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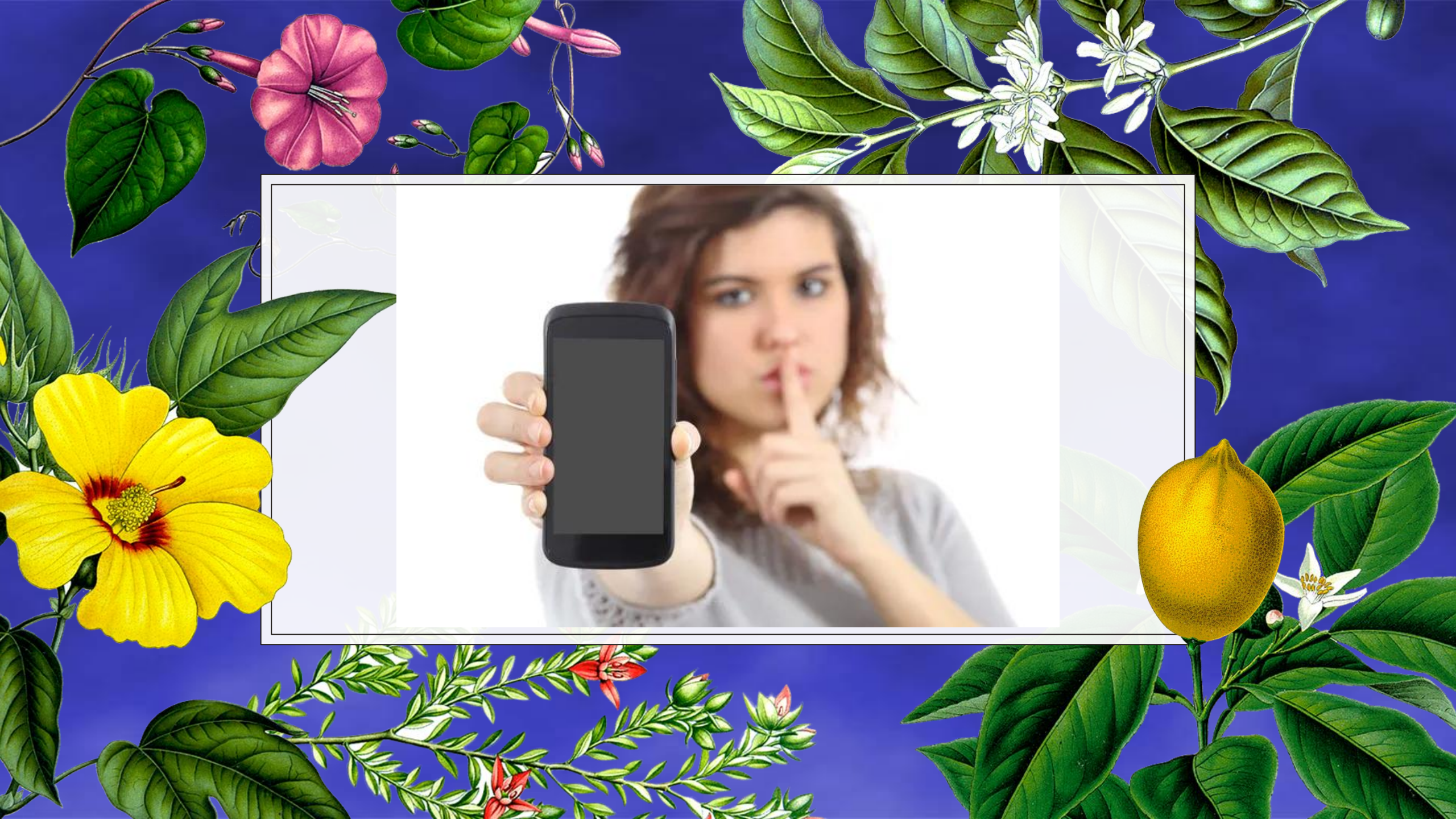
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ZECHARIAH 1

