

Sennacherib, king
of Assyria, invades
Judah and lays siege on
Jerusalem, but fails (701)

Thus says the Lord:
Because you have
disobeyed me, I will
give all Judah into
the hand of the king
of Babylon, and
this whole land will
become a waste. But
after seventy years,
I will bring you back.



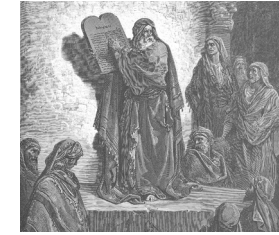
The time of Joel's
prophetic ministry
is uncertain



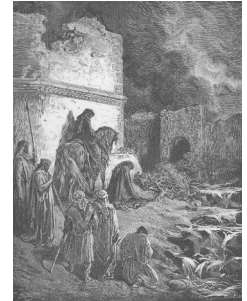
FALL OF JERUSALEM



SECOND
TEMPLE



EZRA READS
THE LAW



NEHEMIAH AT
THE RUINS OF
JERUSALEM'S WALLS



Jeremiah



Ezekiel



DANIEL IN THE
LION'S DEN



Haggai



Zechariah



Malachi



Zephaniah



Oba-
diah



Nahum



Habakkuk



Daniel

700

675

650

625

600

575

550

525

500

475

450

425

400



Heze-
kiah



Manasseh

Did the
most evil of
any king;
burned his son
as sacrifice
to false gods;
point of no
return



Amon



Josiah

Sought God with whole
heart and led major
religious reforms, but
too late for the nation to
avoid God's judgment



Jehoahaz



Jehoiakim



Jehoiachin/
Jeconiah



Jehoiachin/
Jeconiah



Zedekiah



Nebuchadnezzar II captures Jerusalem, exiles
Jehoiachin and Ezekiel, makes Zedekiah king
to be a puppet of Babylon (597)

Zedekiah tries to rebel with help of
Egypt, so Nebuchadnezzar invades;
Jerusalem falls to Babylon; Solomon's
temple destroyed; people exiled (586)



Jehoiachin released by Evil-merodach,
successor of Nebuchadnezzar II, and
given honorable place in his court (562)



CYRUS II
(CYRUS THE
GREAT)



Cyrus II of Persia captures
Babylon (539); Jews exiled in
Babylon now under Persian rule



First return of exiles to
Jerusalem under Jeshua
and Zerubbabel (538)



Zerubbabel
and Jeshua



Second Temple
completed (516)



Esther & Mordecai
in Persian court (478)



ESTHER



Ezra



Second return of exiles
with Ezra (458)



Nehemiah



Third return of exiles
with Nehemiah (445)

Walls of Jerusalem
rebuilt (445-?)



NEBUCHADNEZZAR II,
KING OF NEO-BABYLONIAN
EMPIRE

Nebuchadnezzar II's first
incursion into Judah; exiles
the best of Judah's society, e.g.,
Daniel and his friends (605)

