

The Sons of Asaph

Date (BC)	Event	“O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His lovingkindness is everlasting”	Psalms of Asaph
1000	David brings Ark to Jerusalem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heman, Asaph and Ethan (Jeduthan) appointed heads of the singers (1Chr 15:14-17) • Asaph is chief (1Chr 16:4-7) • Heman and Ethan go to tabernacle, Asaph stays with David's tent and the Ark (1Chr 16:37-42) 	1Chr 16:34, 41	1Chr 16:8-36
960	Solomon brings Ark into Temple <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 24 courses of singers reunited (2Chr 5:11) • Asaph's family is first (2Chr 5:12) • It was the singing that caused God's glory to appear (2Chr 5:13) 	2Chr 5:13 2Chr 7:3, 6	
930	Kingdom divided		Psa 78
850	Jehoshaphat and the invasion of Ammon and Moab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Son of Asaph prophesies deliverance (2Chr 20:14-17) • Army is led by singers, singing Asaph's psalm (2Chr 20:21-22) 	2Chr 20:21	Psa 82, 83
835	Jehoiada overthrows Athaliah <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses not dismissed (2Chr 23:8) • Singers who led (not "taught") the praise – i.e. Asaph's family (2Chr 23:13) 		
725	Hezekiah's reformation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levite's (including sons of Asaph) involved with disposal of garbage from Temple (2Chr 29:11-16) • Song of Asaph sung at re-consecration of Temple and Priests 		Psa 76
620	Josiah's Passover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sons of Asaph in their place (2Chr 35:15) • Singers lament death of Josiah (2Chr 35:25) 		Psa 81
580	Judah in captivity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singers refuse to sing as entertainment to the Babylonians 	Jer 33:11	Psa 74
535	Return from captivity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 128 of Asaph's sons return to Judah (Ezra 2:41) None of the sons of Jeduthan or Heman are mentioned. • Temple foundation built – sons of Asaph sing according to David's instructions (Ezra (3:10-13) 	Ezra 3:11	
445	Dedication of Nehemiah's wall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singer's present, including descendents of Asaph (Neh 12:27-28, 35) • Leaders of the singers, just like in the days of David and Asaph (Neh 12:44-47) 		
160	The Battle of Emmaus Song and instruments of Asaph (1Macc 4:24, 52-55) celebrate Judas Maccabees' victory	1Macc 4:24	

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