



DANIEL

Prophetic History

Background

“The greatest book in the Bible on godless kingdoms and the kingdom of God.”

Graham Scroggie

“Among the great prophetic books of Scripture, none provides a more comprehensive and chronological prophetic view of the broad movement of history than the book of Daniel. ... the book of Daniel is essential to the structure of prophecy & is the key to the entire OT prophetic revelation.”

Walvoord

“As far as eschatology is concerned, Daniel is the most important book of the OT.”

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UNIQUENESS

- 1. Not in prophets**
- 2. Called politician & historian**
- 3. Served in court of kings**
- 4. Apocalyptic**
- 5. Key to Eschatology**
- 6. Like Revelation**

DANIEL

➤ **Author - Daniel**

AUTHORSHIP

- ✧ **Challenged by liberals**
- ✧ **Claims receiving visions - 7:2, 6-8**
- ✧ **Background of Babylonians & Persians**
- ✧ **Prediction of Dan 9 with precise dating**
- ✧ **Jesus - Mt 24:15**
- ✧ **Maccabees**
- ✧ **Tradition**

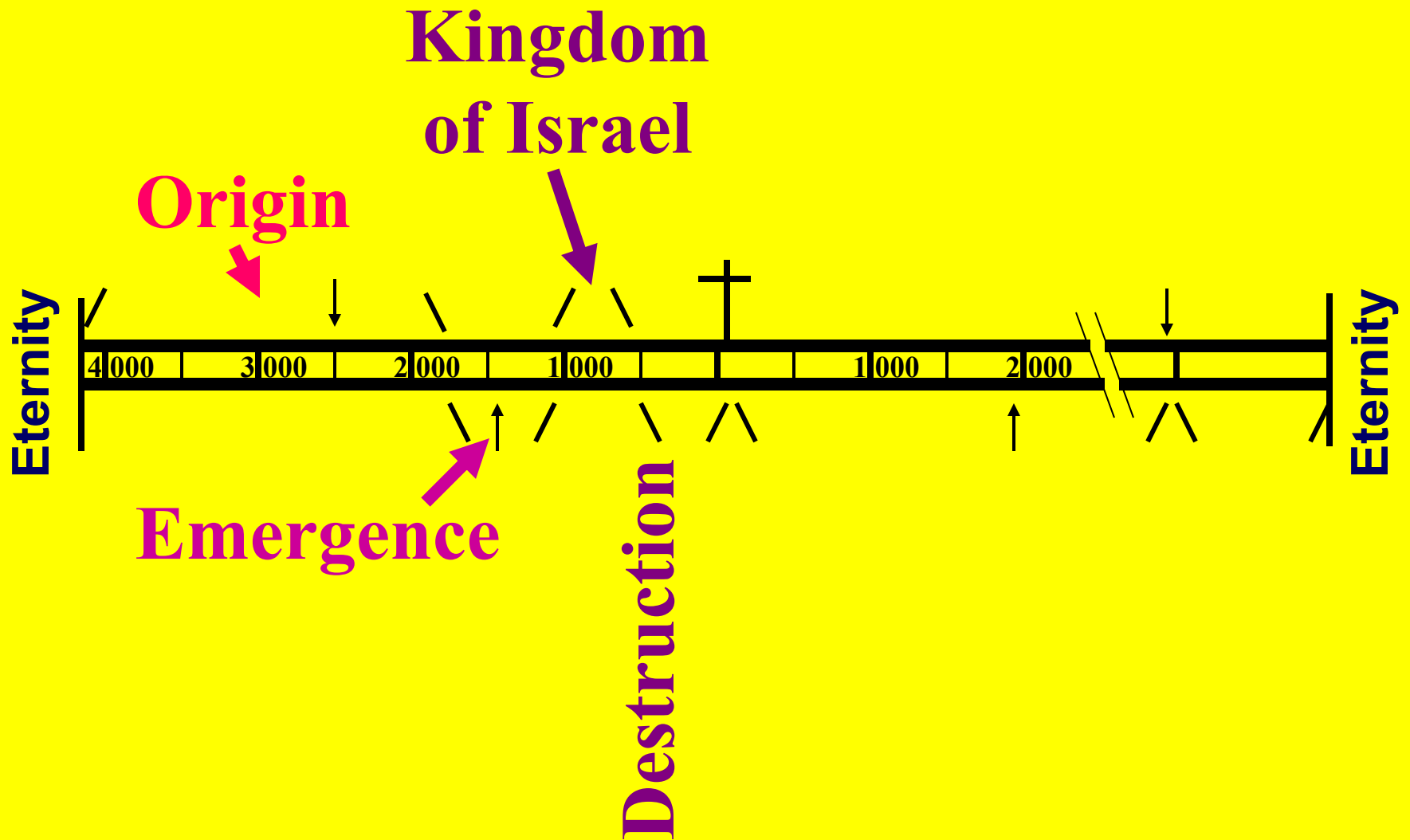
THE MAN

- 1. Name = “God is judge (prince)”**
- 2. Born in reign of Josiah**
- 3. Lived in Josiah’s reforms -621**
- 4. Attractive & gifted - 1:4**
- 5. Taken captive as a youth - 605**
- 6. Character - courage, faith**
- 7. Ministry - ~ 70 year**

