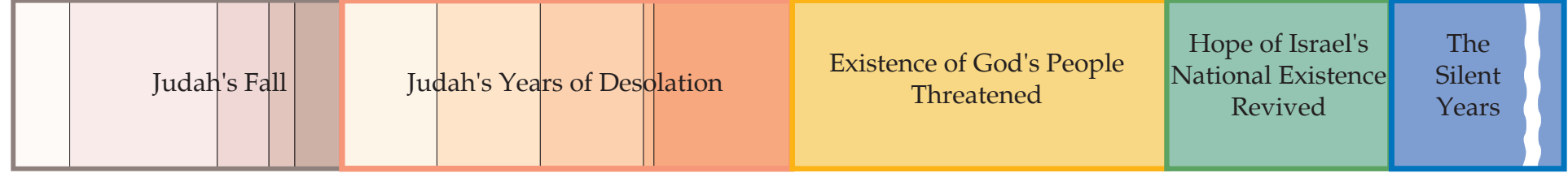


God Puts Israel on the Potter's Wheel

Isa. 43:11-22; Jeremiah 18:1-10; Rom. 9:21-23



722 B.C. Fall of the northern kingdom of Israel

c. 622 B.C. Ezekiel the prophet is born. Daniel the prophet was born about the same time.

605 B.C. First stage of Judah's captivity (II Kin. 23:36-24:1). This starts the 70-year captivity and the times of the Gentiles. Daniel taken captive (Dan. 1:1-7).

597 B.C. Second stage of Judah's captivity. Ezekiel taken captive (II Kin. 24:8-17).

593 B.C. Ezekiel is called as a prophet of God (Eze. 1:1-3; 2:1-8).

586 B.C. Jerusalem and the Temple are destroyed by the Babylonians (II Kin. 25:1-21).

Almost all of those left in Judah are killed or taken captive. This event marks the beginning of Judah's years of desolation.

571 B.C. Ezekiel's ministry comes to a close.

c. 555 B.C. Nabonidus begins to rule Babylon

539 B.C. The Medo-Persian army conquers Babylon (Dan. 5:30-31).

538 B.C. Cyrus' decree allowing the return and rebuilding of the Temple (Ezra 1:1-4).

536 B.C. Zerubabel leads almost 50,000 Israelites back to Judah (Ezra 1:5-2:30).

533 B.C. Foundation for the Temple is completed (Ezra 3:8-13).

520 B.C. Haggai & Zechariah began to prophesy (Ezra 5:1-2ff.).

516 B.C. Rebuilding of the Temple is finally completed and dedicated (Ezra 6:13-22).

485 B.C. The reign of the Persian King Xerxes begins.

483 B.C. Queen Vashti deposed (Esther 1:19).

479 B.C. Esther is crowned queen (Esther 2:17).

473 B.C. Haman is hanged and the Israelites saved (Esther 7:10; 8:7,16-17).

465 B.C. The reign of the Persian King Artaxerxes begins.

458 B.C. Ezra arrives in Jerusalem.

445 B.C. Nehemiah goes to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls (Neh. 1:1-2:11ff.).

433 B.C. Nehemiah returns to Jerusalem (Neh. 13:4-7ff.).

c. 425 B.C. Malachi's prophecy. The silent years begin.

c. 4 B.C. After Malachi there were no messages from God to Israel until the angel Gabriel appeared to Zachariah to announce the coming birth of John the Baptist (Lk. 1:5-25ff.).