

Handout: Isaiah Lesson 8

Timeline (dates may vary according to source):

- The prophet Jonah is sent to call the people of the Assyrian capital of Nineveh to repentance in c. 759 BC.
- Tiglath Pileser III is king of Assyria 745-727 BC and begins to rebuild the empire.
- Isaiah begins his prophetic ministry in 740 BC, in the year King Uzziah of Judah died.
- Damascus and the Northern Kingdom of Israel form an alliance and go to war against the Southern Kingdom of Judah in 735-34 BC.
- Ahaz king of Judah makes an alliance with Assyria and becomes a vassal of the Assyrians in c. 734 BC.
- Assyrian king Tiglath Pileser III conquers all the cities of the Mediterranean coast from Phoenicia to the Philistia to Egypt and returns to conquer the Israelite tribes of the Galilee and Gilead 733-732 BC.
- The Assyrians take the entire Israelite population of the Galilee and Gilead and into exile in 732 BC.
- Damascus is destroyed by Assyrian king Tiglath Pileser III in 732 BC.
- Babylon is conquered by Tiglath Pileser III in 729 BC.
- Shalmaneser V becomes king of Assyria 727-722 BC.
- Samaria, capital of the Northern Kingdom of Israel, is destroyed by Shalmaneser V in 722 BC.
- Sargon II becomes king of Assyria 722-705 BC.
- The entire population of Israel is deported into Assyrian lands to the east in 722/721 BC, and 5 Gentile groups are resettled in what was the Northern Kingdom but is now the Assyrian province of Samaria. They will become the Samaritans.
- Hezekiah son of Ahaz is king of Judah c. 716-687 BC (727 in other sources).
- Nubians establish the 25th Dynasty in Egypt 715 to 663 BC.
- Assyrians re-conquer rebellious Philistine cities, including Ashdod in c. 711 BC.
- Sennacherib becomes king of Assyria 705-681.
- King Sennacherib lays siege to Jerusalem in 701 BC, but he returns to Nineveh without taking the city. He is murdered by his elder sons and succeeded by his youngest son, Esarhaddon in 681 BC.
- Manasseh son of king Hezekiah of Judah rules Judah 687-643/2 BC.
- Esarhaddon is king of Assyria 681-669 BC.
- Assyrians conquer Egypt in 663 BC.
- Assyrian capital of Nineveh destroyed by the Babylonians in 612 BC.
- King Josiah of Judah is killed by Pharaoh Necho at the Battle of Megiddo in 609 BC.
- Assyrians and their Egyptian allies are defeated by the forces of the Babylonians in 605 BC at the Battle of Carchemish, signaling the end of the Assyrian Empire.
- 1st Babylonian deportation of children of royal and influential families 605 BC (Daniel); Babylonians take King Jehoiachin/Jechoniah into exile and make his uncle king.
- 2nd Babylonian deportation of citizens of Judah 597 BC (Ezekiel).
- Jerusalem is conquered by the Babylonians 587/6 BC; the Davidic king is executed and the remaining population of Judah sent into exile in Babylon (3rd deportation).
- Babylon is defeated by the armies of King Cyrus of Persia 539 BC.
- Edict of Cyrus allows the return of all the peoples taken into exile by the Babylonians 539 BC.
- 539/38 BC a remnant of the citizens of Judah return to the Promised Land.