

Daniel
A Man of Integrity
Daniel 1

I. The Book of Daniel

- Author - Daniel, young prince, captive, 605 B.C.
Served Babylonian and Persian Kings during exile
Theme - Sovereignty of God, He rules our world
Wrote to encourage exiles to continue to trust God
Outline
- I. Sovereignty of God in Daniel's lifetime - Dan. 1-6
God rules in personal lives; over kings, kingdoms
 - II. Sovereign God Controls the Future - Dan. 7-12
God will overthrow evil rulers, accomplish His plan
Troubles ahead for Israel; take heart, God rules

II. Daniel's Situation 1:1-7

1. Fall of Jerusalem – 1, 2
In the law & the prophets God warned of exile
God used Babylon to judge His people
Vessels from Temple were taken to Babylon
2. Captivity of young nobles - 3, 4
Choice young men, to be trained to serve
Wise, capable of learning
Able to stand in the King's court
Able to learn Babylonian language
3. King's provision for young nobles - 5
Food & drink from the king's own kitchen
4. Names given to reflect Babylon - 6,7
Daniel - Belteshazzar - Prince of Bel;
Hananiah - Shadrach - Inspiration of the sun;
Mishael - Meshach - of the goddess Shach;
Azariah - Abed-nego - Servant of the fire god

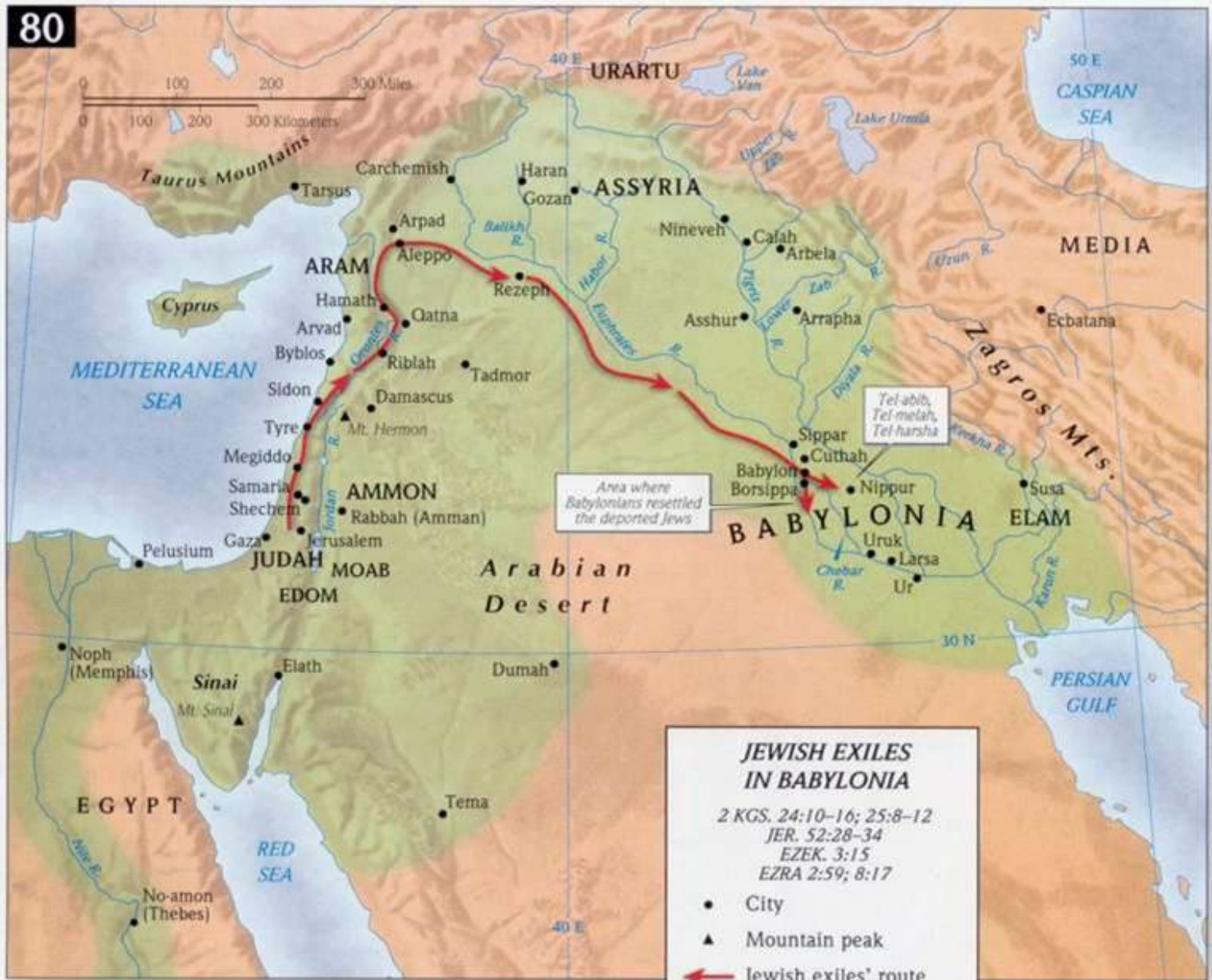
III. Daniel's Stand - 1:8

1. Satan sought to ensnare Daniel & friends
Away from home, influence of God's people
Name changed; break ties with God & past
Offered opportunity for advancement
Everything available, others were doing it
2. Daniel determined not to defile himself
He purposed in his heart to remain faithful
Food and drink he was offered he refused
Probably not in line with God's law
He made a request for an exemption

IV. God's Sovereign Intervention - 1:9-21

1. God gave Daniel favor with prince- 9-13
Turned heart of this prince toward Daniel - 9
Feared the king but listened to Daniel - 10
Daniel proposed 10 day trial period - 11, 12
Give them vegetables and water
You can judge the results for yourself – 13

- Compare with those on other diet
2. Prince agreed to trial period - 14
 3. There was significant change – 15
They looked much healthier than other group
 4. Prince changed their diet – 16
 5. God gave unusual skill & knowledge – 17
Gave Daniel understanding in visions & dreams
 6. King found them 10 times better -18-20
They were preferred over King's wise men
 7. Daniel served in 2 pagan kingdoms – 21
He served in Kingdom of Babylon
He also served until King Cyrus in Persia
Would also mean under Darius the Mede
Recorded in Daniel 6



JEWISH EXILES IN BABYLONIA
 2 KGS. 24:10-16; 25:8-12
 JER. 52:28-34
 EZEK. 3:15
 EZRA 2:59; 8:17

- City
- ▲ Mountain peak
- ← Jewish exiles' route
- Neo-Babylonian Empire