

# Israel's Neighbors

(From Division of Kingdom until Babylonian Conquest)

<b>MOAB</b>	<b>AMMON</b>	<b>EDOM</b>
930 — At the time of division, all were subjugated to the nation of Israel.		
925 — Revolted during reign of Jeroboam and gained freedom.	925 — Declared freedom from Jeroboam.  853 — Baasha of Ammon allied with Ahab and others against Assyria at QarQar.	Remained under the control of Judah.
877 — Subjugated by Omri.		
Coalition against Jehoshaphat in 853 defeated at En-gedi (2 Chron. 20:1).		
850 — King Mesha revolted against Jehoram of Israel and gained freedom (2 Kings 3:4-27).	Retained freedom.	845 — Revolted against Jehoram of Judah and gained freedom (2 Chron. 21:8-10).
		794 — Defeated by Amaziah (2 Chron. 25:11-13).
780 — Uzziah and Jeroboam II subjugated all three.		
Remained subjugated.	738 — Gained freedom from Jotham (2 Chron. 27:5).	735 — Gained freedom from Ahaz (2 Chron. 28:17).
732 — All became Assyrian tributaries.		
711 — Conquered by Sargon.	Remained as Assyrian tributaries.	
690 — Rebellion suppressed by Sennacherib.		
612 — Gained partial freedom with fall of Nineveh — 607 — Raided Judah for Babylon.		
605 — Subjugated by Nebuchadnezzar. 581 — Rebelled and was conquered.	581 — King Baalis rebelled and was conquered.	601 — Became and remained Babylonian tributary.

# Chronology of the Prophets Before the Fall of Samaria 722/1 B.C.

PROPHET	APPROXIMATE DATES	KINGS OF JUDAH	KINGS OF ISRAEL
Obadiah	845	Jehoram	Joram
Joel	835	Joash	Jehu
Jonah	782	Amaziah and Uzziah (coregency) Assyrian King: Shalmaneser IV	Jeroboam II
Hosea	760 to 720	Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah	Jeroboam II, Zechariah, Shallum, Menahem, Pekahiah, Pekah, Hoshea
Amos	760	Uzziah	Jeroboam II
Isaiah	739 to 685	Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh	Pekah, Hoshea
Micah	737 to 690	Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah	Pekah, Hoshea

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PROPHET	APPROXIMATE DATES	KINGS OF JUDAH	FOREIGN KINGS
Nahum	650	Manasseh	Assyria: Ashurbanipal
Zephaniah	640	Josiah	
Jeremiah	627 to 580	Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah Exile Governor: Gedaliah	Babylon: Nabopolassar Nebuchadnezzar
Habakkuk	609	Jehoiakim	Babylon: Nabopolassar
Daniel	605 to 530	Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah	Babylon: Nebuchadnezzar, Neriglissar, Labashi-marduk, Evil-Merodach, Nabonidas Medo-Persia: Cyrus, probably Cambyses
Ezekiel	593 to 570	Zedekiah	Babylon: Nebuchadnezzar
Haggai	520	Governor: Zerubbabel	Medo-Persia: Darius I
Zechariah	520*	Governor: Zerubbabel	Medo-Persia: Darius I
Malachi	433	Governor: Nehemiah	Medo-Persia Darius II

\*Zechariah may have continued his ministry to 485 or so.

# Dreams and Visions

	REFERENCE	SUBJECT	DREAM OR VISION	REFERENCE	SUBJECT	DREAM OR VISION
PENTATEUCH	Gen. 15	Abraham	The Lord passing between the pieces. Confirmation of Covenant	Gen. 37	Joseph	Sheaves and stars bowing down
	Gen. 20	Abimelech of Gerar	The Lord's warning concerning Sarah	Gen. 40	Chief butler	Himself squeezing grapes into Pharaoh's cup
	Gen. 28	Jacob	Ladder to heaven with angels ascending and descending	Gen. 40	Chief baker	Himself carrying baskets of bread and birds eating from them
	Gen. 31:11-13	Jacob	God telling Jacob to leave land and return to Israel	Gen. 41	Pharaoh	Fat cows devoured by thin cows; plump ears of corn eaten by thin ears
	Gen. 31:24	Laban	God telling Laban not to harm Jacob	Gen. 46:2-4	Jacob	God telling Jacob to go to Egypt
MAJOR PROPHETS	Isa. 6	Isaiah	The Lord and the Seraphim in the temple	Ezek. 40-48	Ezekiel	Man showing the temple
	Jer. 1	Jeremiah	Almond tree, boiling pot	Dan. 2	Nebuchadnezzar	Colossus figure of 4 metals
	Jer. 24	Jeremiah	2 baskets of figs	Dan. 4	Nebuchadnezzar	Chopping down of the tree
	Ezek. 1	Ezekiel	4 living beings; gleaming wheels; glory of the Lord	Dan. 7	Daniel	4 Beasts, 10 Horns
	Ezek. 8-9	Ezekiel	Slaying of the guilty	Dan. 8	Daniel	Ram, male goat
	Ezek. 10-11	Ezekiel	Whirling wheels; cherubim	Dan. 10-12	Daniel	Angel telling of latter days
	Ezek. 37	Ezekiel	Valley of dry bones	Dan. 2:19	Daniel	Interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream
HIST. MINOR PROPHETS	Amos 7	Amos	Locust swarm; fire; plumb line	Zech. 3	Zechariah	Joshua given clean garments
	Amos 8	Amos	Summer fruit	Zech. 4	Zechariah	Lampstand and two olive trees
	Zech. 1	Zechariah	Different-colored horses and patrol riders	Zech. 5	Zechariah	Flying scroll
	Zech. 1	Zechariah	4 horns; 4 craftsmen	Zech. 5	Zechariah	Woman in ephah
	Zech. 2	Zechariah	Man with measuring line	Zech. 6	Zechariah	4 chariots with different-colored horses
HIST.	Judg. 7:13-15	Midianite	Loaf of barley foretelling Gideon's victory	1 Kings 3:5-15	Solomon	The Lord's offer to Solomon

