

Ezra & Esther - Lesson 1

A Timeline for Ezra and Esther

King David (died 970)
 Divided Kingdom
 Israel exiled to Assyria (720)
 Isaiah preaches to Judah (died 680)

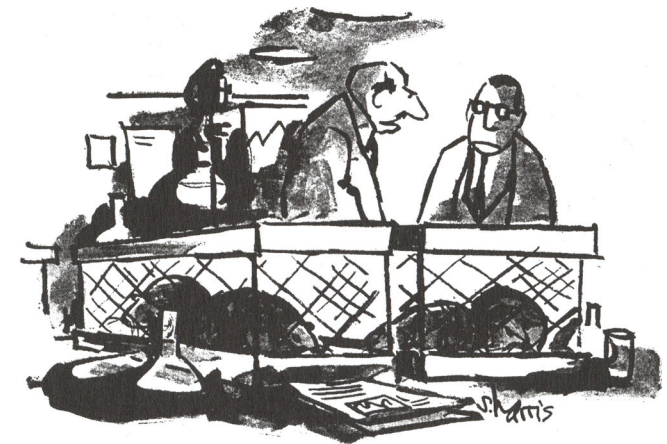
BABYLON	
Nabopolassar (626-605)	Babylon defeats Assyria in 610. Jeremiah preaches in 608.
Nebuchadnezzar (605-562) Daniel 1:1	Battle of Carchemish in 605. Daniel taken captive in 605. Ezekiel taken captive in 597. Jerusalem destroyed in 587. Obadiah preaches in 586. Ezekiel's vision in 573. <i>Buddha is born in 563.</i>
Amel-Marduk (562-560) 2 Kings 25:27-30	
Nergal-Shar-Usur (560-556)	
Labashi-Marduk (556)	
Nabonidus (556-539)	
PERSIA	
Belshazzar (539) Daniel 5:1	Cyrus the Great (559-530) Isaiah 44:28;45:1;45:13 & Ezra 4:5 <i>First Return under Sheshbazzar in 538.</i>
	Cambyses II (530-522) Cambyses conquers Egypt in 525.
	Smerdis (522)
	Darius I (522-486) (Darius the Great, Darius Hystaspes) Ezra 4:5 Haggai & Zechariah preach in 520. Temple completed in 515. <i>Roman Republic founded in 509.</i>
	Xerxes I (486-465) (Ahasuerus) Queen Esther Ezra 4:6 & Esther 1:1 Greeks defeat Persians at Marathon in 490. Battle of Thermopylae in 480. Xerxes captures Athens in 480. Battle of Salamis in 480. Esther becomes Queen in 479. <i>Confucius dies in 479.</i>
	Artaxerxes I (464-424) (Longimanus) Ezra 4:7;7:1 & Neh. 2:1;5:14 <i>Second Return under Ezra in 458.</i> <i>Third Return under Nehemiah in 445.</i> <i>Parthenon is built in 440.</i> Malachi preaches in 433. <i>Plato is born in 427.</i> <i>Herodotus dies in 425.</i>
	Darius II (423-404) <i>Socrates dies in 399.</i>
	Artaxerxes II (404-359) <i>Aristotle is born in 384.</i>
	Artaxerxes III (359-338) <i>Alexander the Great is born in 356.</i>
	Arsas (338-336)
	Darius III (336-331) <i>Persia falls to Alexander the Great in 331.</i>

Why Study Ezra?

Because Ezra Teaches Us About:

- History
- Fulfilled Prophecy
- Leadership
- Dealing with Criticism
- Restoration
- The Church
- God's Plan
- Separation
- Scripture
- Worship
- Prayer
- Faith

We Must Keep the Big Picture in Mind!



"You don't seem to understand, Prescott. We're not trying to cure diseases occurring *only* in guinea pigs."