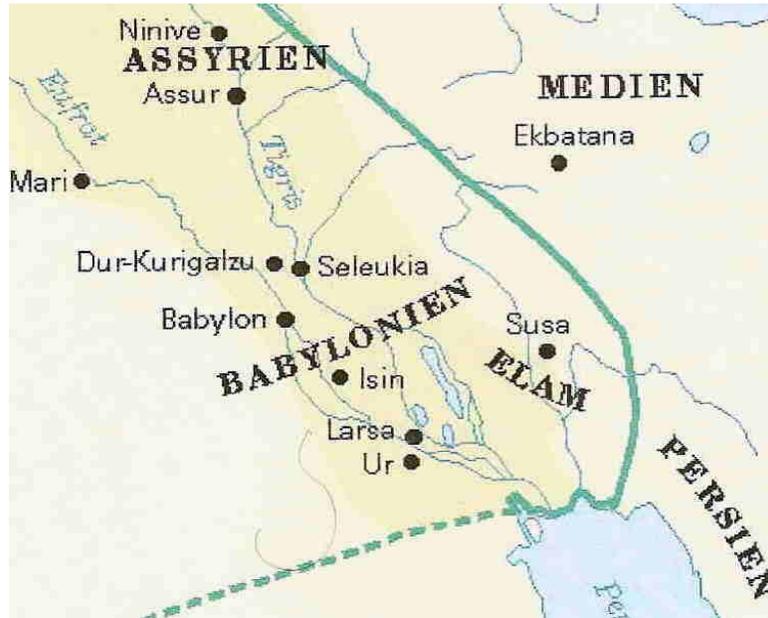


# Hanging Gardens of Babylon

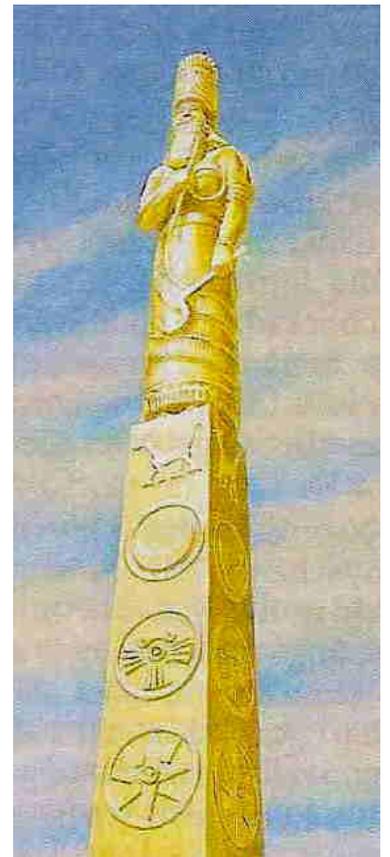
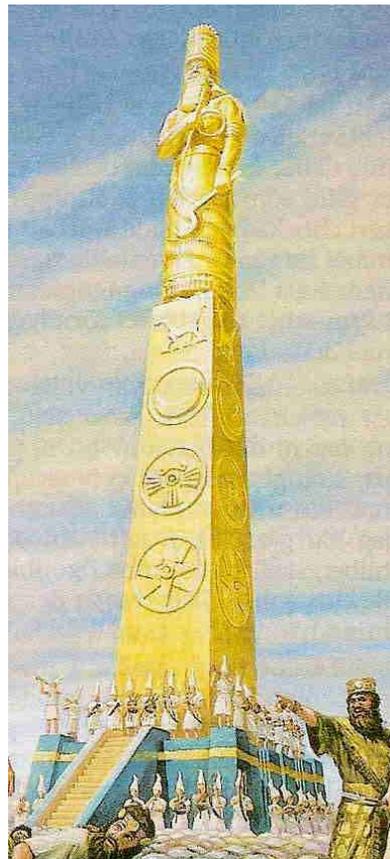
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**Nebuchadnezzar II**, born around 630 BC, dead 562 BC, was the king of the Babylonian or Chaldean kingdom, 604-562 BC.

His Akkadian name was *Nabu-kudurri-usur*, which means Nabu, protect my borders, my kingdom.

Nebuchadnezzar built an empire from the Euphrates to the Nile. He was very religious and was married to Amytis of Media. His main residence was in Babylon- The Gate of God



**Nebuchadnezzar II, the world's richest ruler**

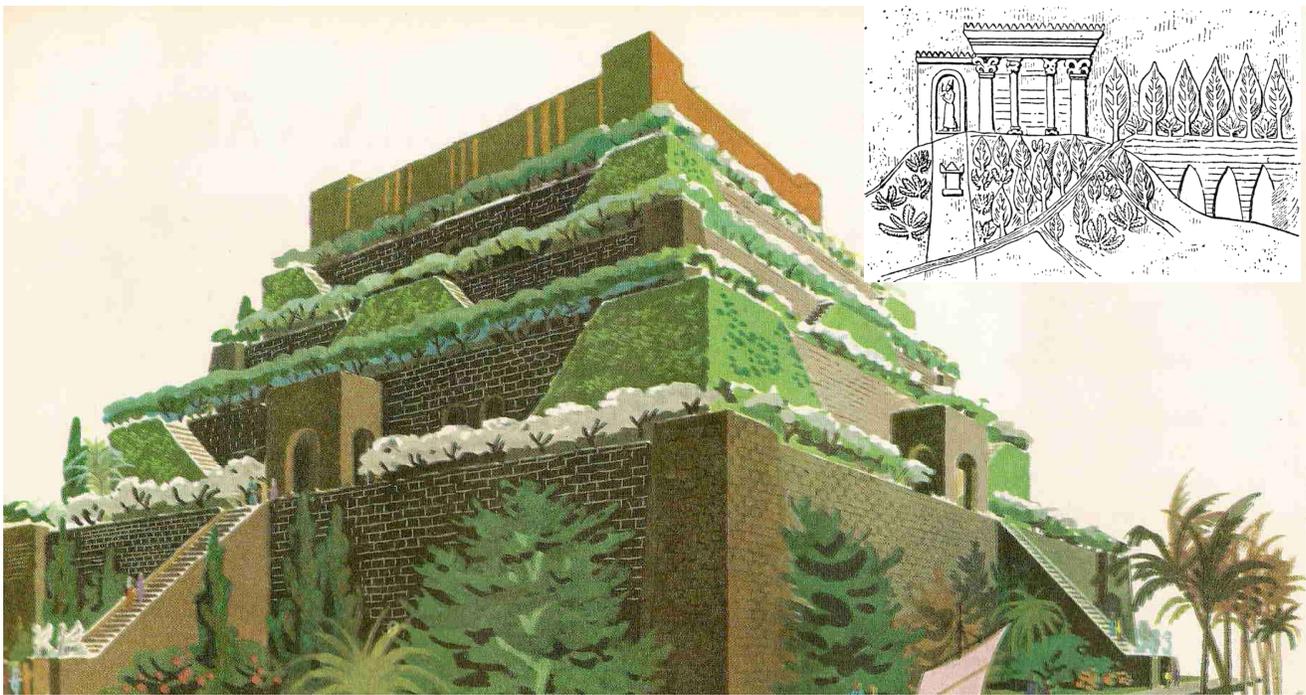
# The Gardens of Queen Semiramis



Semiramis  
Sammuramat  
823-811 BC.



