
- Jesus Movement of 1960's and 70's, church growth exploded

THE CIRCLE OF SALVATION
From Jew to Gentile back to Jew

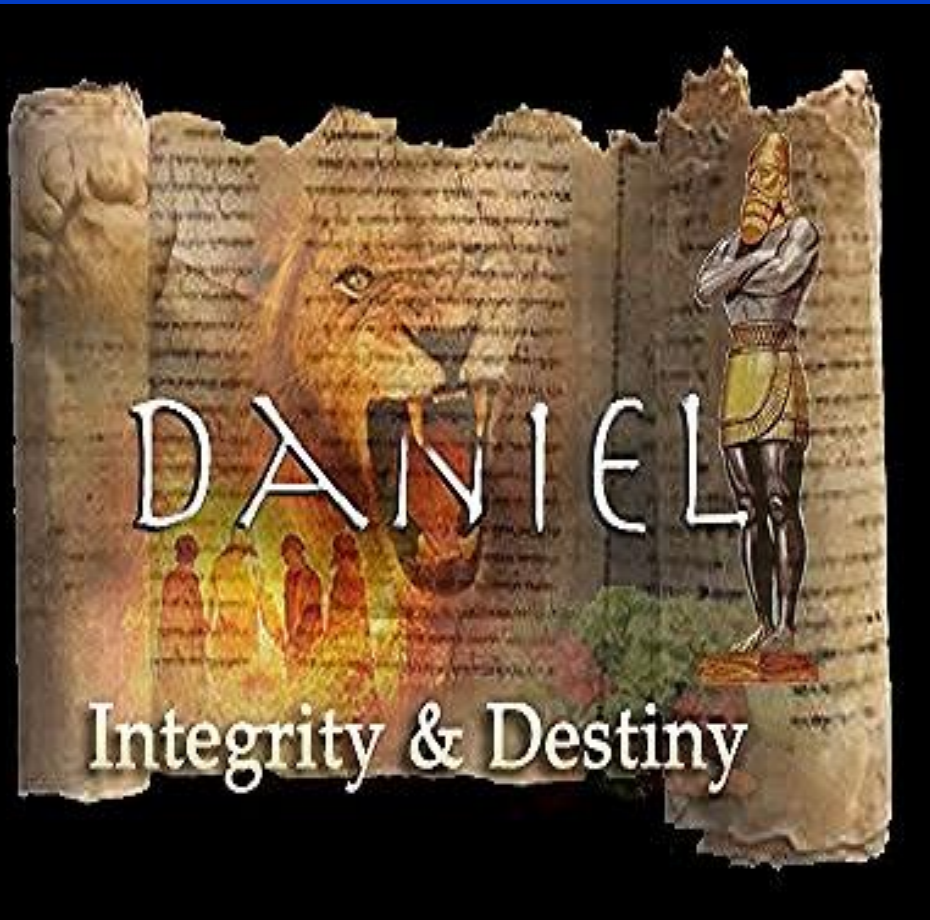
ABRAHAMIC COVENANT
All the families of the world to be blessed



END OF THE TIME OF THE GENTILES

- Yeshua and Paul said leadership would change from gentiles back to Jews
- When Israel returned as a nation
- Rise of Messianic Synagogues and Hebrew Roots movement signals that the "fullness of the gentiles" is upon us !!

