

Israel: Apostasy, Exiles & Conditional Restoration

Ezra Re-Founds the Nation - A Second Moses

Roman Exile & Restoration

Apostasy and Exile

House of Israel: Assyrian Captivity: 712:

Restoration: No Specific time for restoration, given; but they received an invitation in 536 to return with Judah. See Ezekiel 37: 19: I will make one nation of the house of Ephraim, Joseph and Israel and the House of Judah. God had other plans for making them the leaders of the Persian, Greek, and Roman empires, and the leaders of the divided European nations
 Prophets: Isaiah (760-688); Nahum (713);

House of Judah: Babylon: 605; 597; 587

Restoration: Jeremiah 25:12: Obey Nebuchadnezzar and after 70 years of captivity restoration. Further rebellion led to a second deportation in 597 and then the destruction of their city and sanctuary in 587.
 Prophets: Zephaniah (630); Habakkuk (626); Jeremiah (629)

The Captivity

House of Israel: Exiled to the north of Assyria near the Caspian Sea. Israel grew into a might band of ten nations, giving kings to the Medes, Persians, Greeks, Romans and the ten nations of divided Europe, including Scandinavia, Britain, Scotland, and Ireland

House of Judah:

- A. Rogue priests create the sect of Pharisees: They Amalgamated Judaism with Babylonian and Greek philosophy and mystic religions.
- B. Ezekiel: God removed the scepter from Judah and gave world sovereignty to 4 nation, overturning each in turn, until Christ comes to claim the scepter, Ezekiel 21 Assures the captives that if they accept the Son of David as their Messiah, their city and sanctuary would last forever, with Christ ruling as the King of their earthly kingdom
- C. Daniel: God will give the new nation 490 years of probation to put away iniquity and accept their Messiah as their appointed priest and king. If they rejected and murdered their Messiah their nation would be disbanded by the Romans and led into captivity until papal Rome is destroyed at The Time of the End. The prophecies of doom would be sealed up if they accepted their Messiah; if not, they would experience another exile and loss of status as God's chosen people. If they accepted their Messiah as the sacrificial Lamb of God and Redeemer at the close of the 490 years probation, Christ would return after his voluntary death and resurrection and rule from Jerusalem.

The Return Invitation

House of Judah: Only 42,360 from the House of Judah responded to Cyrus's Decree to return to Palestine:
 House of Israel: Very few, if any, of the House of Israel responded to the invitation
 Rogue Priests: The sect of Pharisees return, bringing with them the Cabala - an oral tradition claiming a secret oral gnosis from Moses superior to the written scriptures given by Moses. They amalgamated Babylonian and Greek philosophy with Judaism. Matter is evil, therefore the Messiah will not be God in evil human flesh. The nation was set up for the rejection and crucifixion of the Messiah, Christ.
 Prophets: Haggai (620); Zacharia (620-497); Malachi (397)



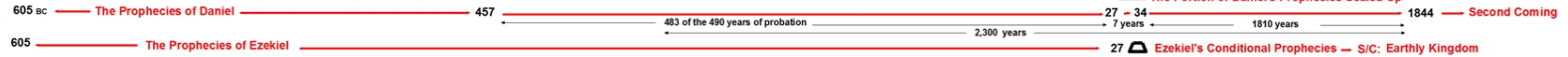
Re-founding the Nation: Ezra

- A. Political Institutions
 Ezra 7: 1-25: Authority given to Ezra to re-establish the state of Israel: Appoint Magistrates and Judges and execute the penalty of death when necessary.
- B. Consolidating Scripture
 Ezra consolidates the multitude of sacred historical and prophetic books of the Hebrew Scriptures into five books:
 I Chronicles: Creation of Adam to the death of David
 II Chronicles: Reign of Solomon to the decree of Cyrus ending the exile
 The Book of Ester: God's active intervention in the affairs of Israel
 The Book of Nehemiah: Rebuilding Jerusalem
 Book of Ezra: Establishes the decree to restore and establish the city-state of Jerusalem
- C. Creationist Worldview
 Ezra reconstructs biblical history, founding the nation on Creationist principles and on the active interaction of God with world affairs
 As a second Moses Ezra starts his history at the Creation: If a nation forgets its roots, it forgets who it is, and its purpose for existence, and self-destructs.



A. Prophetic Foundation

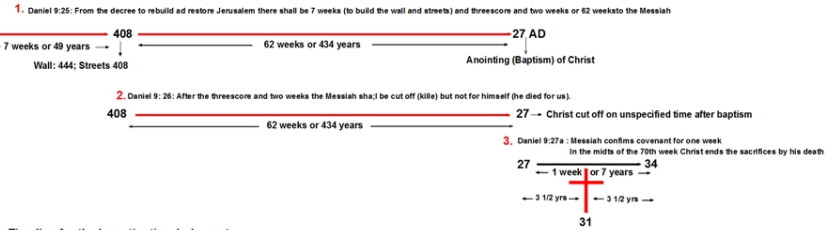
To combat the false teachings and philosophy of the Cabala and Gnosticism God re-established the nation upon a prophetic foundation
 Whereas Ezra rehearsed and condensed their past history, Daniel and Ezekiel predicted their future history



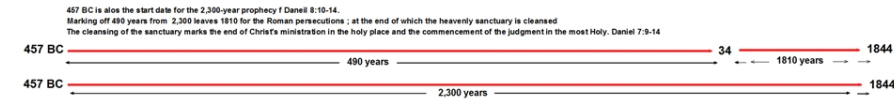
A Nation on Probation

Daniel 9:24 Seventy weeks of years are determined upon your people to:
 Finish transgression
 Make an end of sins
 Make reconciliation for iniquity
 Bring in everlasting righteousness
 Seal up the vision and prophecy (The Jews had the choice of sealing up Daniel's vision of the destruction of their city and sanctuary and the 1810 remaining years of Roman history)
 Anoint the most Holy
 The 190 years of Probation Commences at the going forth of the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem. Daniel 9: 25

Prophetic Timeline for the Messiah



Prophetic Timeline for the Investigative Judgment



Christ Finds His Church as Sovereign Creator
 Prophets: New Testament writers etc.
 Luke's Genealogy of Christ takes us to the Creation of Adam
 Paul's Book of Romans: Christ a Second Adam
 Book of John: In the Beginning was the Word
 Book of Revelation: There was War in Heaven