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823-811 BC



**Semiramis** is in the Greek legend Queen of Mesopotamia, married to king Ninus who is said to have founded Ninive. We can also read that she built Babylon and laid out the hanging gardens there. Instead of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, it is more appropriate to call them The Gardens of Semiramis, since the gardens were not literally hanging but consisted of terraces, supported by arched rooms and pillars stretching to the height of the upper part of the city wall, maybe as high as 30-40 metres. Water came from the Euphrates via a kind of water pipeline. These terrace constructions are known from for example the history of Herodotus: the palace with Semiramis's gardens, a kind of terrace constructions, was regarded as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. These gardens were accordingly built in the 800s BC, long before Nebuchadnezzar came to power.

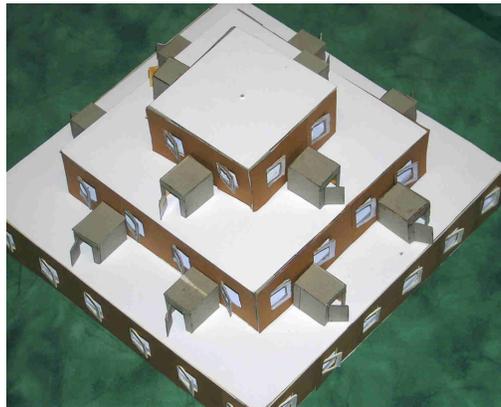
# The Hanging Gardens

We know that Nebuchadnezzar II was married to Amytis from Ecbatana, capital of Media. According to stories told by classical writers, the gardens of Babylon were laid out by King Nebuchadnezzar between 604 and 562 BC. They were supposed to delight his wife who was longing for the forested mountains of her native country. According to the detailed descriptions there were figs, almond, walnut trees and pomegranates.

But archaeological evidence proving the existence of the hanging gardens has never existed according to some researchers. But researchers disagree. At the same time we might ask ourselves if it is possible to preserve something that never existed for thousands of years. Can a ruler really build hanging gardens for his wife just for the fun of it? But we usually say: "No smoke without fire."



Nebuchadnezzar II



Daniel/Beltesazzar

If you are not at the centre of events, you will never find out what goes on there. A typical example of this is the hanging gardens during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar II. Daniel was at the centre of events and because of that we can now recall what happened to the mysterious hanging gardens.

This ruler of the world, Nebuchadnezzar II, had two important and conclusive dreams. One was about a giant statue, the other about a giant tree. The hanging gardens belong to the dream about the tree.



The Statue

Dan 2:1-



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The Tree

Dan 3.31-

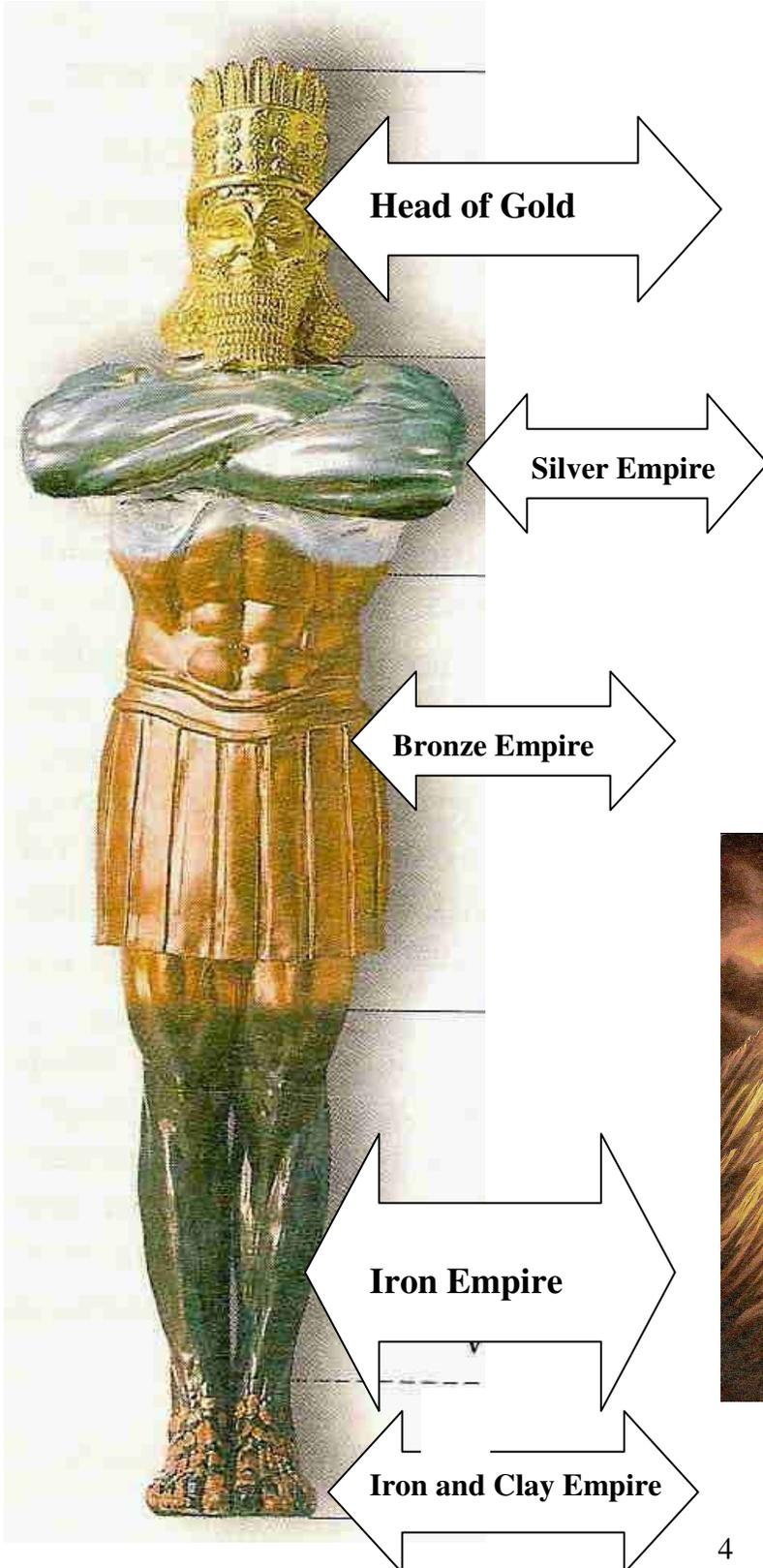


# The Giant Statue

Dan 2:1-

We have known The Book of Daniel for around 2,600 years. The world knows about the former Babylon king Nebuchadnezzar's dreams connected to The Book of Daniel. The purpose of this short retrospect is to try to shed some light on the mysterious hanging gardens which have baffled posterity during all these years.

