Chronology of the Theban Conquest

Chart 32

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Assyria	Babylon
	606 BC Necho kills Psusennes (Josiah) at Megiddo
	and opposes Nebuchadrezzar at Carchemesh

Sennacherib murdered by Nabu-sharru-user (Sharezer) 604 BC Death of Nabopolassar and Urdi-mulissi/Urdamane (Adrammelech) Nebuchadrezzar (Sharezer) becomes king in Babylon Esar-haddon becomes king in Assyria and regent in Babylon (nominal subjection to Esar-haddon/Merodach-Baladin) (Beginning of 11-year reign of Merodach-Baladin in Babylon) Esar-haddon seeks oracle before attack on Ashkelon Nebuchadrezzar sacks Ashkelon

603 BC

Nebuchadrezzar sacks Gaza A son of Merodoch-Baladin attempts to capture Ur Esarhaddon at the Brook of Egypt

602 BC

Esarhaddon renovates Babylon 600 BC Nebuchadrezzar defeated at Migdol by Necho Esarhaddon sacks Sidon, beheads its king Abdi-milkutti

Building of new Assyrian capital, Kar-Esarhaddon, 599 BC Jehoiakim of Judah withholds tribute

by corvee of King Baal of Tyre, Manasseh of Judah, and kings of Byblos, Gaza & Ashdod

597 BC Esarhaddon defeated in Egypt

by Nefertemkhaure Taharqa (Nekau/Necho I)

Assurbanipal spares Niku (Necho II)

Tanutamon retreats to Nubia

Jehoiakim dies without heir, succeeded by Jehoiachin

598 BC

595 BC Nebuchadrezzar in Jerusalem, Jehoiachin deported to Babylon Crown Prince Assurbanipal seeks oracles regarding sending Nabu-sharru-user (Sharezer) to Phoenicia and Egypt Necho occupied elsewhere

593 BC

Nebuchadrezzar fails to take Tyre Tyre placed under seige but city doesnt fall Madness of Nebuchadrezzar Esarhaddon captures Memphis in surprise attack

and deports heir apparent Ushanukhuru (Necho II)

Mentuemhet appointed ruler of Thebes Necho II returns to Egypt as Assyrian vassal Psamtik II reigns alongside Necho I/Taharqa

and campaigns in Nubia Taharqa returns to the Delta 592 BC Unrest in Babylon Psamtik II goes on parade in Palestine

Esarhaddon dies in route to Egypt Illness of Psamtik II Assurbanipal retakes Memphis 589 BC

Taharqa (Necho I) retreats to Nubia and names Tanutamon as successor Egypt submits to Tanutamon (Urdamane) 588 BC

Recovery of Nebuchadrezzar

Assurbanipal invades Egypt 587 BC

Assurbanipal sacks Thebes 586 BC Jerusalem under seige by Nebuchadrezzar Fall of Upper Egypt to Assurbanipal

585 BC

584 BC Fall of Jerusalem to Nebuchadrezzar

Death of Nebuchadrezzar / Siamun

Assurbanipal kills Teuman (Tanuatamun) Assurbanipal / Smendes II killed by Osorkon V 578 BC