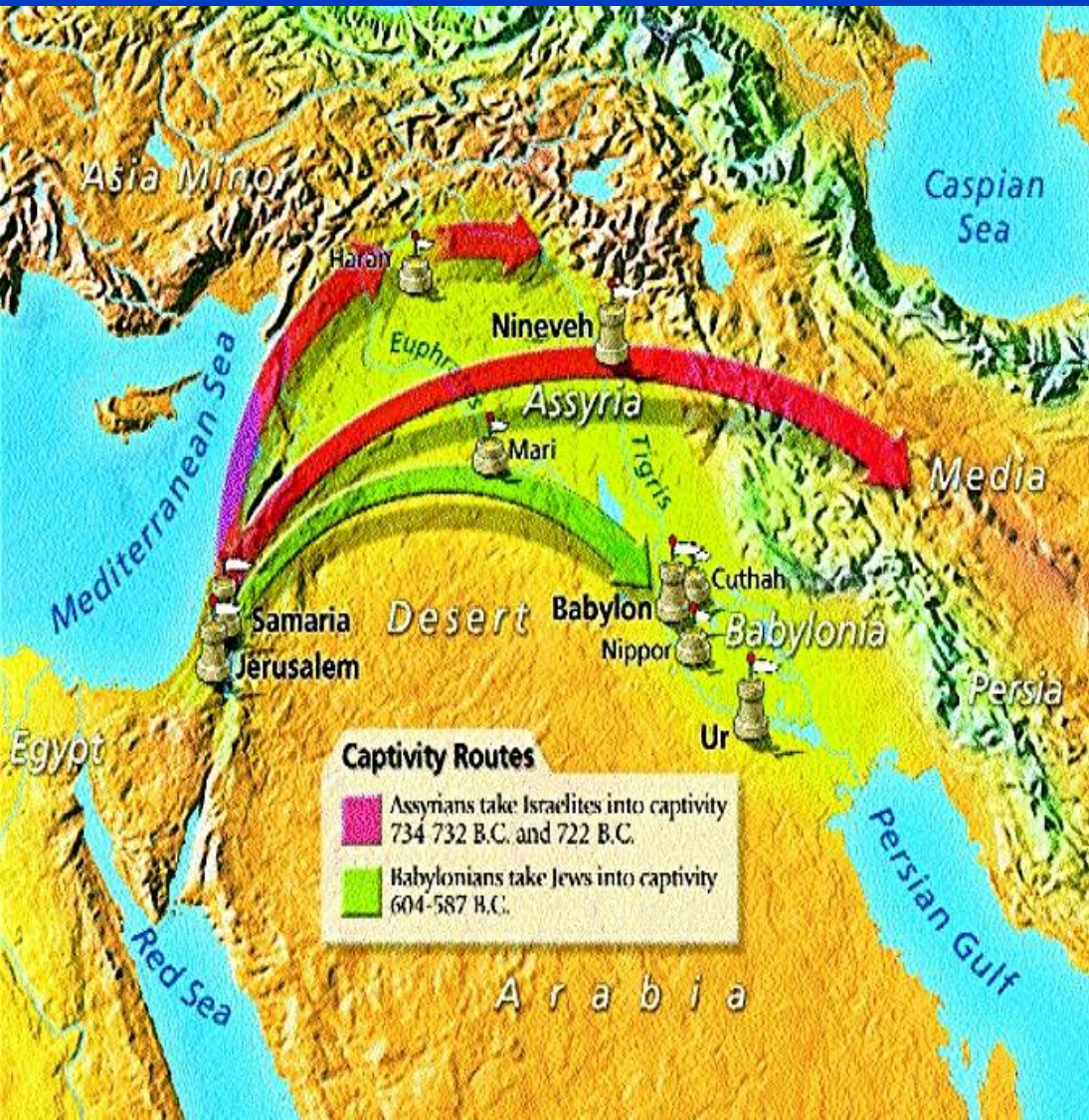
DANIEL WRITTEN IN 530 -540 B.C.



- Daniel was living in Babylon
- Several of his prophecies have happened, and more to come !
- Daniel in 3 parts
 - 1) chapter 1 = historical introduction
 - 2) chapters 2-7 = the gentile nations
 - 3) chapters 8 – 12 = Israel's future
- Chapter 1 in **Hebrew**
- Chapters 2-7 in **Aramaic**
- Chapters 8 – end in **Hebrew**