His first dream is about the giant statue, see below.



## Dan 2:31- The Dream

“Your Majesty, what you saw standing in front of you was a huge and terrifying statue, shining brightly. Its head was made of gold, its chest and arms were silver, and from its waist down to its knees, it was bronze. From there to its ankles it was iron, and its feet were a mixture of iron and clay.

As you watched, a stone was cut from a mountain-but not by human hands. The stone struck the feet, completely shattering the iron and clay. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed and blown away without a trace, like husks of wheat at threshing time. But the stone became a tremendous mountain that covered the entire earth.”



The Stone and the Statue

# The Giant Statue 2

Dan 2:37-



**Babylon from 607 BC. He was the head of gold**

**Dan 2:37-43 The interpretation**

**Media-Persia from 539 BC.**

"Your Majesty, you are the greatest of kings, and God has highly honored you with power over all humans, animals, and birds. You are the head of gold.

After you are gone, another kingdom will rule, but it won't be as strong. Then it will be followed by a kingdom of bronze that will rule the whole world. Next, a kingdom of iron will come to power, crushing and shattering everything.

**Alexander I**

**Greece from 331 BC**

This fourth kingdom will be divided--it will be both strong and brittle, just as you saw that the feet and toes were a mixture of iron and clay. This kingdom will be the result of a marriage between kingdoms, but it will crumble, just as iron and clay don't stick together."

**Constantine I  
Otto III**

**Rome from 30 BC**

**A politically divided world at the end of time.**

Gold is thus a precious metal. With Nebuchadnezzar II **the head was of gold**, which means he was number one. Since he regarded himself as God and behaved badly, mismanaged his position, he lost his total power. He ruled Babylon for 42 years. **The silver breast and arms** of the statue in his dreams symbolized the Media-Persian world empire which was inferior compared to Babylon. **The abdomen and thighs** of the giant statue pictured another royal empire, a third large bronze empire ruling the world. Its name was Greece and its world ruler was Alexander I. In the same way that bronze is inferior to silver, Greece was inferior compared to Media-Persia.

But the lifespan of Alexander I was short, he only had seven years as a world ruler. He fell ill after a feast and died shortly thereafter in Babylon, 323 BC at the age of just 32. The evening he fell ill, he emptied a six-litre goblet. What did he see in his last dream?

An empire which crushes and shatters. The statue in his dream represented “The Fourth Empire” after Babylon, Media Persia, and Greece will be strong as iron. **The legs of iron** in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream were a picture not only of the Roman Empire but also of its political and religious expansion. Rome crushed and shattered the Greek world empire and engulfed the rest of the Media Persia and Babylon world empires.

Since iron crushes and shatters everything else it will, like iron which shatters, crush and shatter all the others, too. Through its power and ability to crush, this world empire would be like iron, stronger than the empires represented in the picture by gold, silver and bronze. The Roman Empire was such a power and did not show any respect towards the surrounding world. In such an empire Constantine I ruled as a Roman emperor and Otto III as a German-Roman emperor.

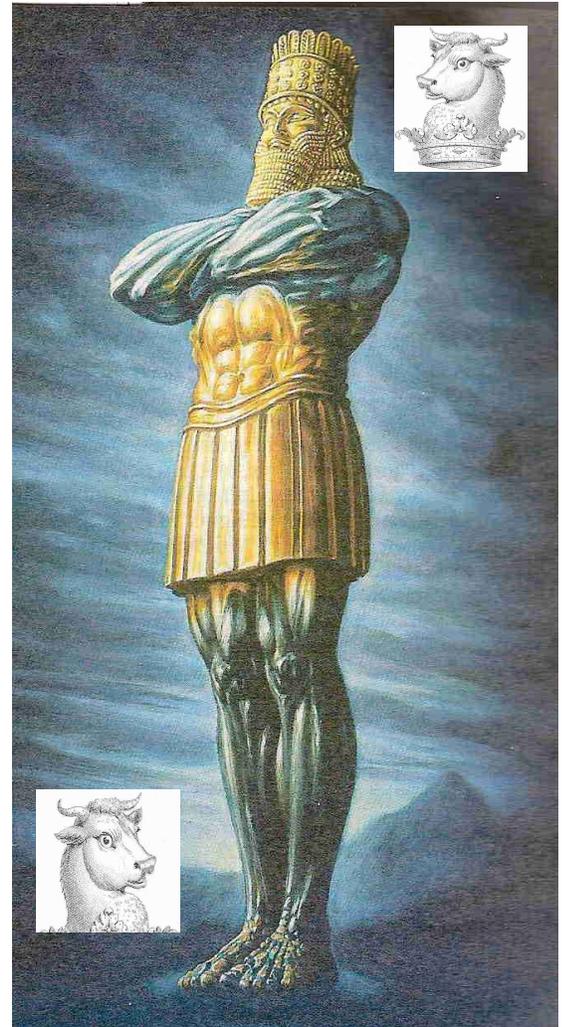
The head of gold became the legs of iron and the demise of the empire continues. The legs of iron of the dreamed statue thus include both the Roman Empire and later global empires. Nebuchadnezzar’s dream is approaching its end, after 2,600 long years the End of Time is near.

A fragile mixture. Of the statue, only the **feet and toes** remain. Since the feet and toes were partly made of clay and partly of iron, the empire will appear divided, partly strong and partly fragile. Since iron is mixed with moist clay, the empire will eventually have a mixed population; but they cannot agree, like iron does not agree with clay. In this context clay means people and iron is equivalent to authority. We can also call it a fragile democracy.

Eventually, at the end of time, an asteroid will like a burning mountain hit the statue and thereby the empire disappears.



