

The Life and Times of Ezekiel

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Assyrian Kings:

Asshurbanapal (668-627) Sinsharishkun (629-612) Asshurballit (612-609)
Asshuretililani (627-624)

Babylonian Kings:

Nabopolassar (626-605) Nebuchadnezzar (605-562)

Egyptian Kings: (26 Dynasty - Sais/Memphis)

Psammetichus I (664-611) Necho II (610-594) Psammetichus II (594-589) Apries (Hophra) (589-570)

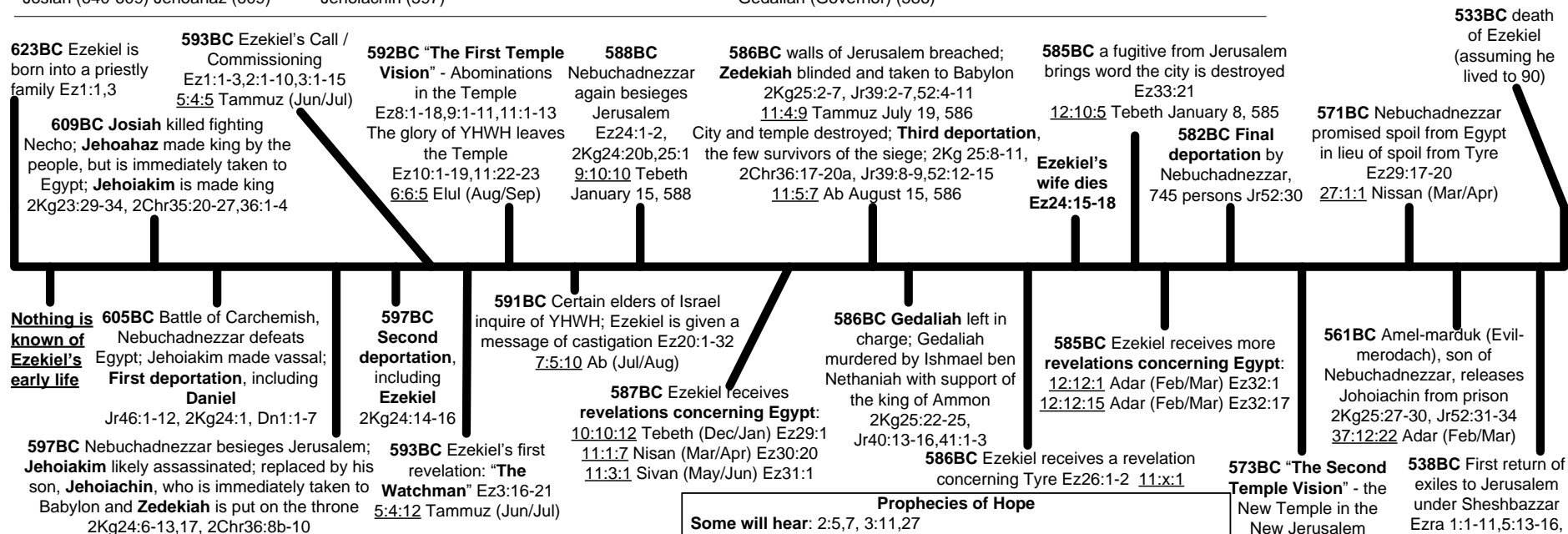
Israelite Kings: Jehoiakim (609-598) Zedekiah (597-586)

Josiah (640-609) Jehoahaz (609) Jehoiachin (597)

Gedaliah (Governor) (586)

Neiglissar (560-566) Nabonidus (560-539)
Amel-marduk (562-560) Labushi-Marduk (566) Belshazzar (548-539)

Amasis (570-526)



Date Format: year:month:day year is "year from base"; month is the number of the month in the Hebrew calendar; day is the day of the month; for example, 5:4:5 year 5 of exile, month 4 (Tammuz), fifth day of month All dates are based on: Thiele, E.R., *The Mysterious Numbers of the Hebrew Kings*, Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1965

Assyria and Babylon 627-609 BC

- 627 Civil war in Assyria
- 626 Nabopolassar frees Babylon from Assyria
- 616 Psammetichus supports Assyria against Babylon
- 614 Medes sack Asshur, sign treaty with Nabopolassar
- 612 Medes and Babylonians sack Nineveh
- 610-609 Battle of Haran - the end of the Assyrian Empire

The "70 Years"

- The period of the hegemony of Babylon: 609BC – 539BC
- By the time of Zechariah (520BC), the "70 Years" had become an epithet for the exile (Zc1:12,7:5, 2Chr36:20-21)
- The prophecy in Jeremiah is clear that the period relates to hegemony of Babylon (Jr25:11-12, 29:10)
- Daniel understood that the transition of power from Babylon to Persia was the end of the period (Dn9:1-3)

Before the Fall of Jerusalem

The Impending Destruction of Jerusalem: symbolic actions 4:1-17, 5:1-4; YHWH's case 5:5-17, 6:1-7,11-4, The Day of YHWH 7:1-27

The First Temple Vision: 8:-11:, The Glory of YHWH leaves the Temple

Captivity Required Due to Corruption: 12:-14: sins of all societal classes

Ezekiel's "wisdom literature": 15:-16: "Jerusalem the corrupt"; 17: "The Messiah"; 18: "Individual Responsibility"; 19: "Lamentation for Princes"

The Final Condemnation of Israel: 20:,22:,23: final litany of sins; 21: swords of YHWH and Nebuchadnezzar; 24: the siege of Jerusalem

Prophecies Concerning the Nations: 25:-30: YHWH controls all nations

Prophecies of Hope

Some will hear: 2:5,7, 3:11,27

Prophet among them: 2:5, 12:6, 24:24,27, 33:30-33

The Watchman: 3:16-21, 18:5-29, 33:1-20

Repentance: 6:9-10, 18:30-32, 20:43-44, 33:10-11,19, 36:31-33a

The Remnant: 5:3-4, 6:8, 14:22-23

The Messiah: 17:22-24, 34:11-24

The New Covenant: 11:14-21, 16:59-63, 34:25-31, 36:22-32, 39:29

Second Exodus: 20:33-38,40-42, 28:25, 34:11-13a, 36:8, 39:27-28

New Israel: 28:25-26, 34:13b-24, 36:9-15,33b-38, 37:15-28, 39:21-26

573BC "The Second Temple Vision" - the New Temple in the New Jerusalem Ezekiel chapters 40 through 48 25:1:10 Nisan (Mar/Apr)

After the Fall of Jerusalem

The wicked and the righteous 33: Shepherds of Israel 34:1-10 The Good Shepherd 34:11-24 Final destruction of Edom 35:1-15 The World Tomorrow 36:, 37:15-28 The Valley of Dry Bones 37:1-14 The attack of Gog 38: & 39:

The Second Temple Vision

A new Temple 40:, 41: & 42: Return of YHWH's glory 43:1-12 The Temple service 43:13-27, 44: Land division 45:1-8, 47:13-24, 48: Celebration of Feasts 45:9-25, 46: The River of Life 47:1-12