

Exile, Return, and Apocrypha

1

Judah declines as Israel is in Exile

609 BC

- Jehoiakim succeeds Josiah and does evil (2 Chr. 36)
- Jeremiah proclaims the Covenant in broken (Jer. 13-20)
- Prophecies against Egypt and Philistia (Jer. 46, 47)

605 BC – Daniel 1

604 BC – Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Dan. 2)

601 BC – Jehoiakim rebels against Assyria (2 Kgs. 24)

597 BC – Jehoiachin is exiled; Zedekiah reigns (2 Kgs. 24)

594 BC – Prophecies against Moab and Ammon (Jer. 48, 49)

593-91 BC – Ezekiel prophecies (1-23)

2

Jerusalem Falls and Judah is Exiled

588 BC

- Siege of Jerusalem begins (2 Kgs. 25; Ezek. 24)
- Jeremiah's conflicts (Jer. 21-33)
- Jeremiah prophesies against Judah (Jer. 34-45)

587 BC – Vengeance on Ammon and Edom (Ezek. 25)

586 BC

- Fall of Jerusalem (2 Kgs. 25; Jer. 52)
- Prophecies against Babylon (Jer. 50-51)
- Prophecies against Tyre and Egypt (Ezek. 26-28, 29-32)
- Jeremiah's Lamentations (Lam. 1-5)
- Psalms of Desolation (Jer. 52, Ps. 74,79)
- Ezekiel the Watchman (Ezek. 33)

3

Prophets and Exiles

585 BC

- Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego (Dan. 3)
- Ezekiel on reproof and restoration (Ezek. 34-36)
- Valley of Dry Bones (Ezek. 37)
- Future battle (Ezek. 38)
- Judgement on Gog (Ezek. 39)

582 BC – Nebuchadnezzar's Dream and Daniel's Interpretation (Dan. 4)

573 BC – Ezekiel's second Temple vision (Ezek. 40-48)

539 BC

- The writing on the wall (Dan. 5)
- Daniel and the lion's den (Dan. 6)
- Daniel's visions (Dan. 7-8)
- Daniel's prayer (Dan. 9-10)
- Prophecy against Persia (Dan. 11)
- Prophecy of deliverance of Israel (Dan. 12)

4

The First to Return, and Esther ascends

537 BC

- Proclamation of Cyrus (2 Chr. 36; Isa. 45; Ezra 1)
- Exiles return under Zerubbabel (Ezra 2, Neh. 7)

535 BC – Temple work begins (Ezra 3)

534 BC – Temple work is hindered then stopped (Ezra 4)

520 BC

- Letter to Darius (Ezra 5)
- Temple work resumes (Ezra 6)
- Haggai and Zechariah

515 BC – Completion and dedication of the Temple; Passover (Ezra 6)

483 BC – Deposition of Vashti (Est. 1)

478 BC – Esther becomes queen, and Mordecai thwarts conspiracy (Est. 2)

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Esther and Mordecai; Ezra's Ministry

474 BC – Haman plots revenge on the Jews (Est. 3)

473 BC

- Mordecai informs Esther of the plot (Est. 4)
- Esther's banquet (Est. 5)
- The king honors Mordecai (Est. 6)
- Haman is hanged (Est. 7)
- Edict on behalf of the Jews (Est. 8)

472 BC

- Purim instituted (Est. 9)
- Tribute to Mordecai (Est. 10)

458 BC – Ezra, commissioned by Artaxerxes, travels to Jerusalem with a group of exiles (Ezra 7,8)

457 BC - Ezra's reforms and dealing with intermarriage (Ezra 8-10)

6

Nehemiah

445 BC – Nehemiah's prayer (Neh. 1)

444 BC

- Artaxerxes sends Nehemiah (Neh. 2)
- Builders named and ridiculed (Neh. 3-4)
- Abolition of debt and bondage (Neh. 5)
- Sanballat's plot and completion of the wall (Neh. 6)
- Discovering the census of returned exiles (Neh. 7, Ezra 2)

444 BC (cont.)

- Reading of the Law (Neh. 8)
- Israelites fast, repent, and seal the covenant (Neh. 9-10)
- New settlers in Jerusalem (Neh. 11-12)

432 BC - Restoring Laws (Neh. 13)

430 BC - Malachi

7

Apocryphal Books

Tobit

- Setting: 720s BC
- Writing: 225-175 BC

Judith

- Setting: 605-562 BC
- Writing: 340/50s BC or 100-200 BC

Greek Esther with additions

- Setting: 460-80s BC
- Writing: 440-60s BC

Wisdom of Solomon

- Setting: 970-30 BC
- Writing: 200-1 BC

Sirach/Ecclesiasticus

- Setting & Writing: 225-175 BC
- Translation: 132 BC

Baruch and Letter of Jeremiah

- Setting: 580s BC
- Writing: 200 BC – 100 AD

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Apocryphal Books (continued)

Additions to Daniel:

Song of the Three Young Men

- Setting: 585 BC
- Writing: ???

Susanna

- Setting: 605-540 BC
- Writing: 100s BC or earlier

Bel and the Dragon

- Setting: 605-540s BC
- Writing: ???

Next Week:

- Maccabees and remaining Apocryphal/Intertestamental Period
- New Testament