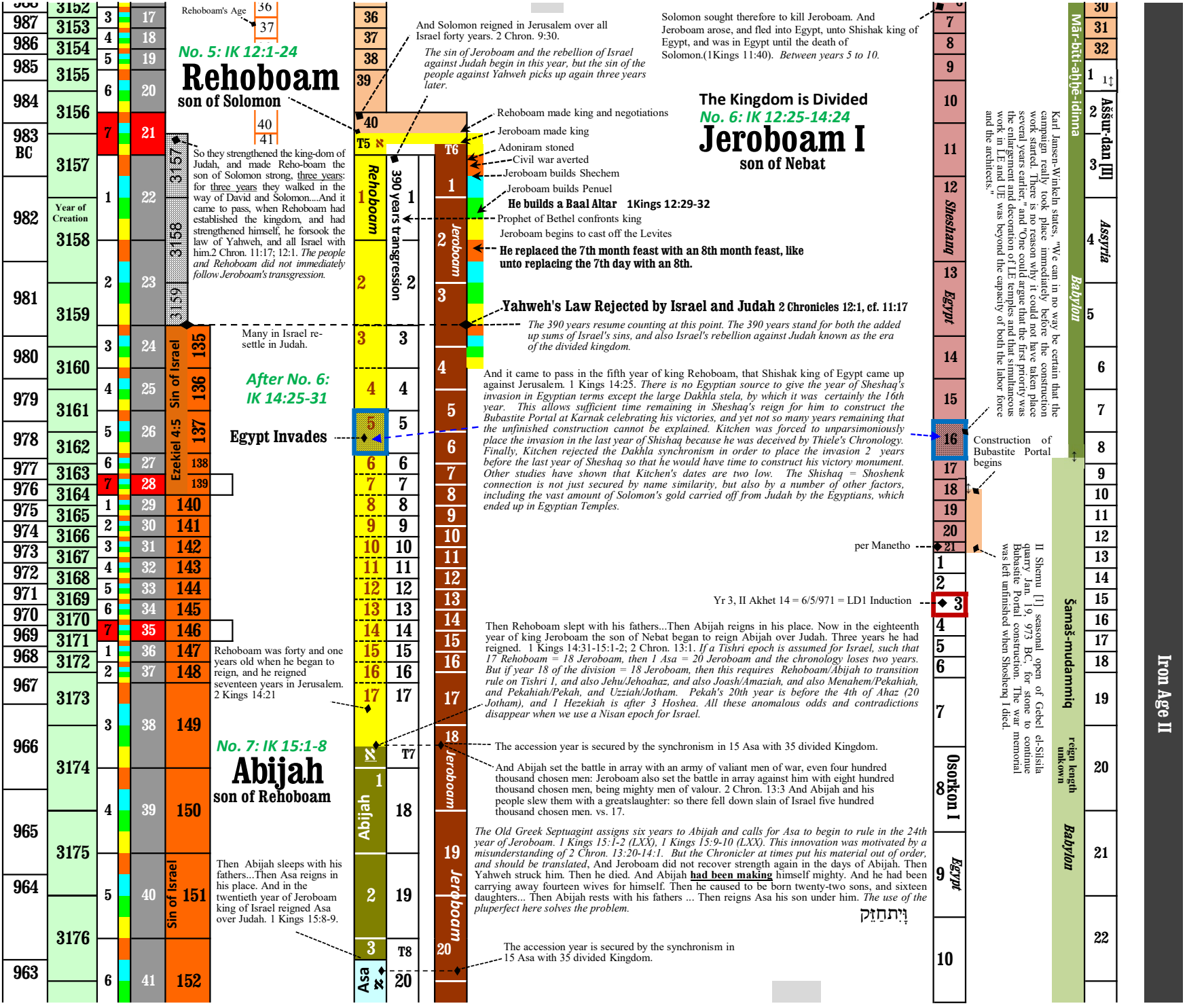
Iron Age II
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Rehoboam's Age
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No. 5: IK 12:1-24
Rehoboam
son of Solomon
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So they strengthened the king-dom of Judah, and made Reho-boam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon....And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of Yahweh, and all Israel with him.2 Chron. 11:17; 12:1. The people and Rehoboam did not immediately follow Jeroboam's transgression.
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Many in Israel re-settle in Judah.
After No. 6: IK 14:25-31
Egypt Invades
Sin of Israel
Ezekiel 4:5
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Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem. 2 Kings 14:21
No. 7: IK 15:1-8
Abijah
son of Rehoboam
Then Abijah sleeps with his fathers...Then Asa reigns in his place. And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah. 1 Kings 15:8-9.