JEWS WENT TO BABYLON

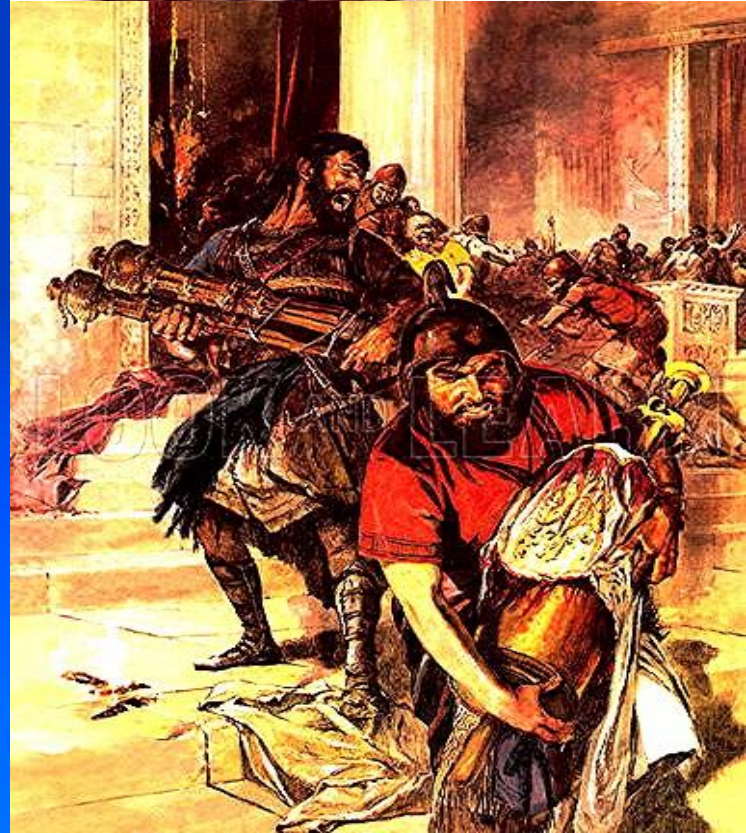
10 TRIBES TO ASSYRIAN EMPIRE



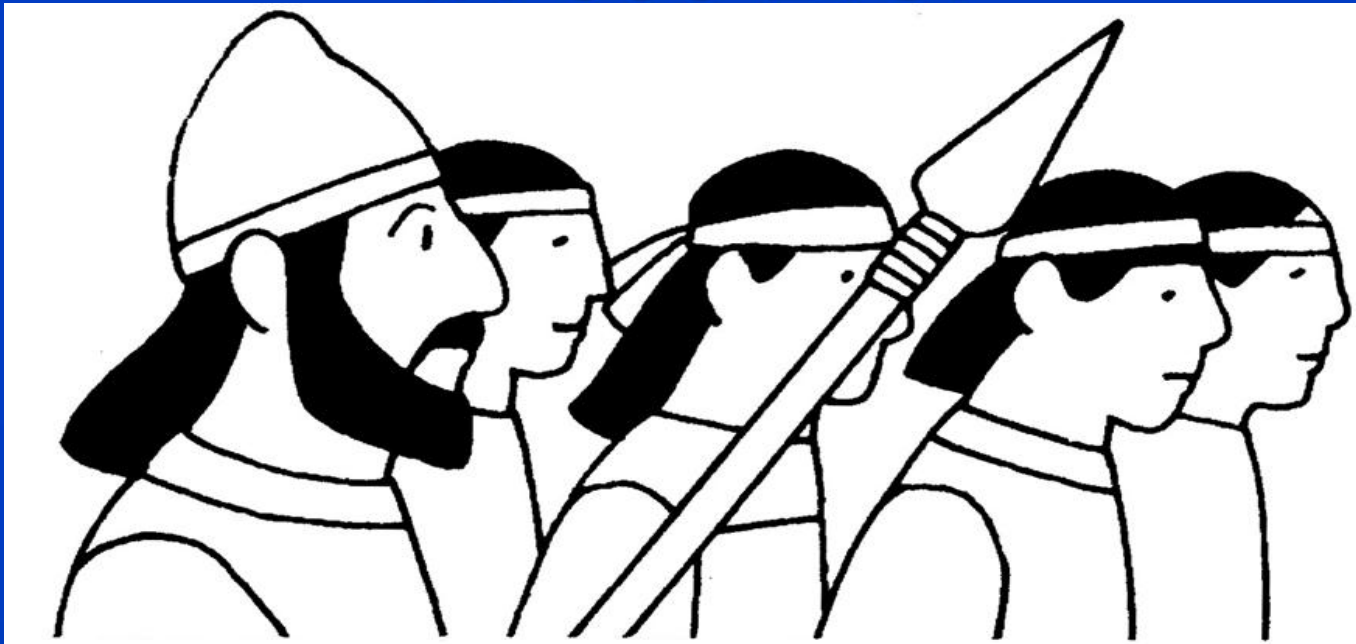
- 10 tribes exiled 130 years before Judah deported to Babylon
- 10 tribes scattered, indefinitely
- Jews taken as a group to the same place, but only for a fixed time (70 years)
- Judah NOT rejected by God, rather they felt His fury
- Jeremiah 25:5-15

