

THE RETURN OF THE EXILES 539 B.C.-444 B.C.

550	540	530	520	510	500	490	480	470	460	450	440	430		
<p><u>FIRST RETURN</u></p> <p>APPROXIMATELY 2-3 MILLION JEWS IN PERSIA</p> <p><u>CYRUS ISSUES DECREE 539 B.C.</u></p> <p>FOR JEWS TO RETURN TO JERUSALEM AND REBUILD THE TEMPLE.</p> <p>(CALLED THE CYRUS CYLINDER)</p> <p><u>SHESHBAZZAR</u></p> <p>GOVERNOR OF JUDAH EZRA 5:14</p> <p>BROUGHT UP PEOPLE EZRA 1:11</p> <p>42,360 EXILES, PLUS 7,337 SERVANTS</p> <p><u>LAI D TEMPLE FOUNDATION 537 B.C.</u></p> <p>EZRA 5:16</p> <p><u>ZERUBBABEL</u></p> <p>ALSO CAME ON FIRST RETURN</p> <p>REBUILT ALTAR EZRA 3:2</p> <p>FEAST OF TABERNACLES</p> <p>LAI D TEMPLE FOUNDATION 537 B.C.</p> <p>EZRA 3:8</p> <p><u>OPPOSITION</u></p> <p>PEOPLE OF LAND FRUSTRATE THEIR PURPOSE UNTIL REIGN OF DARIUS</p> <p>EZRA 4:4-5</p>	<p>537</p> <p>537</p> <p>536</p>	<p><u>OPPOSITION</u></p> <p>THE PEOPLE OF THE LAND RESTORATION CEASES FOR 16 YEARS (536-520 B.C.)</p> <p>PEOPLE OF THE LAND DISCOURAGE JEWS FROM BUILDING TEMPLES</p> <p>JEWS BECOME PREOCCUPIED W/ BUILDING OWN HOUSES & COMMERCIAL</p> <p>EZRA 4:4</p> <p>EZRA 4:5</p>	<p><u>BUILDING RESUMES</u></p> <p>HAGGAI & ZECHARIAH</p> <p>PROPHETS URGE JEWS TO COMPLETE THE TASK.</p> <p>DURING THIS TIME THE JEWS ARE MORE CONCERNED W/ BUILDING THEIR OWN HOMES AND PURSUING THEIR COMMERCIAL ENDEAVORS THAN W/ BUILDING AND FINISHING GOD'S HOUSE.</p> <p>IN 520 B.C. THEY PROPERTY FINISH THE TEMPLE</p> <p>EZRA 6:1</p> <p><u>BUILDING BEGINS 520 B.C.</u></p> <p>EZRA 5:2</p> <p><u>TATTENI SENDS LETTERS OF OPPOSITION TO DARIUS</u></p> <p>SEARCH FOR ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS</p> <p>CYRUS EDICT FOUND</p> <p>EZRA 6:1-5</p> <p>DARIUS ISSUES DECREE FOR JEWS TO COMPLETE THE REBUILDING</p> <p>EZRA 6:6-12</p> <p>TEMPLE COMPLETED 516 B.C.</p> <p>EZRA 6:14</p> <p>TEMPLE DEDICATED</p> <p>EZRA 6:16-17</p> <p>PASSOVER</p> <p>UNLEAVENED BREAD</p> <p>EZRA 6:19-22</p>	<p>520</p> <p>516</p>	<p><u>DARIUS</u></p> <p>522 B.C. - 486 B.C.</p> <p>SERVED IN ARMY UNDER CYRUS & CAMBYSES</p> <p>SUPPRESSED REBELLION WITHIN PERSIAN EMPIRE</p> <p>GREAT LAW-GIVER OF THE PERSIANS</p> <p>REORGANIZED EMPIRE</p> <p>BUILT SUSAN AND PERSEPOLIS</p> <p>GRANTED JEWS PERMISSION TO RESUME BUILDING OF TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM</p> <p>PERSIA'S MOST CAPABLE LEADER</p>	<p><u>OPPOSITION</u></p> <p>CAMBYSES</p> <p>530-522 B.C.