**The dream is an efficient intermediary of information**

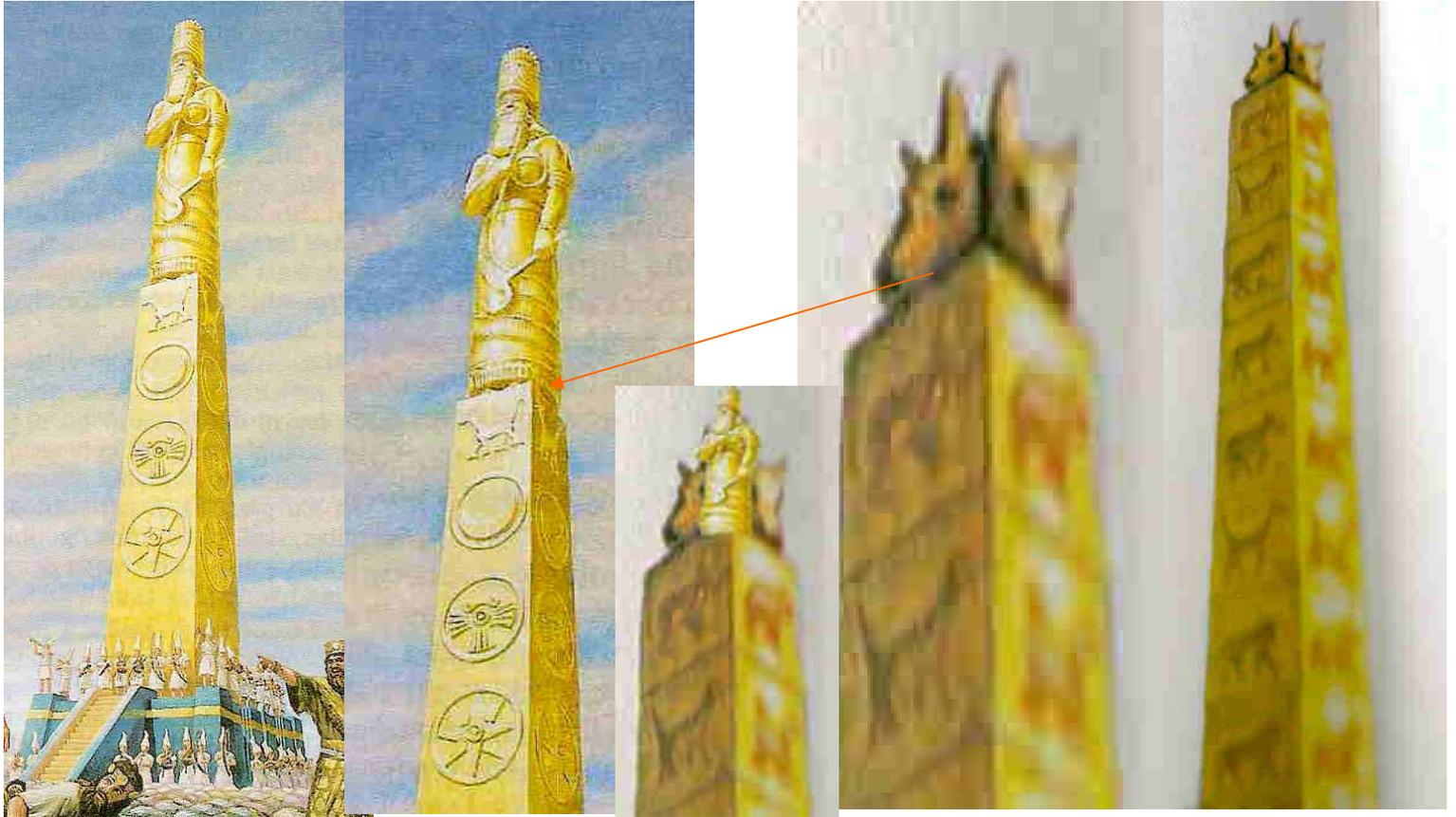


**Why is the Statue like a human body?**



Eventually, at the end of time, an asteroid will like a burning mountain hit the statue and it will disappear.

# Nebuchadnezzar II Appointed Himself God



## A golden statue in the plains of Dura in Babylon

Shortly after Nebuchadnezzar II had received an interpretation of his dream by Daniel, he erected a golden statue in the plains of Dura. Some people maintain that the statue was no more than a pillar or obelisk. It might have had a very high base and placed on that a huge statue of a human being or two bull's heads representing Nebuchadnezzar himself (my personal view is that the bull's heads were behind the statue of a human being). In any case this was an impressive monument, a symbol for the Babylonian empire. The purpose was that the statue should be seen and should be worshipped.

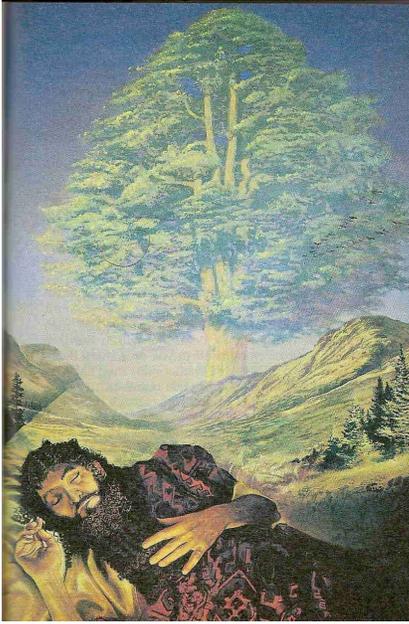


Reincarnation

The statue/pillar/obelisk is a very good intermediary of information

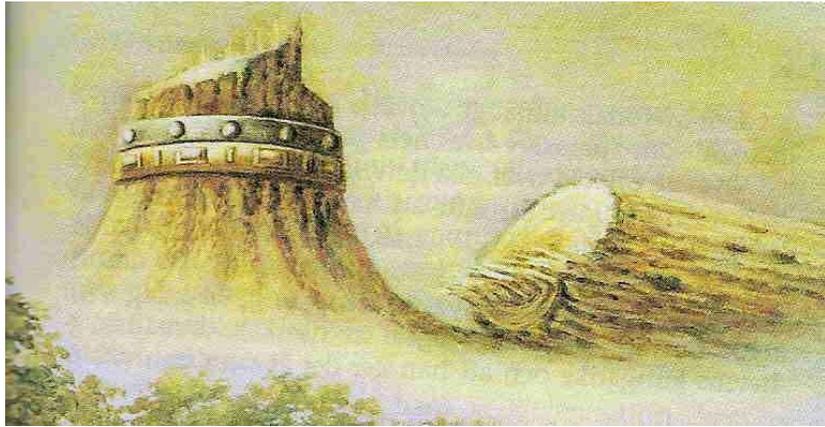
# A Giant Tree – the Cut-Down Tree

This dream coincides with the dream about the giant statue and the hanging gardens



The Tree

Dan 4.10 -



Nebuchadnezzar's second dream in which he once more sees himself losing power

The dream is accordingly an efficient intermediary of information

This is the dream: "I saw, and, behold, a tree in the midst of the earth; and the height thereof was great. The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth. The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was food for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the birds of the heavens dwelt in the branches thereof, and all flesh was fed from it.

