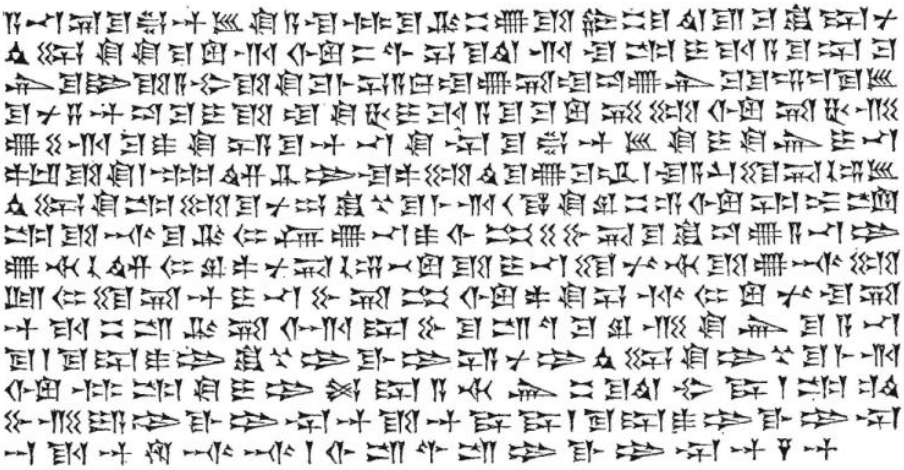
Ezra & Esther - Lesson 2

The Cyrus Cylinder as displayed in the British Museum.

Stele depicting Nabonidus praying to the moon, sun, and the planet Venus. These practices were harshly condemned by the Cyrus Cylinder.

I collected together all of their people and returned them to their settlements, and the gods of the land of Sumer and Akkad which Nabonidus – to the fury of the lord of the gods – had brought into Shuanna, at the command of Marduk, the great lord, I returned them unharmed to their cells, in the sanctuaries that make them happy. May all the gods that I returned to their sanctuaries, every day before Bel and Nabu, ask for a long life for me, and mention my good deeds, and say to Marduk, my lord, this: "Cyrus, the king who fears you."



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