



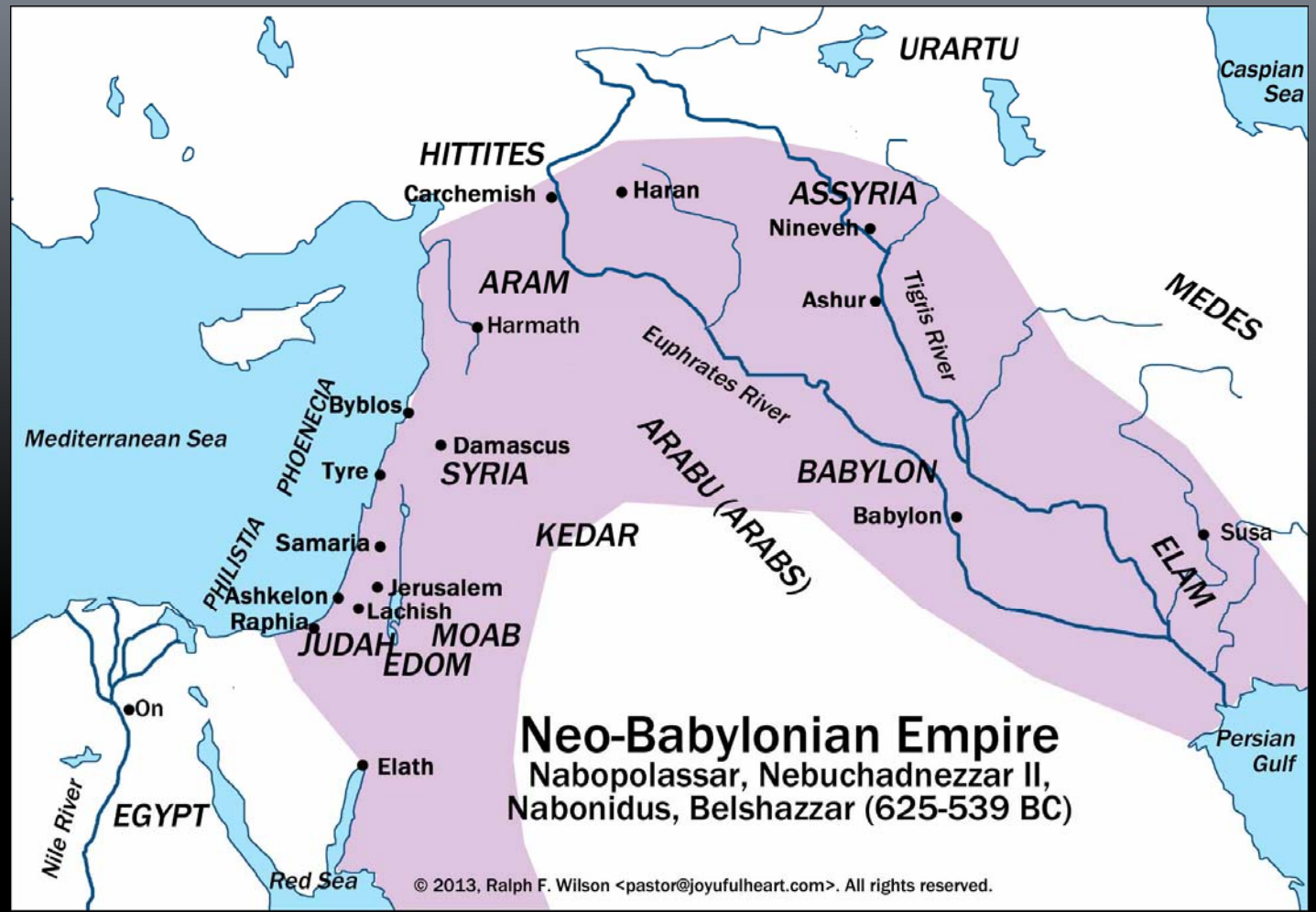
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LIFE IN BABYLON



The greatest wisdom of this world
is utterly insufficient to the divine
revelation of our God

Neo-Babylonian Empire (626-539 BC)



The astrologers answered the king, “There is no one on earth who can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or astrologer. What the King asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among humans.

Daniel 2:10

This made the king so angry and furious that he ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon. So the decree was issued to put the wise men to death, and men were sent to look for Daniel and his friends to put them to death.