Horsemen among the Myrtle Trees

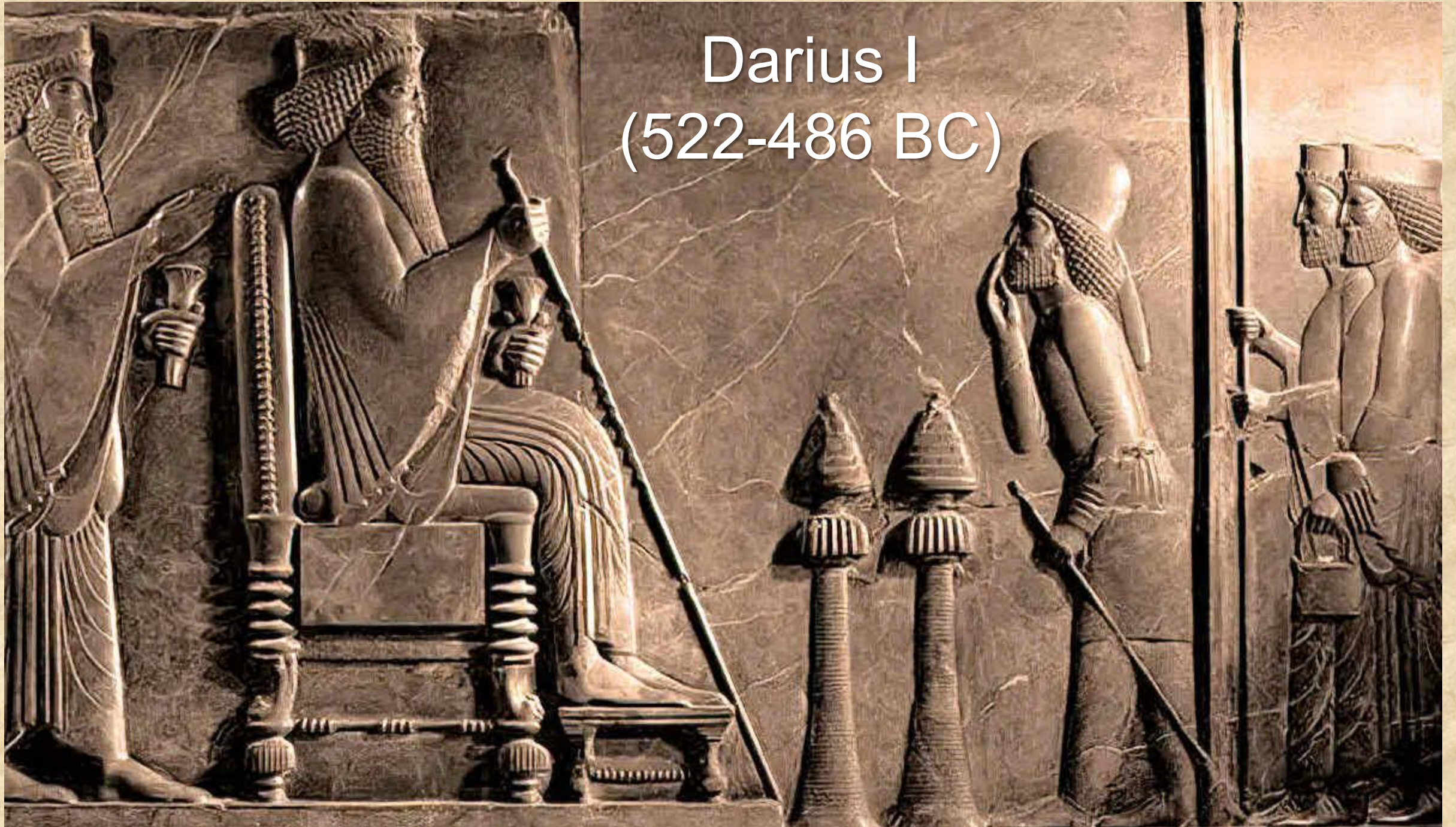
Babylonian Captivity (586 BC)



The Book of Zechariah—Date & Author

- Dated according to the rule of the pagan King Darius because Israel was a vassal nation with no king of its own.
- Date: Oct./Nov. 520 BC in Zech. 1:1
- Zechariah was both a prophet and a priest (Zech. 1:1; Ezra 12:12, 16).
- His name means “the LORD (Yahweh) remembers.”
- He & Haggai were contemporaries.

Darius I
(522-486 BC)



Overview of Chapter 1

- Introduction: Call to Repentance (1:1-6)
- Vision 1: Rider on Red Horse among the Myrtle Trees in a Valley (1:7-17)
- Vision 2: Four Horns & Four Craftsmen (1:18-21)

Cycle of Sin



Compare Zechariah 1:6 & Deuteronomy 28:15

- But did My words and My statutes, which I commanded My servants the prophets, not overtake your fathers? (Zech. 1:6a)
- But it shall come about, if you do not obey the LORD your God, to be careful to follow all His commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you (Dt. 28:15).

Zechariah 1:7

- Beginning of first apocalyptic night vision
- Date = 5 Feb. 519 BC. (3 months later than 1:1)
- Apocalyptic = prophetic and using symbolic language.
- Another name for the book of Revelation is the Apocalypse.

Zechariah 1:8



Myrtle



The Kidron Valley



Zechariah 1:8





Four Horns



Four Smiths



Comfort from:

- The presence of the Angel of the LORD in the midst of depressed Israel (1:8)
- The Angel of the LORD's loving intercession for them (1:12)
- The gracious, comforting words that promise future blessings—God's presence, His mercy, the rebuilding of the Temple and the city of Jerusalem, prosperity, comfort, security (1:13-17)
- God's judgment on nations that have persecuted His people (1:21)