

Following are these six charts:

“A Comparison of Daniel 2; 7; and 8,” Bible Knowledge Commentary-OT, p. 1356.

“The Three Returns from Exile,” The Bible Knowledge Commentary-OT, p. 652

“Kings of Judah and Israel and the Preexilic Prophets,” The Bible Knowledge Commentary-OT, p. 513.

“Chronology of the Postexilic Period,” The Bible Knowledge Commentary-OT, p. 654

“Dates of Key Events in Haggai's and Zechariah's Time,” Bible Knowledge Commentary-OT, p. 1546.

“Zechariah's Eight Night Visions,” Bible Knowledge Commentary-OT, p. 1549.

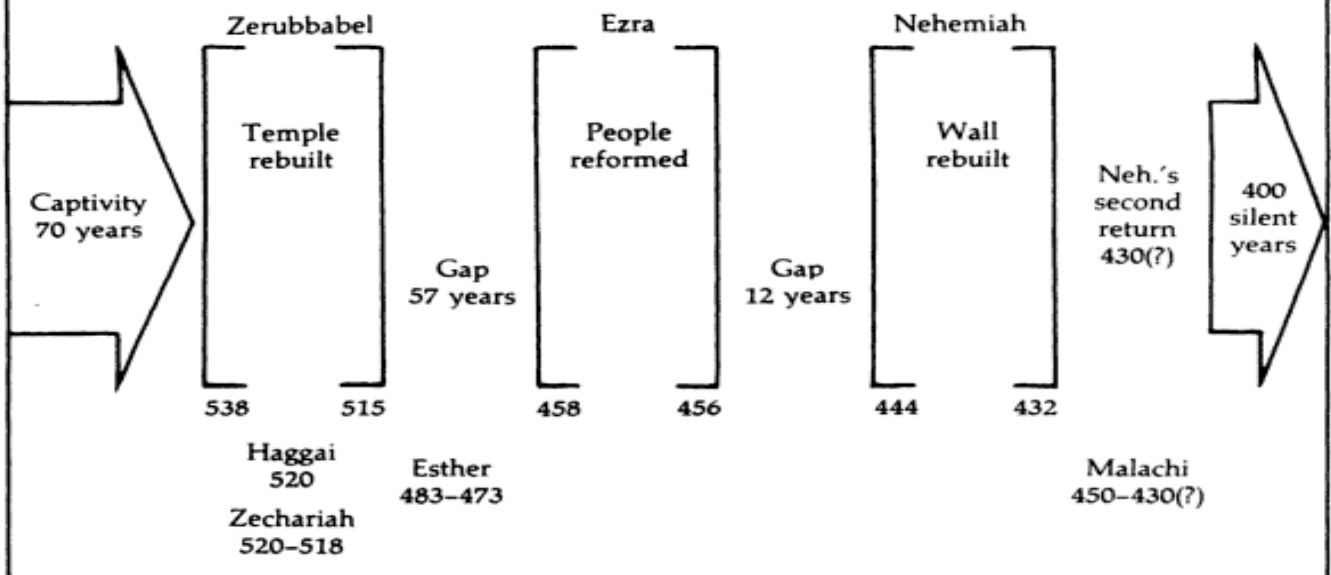
One map:

“Route from Megiddo to Jerusalem”

## A Comparison of Daniel 2; 7; and 8

Daniel 2 Metals	Daniel 7 Animals	Daniel 8 Animals	Nations
Gold	Winged lion	—	Babylon
Silver	Bear	Ram	Medo-Persia
Bronze	Winged leopard	Goat	Greece
Iron (and iron and clay)	Beast	—	Rome

### The Three Returns from Exile



## Kings of Judah and Israel and the Preexilic Prophets

### JUDAH

	King*	Date	Years
	Rehoboam	931-913	17
	Abijah	913-911	3
	Asa	911-870	41
	Coregency† with Jehoshaphat	873-870	(3)
	Jehoshaphat	873-848	25
	Coregency with Jehoram	853-848	(5)
	Jehoram	848-841	8
	Ahaziah‡	841	1
	Queen Athaliah‡	841-835	6
	Joash‡	835-796	40
	Amaziah‡	796-767	29
	Amaziah's vice-regency under Amaziah	790-767	(23)
	Azariah (Uzziah)	790-759	32
	Coregency with Jotham	750-735	(11)
MISRAH	Jotham	750-735	16
	Ahaz's vice-regency under Jotham	744-735	(9)
	Coregency of Jotham with Ahaz	735-732	4
	Ahaz	732-715	16
	Hezekiah's vice-regency under Ahaz	729-715	(14)
	Hezekiah	715-686	29
	Manasseh's vice-regency under Hezekiah	697-686	(11)
	Manasseh	697-642	55
	Amon‡	642-640	2
JEREMIAH	Joash	640-609	31
	Jehoahaz	609	1/4
	Jehoiakim	609-598	11
	Jehoiachin	598-597	1/4
	Zedekiah	597-586	11

