

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. 597 586 539 538 537 536 536 521 520 516 479 458 445 444 433	First Jewish exiles deported to Babylon – Daniel Second deportation to Babylon – Ezekiel Jerusalem destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar; Temple destroyed Third deportation to Babylon Cyrus, King of Persia, conquers Babylon – Babylon falls Cyrus gives Darius the Mede oversight of Babylon Cyrus issues his decree to the Jewish exiles, permission for remnant to return to Israel About 50,000 Jews return to the land, led by (Sheshbazzar) Zerubbabel and Joshua Building the altar Building the Temple Foundation of the Temple laid Work interrupted because of official opposition 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 Under Darius I and ministry of Haggai and Zechariah, work resumed The Temple completed/dedication of Temple Meanwhile back in Persia – Esther is queen (484-465 B.C.) Ezra the scribe arrives in Jerusalem Nehemiah approaches King Artaxerxes Nehemiah arrives; walls rebuilt, gates restored 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

Ezra – Nehemiah - Esther

Book of Ezra covers: 538 - 516
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 Temple rebuilt

458 - 457
 ●——●
 Reform of
 people

Zerubbabel governed: 538 - 516
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Ezra ministered:

458 - 445
 ●—————●

Nehemiah governed:

445 - 425
 ●—————●

Esther as Queen:

478 - 464
 ●—————●

Cambyeses
 530-522
Smerdis
 522

Persian Kings: ● Cyrus ● Darius ● Ahasuerus ● Artaxerxes ●
 559-530 522-486 486-464 464-423

Book of Nehemiah covers:

445 - 425
 ●—————●
 Wall rebuilt | Further reforms of
 people

Book of Esther covers:

483 - 471
 ●—————●
 Preservation
 of Jews