Note: Other instances mentioned as visions are oracles of some sort consisting primarily of a spoken message. Cf. Isa. 1:1; Obad. 1; Nahum 1:1; Hab. 2:2; 1 Chron. 17:3-15; 2 Sam. 7:3-17.

# The Nations in Prophecy

(prophets listed in chronological order)

	OBADIAH	AMOS	ISAIAH	JEREMIAH	HABAKKUK	EZEKIEL
B A B Y L O N			13:1-14:23 destruction: like Sodom and Gomorrah; no survivors	50-51 captivity; destruction; humiliation; desolation; ruin	2:6-17 destruction; disgrace	
P H I L I S T I A		1:6-8 remnant will perish; destruction	14:29-32 helpless; famine; defeated from north	47 conquered from north; destruction; mourning remnant		25:15-17 destruction; remnant cut off
M O A B		2:1-3 fire; death	15-16 devastation; ruin; mourning; some remnant	48 desolation; shame; exile; laughingstock; future restoration		25:8-11 captivity
D A M A S C U S		1:3-5 cut off; exile	17:1-3 ruin, but a remnant left	49:23-27 helpless; destruction		
E G Y P T			19 civil war; economic decline; military defeat; conquered by Assyria	46:1-26 to be conquered by Nebuchadnezzar		29-32 overcome by Babylon
E D O M	destruction; no survivors	1:11-12 fire	21:11-12 devastation; but possibility of survival	49:7-22 flight; ruin; object of horror; like Sodom and Gomorrah; desolation		25:12-14 laid waste
T Y R E		1:9-10 burning of citadels	23 destruction; conquest; restoration after 70 yrs.			26-28 overthrown; mourning; destruction
A M M O N		1:13-15 exile		49:1-6 desolate heap; possessed by Israel; exile; future restoration		25:1-7 destruction

# Returns from Exile

RETURN	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Reference	Ezra 1-6	Ezra 7-10	Nehemiah 1-13
Date	538 B.C.	458 B.C.	444 B.C.
Leaders	Sheshbazzar Zerubbabel Jeshua	Ezra	Nehemiah
Persian King	Cyrus	Artaxerxes Longimanus	Artaxerxes Longimanus
Elements of the Decree	As many as wished to could return. Temple could be rebuilt, partially financed by royal treasury. Vessels returned.	As many as wished to could return. Finances provided by royal treasury. Allowed to have own civil magistrates.	Allowed to rebuild the wall
Number Returning	42,360 <u>7,337</u> (servants) 49,697	1,500 men 38 Levis <u>220</u> helpers 1,758	Unknown
Events, Accomplishments, and Problems	Temple begun; sacrifices made and Feast of Tabernacles celebrated. Samaritans made trouble, and work ceased until 520. Temple completed in 516.	Problems with inter-marriage	Wall rebuilt in 52 days, despite opposition from Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem. Walls dedicated and Law read.

# Chronology of the Persian Period

PERSIAN KING	DATES	BIBLICAL CORRELATION	GREEK CORRELATION
CYRUS	539-530	Return of Zerubbabel and Jeshua (Ezra 1-3)	
CAMBYSES	530-522	Rebuilding at Jerusalem stopped (Ezra 4)	
DARIUS I	522-486	Haggai and Zechariah prophesy (520) Temple completed (516) (Ezra 5 & 6)	Greeks defeat Persians at Marathon (490)
XERXES	486-464	Story of Esther (Esther 1-9)	Greeks defeat Persians at Thermopolae (480) and Salamis (479) Herodotus 485-425
ARTAXERXES I	464-423	Return of Ezra (458) (Ezra 7-10) Return of Nehemiah (445) (Neh. 1-2) Prophecy of Malachi (433)	Golden Age 461-431 Pericles 460-429 Athens rules.
DARIUS II	423-404	B I B L I C A L  S I L E N C E	Peloponnesian Wars 431-404 Athens falls (404) Sparta rules.
ARTAXERXES II	404-359		Socrates 470-399 Plato 428-348 Aristotle 384-322
ARTAXERXES III	359-338		Philip II of Macedon defeats Greeks at Chaeronea in 338
ARSES	338-335		
DARIUS III	335-331		Alexander the Great overthrows Persian Empire
ALEXANDER	336-323		Establishment of Greek Empire