I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and a holy one came down from heaven. He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off its branches, shake off its leaves, and scatter its fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from its branches. Nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven: and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth: **let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him;** and let seven times pass over him."

Nebuchadnezzar is said to have been charmed by the large cedars of Lebanon. He went there to see them and had some transported to Babylon to be used as timber. But he had never seen a tree like that of his dream.

Daniel interprets the dream:

The tree you saw whose height reached unto heaven... is you, because you have grown to become great and strong and your greatness has expanded and reached unto heaven, your dominion reaches to the end of the earth.

“And whereas the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew down the tree, and destroy it; nevertheless leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field, and let it be wet with the dew of heaven: and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him;”

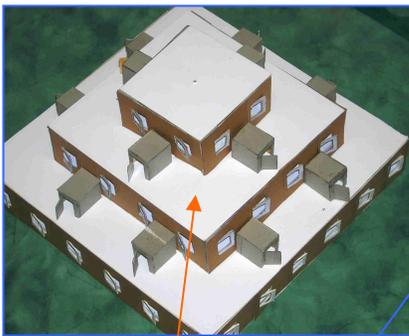
” that thou shalt be driven from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and thou shalt be made to eat grass as oxen, and shalt be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee; till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will”.

This far, the dream as well as the explanation have similar contents and structure. To be dismissed from his position in the way Nebuchadnezzar was dismissed, he must have committed a heinous crime. His crime was that he had broken his promise and agreement connected to an issue which took place during his reign in Babylon. The result was at the time a catastrophic situation and chaos broke out. He broke the agreement deliberately.

The dream showed him that after his death his reincarnation would be as an animal, a bull, during seven years. After having walked about as a grazing animal for seven years, his next reincarnation would again be human, with diminished power. Nebuchadnezzar understood this and was very worried. It would be humiliating for a world-class ruler to be at for example the plains of Dura and run like a grazing animal, a grazing bull among other animals. What would people say? “Look here, our former King is grazing!” He had one wish connected to his death and reincarnation.

Since Daniel’s name was changed to Belteshazzar which means ”save the king’s life” he was in this context allowed to hear the king’s last wish.

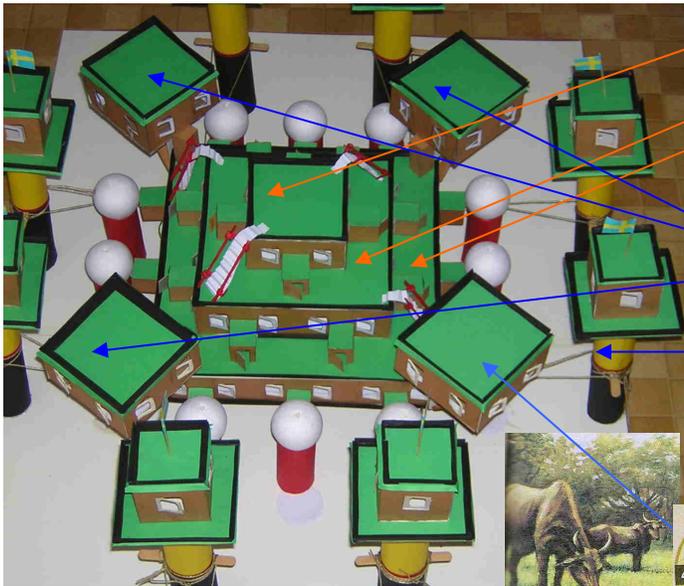
Nebuchadnezzar II was married to Princess Amytis from Media, who was longing for the forested mountains in her native country. His plans were to build a house with gardens. His death was close and his reincarnation as an animal would take place somewhere in Babylon in a village at a poor farmer’s place, far away from wife and family, luxury and wealth. These thoughts were alien to him. The house with gardens was then to be sent to Media. He consulted whether such a project could be carried out since Daniel, besides being a scientist, also was an architect. He drafted a possible plan according to the king’s wishes.



The main building was Sumerian architecture and at its sides were four so-called small additions.

Small additions.



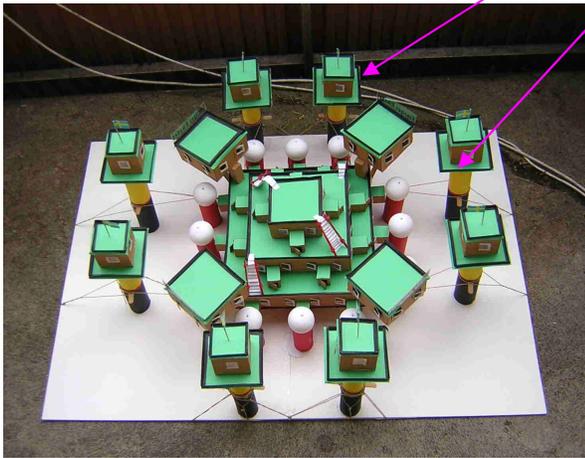


Main building and gardens on the roof.  
In the gardens were figs and almonds but also walnut trees, pomegranates, grass and various flowers.

Four smaller additions/houses and pasture on the roof.

