

# Ezra & Esther - Lesson 28

## 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)	
Belshazzar (539) Daniel 5:1	
PERSIA	
Cyrus the Great (559-530) Isaiah 44:28;45:1,45:13 & Ezra 4:5	Cyrus the Great conquers Babylon in 539. <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> Greeks defeat Persians at Marathon in 490.
Xerxes I (486-465) (Ahasuerus) Queen Esther Ezra 4:6 & Esther 1:1	Battle of Thermopylae in 480. Xerxes captures Athens in 480. Battle of Salamis in 480. <i>Esther becomes Queen in 479.</i> <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>

### Seven Key Themes

- The Law
- The Temple
- The Wall
- Reversal
- Restoration
- The Remnant
- Providence

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