

Ezra/Nehemiah Timeline

Date (approx.)	Kings	Prophets	Book	Event
	Kings of Israel			
1020BC	Saul			Saul becomes first king of Israel
1000BC	David			
961BC	Solomon			
922BC				Kingdom divided between Northern (Israel) and Southern (Judah) Kingdoms
725BC				Northern Kingdom (Israel) defeated by Assyrians and deported
609BC				Kingdom of Assyria falls to the Babylonians
	Kings of Babylon			
605BC	Nebuchadnezzar II			First Deportation of Southern Kingdom (Judah)
597BC				Second Deportation of most of the remaining peoples of Judah
587BC	Belshazzar			Fall of Jerusalem and destruction of the temple by Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon
	Kings of Persia			
539BC	Cyrus		Ezra	Cyrus Becomes King
538BC			Ezra 1-3	Zerubbabel and Joshua return (<i>1st return of exiles</i>)
537BC				Altar built
536BC				Temple begun
534BC			Ezra 4	Temple work stopped
530BC	Cambyses(son of Cyrus)			Period of conflict between rival kings; political turmoil
	Smerdis(rebel, reigns only 7months)			
520BC	Darius 1	Haggai & Zechariah	Ezra 5-6	Temple work resumed
516BC				Temple completed and dedication celebrated
480BC	Xerxes (Ahasuerus)		Esther 1-9	Esther made queen
458BC	Artaxerxes 1		Ezra 7-8	Ezra returns to Jerusalem (<i>2nd return of exiles</i>)
445BC			Nehemiah	Nehemiah returns to Jerusalem to rebuild wall (<i>3rd return of exiles</i>)
433BC		Malachi		Dedication of the wall
				Nehemiah recalled to King Artaxerxes
420BC				Nehemiah returns to Jerusalem again
Some people and events contemporary to of Ezra and Nehemiah: Pythagoras, Confucius, Hippocrates, Socrates, and Plato Persians defeated by Greece at Battle of Marathon 490BC Battle of Thermopylae 480BC				