

About the year 1763 Swedenborg made the following entry in his Spiritual Diary (No. 6082). Concerning Jerusalem and the temple after the captivity:

Temple began to be built	72* [537 B.C.]
It is completed as to its interior parts	91, 94 [516]
Jerusalem built	163 [446]
Haman sought to kill the Jews	215 [394]
Temple plundered	439[170]
The Jews forced [to worship] idols by Antiochus	441 [168]
The temple is cleansed	444 [165]
Alcimus begins to destroy the walls of the temple	449 [160]
Hyrchanus, Aristobulus, Alexander Jannaeus rule in Judaea	504, 505, 506 [105]
Aristobulus to	542 [67]
Pompeii occupies Jerusalem	545 [64]
Antigonus occupies Judea	568 [41]
Then Herod is declared king of Judaea	568 [41]
Herod besieges and captures Jerusalem	571, 572 [38, 37]
Augustus begins to erect the temple	586 [21]
The building of the temple having been completed, Herod celebrates the dedication	595 [14]
The temple is polluted by the Samaritans	615 [6 A.D.]
The building of the temple is interrupted	631 [22 A.D.]
The Lord was born	605 [5 B.C.]
*This figure 72 probably represents the 72nd year after the captivity. The captivity lasted 70 years. "The Lord was born 605." This would mean 605 years after the captivity. And since the date of the Lord's birth was 5 B.C., the captivity began in 609 or 610 B.C. according to this computation. In the notes it was stated to be 606 or 605 B.C.	