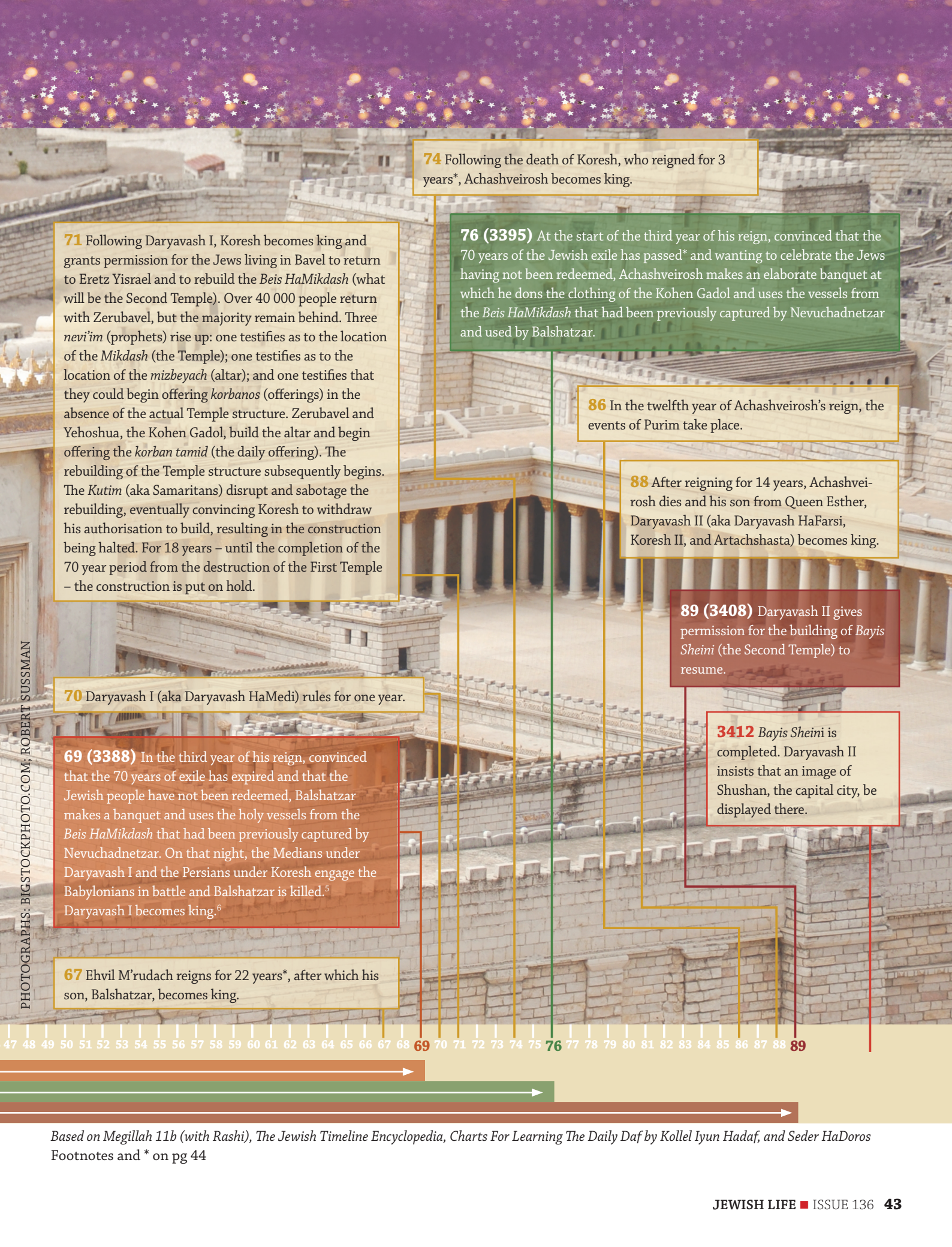




74 Following the death of Koresh, who reigned for 3 years*, Achashveirosh becomes king.

71 Following Daryavash I, Koresh becomes king and grants permission for the Jews living in Bavel to return to Eretz Yisrael and to rebuild the *Beis HaMikdash* (what will be the Second Temple). Over 40 000 people return with Zerubavel, but the majority remain behind. Three *nevi'im* (prophets) rise up: one testifies as to the location of the *Mikdash* (the Temple); one testifies as to the location of the *mizbeyach* (altar); and one testifies that they could begin offering *korbanos* (offerings) in the absence of the actual Temple structure. Zerubavel and Yehoshua, the Kohen Gadol, build the altar and begin offering the *korban tamid* (the daily offering). The rebuilding of the Temple structure subsequently begins. The *Kutim* (aka Samaritans) disrupt and sabotage the rebuilding, eventually convincing Koresh to withdraw his authorisation to build, resulting in the construction being halted. For 18 years – until the completion of the 70 year period from the destruction of the First Temple – the construction is put on hold.

76 (3395) At the start of the third year of his reign, convinced that the 70 years of the Jewish exile has passed* and wanting to celebrate the Jews having not been redeemed, Achashveirosh makes an elaborate banquet at which he dons the clothing of the Kohen Gadol and uses the vessels from the *Beis HaMikdash* that had been previously captured by Nevuchadnetzar and used by Balshatzar.

86 In the twelfth year of Achashveirosh's reign, the events of Purim take place.

88 After reigning for 14 years, Achashveirosh dies and his son from Queen Esther, Daryavash II (aka Daryavash HaFarsi, Koresh II, and Artachshasta) becomes king.

89 (3408) Daryavash II gives permission for the building of *Bayis Sheini* (the Second Temple) to resume.

70 Daryavash I (aka Daryavash HaMedi) rules for one year.

69 (3388) In the third year of his reign, convinced that the 70 years of exile has expired and that the Jewish people have not been redeemed, Balshatzar makes a banquet and uses the holy vessels from the *Beis HaMikdash* that had been previously captured by Nevuchadnetzar. On that night, the Medians under Daryavash I and the Persians under Koresh engage the Babylonians in battle and Balshatzar is killed.⁵ Daryavash I becomes king.⁶

3412 *Bayis Sheini* is completed. Daryavash II insists that an image of Shushan, the capital city, be displayed there.

67 Ehvil M'rudach reigns for 22 years*, after which his son, Balshatzar, becomes king.

Based on Megillah 11b (with Rashi), *The Jewish Timeline Encyclopedia*, *Charts For Learning The Daily Daf* by Kollel Iyun Hadaf, and *Seder HaDoros* Footnotes and * on pg 44