



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**

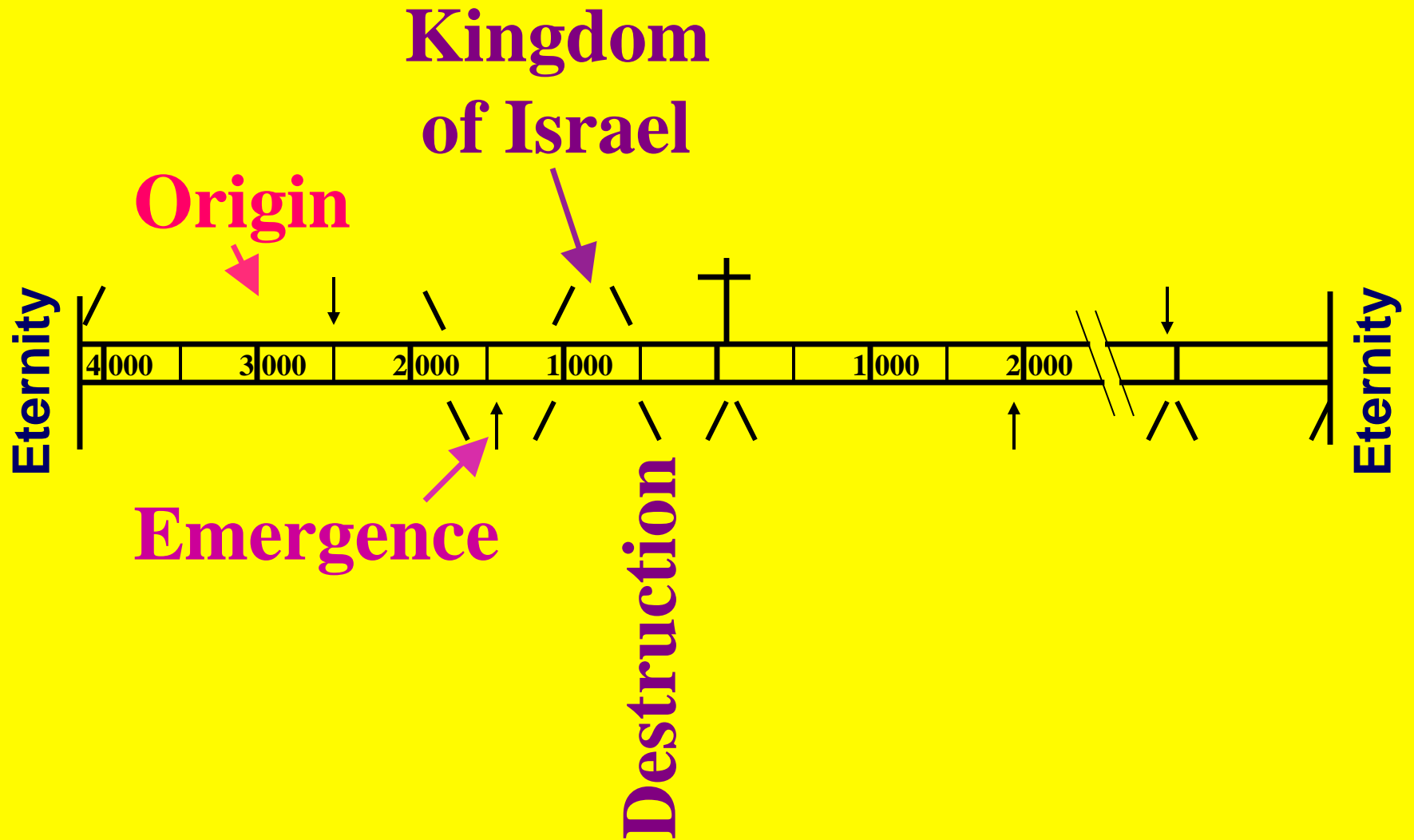
THE MAN

- 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)

