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25) Herod the Great is made King of Israel by Rome and rules in Israel. **Date: 37-4 B.C.**

He is ruling Israel at the time of the birth of Jesus Christ. Matt. 2:1-2; Mark 6:14-16; Luke 1:5. He is not God's Davidic King; he is king by Roman appointment. He rules the land of Israel.

(26) The second Temple in Jerusalem is rebuilt and refurbished. Date: 20 B.C.-A.D. 27.

We learn from **John 2:20** that this was a 46 year project. Josephus says that the Temple in Jerusalem began its reconstruction work under the order of Herod in about 20 B.C.. A total of 18,000 men worked full time on the project (Gary Burge, *John*, p. 96). So John's statement that it took 46 years puts the date of completion about A.D. 27.

27) Jesus Christ, the Divine King of Israel, is born in Bethlehem. Date: 4 B.C.

This is a defining moment in Israel's history because this actually is the arrival of Israel's true God/Savior/Messiah/King. It was clearly prophesied that Israel's king would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). **Jesus Christ Himself said He was Israel's King - Luke 23:3.** Israel as a nation had been without a national King since the Assyrian captivity in 722 B.C. and Judah had been without a national Davidic King since the Babylonian captivity in 586 B.C.. Finally, in complete fulfillment to all Biblical prophecies, Jesus Christ, the true Divine Righteous King of Israel, was born.

28) Jesus Christ has His public ministry of teaching and miracles in Galilee and Israel. Date: A.D. 26-30

Christ's teachings and miracles are carefully recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Jesus Christ went through all of Israel doing miracles proving He was the Divine King and teaching as the Divine King. But as John said, "He came to His own and those who were His own did not receive Him" (John 1:11). Had Israel received Christ at His first coming, she would have had all of the Promised Blessings of God in her Promised Land (Matt. 23:37).

29) Jesus Christ is crucified and resurrected and ascends back up into heaven. Date: A.D. 30

National Israel was given a choice by Pilate to either crucify Barabbas or crucify her King, Jesus Christ. She chose to crucify Jesus Christ (Luke 23:18-25). This was a very dark day in Israel's history. There was clearly a written statement even on the cross that Jesus Christ was the King of Israel and the Jews (Matt. 27:37; Mark 15:26; Luke 23:38; John 19:19). It is very clear that the Jewish leaders of religion, the chief priests, did not want it stated that Jesus was the King of the Jews. They wanted it to say He said He was the king, not that He actually was. Pilate would not change it and had it written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek (John 19:19-22). The Apostle Peter clearly told Israel that she was responsible for nailing Christ to the cross (Acts 2:22-24). This action of Israel crucifying her God/King/Savior/Messiah will have long-lasting negative consequences that are still seen to this very day. Israel, to this point, does not have her King, she does not have her land and she is not seen nor esteemed as the glorious nation of God.