

The Fall of Israel & Judah

The Fall of Israel (The Northern Kingdom) 933-722 B.C.

- 734 B.C. Galilee and North and East Israel by Tiglath-pileser.
- 721 B.C. Samaria and the rest of Israel by Sargon.
- 701 B.C. 200,000 of the inhabitants of Judah by Sennacherib

The Fall of Judah (The Southern Kingdom) to Babylon. 933 - 606 B.C.

- 606 B.C. Some captives taken to Babylon. (Daniel included)
- 597 B.C. More captives taken to Babylon. (Ezekiel included)
- 586 B.C. Jerusalem is destroyed by fire.

Chronology of Judah's Return: The Three Returns

1. 1st Return (536 B.C.)

Led by Zerubbabel: Temple was rebuilt.

- 42,360 Jews
- 245 mules
- 7,337 servants
- 435 camels
- 200 singers
- 6,720 asses
- 736 horses
- 5,400 gold & silver vessels

2. 2nd Return (457 B.C.)

Led by Ezra: The law was restored.

- 1,754 men
- 100 talents of gold
- 750 talents of silver
- Took 4 months

3. 3rd Return (444 B.C.)

Led by Nehemiah: Walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt.

- Nehemiah was Governor
- Babylonian army escort.

Important dates in the chronology of Judah's return from Babylon to Jerusalem.

- 536 B.C. Cyrus the Great permitted the return. 49,897 Jews returned from Babylon to Jerusalem.
- 536 B.C. Built an altar and offered sacrifice in the 7th month.

- 535 B.C. Work on the temple began but was soon stopped for some fifteen years.
- 520 B.C. Work on the temple was renewed by Haggai and Zechariah.
- 516 B.C. The temple was completed. (This was Israel's 2nd temple, also known as Zerubbabel's temple)
- 478 B.C. Esther became Queen of Persia.
- 457 B.C. Ezra went from Babylon to Jerusalem.
- 444 B.C. Nehemiah rebuilt the wall around Jerusalem.
- 433 B.C. Nehemiah returned again from Babylon.