DANIEL

- **Author - Daniel**
- **Background - Israel's end**

BIBLICAL HISTORY

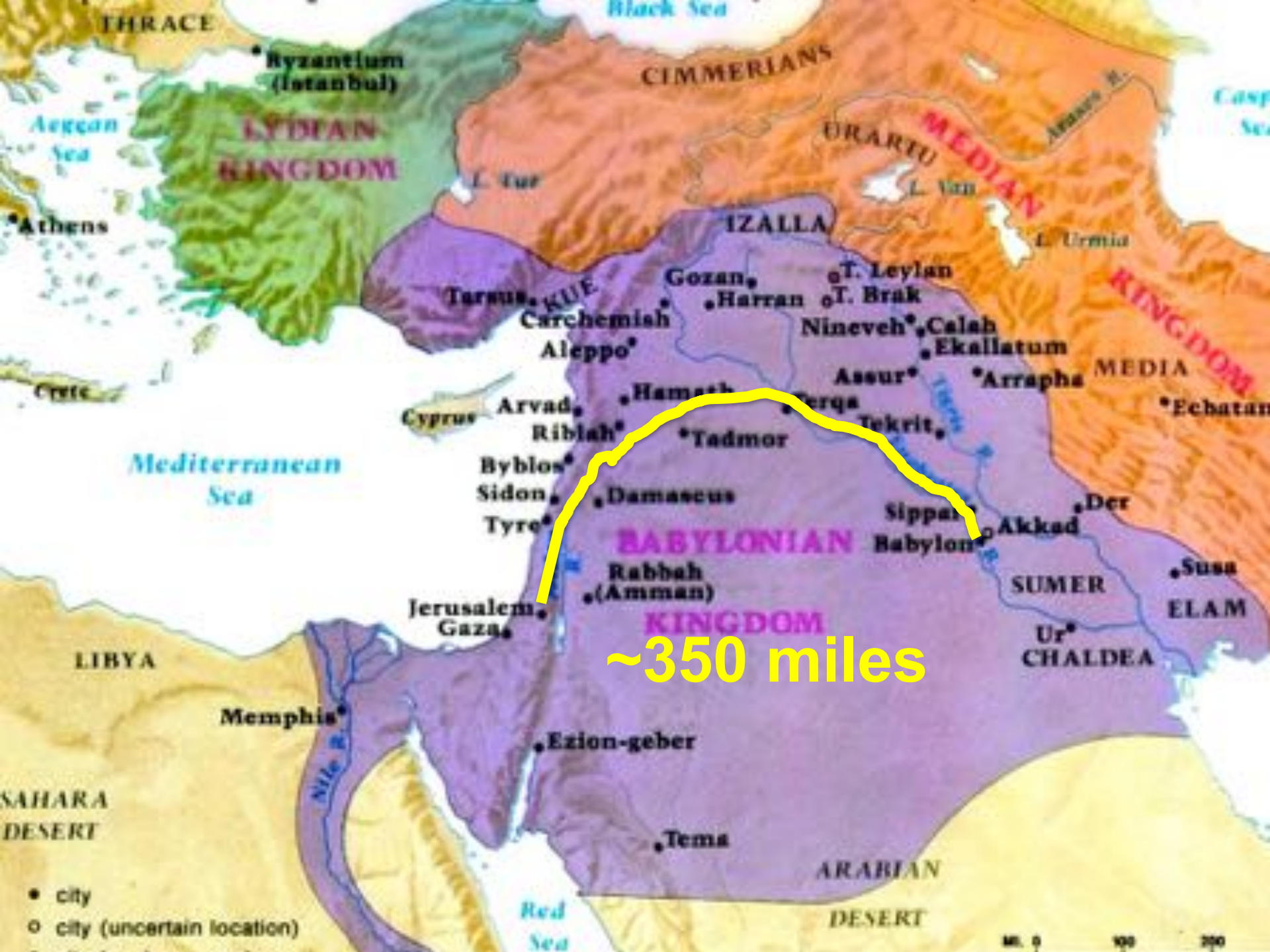


DESTRUCTION

- 1. 605 - Babylonian exile begins**
Daniel exiled with others
- 2. 602 - Jehoiakim revolted**
Judah over run by enemies
- 3. 597 - Nebuchadnezzar pillaged temple**
Ezekiel & others exiled
- 4. 586 - Nebuchadnezzar destroys city**
70 year exile to 535



Babylon



~350 miles

- city
- city (uncertain location)