DANIEL CHAPTER 1: DANIEL TAKEN CAPTIVE

- Nebuchadnezzar's troops looted the Temple and commandeered several Jewish youths
- Turned over to Chaldean tutors
- 2Kings 24:1 – 4
- Says Jehoiakim was in his 3rd year when attack came
- Jeremiah says 4th year
- Bible critics say this proves Daniel is a historic fraud
- 5 different types of dating kings' reigns used simultaneously in the Old Testament era

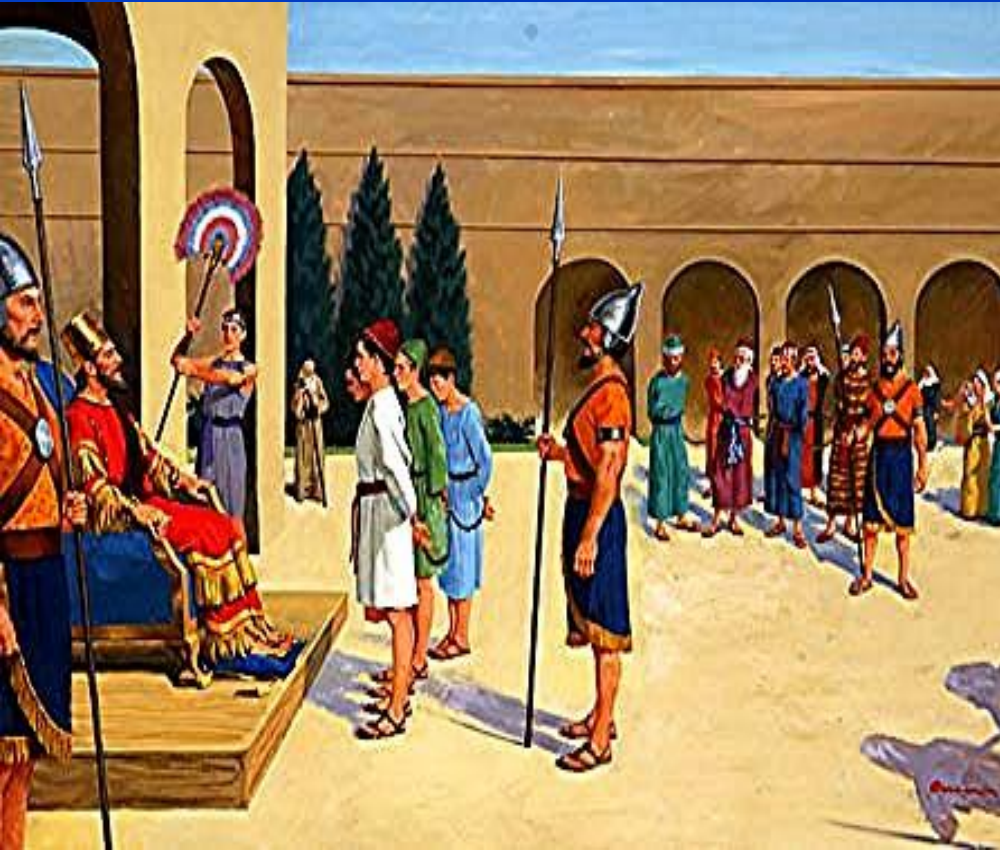


DANIEL AND EZEKIEL TAKEN IN 605 B.C.



- Daniel and Ezekiel witnessed the Babylonian captivity from the beginning
- Chief Eunuch = *saris*
- In narrowest sense is a castrated male dedicated for palace service
- In broadest sense is an official office and has nothing to do with castration
- Potiphar of Egypt was called a *saris*, but had a wife

DANIEL: ROYALTY OR NOBILITY?



- **Zera melucha** = seed of king, seed of kingdom, or the royal
- **Mamlacha** = kingdom
- **Melucha** can mean royalty broadly, but not indicate a person who can be king
- **Partam** = nobility
- We don't know if Daniel was **melucha** or **partam**
- The 4 Jewish youths were among the best and brightest of Judah
- Would be educated in history, culture and Aramaic