Rehoboam
390 years transgression
Jeroboam
Abijah
Jeroboam
Asa
And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years. 2 Chron. 9:30.
The sin of Jeroboam and the rebellion of Israel against Judah begin in this year, but the sin of the people against Yahweh picks up again three years later.
Rehoboam made king and negotiations
Jeroboam made king
Adoniram stoned
Civil war averted
Jeroboam builds Shechem
Jeroboam builds Penuel
He builds a Baal Altar 1Kings 12:29-32
Prophet of Bethel confronts king
Jeroboam begins to cast off the Levites
He replaced the 7th month feast with an 8th month feast, like unto replacing the 7th day with an 8th.
Yahweh's Law Rejected by Israel and Judah 2 Chronicles 12:1, cf. 11:17
The 390 years resume counting at this point. The 390 years stand for both the added up sums of Israel's sins, and also Israel's rebellion against Judah known as the era of the divided kingdom.
And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem. 1 Kings 14:25. There is no Egyptian source to give the year of Sheshaq's invasion in Egyptian terms except the large Dakhla stela, by which it was certainly the 16th year. This allows sufficient time remaining in Sheshaq's reign for him to construct the Bubastite Portal at Karnak celebrating his victories, and yet not so many years remaining that the unfinished construction cannot be explained. Kitchen was forced to unparsimoniously place the invasion in the last year of Shishaq because he was deceived by Thiele's Chronology. Finally, Kitchen rejected the Dakhla synchronism in order to place the invasion 2 years before the last year of Sheshaq so that he would have time to construct his victory monument. Other studies have shown that Kitchen's dates are two low. The Shishaq = Shoshenk connection is not just secured by name similarity, but also by a number of other factors, including the vast amount of Solomon's gold carried off from Judah by the Egyptians, which ended up in Egyptian Temples.
Then Rehoboam slept with his fathers...Then Abijah reigns in his place. Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat began to reign Abijah over Judah. Three years he had reigned. 1 Kings 14:31-15:1-2; 2 Chron. 13:1. If a Tishri epoch is assumed for Israel, such that 17 Rehoboam = 18 Jeroboam, then 1 Asa = 20 Jeroboam and the chronology loses two years. But if year 18 of the division = 18 Jeroboam, then this requires Rehoboam/Abijah to transition rule on Tishri 1, and also Jehu/Jehoahaz, and also Joash/Amaziah, and also Menahem/Pekahiah, and Pekahiah/Pekah, and Uzziah/Jotham. Pekah's 20th year is before the 4th of Ahaz (20 Jotham), and 1 Hezekiah is after 3 Hoshea. All these anomalous odds and contradictions disappear when we use a Nisan epoch for Israel.
The accession year is secured by the synchronism in 15 Asa with 35 divided Kingdom.
And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, being mighty men of valour. 2 Chron. 13:3 And Abijah and his people slew them with a greatslaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men. vs. 17.
The Old Greek Septuagint assigns six years to Abijah and calls for Asa to begin to rule in the 24th year of Jeroboam. 1 Kings 15:1-2 (LXX), 1 Kings 15:9-10 (LXX). This innovation was motivated by a misunderstanding of 2 Chron. 13:20-14:1. But the Chronicler at times put his material out of order, and should be translated, And Jeroboam did not recover strength again in the days of Abijah. Then Yahweh struck him. Then he died. And Abijah had been making himself mighty. And he had been carrying away fourteen wives for himself. Then he caused to be born twenty-two sons, and sixteen daughters... Then Abijah rests with his fathers ... Then reigns Asa his son under him. The use of the pluperfect here solves the problem.
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Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.(1Kings 11:40). Between years 5 to 10.
The Kingdom is Divided
No. 6: IK 12:25-14:24
Jeroboam I
son of Nebat
Sheshanq
Egypt
Karl Jansen-Winkeln states, "We can in no way be certain that the campaign really took place immediately before the construction work started. There is no reason why it could not have taken place several years earlier," and "One could argue that the first priority was the enlargement and decoration of LE temples and that simultaneous work in LE and UE was beyond the capacity of both the labor force and the architects."
Construction of Bubastite Portal begins
per Manetho
Yr 3, II Akhet 14 = 6/5/971 = LD1 Induction
II Shemu [1] seasonal open of Gebel el-Silsila quarry Jan. 19, 973 BC, for stone to continue Bubastite Portal construction. The war memorial was left unfinished when Shosheq I died.
Osorkon I
Egypt
Mär-bīti-aḫḫē-idinna
Babylon
Aššur-dan [III]
Assyria
Babylon
Šamaš-mudammiq
reign length unkown
Babylon