**Stable** and pasture on the roof for Nebuchadnezzar.

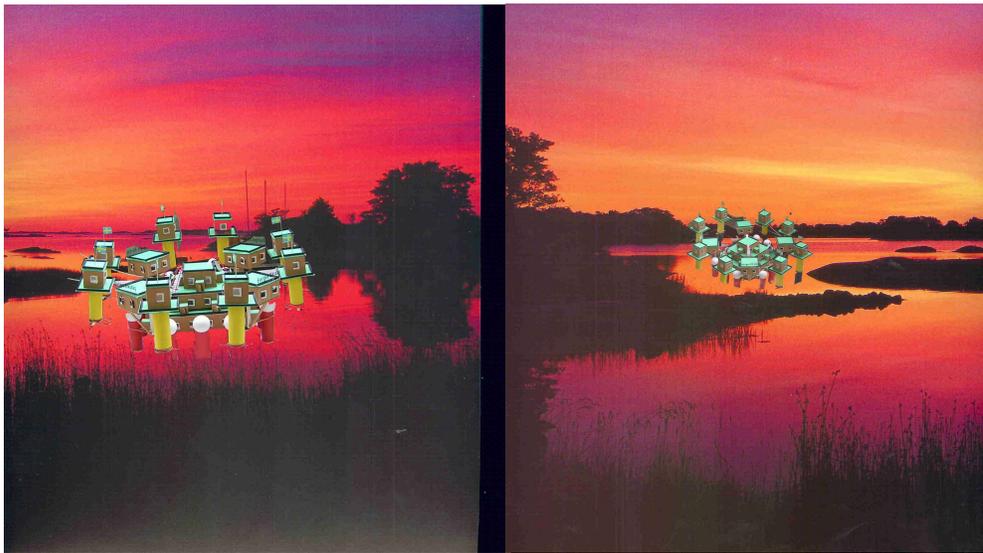
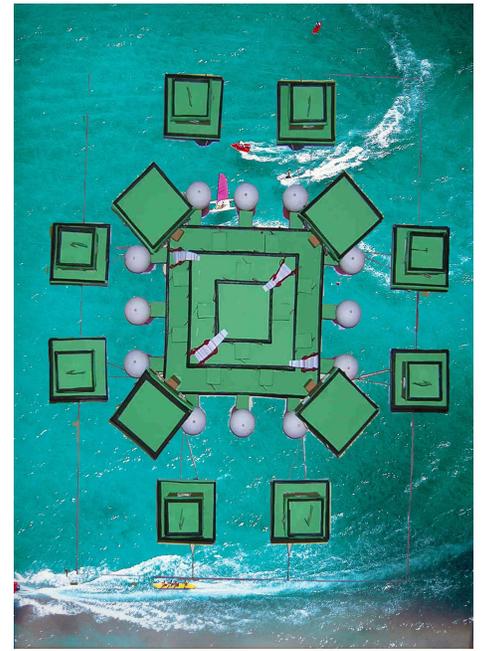
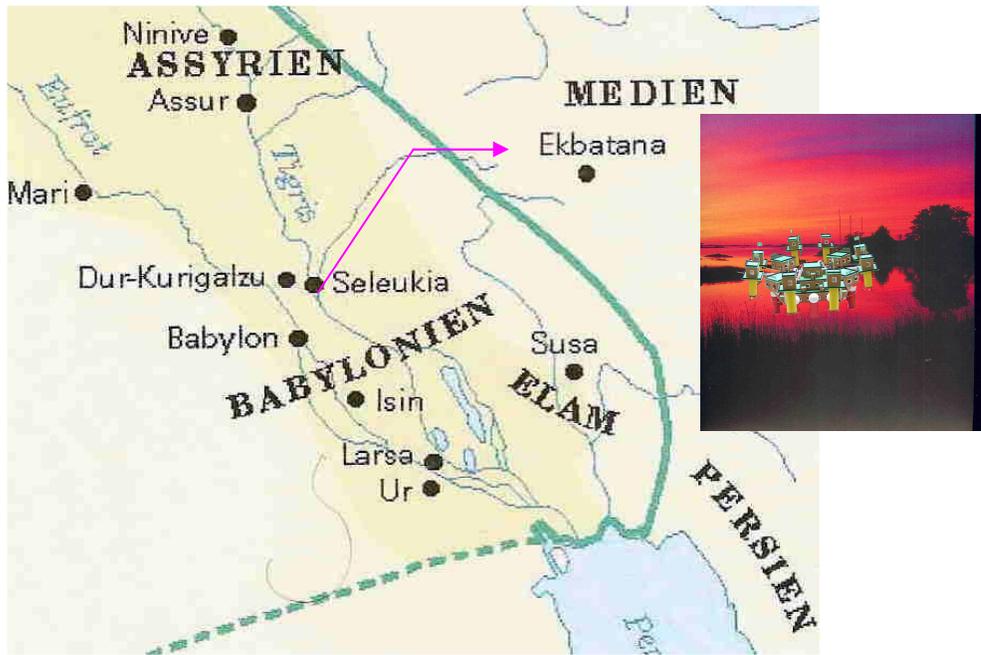
The main building was supported by eight exterior pillars.



The hanging gardens as a floating building according to my opinion.



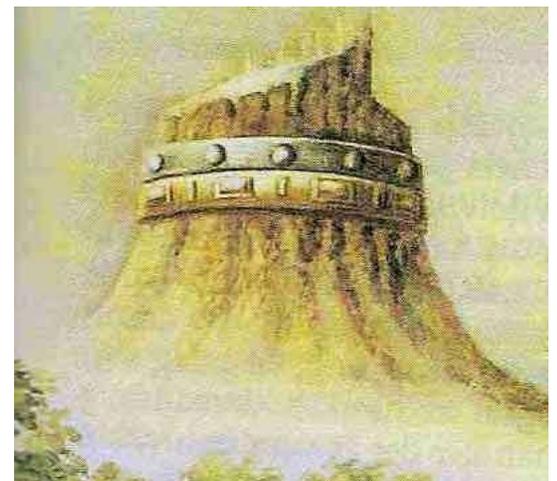
Nebuchadnezzar probably agreed to Daniel's plan and he started to build the project in the town of Seleucia by the river Tigris. When the building was completed his wife and servants moved in and probably, during a Tigris flood, the floating building and its hanging gardens ended up in Media.



When the building was in place Nebuchadnezzar died and then was reincarnated as an animal according to his previous dream. When the bull was born it had a sign on his forehead as a token. In advance, his wife knew about the token on the newly born calf. The lifespan of the animals was seven years, the bull lived a life in luxury and secrecy and then received a new reincarnation as a human being with the new name Alexander I. See more about the statue and his reincarnations in different periods and with different names.

When everything was finished, Nebuchadnezzar asked Daniel to say nothing about the new building, being his new home, his abode in his future life as an animal. Daniel wrote nothing about it.

The stump of the roots was left in the ground, even in bands of iron and brass. The stump is not Babylon but the person Nebuchadnezzar, a symbolic picture, and also has the following explanation: he remains on Earth and he will receive no kingdom of heaven; his family tree will no longer grow as high as before; his reincarnation will have less world power than before with no vital or global assignment. This means that Dan 4:30-34 is not written by Daniel; it is an addition, a biological utopia where structure and contents do not match. It is what Nebuchadnezzar saw in the dream and its interpretation by Daniel. There are several sections in The Book of Daniel which are not written by him. Daniels origin is Sumerian and Turanian/Scythian. Furthermore, the book does not give any information on the lives of his parents, siblings and children, who they were. Daniel was a teenager when he left Judea and went to Babylon to his father who had ended up in the same city a few years earlier and was involved in a paternity issue. His names day is on 11 December.



