

A Timeline for Jeremiah, Ezra 1-6, Esther, Ezra 7-10, Nehemiah

II Kings 24 II Chronicles 36:6 Jeremiah 25 Daniel 1 Habakkuk 1:6	605 B.C. 597 586	First Jewish exiles deported to Babylon – Daniel Second deportation to Babylon – Ezekiel Jerusalem destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar; Temple destroyed Third deportation to Babylon
Daniel 5:30-31	539	Cyrus, King of Persia, conquers Babylon – Babylon falls Cyrus gives Darius the Mede oversight of Babylon
Ezra 1:1-4	538	Cyrus issues his decree to the Jewish exiles, permission for remnant to return to Israel
Ezra 1:5-2:70	537	About 50,000 Jews return to the land, led by (Sheshbazzar) Zerubbabel and Joshua
Ezra 3:1-3	537	Building the altar
Ezra 3:8	536	Building the Temple
Ezra 3:8-13	536	Foundation of the Temple laid
Ezra 4		Work interrupted because of official opposition
	521	Smerdis/Bardia (also called Artaxerxes; Ezra 4:7-23); but not Ezra 7:1 – Artaxerxes; stopped the work on Temple (5:23); he was killed by Darius I
Hag. 1:1,14-15 Ezra 5:1-2	520	Under Darius I and ministry of Haggai and Zechariah, work resumed
Ezra 6:15	516	The Temple completed/dedication of Temple
Esther 2:16	479	Meanwhile back in Persia – Esther is queen (484-465 B.C.)
Ezra 8:32	458	Ezra the scribe arrives in Jerusalem
Neh. 2:1-8	445	Nehemiah approaches King Artaxerxes
Neh. 2:9-11	444	Nehemiah arrives; walls rebuilt, gates restored
Neh. 13:6	433	Nehemiah travels to see Artaxerxes
		Nebuchadnezzar 605-562 B.C.
		Cyrus the Great 539-530 B.C.
		Cambyses II, son of Cyrus 530-522 B.C. (not listed in O.T.)
		Darius I 522-486 B.C.
		Ahasuerus or Xerxes 486-465 B.C.
		Artaxerxes, son of Xerxes 464-424 B.C. (Ezra 7:1, 13)
		Xerxes II
		Darius II 423-404 B.C.
		Darius III 336-330 B.C.
		Daniel 11:2, Cyrus was ruling when Daniel wrote this
		Four more kings?
		Cambyses
		Smerdis
		Darius I
		Xerxes, he was the richest