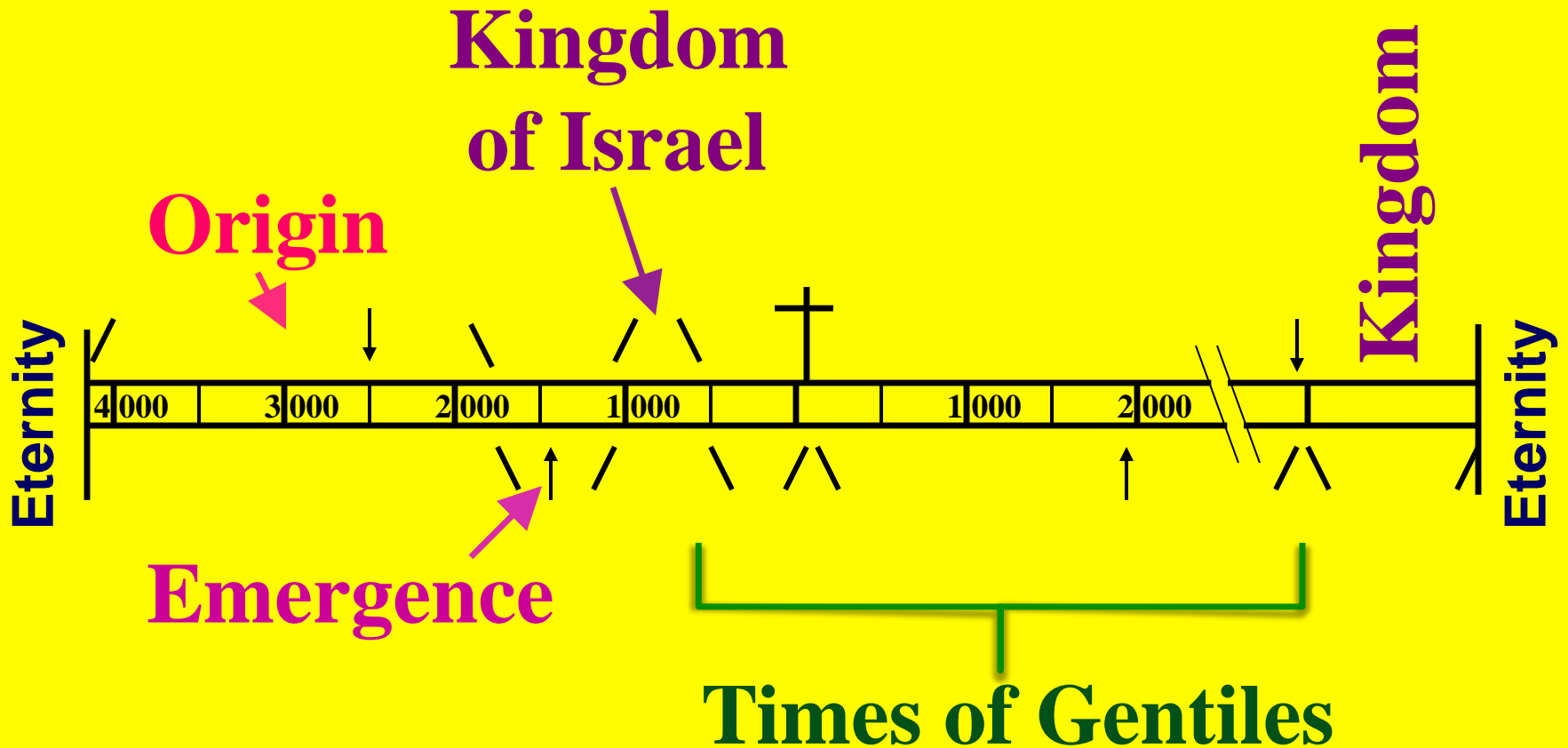
DURING EXILE

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

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- **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' box, respectively.

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- **Background - d**
- **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**