

EZRA

A Scribe of Priestly Descent

BABYLON
CONQUERED
539 BC

PERSIAN KINGS:

Cyrus	550-530 BC
Cambyses	530-522
Darius I	522-486
Xerxes I	486-465 (= Ahasuerus)
Artaxerxes	465-424

RESTORATION OF THE PLACE OF WORSHIP

538 BC
The 1st Return by Cyrus

Cyrus' Decree Permitting the Return	List of the Returning Exiles
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1:1-11 2:1-70

537/6 BC
Revival of Temple Worship

Construction of the Altar (sacrificial system)	Foundation of the Temple Laid
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3:1-6 3:7-13

536-450 BC
Historic Opposition to Rebuilding

During the Reigns of Cyrus & Darius (536-520)	During the Reign of Xerxes I (ca. 485)	During the Reign of Artaxerxes I (ca. 450)
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4:1-5 4:6 4:7-23

520-515 BC
Opposition to the Temple in the Reign of Darius I

Temple Construction Renewed	Enemies Interfere by Appeal to Darius	Darius' Decree to Permit Temple Rebuilt	Successful Completion of Temple
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520 BC
Haggai & Zechariah
4:24-5:2 5:3-17 6:1-12 6:13-22

RESTORATION OF THE PEOPLE FOR YHWH

458/57 BC

The 2nd Return Under Ezra the Scribe

2 nd Return Headed by Ezra the Scribe	Artaxerxes' Authorization for the Return	List of Returnees Under Ezra	Preparations for the Journey	Safe Journey to Jerusalem
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7:1-10 7:11-28 8:1-14 8:15-30 8:31-36

The Problem of Foreign Wives

The Report to Ezra of Mixed Marriages	Ezra's Intercession & Confession to God	People Agree to End Mixed Marriages	The Offenders
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9:1-4 9:5-15 10:1-17 10:18-44

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TO TRACE THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF YHWH WORSHIP UNDER ZERUBBABEL AND JOSHUA
(Focus on Temple Rebuilding)

TO TRACE THE SEPARATION OF THE PEOPLE FROM FOREIGN INFLUENCE

MESSAGE: YHWH Worship is Re-established at Jerusalem Following the Exile Through YHWH's Sovereignty in Permitting the Return and Rebuilding of the Temple Under Zerubbabel (1—6), and the Efforts of Ezra for a Renewed Dedication to the Covenant Law Separate from all Foreign Influence (7-10).

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