

Timeline of the Assyrian Captivity, Babylonian Captivity and the Return from Exile

OT Books	Date	Event
	930 BC	Kingdom is divided (Israel and Judah)
	725 BC	Shalmaneser sieges Samaria
	722 BC	Samaria falls; Assyrian captivity begins
		<i>Judah Alone</i>
	612 BC	Nineveh is destroyed; Assyria falls to Babylon
Daniel Ezekiel	605 BC	First captives are taken by Nebuchadnezzar
	597 BC	Second group is taken to Babylon
	586 BC	Jerusalem falls; Temple is destroyed
	539 BC	Babylon falls to the Medes and Persians
Haggai	536 BC	Cyrus issues a decree for captives to return; first group returns to Jerusalem under Zerubbabel
Zechariah	516 BC	Temple is completed
Ezra Esther	457 BC	Ezra leads second group back to Jerusalem
Nehemiah	444 BC	Third group led back by Nehemiah
Malachi	435 BC	Malachi the prophet closes the OT
		<i>Years of Silence</i>