

----- Zerubbabel -----

3468a AM, 4177 JP, 537 BC

951. Cyrus made Sheshbazzar captain of the Jews who were returning to Jerusalem. In line with Cyrus' orders, Mithredath, the treasurer, gave to Sheshbazzar all the vessels belonging to the temple, for the purpose of returning them to Jerusalem. {#Ezr 1:7-11 5:14,15} Sheshbazzar was his Chaldean name, but his Hebrew name was Zerubbabel. {#Ezr 3:8,10 5:16}

3468c AM, 4178 JP, 536 BC

952. The Jews were preparing to return to their country, and the poor were given an allowance to help with the costs. {#Ezr 1:5,6} There were 42,360 of the children of the province, or poor people of the Hebrews born in Chaldea, who returned. Their captain was Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, or Salathiel, and their high priest, Jehu, or Jeshua, the son of Jozadak.

3484d AM, 4194 JP, 520 BC

1016. In the second year of king Darius, which was in the 65th Olympiad, Haggai the prophet reproved the Jews for their idleness in not rebuilding the temple. Their neglect in

this matter was the cause of crop failures and other plagues that continually happened to them between the first and third Sabbatical years. He earnestly persuaded them to change their ways. Then Zerubbabel, the governor of the Jews and Joshua, the high priest, and all the people earnestly began to rebuild the temple on the twenty-fourth day of the same month. {#Hag 1:1-15}

3485a AM, 4194 JP, 520 BC

1017. On the twenty-first day of the seventh month in the same year, Haggai encouraged the Jews to persevere in the work with a promise of God's presence and blessing on them. The beginnings of this present structure did not compare with the glory of the former temple of sixty-nine years earlier. However, he told them that the Messiah, who was born five hundred and sixteen years later, as it turned out, would be first shown in this temple, and that on account of this, peace would flow to all nations. If they considered that fact, then they would have to acknowledge that the glory of this temple would excel the beauty of the former. {#Hag 2:1-9}

1018. In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the people were exhorted to repentance by Zechariah, the son of Berachiah. {#Zec 1:1-6}

1019. On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month of this same second year, about halfway between seedtime (which immediately followed the end of the sabbatical year) and the harvest, the temple began to be built on its old foundations by Zerubbabel and Joshua, the high priest, with the assistance of the prophets Haggai and Zechariah. {#Ezr 5:1,2 Hag 2:10,18,19}

1020. On the same twenty-fourth day, the two last prophecies of Haggai were revealed to him. One vision concerned the end of the plagues which they were experiencing. The other was about the overthrow of various kingdoms and the exaltation of Zerubbabel. {#Hag 2:10-23}