**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 5:132Chr 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)
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| 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)
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| 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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