**The Sons of Asaph**

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| **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**   * 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**   * 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**   * 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**   * 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**   * 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**   * Sons of Asaph in their place (2Chr 35:15) * Singers lament death of Josiah (2Chr 35:25) |  | Psa 81 |
| 580 | **Judah in captivity**   * Singers refuse to sing as entertainment to the Babylonians | Jer 33:11 | Psa 74 |
| 535 | **Return from captivity**   * 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   * 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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