Daniel 2:12-13

When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact.

Daniel 2:14

He asked the king's officer, "Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?" Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel. At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him.

Daniel 2:15-16

Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

Daniel 2:17-18

To walk in God's wisdom, we must:

Rely on God's revelation

Pew Research Center Study

Six-in-ten Christians, 'nones' hold at least one New Age belief

	Believe spiritual energy can be located in physical things	Believe in psychics	Believe in reincarnation	Believe in astrology	NET Believe in at least one
All U.S. adults	42%	41%	33%	29%	62%
Christian	37	40	29	26	61
Protestant	32	38	26	24	57
Evangelical	24	33	19	18	47
Mainline	43	44	33	30	67
Historically black	41	43	38	34	72
Catholic	47	46	36	33	70
Unaffiliated	47	40	38	32	62
Atheist	13	10	7	3	22
Agnostic	40	31	28	18	56
Nothing in particular	61	52	51	47	78

Source: Survey conducted Dec. 4-18, 2017, among U.S. adults.

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Let no one be found among you...who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord.

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

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Rely on God's revelation

Receive God's revelation

Call to me and I will **answer** you and **tell** you
great and unsearchable things you do not
know (Jer. 33:3)

If anyone lacks wisdom he should ask God
who **gives** generously without finding fault
and it will be **given** to you (James 1:5)

God does not want us battle *for* His wisdom,
He wants us to battle *with* his wisdom!

To walk in God's wisdom, we must:

Rely on God's revelation

Receive God's revelation

Respond to God's revelation

During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven and said:

“Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;
wisdom and power are his.

Daniel 2:19-20

He **changes** times and seasons;

he deposes kings and raises up others.

He **gives** wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.

He **reveals** deep and hidden things;

he knows what lies in darkness,
and light dwells with him.

Daniel 2:21-22

I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors:
You have given me wisdom and power, you
have made known to me what we asked of
you, you have made known to us the dream
of the king.”

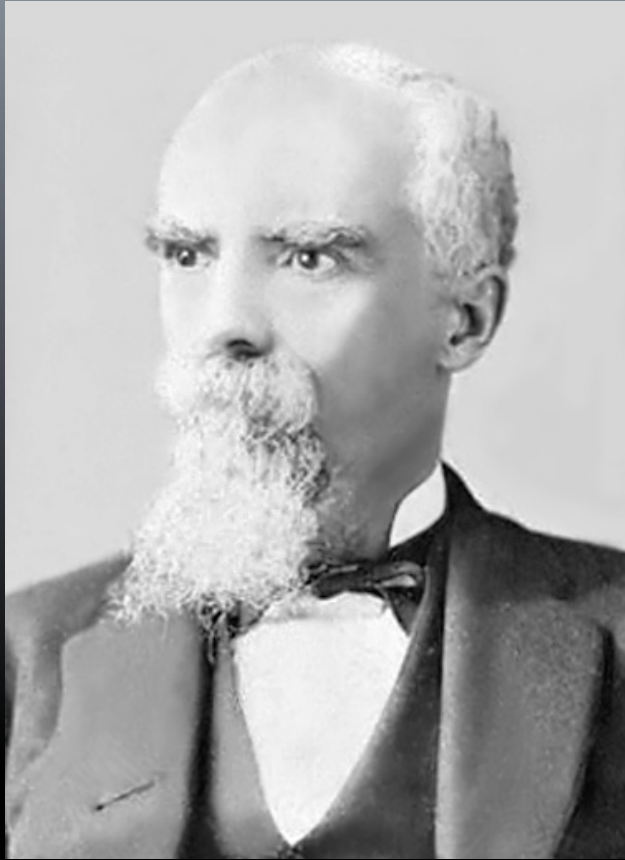
Daniel 2:23-24

Worship is our **response** to revelation!



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“God’s revelation does not need the light of human genius, the polish and strength of human culture, the brilliancy of human thought, the force of human brains to adorn or enforce it; but it does demand the simplicity, docility, humility and faith of a child’s heart”
- E.M. Bounds

Jesus is God's ultimate revelation!

“but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

1 Corinthians 1:24

To walk in God's wisdom, we must
rely on, receive and respond to
Jesus!



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