### ISRAEL

	Dynasty†	King	Date	Years
	1st Dynasty	Jeroboam I	930-910	20
	-	Nadab‡	910-909	2
	2nd Dynasty	Baasha	909-886	24
	-	Elah‡	886-885	2
	3rd Dynasty	Zimri	885	7 days
	-	Tibni	885-880	6
	-	Overlapping reign† with Omri	885-880	(6)
	4th Dynasty	Omri	885-874	12
	-	Ahab	874-853	22
	-	Ahaziah	853-852	2
	-	Jehoram (Joram)‡	852-841	12
	5th Dynasty	Jehu	841-814	28
	-	Jehoahaz	814-798	17
	-	Jehoash (Joash)	798-782	16
	-	Coregency with Jeroboam II	793-782	(11)
	-	Jeroboam II	782-753	41
	-	Zechariah‡	753-752	1/2
	6th Dynasty	Shallum‡	752	1/12
	7th Dynasty	Menahem	752-742	10
	-	Overlapping reign with Pekah	752-742	(10)
	-	Pekahiah‡	742-742	(2)
	-	Overlapping reign with Pekah	742-740	(2)
	8th Dynasty	Pekah‡	752-732	20
	9th Dynasty	Hoshea	732-722	10

\*Includes one queen (Athaliah).

†In a coregency the kings ruled together; in overlapping reigns they reigned separately; in a vice-regency a son ruled with his father in a subordinate position.

‡These kings and one queen were assassinated.

§A dynasty is a succession of rulers who are members of the same family or a single ruler of a family different from those before and after him. (The kings of Judah were all of one dynasty because they were all descendants of David.)

\*\*Evangelical scholars differ on the dates of Obadiah and Joel. Some place them at later dates (see the Introductions to Joel and Obad.)

Note: In some kings' reigns the dates (e.g., Rehoboam, 931-913), when subtracted, may vary from the number in the "Years" column for that king. This is because the beginning and ending dates for a given king may include only portions of those years in the Gregorian calendar.

The dates of the kings are adapted from Edwin R. Thiele, *The Mysterious Numbers of the Hebrew Kings*, 2nd ed., Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1963.

## Chronology of the Postexilic Period

Persian Kings	Dates of Their Reigns	Biblical Events	Scripture References	Dates
Cyrus	559–530 B.C.	Edict of Cyrus for the return	Ezra 1:1-4	538 B.C.
		<i>First return</i> of 49,897 exiles, under Zerubbabel (to build the temple)	Ezra 2	538
		The altar and temple foundation built	Ezra 3:1–4:5	536
Cambyses	530–522			
Smerdis	522			
Darius I	521–486	Haggai prophesied	Book of Haggai	520
		Zechariah prophesied	Book of Zechariah	520–518
		The temple completed	Ezra 5–6	515
Xerxes (Ahasuerus)	485–465	Accusation against Judah	Ezra 4:6	486
		Esther became queen	Esther 2:17	479
Artaxerxes I (Artashasta)	464–424	Artaxerxes stopped the rebuilding of Jerusalem	Ezra 4:7-23	ca. 464–458
		<i>Second return</i> of 4,000-5,000 exiles, under Ezra (to beautify the temple and reform the people)	Ezra 7–10	458
		<i>Third return</i> of exiles, under Nehemiah (to build the walls of Jerusalem)	Book of Nehemiah	444
		Nehemiah's second return	Nehemiah 13:6	ca. 430
		Malachi prophesied	Book of Malachi	450–430 (?)

## **Dates of Key Events in Haggai's and Zechariah's Time**

August 29, 520 B.C.	Haggai's first sermon (Hag. 1:1-11; Ezra 5:1)
September 21, 520	Temple building resumed (Hag. 1:12-15; Ezra 5:2)
October 17, 520	Haggai's second sermon (Hag. 2:1-9)
October-November 520	Zechariah's ministry begun (Zech. 1:1-6)
December 18, 520	Haggai's third and fourth sermons (Hag. 2:10-23)
February 15, 519	Zechariah's eight visions (Zech. 1:7-6:8)
December 7, 518	Delegation from Bethel (Zech. 7)
March 12, 515	Temple dedicated (Ezra 6:15-18)

## Route from Megiddo to Jerusalem



<b>Zechariah's Eight Night Visions</b>		
<b>Vision</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
The Red-horse Rider among the Myrtles	1:7-17	God's anger against the nations and blessing on restored Israel
The Four Horns and the Four Craftsmen	1:18-21	God's judgment on the nations that afflict Israel
The Surveyor with a Measuring Line	Chapter 2	God's future blessing on restored Israel
The Cleansing and Crowning of Joshua the High Priest	Chapter 3	Israel's future cleansing from sin and reinstatement as a priestly nation
The Golden Lampstand and the Two Olive Trees	Chapter 4	Israel as the light to the nations under Messiah, the King-Priest
The Flying Scroll	5:1-4	The severity and totality of divine judgment on individual Israelities
The Woman in the Ephah	5:5-11	The removal of national Israel's sin of rebellion against God
The Four Chariots	6:1-8	Divine judgment on Gentile nations