Here I must add that Nebuchadnezzar never acknowledged the God of Israel. At the same time the God of Israel knew Nebuchadnezzar well, before his birth. A source referring to this is **Isaiah 14: 5-20**:

“/.../The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked and the scepter of the rulers. He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth. The whole earth is at rest and is quiet; they break forth into singing. Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, `Since thou art laid down, no hewer has come up against us.' Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming; it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. All they shall speak and say unto thee: `Art thou also become weak as we? Art thou become like unto us?’

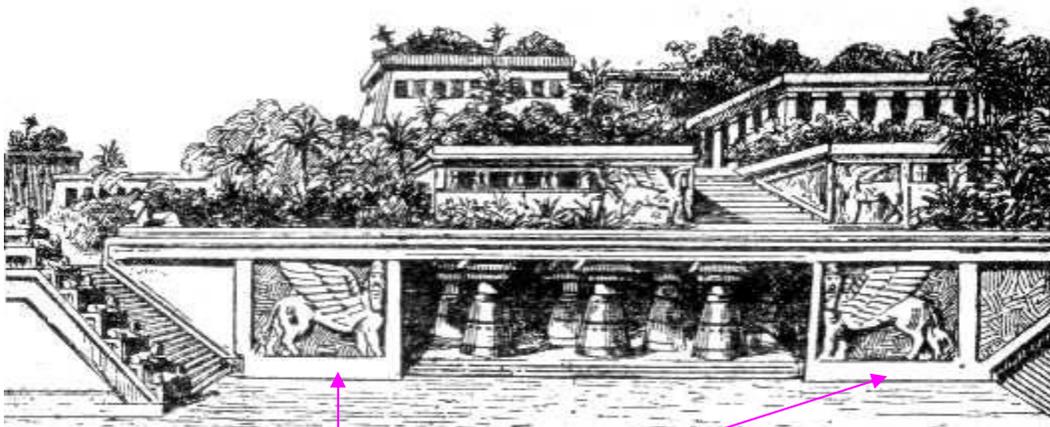
Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols; the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. "How art thou fallen from heaven, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, who didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, `I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.' Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee and consider thee, saying, `Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms, that made the world as a wilderness and destroyed the cities thereof, that opened not the house of his prisoners?’ All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house. But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit, as a carcass trodden under feet. Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land and slain thy people. The seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.”

On the one hand is the God of Israel, on the other hand is a person who claimed to be God. Between these two we find people, people who are simple, innocent and who have no idea of what is going on in the secret world of gods. But they know one thing: whatever happens the simple, wretched human being is always the loser. In other words: her blood is pouring.

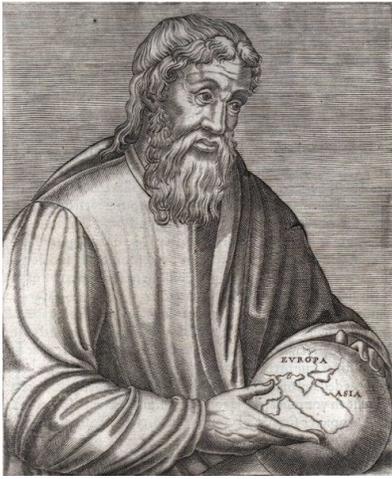
If you want to know more about the crimes committed by Nebuchadnezzar, order the book "Global Climate Change and the End of Time". In this case Israel's God was right.

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An artist's impression of the hanging gardens, from the French Petit Larousse, 1912. The winged bull and its home, symbol of Nebuchadnezzar. A suggestion close to reality.

## Source



Strabo

# ”No Smoke without Fire”.



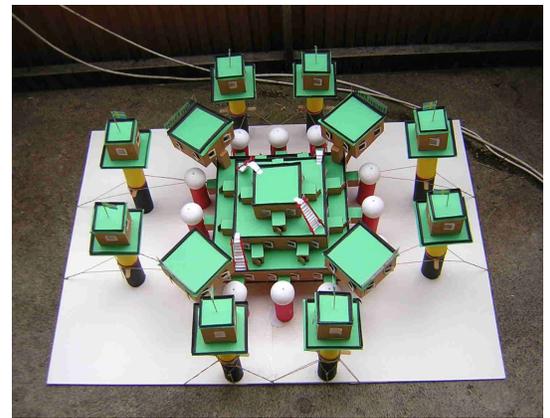
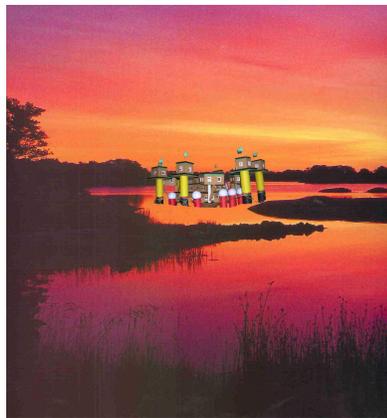
Josephus

The hanging gardens are described in detail by the historians Strabo and Diodorus Siculus (who probably bases his text on a vanished work by a Greek, Ctesias, from the 400s BC). Also the Jewish historian Josephus quotes brief information of the building from a vanished text by the cleric Berossus from the 200s BC, but outside this circle there is very little evidence. Some discoveries have been made in excavations at the site of the Babylon Palace, but nothing to vindicate the reputation of the building.

