

CHRONOLOGY
OF THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE
ROYAL ARCH DEGREE

- B.C.
- 930 Death of Solomon.
- 608 King Jehoiakim, King of Judah.
- 605 Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, captured Jerusalem and takes some Israelites to Babylon. (Nebuchadnezzar reigned 605 - 564 B.C.).
- 602 Revolt of Israelites against Babylon.
- 597 Nebuchadnezzar again captures Jerusalem, deposes Jehoiakim and appoints Jehoiachin as King. He reigns for three months but is then replaced by Nebuchadnezzar by Zedekiah, as King of Judah.
- 588-6 Zedekiah's revolt ends with capture and destruction of Jerusalem. More Israelites taken to Babylon.
- 582 Further captives to Babylon, only poorest left.
- 539 Cyrus captures Babylon.
- 536 Cyrus King of Persia (538-529) Edict for return of Jews. First party leaves under Zerubbabel includes Joshua, the high priest, Nehemiah and possibly Haggai, the prophet. (50,000 people, 736 horses, 245 mules, 435 camels and 6720 asses).
- 535 Rebuilding of the Temple starts.

- 529-21 Cambyses, King of Persia.
- 522 Rebuilding of Temple stopped by royal decrees.
- 520 Rebuilding resumes by decree of Darius (525-481 BC)
Work urged on by prophet Haggai.
- 515 Temple dedicated.
- 458 Commission of Ezra as Governor of Judea. (By
Artaxerxes 465-425 B.C.)
- 444-433 Commission of Nehemiah to Jerusalem. Walls rebuilt
morale restored.
- 428 Second commission of Nehemiah to Jerusalem.