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Simple Definition ☐

- 1 : a conspicuous object (such as a banner) formerly carried at the top of a pole and used to mark a rallying point especially in battle or to serve as an emblem
- 2
 - a : a long narrow tapering flag that is personal to an individual or corporation and bears heraldic devices
 - b : the personal flag of the head of a state or of a member of a royal family
 - c : an organization flag carried by a mounted or motorized military unit
 - d : **BANNER sense 1**
- 3
 - a : something established by authority, custom, or general consent as a model or example
: **CRITERION**
| The book is the *standard* by which all others should be judged.
 - b : a level of quality, achievement, performance, etc., that is considered acceptable or desirable
| high/low *standards*



WHAT IS YOUR **STANDARD**





MEDIA

-  Capital
-  Cities
-  Rivers
-  Borders



NEO-BABYLONIAN EMPIRE (c. 605–562 BCE)

Arabian Desert

• LYDIAN KINGDOM

A map of the region of Cilicia, showing the Taurus Mountains and the city of Tarsus. The map is a small inset in the bottom right corner of the page.

Antioch ☐

Carchemish

- Harran

Nineveh
(rebuilt)
ASSYRIA
Ashur

Arbela
(Assyria)

Calah

Mediterranean

Byblos 

Sidon /

Sidor
H

- Damascus

Samaria

Ashkelon

Gaza

Jerusalem

JUDAH

EGYPTIAN EMPIRE

Nile

Red

ARAM- MASCUS

Euphrates

Sippar ☐

BABYLON 
Borsippa 

Opis

Tigris

BABYLONIA

Nippur □

Uruk

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- Susa (Susiana)

PERSIA

Persian Gulf



HAMMURABI'S CODE – 1700'S BC



NEBUCHADNEZZAR – 600 BC



TIMELINE: JUDAH'S BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY & DANIEL IN BABYLON



EARLY EXILE & RISING DANIEL

(c. 605 BC)



Nebuchadnezzar



Young captives



- Babylon conquers Judah
- Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego exiled to Babylon (Daniel 1)



TESTS OF FAITH

(c. 603 BC)



Daniel interpreting



Nebuchadnezzar



- Daniel interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the statue (Daniel 2)
- He and friends gain favor in court

DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM

(c. 586 BC)



Final siege of Jerusalem by



King Zedekiah

- Final siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar
- Solomon's Temple destroyed
- Mass deportation of Jews to Babylon

THE FIERY FURNACE

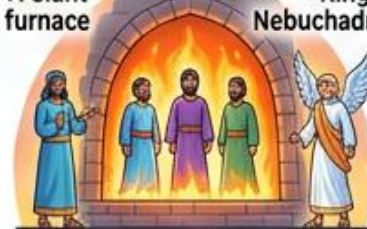
(c. 585 BC)



A Giant furnace



King Nebuchadnezzar



- Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego refuse to worship the golden image; protected from the furnace (Daniel 3)

BABYLON'S FALL & LATER YEARS

(c. 539 BC)



Armies



King Belshazzar



- Belshazzar's Feast and writing on the wall (Daniel 5)
- Cyrus the Great conquers Babylon, Persians take control





YOU WILL BE CHALLENGED



- I wish we could go through our lives without our faith being tested
- There are moments – big and small – that ask us to prove what we believe
- Belief only exists when it is tested
- You are developing your standard in the quiet moments of your life

THE CALL TO CONFORMITY



- One of Satan's greatest tools is to simply get us to **be like everyone else**
- It is a powerful call. And it takes true character to stand against the tide of the world (Ex. 23:2)
- There may not be a happy ending. When you push against the world, **it generally pushes back!**

WHAT DO YOU STAND FOR?



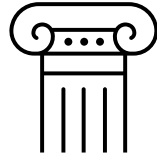
- Without solid convictions, we would never stand against the might of Babylon
- What would you do in this specific situation?
- If we aren't comfortable with our answer, what can be done to develop a better one?
- **Our young people are at the greatest risk of not having a personal standard**



PHILIPPIANS 3:18-19

For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

Their end is destruction, their **god is their belly**, and they **glory in their shame**, with **minds set on earthly things**.



*...no longer be children, tossed
to and fro by the waves and
carried about by every wind of
doctrine...*