Scroll Legend

A	B.C. Years	E	Sabbath Year	I	High Priest Joiakim
B	Year of World	E	Jubilee Year	I3	Seasons
C	Sabbatic Periods	F1	Daniel 9 Sabbath years	S1	B.C. Years
C	Sabbath Year	F2	2569 Years Babyon dormant	S3	Artaxerxes I Longimanus
D	Seasons	H1	Nehemiah's governorship	U	Seven times punishment
E	Jubilee Period	H3	Seven Sevens till reforms		See note: 248.35

The 7th year of Artaxerxes I is not the correct dating for the coming of Ezra. Nevertheless, this is the basis of many denominational attempts to calculate Daniel 9, and explains why some put Ezra at this point. Among other things, the attempt to start here leaves no explanation for the 'seven sevens' period, except an unproved assumption that they finished building the city 49 years later. But there is no record in the bible that could suggest that.

We first meet the real Ezra in history at the postsabbatical Torah reading in Nehemiah 8 (444 B.C.) Ezra went to Persia later and gathered a group of exiles, and returned in 397 B.C. to enforce the final reforms. It is implied that the Temple services were not fully recovered after the destruction early in Artaxerxes I's reign until Ezra came to Jerusalem in 397 with his edict from the king (Artaxerxes II). And this was exactly 49 years from the building of the walls.

The decisive evidence for the length of Artaxerxes' rule is the astronomical information found on a number of tablets dated to his reign. One such text is the astronomical "diary" "VAT 5047", clearly dated to the 11th year of Artaxerxes. Although the text is damaged, it preserves information about two lunar positions relative to planets and the positions of Mercury, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn. This information suffices to identify the date of the text as 454 B.C.

This text explains why the walls were recently destroyed in Nehemiah 1.

KJV Ezra 4:7 And **in the days of Artaxerxes** wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions, unto Artaxerxes king of Persia;.... 21 **Give ye now commandment** to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, **until another commandment shall be given from me**. 23 Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, **and made them to cease by force and power**.

KJV Nehemiah 12:10 And Jeshua begat Joiakim, Joiakim also begat **Eliashib**, and Eliashib begat Joiada, 11 And Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua.

KJV Nehemiah 1:1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass **in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year,** as I was in Shushan the palace. (11/18/446 B.C. JP to 12/17/446 B.C. BAB).

KJV Nehemiah 2:1 And it came to pass **in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king.** ....And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it. 4/13/445 B.C. to 5/11/445 B.C. BAB. 3/15/445-4/12/445 BIB.

KJV Nehemiah 5:11 Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them. cf. Deut. 15:9. Year of release begins.

KJV Nehemiah 6:15 So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days. (Sun 7/13/445 to Tue, 9/2/445 BIB).

KJV Nehemiah 7:73b-8:1 And **when the seventh month came**, the children of Israel were in their cities. And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; **and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which Yahweh had commanded to Israel**. (Reading of the Torah in Sabbatical Year). Tishri 1 = 9/8/445 Mon. Tish 15 = 9/22

Daniel 9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be **seven sevens** and **sixty and two sevens. BC 445 - AD 34 contain exactly 69 Sab Yrs.**

KJV Deuteronomy 31:10 And Moses commanded them, saying, **At the boundary of seven years,** in the solemnity of **the year of release**, **in the feast of tabernacles**, 11 When all Israel is come to appear before Yahweh thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing. Mon 9/22/445 = 15 Tishri

Cohen HaGadol Joiakim

Cohen HaGadol Eliashib

49 Years to Ezra, first anointed

First Sabbatical

Nehemiah's administration