

**OLD TESTAMENT TIMELINE**  
**“Sermon” (History Lesson) for Pentecost 20A (Isaiah 45:1-7)**  
 LPC, 10/22/17

YEAR (BC/ BCE)	EVENT	AS TOLD IN	BUT WRITTEN DOWN
1800+/-	Joseph in Egypt	End of Genesis	Centuries later
1700			
1600			
1500			
1400	Exodus (1446 +/-) Promised Land attained	Exodus Exodus-Deut.	“ “
1300	12 Tribes in Palestine	Joshua, Judges	“
1200			
1100			
	United Kingdom (David-1010)	Samuel, Kings Psalms	Some contemporaneously
1000	UK (Solomon 967)	Kings, Chronicles	Centuries later
900			
800	Kingdom divided (931) Apostasy, rise of prophets Fall of N Kingdom to Assyria (722)	Chronicles Prophets “	“ Contemporaneously “
700			
600			
	Fall of S Kingdom to Babylon (586) Persia defeats Babylon (Cyrus-537) Jews return, Temple rebuilt (515)	Jeremiah Isaiah (parts) Ezra, Nehemiah	“ “
500			
400			
300			
100			
0	Roman Conquest (63) Herod expands temple		

OBSERVATIONS ON REVERSE!

## OBSERVATIONS

1. Through God's care of God's people God's power is known "to the nations" (throughout the world), *especially* when God's people hold up their end of their covenant with God.
2. God's plan can be worked out through the most unlikely agents and political forces, even pagans like Cyrus.
3. However, political forces are not to be confused with God. "Render to Caesar..." does not mean to compartmentalize your life saying, this is the government's and this is God's. The government can legitimately collect tax for the protection and service of the people under its care, but ultimately everything belongs to God's. It's all God's.