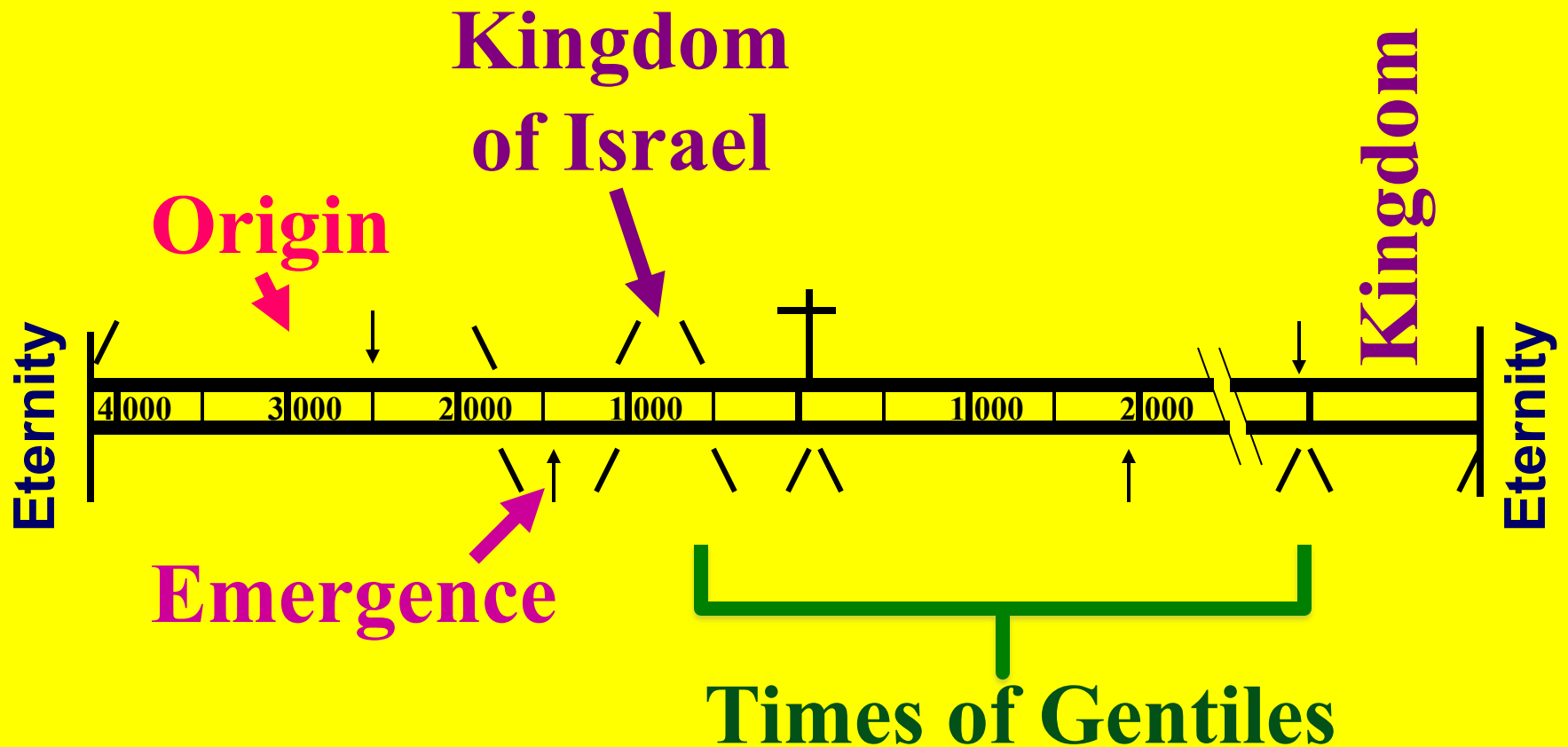
DURING EXILE

- 1. Persia - Zoroastrianism**
- 2. India - Buddhism, Hinduism**
- 3. China - Confucianism, Taoism**
- 4. Greece - Socrates, Plato**
- 5. Israel - legalistic Judaism**

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- **Author - Daniel**
- **Background - Israel's Exile**
- **Occasion - Exile**

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- **Date - 530 BC**

DATE

- 1. Liberal - ~167**
denies predictive prophecy
- 2. Conservative - 530**
Daniel's career - ~600-530
Daniel ~90

EXILE & RETURN

1st Deportation

Fall of Judah

**Ezekiel
Daniel**



Judah

Exile

Restoration

605
586

Two red arrows point upwards from the numbers 605 and 586 to the left and right edges of the Judah bar, respectively.

DANIEL

- **Author - Daniel**
- **Background - Israel's Exile**
- **Occasion - Exile**
- **Date - 530**
- **Purpose -**

PURPOSE

- 1. To show sovereignty of YHWH over all rebellious world powers**
- 2. To show God as faithful to His covenant people in protection & preserving**
- 3. To show Daniel as an example of godliness to exiles**

CHARACTERISTICS

1. Sovereignty & Power of God

SOVEREIGNTY

- 1. Over individuals - 1:2, 9, 17**
- 2. Daniel Praises - 2:21**
- 3. Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom - 2:37-38**
- 4. Final Kingdom - 2:44-45**
- 5. God acknowledged - 2:47**
- 6. Confidence in it - 3:17-18**
- 7. Nebuchadnezzar praises - 4:2-3**
- 8. Purpose of dream - 4:17, 25, 32**

SOVERNEIGTY

- 9. Heaven rules - 4:26**
