

Timeline of the Babylonian Captivity

- 612 Babylonians and Medes conquer Assyria
- 605 Babylonians battle Egyptians at Carchemish
- 605 Nebuchadnezzar becomes king of Babylon
- 605 The Babylonians invade Judah
- 605 First wave of deportation of Jews to Babylon
- 605 Daniel is taken captive and begins to prophesy
- 601 Babylonians battle Egypt, both sides suffer losses
- 601 Judah decides to realign itself with Egypt, Jeremiah warns
- 597 Jehoachin becomes king of Judah
- 597 Babylonians capture Jerusalem
- 597 Second wave of deportation to Babylon from Judah.
- 597 Ezekiel is taken captive to Babylon**
- 597 Zedekiah becomes king of Judah
- 593 Ezekiel begins to prophesy**
- 586 The Babylonians destroy Jerusalem and the Temple (9th of Av)**
- 586 Jerusalem's walls and gates are burned with fire
- 586 Third wave of Jews deported to Babylon
- 586 Babylonian Exile (Galut Bavel) begins
- 586 End of Biblical (First Temple) Period
- 586 The end of the monarchy in Judah
- 539 The Fall of Babylon
- 539 Beginning of the Persian Period to 332
- 539 The Decree of Cyrus II allowing Jews to return
- 516 The Jews rebuild their Temple (70 years)