The Life and Times of Ezekiel

Assyrian Kings:

Asshurbanapal (668-627) Sinsharishkun (629-612) Asshuruballit (612-609)

Asshuretililani (627-624)

Babylonian Kings: Nabopolassar (626-605) Nebuchadnezzar (605-562)

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> Neriglissar (560-566)

Nabonidus (560-539)Amel-marduk Labushi-Marduk Belshazzar

(562-560)(566) (548-539)

533BC death

Egyptian Kings: (26 Dynasty - Sais/Memphis)

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

Amasis (570-526)

Israelite Kings: Jehoiakim (609-598) Zedekiah (597-586) Josiah (640-609) Jehoahaz (609) Jehoiachin (597)

Gedaliah (Governor) (586)

623BC Ezekiel is born into a priestly family Ez1:1.3

593BC Ezekiel's Call / Commissioning Ez1:1-3,2:1-10,3:1-15

609BC Josiah killed fighting Necho; Jehoahaz made king by the people, but is immediately taken to Egypt; Jehoiakim is made king 2Kg23:29-34, 2Chr35:20-27,36:1-4

5:4:5 Tammuz (Jun/Jul)

6:6:5 Elul (Aug/Sep)

592BC "The First Temple Vision" - Abominations Nebuchadnezzar

in the Temple Ez8:1-18,9:1-11,11:1-13 The glory of YHWH leaves the Temple Ez10:1-19,11:22-23

588BC again besieges Jerusalem Ez24:1-2. 2Kg24:20b,25:1

9:10:10 Tebeth January 15, 588

586BC walls of Jerusalem breached: **Zedekiah** blinded and taken to Babylon 2Kg25:2-7, Jr39:2-7,52:4-11 11:4:9 Tammuz July 19, 586

City and temple destroyed: Third deportation. the few survivors of the siege; 2Kg 25:8-11, 2Chr36:17-20a, Jr39:8-9,52:12-15 11:5:7 Ab August 15, 586

585BC a fugitive from Jerusalem brings word the city is destroyed Ez33:21

12:10:5 Tebeth January 8, 585 582BC Final

deportation by Ezekiel's Nebuchadnezzar. wife dies Ez24:15-18

of Ezekiel (assuming he lived to 90)

571BC Nebuchadnezzar promised spoil from Eqypt in lieu of spoil from Tyre Ez29:17-20 745 persons Jr52:30 27:1:1 Nissan (Mar/Apr)

known of Ezekiel's early life

Nothing is 605BC Battle of Carchemish, Nebuchadnezzar defeats Egypt; Jehoiakim made vassal; First deportation, including **Daniel**

Jr46:1-12, 2Kg24:1, Dn1:1-7

Jehojakim likely assassinated: replaced by his

2Ka24:6-13.17. 2Chr36:8b-10

month in the Hebrew calendar; day is the day of the month;

597BC Nebuchadnezzar besieges Jerusalem; 593BC Ezekiel's first

son, Jehoiachin, who is immediately taken to Watchman" Ez3:16-21

for example, 5:4:5 year 5 of exile, month 4 (Tammuz), fifth day of month

Babylon and **Zedekiah** is put on the throne 5:4:12 Tammuz (Jun/Jul)

Date Format: vear:month:day vear is "vear from base": month is the number of the

597BC Second deportation, including **Ezekiel** 2Kg24:14-16

591BC Certain elders of Israel inquire of YHWH: Ezekiel is given a message of castigation Ez20:1-32 7:5:10 Ab (Jul/Aug)

> 587BC Ezekiel receives revelations concerning Egypt: 10:10:12 Tebeth (Dec/Jan) Ez29:1 11:1:7 Nisan (Mar/Apr) Ez30:20 11:3:1 Sivan (May/Jun) Ez31:1

586BC Gedaliah left in charge: Gedaliah 585BC Ezekiel receives more murdered by Ishmael ben revelations concerning Egypt:

Nethaniah with support of 12:12:1 Adar (Feb/Mar) Ez32:1 the king of Ammon 12:12:15 Adar (Feb/Mar) Ez32:17 2Kg25:22-25, Jr40:13-16.41:1-3

586BC Ezekiel receives a revelation concerning Tyre Ez26:1-2 11:x:1

561BC Amel-marduk (Evilmerodach), son of Nebuchadnezzar, releases Johoiachin from prison 2Kg25:27-30, Jr52:31-34 37:12:22 Adar (Feb/Mar)

573BC "The Second Temple Vision" - the New Temple in the New Jerusalem Ezekiel chapters 40

through 48 25:1:10

Nissan (Mar/Apr)

exiles to Jerusalem under Sheshbazzar Ezra 1:1-11,5:13-16, 2Chr36:22-23

538BC First return of

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

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- Assyria and Babylon 627-609 BC • 627 Civil war in Assvria
- 626 Nabopolassar frees Babylon from Assvria
- 616 Psammeticus 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

revelation: "The

- 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

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 alory 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