- 10. Nebuchadnezzar praises - 4:34-37**
- 11. Nebuchadnezzar humbled - 5:20-21**
- 12. Over kings - 5:26**
- 13. Darius acknowledges - 6:25-27**
- 14. Ancient of Days on throne - 7:9-10**
- 15. Final kingdom - 7:27**
- 16. Future 70 weeks decreed - 9:24-27**

CHARACTERISTICS

- 1. Sovereignty & Power of God**
- 2. Philosophy of History**

ACTS 17:24-28

Act 17:26-27 and **He made** from one man **every nation of mankind** to live on all the face of the earth, **having determined** their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, **27** that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

KINGDOMS

- Kingdom of God - eternal, sovereign, immanent in history
- Kingdoms of world - corrupt, temporal, under God's sovereignty

CHARACTERISTICS

- 1. Sovereignty & Power of God**
- 2. Philosophy of History**
- 3. Type of Literature**

APOCALYPTIC

- 1. Records visions & dreams**
- 2. Symbols & signs used extensively**
- 3. Presence of angelic revealer or interpreter**
- 4. God's program for future**
- 5. Prose used rather than poetry**

CHARACTERISTICS

- 1. Sovereignty & Power of God**
- 2. Philosophy of History**
- 3. Type of Literature**
- 4. Structure**

DANIEL

Intro

Gentile Nations

Israel

Heb.

Aramaic

Hebrew

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HISTORICAL

PROPHETIC

Dan interprets kgs

Angel interps Dan



**One of the greatest comforts
in the midst of suffering is
trusting GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY!!!**

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