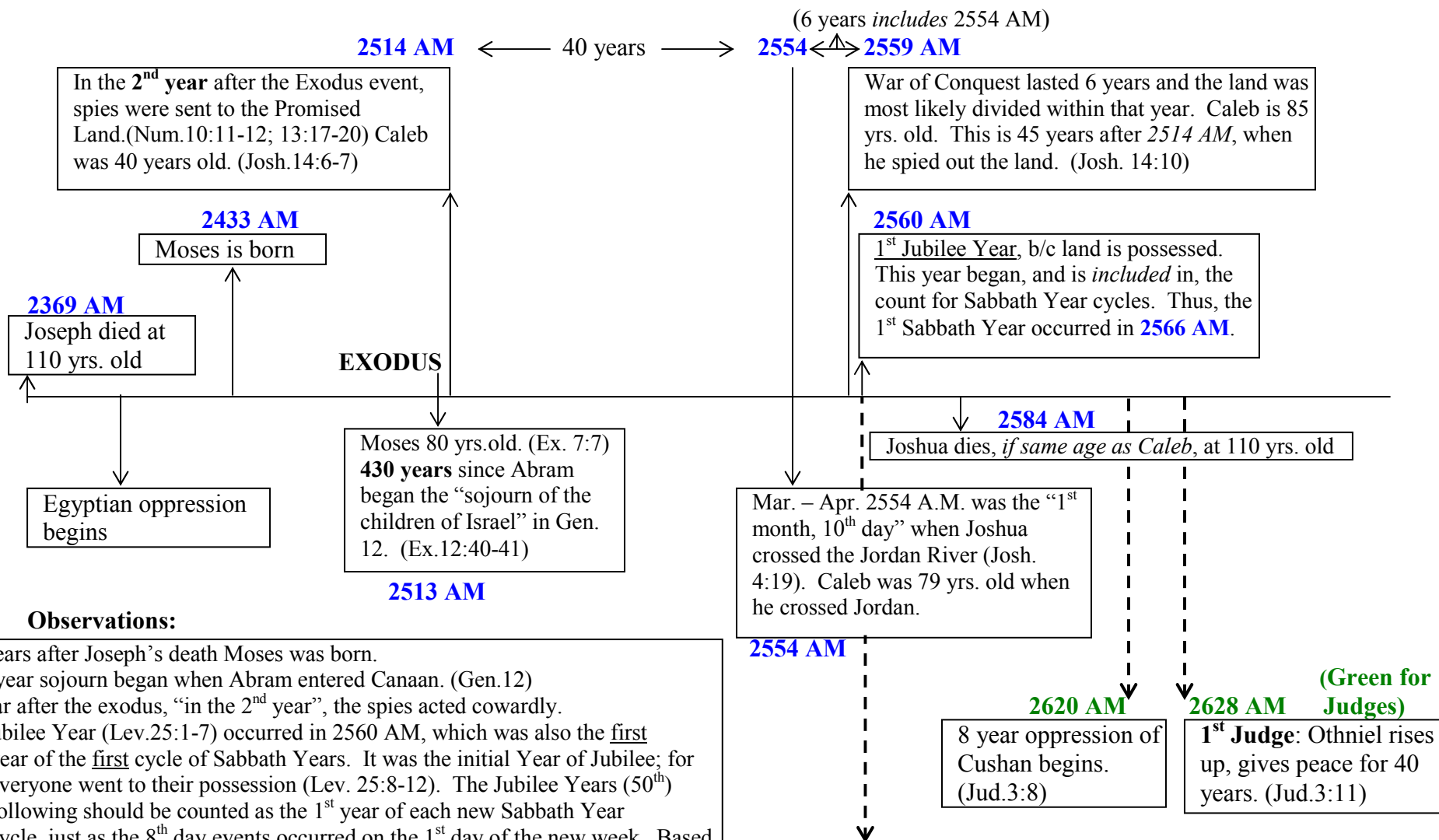


Year of the World: From Joseph's death to the Judges

2400 AM

2600 AM



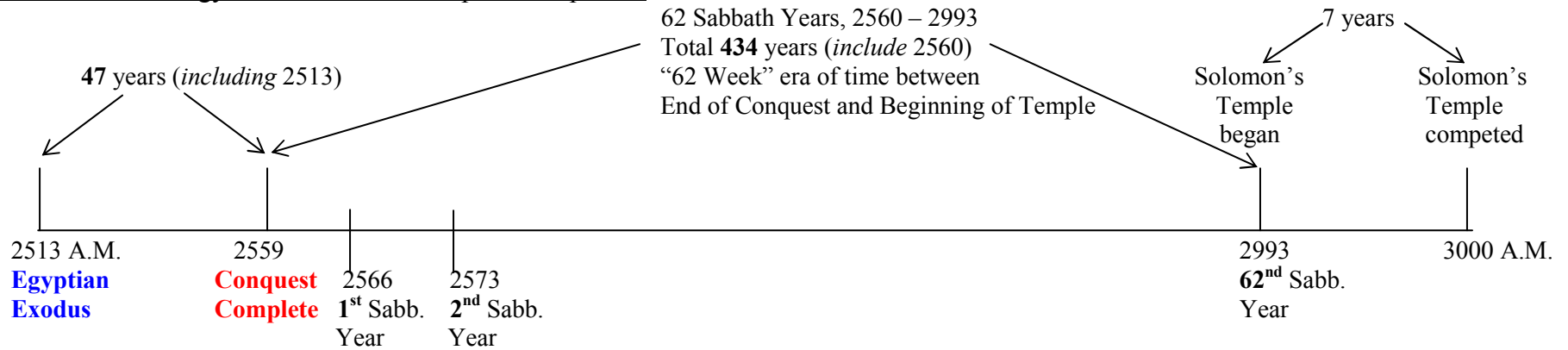
Observations:

64 years after Joseph's death Moses was born.
 430 year sojourn began when Abram entered Canaan. (Gen. 12)
 1 year after the exodus, “in the 2nd year”, the spies acted cowardly.
 1st Jubilee Year (Lev. 25:1-7) occurred in 2560 AM, which was also the first year of the first cycle of Sabbath Years. It was the initial Year of Jubilee; for everyone went to their possession (Lev. 25:8-12). The Jubilee Years (50th) following should be counted as the 1st year of each new Sabbath Year cycle, just as the 8th day events occurred on the 1st day of the new week. Based on this foundation the 1st Sabbath Year occurred on 2566 AM. Therefore, the foundation of the Temple was laid on the 62nd Sabbath Year: 2993 AM. This may help explain a reason for Daniel's symbolic “62 weeks” leading up to the beginning of Jesus' ministry. The ministry and work of Christ was the foundation of God's New Covenant Temple.
 Another help in identifying 2620 AM for Judges 3:8, notice I Kgs. 6:1. 480 years after the Exodus, Solomon laid the Temple's foundation. When we calculate the data back from 2993 AM, we will come to 2620 AM. The chain-link of time holds!

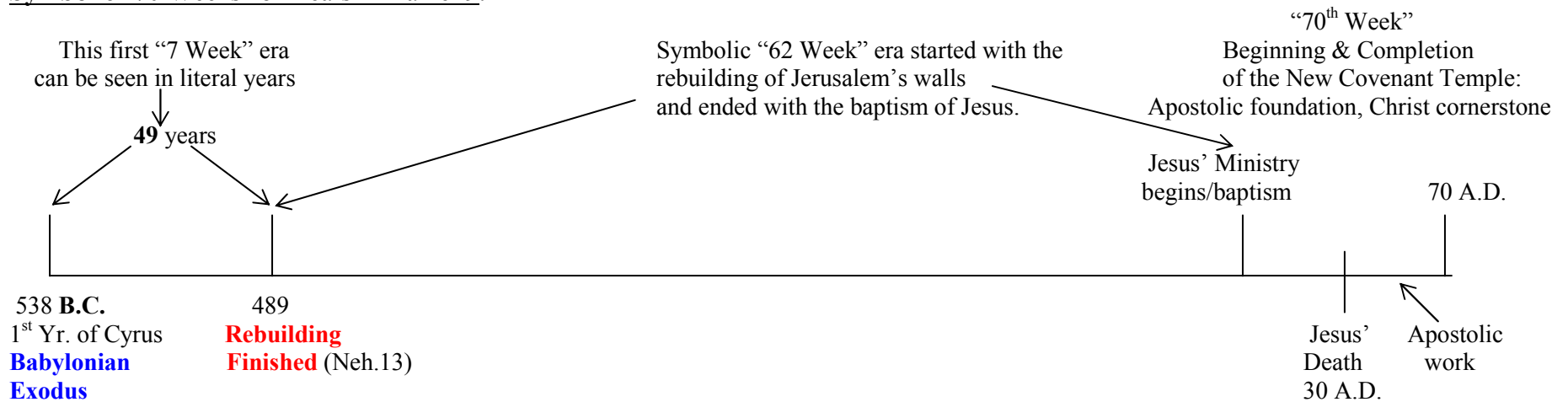
2560 AM plus 300 years of Ammon's peace, mentioned in Jephthah's message, brings us to 2860. The next year Ammon's 18 year oppression began. (Judg. 10:8, 11:26) Subtract the preceding years mentioned in Judges which led up to the initial year of Ammon's tyranny we fall back to 2620 for the beginning of Cushan's oppression. (Necessary to this count, is that Ehud's 80 year peace lasted beyond his death [3:30, 4:1]. Jabin's oppression and Barak's judgeship came during Ehud's posthumous peace time, yet at a different location – in the north from which the Canaanite attacks came.)

(Green for Judges)

Historic chronology from Exodus to Temple's completion:



Symbolic “70 Weeks” of Years in Daniel 9:



Observations:

Daniel's symbolic time period of “70 weeks” appears to be based on the literal time period from the Exodus to the completion of Solomon's Temple. After the Egyptian Exodus and Conquest, on the 62nd Sabbath Year (62 Weeks), Solomon began to build the temple. Over the next 7 years (1 Week), Solomon finished the Temple.

Likewise after the Babylonian Exodus and Rebuilding Project, Daniel says there will be a period of “62 Weeks” until the Messiah's ministry begins. The 70th week refers to the ministry of Jesus and work of the Apostolic Church until the destruction of Jerusalem. Just as the Old Temple took 7 years (1 Week) to build, even so Daniel most likely uses this history to support his symbolism – that within the “70th Week” the Messiah will be sacrificed, and Old Jerusalem destroyed. Clearly the New Covenant Temple was officially and visibly established when God destroyed the Old Temple by the Romans.

The only difference that I can see between the historic and the symbolic is the 2 years in the first “Week”. Exodus to Conquest was 47 years; but 49 years was from Babylonian Exodus to the rebuilding of the walls. Yet this may not be a major issue considering Daniel's “70 Weeks” is mostly symbolic. Nevertheless, the parallels are overwhelming when we compare the Exodus themes from Egypt and Babylon, the “62 Week” eras, and the Temple-building work: first Solomon's and then the Apostle's Temple with Christ being the chief cornerstone. Thus I think it is safe to say that Daniel was relying on the historic events from the Egyptian Exodus to the Temple's completion, to base his symbolic “70 Weeks” from the Babylonian Exodus to the completion of the New Covenant Temple.