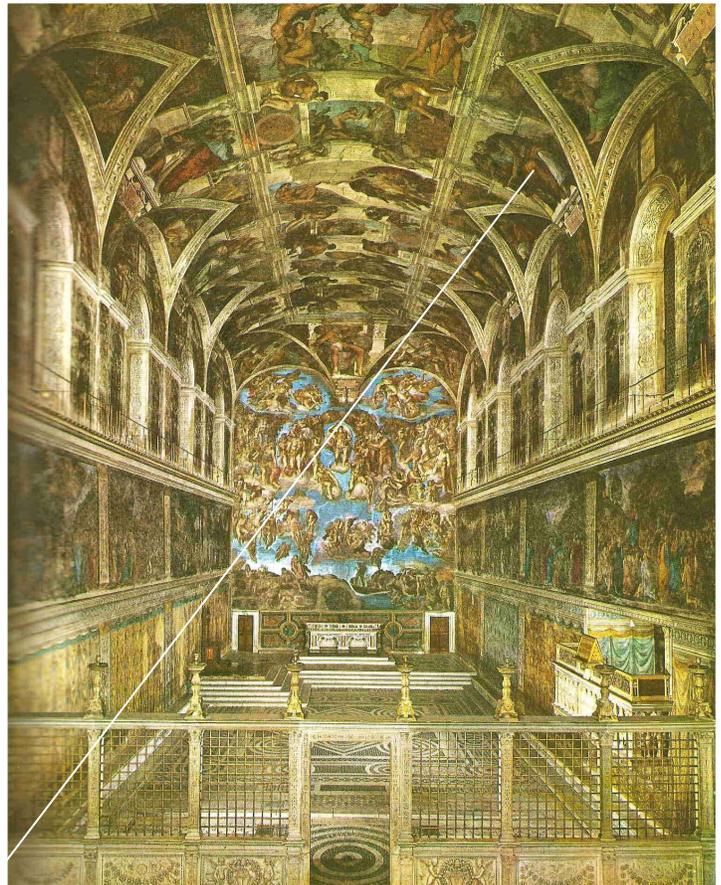
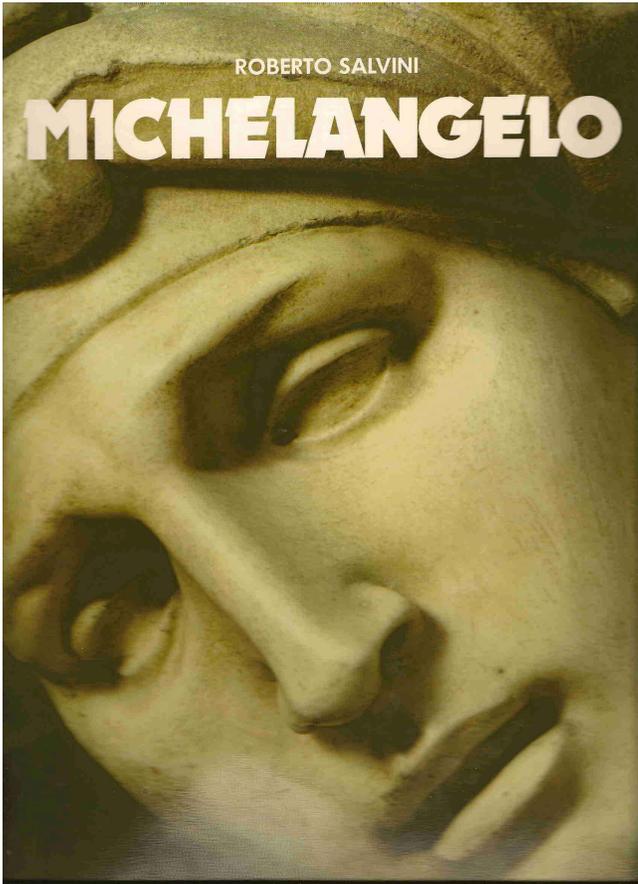
Strabo, however, wrote that the gardens were situated at the river Euphrates. Therefore others maintain that they cannot be the gardens since the arched building is several hundred metres from the river. They reconstructed the site of the palace and laid out the gardens in the area between the palace and the river. By the riverbeds they have found 25-metre-thick walls which could have been terraced, exactly as those described in the Greek texts.

Easier to believe is that the so-called **Queen Semiramis’s Gardens** were close to the palace, just as is described above, while Strabo wrote that the hanging gardens were down at the Euphrates River in Babylon. My personal view is that the hanging gardens were built at the Tigris River in Seleucia. One should remember that Queen Semiramis’s gardens were built at least 200 years earlier (823–811 BC), while the hanging gardens were built by Nebuchadnezzar during his reign.

The Seven Wonders of the World. How the hanging gardens became one of the seven wonders was probably lined out in the vanished building documents.



## About Daniel



The Sistine Chapel, Rome



### Michelangelo

Roberto Salvini writes the following about Daniel in his book 'Michelangelo':

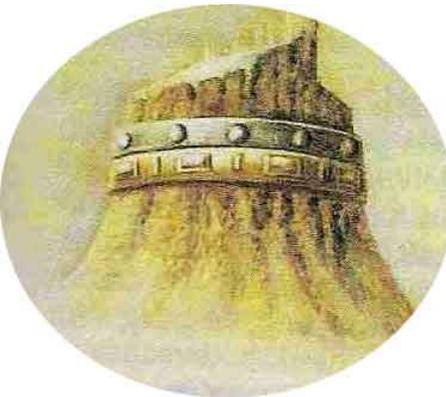
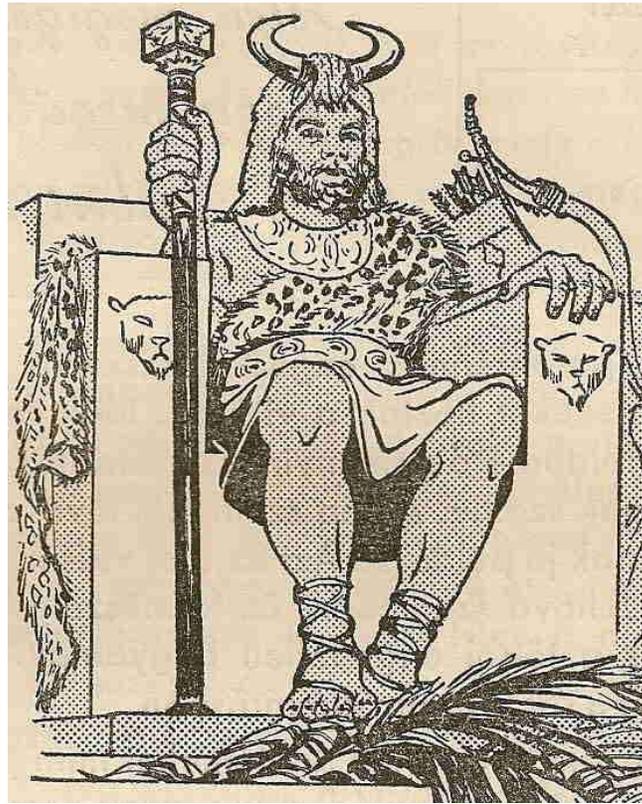
"Daniel is inspired by a powerful prophetic prompting, where he plumes himself to the left and, addressed by a divine voice, takes his eyes from his huge book, which he needs help from a 'putto' to hold."

"Putto" in this context is a powerful and secret person.





# Babylon's hanging gardens





# Babylon's hanging gardens

One more reference: I have found interesting information about the royal house of Adiabene outside Jerusalem in Judea, Palestine. Inspired by the Empress/Queen Helena, people were very interested in the ark (built by Utnapishtim thousands of years ago in the town of Shurupakk in Sumer) and where it landed. This interest was connected to a family wish to convert to Judaism. Besides Mount Ararat another site is mentioned. According to a different tradition, an ark which landed in the Ecbatana area in Media/Persia has been found. At the town of Seleucia the river Tigris is divided into two arms and one of them leads directly to the area of Ecbatana. If remainders have been found there, they were perhaps remnants of Babylon's hanging gardens rather than of an ark.