

# Daniel 1 – A Resolution for our New Year

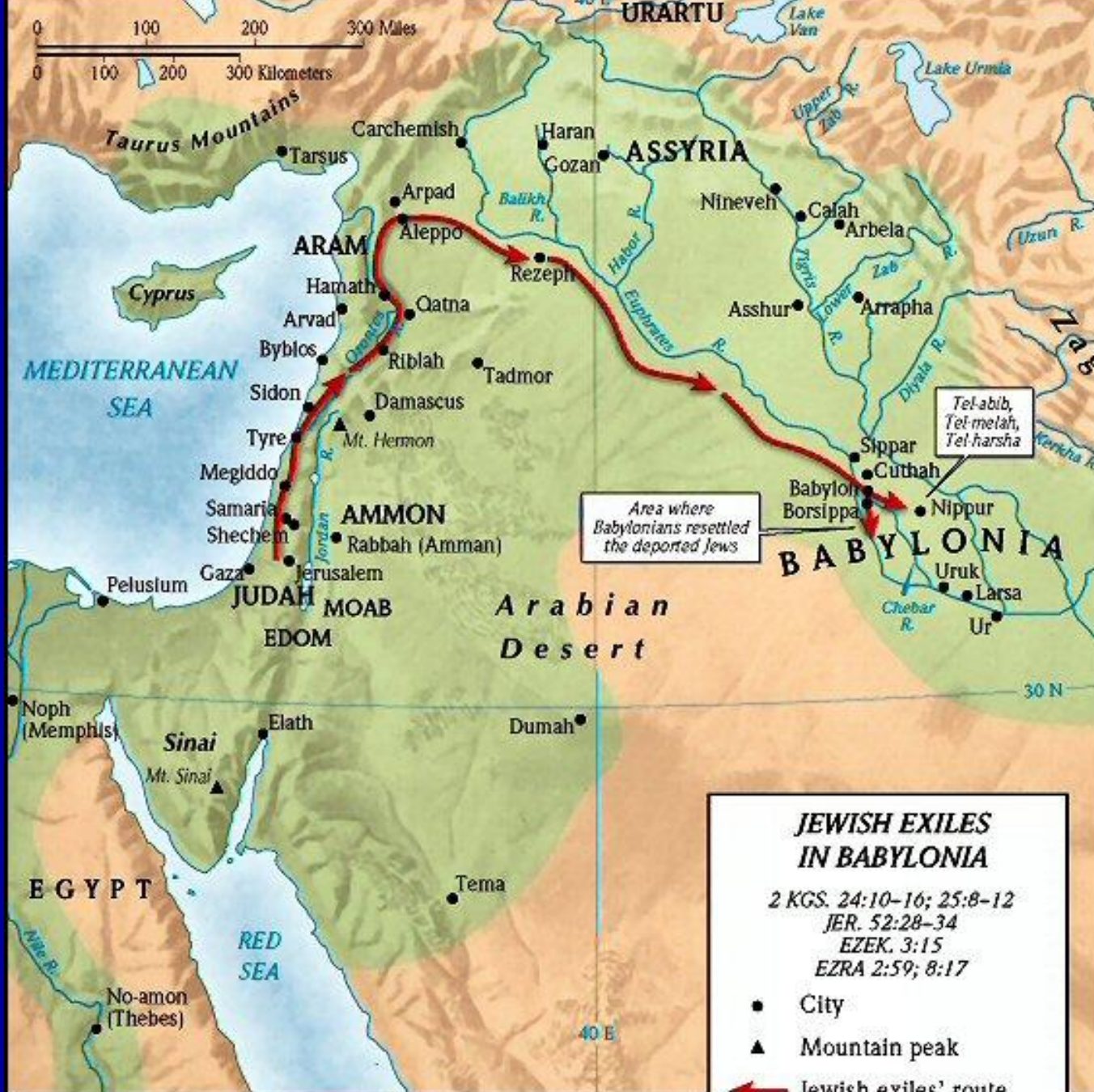


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### JEWISH EXILES IN BABYLONIA

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

# v 3 & 4

3 Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service **some of the Israelites** from the royal family and the nobility— 4 **young men** without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified **to serve in the king's palace**. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians

# v 6 & 7

<sup>6</sup> Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Michael and Azariah. <sup>7</sup> The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Michael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

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# v17

To these four young men **God gave** knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

v21

And Daniel remained there  
until the first year of King  
Cyrus.

# 7 principles to apply

1. Be prepared to take a stand
2. Enlist the support of others
3. Don't worry if others don't join you
4. Do so with perseverance and tact
5. No need to shout about it
6. Take a stand early
7. Know whom to fear



