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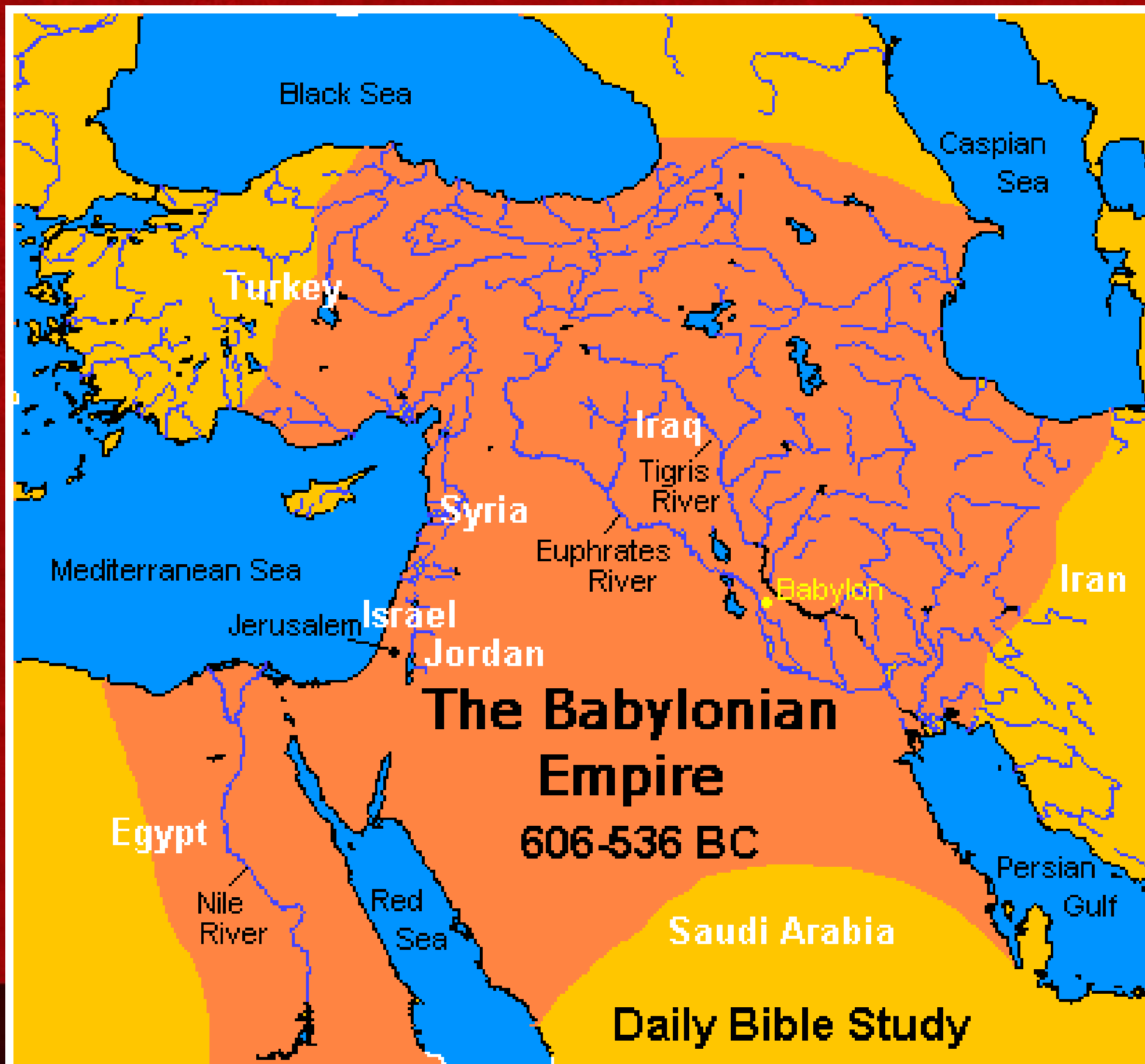
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Vantage Point of Secular History

Daniel 1:1

***In the third year of the reign of
Jehoiakim king of Judah,
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came
to Jerusalem and besieged it.***

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Vantage Point of Biblical Theology

Daniel 1:2

***And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king
of Judah into his hand, along with
some of the articles from the temple of
God.***

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KEY #1

Pressure sometimes comes unfairly...but God is always working SUPERNATURALLY.

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Daniel 1:4-7

...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.

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Daniel 1:4-7

The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service. Among these were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

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Four-Fold Plan of Conformity

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Daniel 1:8

But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.

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Key #2

**Pressure works from the
outside in to conform...but
God works from the inside out
to TRANSFORM.**

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Exodus 34:15

Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land; for when they prostitute themselves to their gods and sacrifice to them, they will invite you and you will eat their sacrifices.

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Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is; his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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Key #3

**Pressure tries to Bully...but
trust that God is BIGGER!**

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Daniel 1:17

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.

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2 Chronicles 16:9

***For the eyes of the Lord range
throughout the earth to
strengthen those whose hearts
are fully committed to him.***

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**Will you be a
Thermometer
or
a Thermostat?**

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