</p> <p>INHERITED THRONE FROM CYRUS</p> <p>CONQUERED EGYPT.</p> <p>COMMITTED SUICIDE ON RETURN TO BABYLON</p>	<p><u>CYRUS</u></p> <p>559 B.C. - 530 B.C.</p> <p>559 B.C. KING OF ANSHAN</p> <p>550 B.C. TAKES OVER MEDIAE EMPIRE</p> <p>547 B.C. CONQUERS LYDIA</p> <p>539 B.C. LIBERATES BABYLON</p> <p>RESTORES GODS TO THEIR TEMPLES</p> <p>& BOLES BACK TO THEIR HOMELANDS</p> <p>BUILT FIRST WORLD EMPIRE</p> <p>DIED IN BATTLE IN NORTHERN FRONTIER</p> <p>ISAIAH PROPHECIED HIS REIGN 200 YRS</p>	<p><u>ESTHER</u></p> <p>483</p> <p>471</p> <p><u>THE STORY OF ESTHER & KING AHAASUERUS</u></p> <p>483-471 B.C.</p> <p>AHAASUERUS DIVORCES VASHTI</p> <p>KING MARRIES ESTHER</p> <p>HAMAN, ENEMY OF JEWS, PROMOTED PRIME MINISTER</p> <p>DECREE TO ANNIHILATE JEWS</p> <p>ESTHER - COUNTER DECREE</p> <p>MORDECAI PROMOTED</p> <p>IN THE BEGINNING OF AHAASUERUS' REIGN, THE PEOPLE OF THE LAND WROTE AN ACCUSATION AGAINST JUDAH AND JERUSALEM</p> <p>EZRA 4:6</p>	<p>483</p> <p>471</p>	<p><u>2ND RETURN</u></p> <p>458 B.C.</p> <p>EZRA RETURNS W/ 1500 JEWS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 38 LEVITES 220 HELPERS 220 HELPER'S <p>JOURNEY 8 1/2 MO.</p> <p><u>EZRA'S MISSION:</u></p> <p>MAKE INQUIRIES OF JUDAH</p> <p>DELIVER GOLD & SILVER</p> <p>AVERT WRATH OF GOD FROM KING</p> <p>SONS EZRA 7:14</p> <p>JUDGE & APPOINT JUDGES EZRA 7:25</p> <p>BRING LAW & TEACH PEOPLE</p> <p>EZRA 7:10/25</p> <p>DISSOLVE MIXED-MARRIAGES</p> <p>EZRA 10</p>	<p>458</p> <p>444</p>	<p><u>OPPOSITION</u></p> <p>OFFERED TO BUILD NEMEMIAH</p> <p>ING WALL - SOMETIME PRAYS & PRAYS FOR GODS</p> <p>BETWEEN EZRA & NEMEMIAH 458-444</p> <p>(CLOSE TO 444 B.C.) REGARD TO JERUSALEM</p> <p>EZRA 4:7-23</p> <p>LETTER SENT TO KING NEMEMIAH</p> <p>WALLS BEING BUILT</p> <p>JERUSALEM REBELLION</p> <p>MISSION TO RETURN TO JERUSALEM</p> <p>445 B.C.</p> <p>NEMEMIAH</p> <p>HANANI & MEN OF JUDAH TELL NEMEMIAH OF THE CONDITION OF THE WALLS</p> <p>444 B.C.</p> <p>NEMEMIAH 1:3</p> <p>WALLS ARE COMPLETED</p> <p>IN 52 DAYS</p>	<p>445</p> <p>444</p>	<p><u>ARTAXERXES I LONGIMANUS</u></p> <p>465 B.C. - 423 B.C.</p> <p>SEIZED FATHER'S THRONE THROUGH ASSASSINATION</p> <p>DISPOSED OF OTHER ASPIRANTS TO THE THRONE</p> <p>SUPPRESSED REBELLION IN EGYPT AND SYRIA</p> <p>NEGOTIATED TREATY WITH ATHENS</p> <p>RELEASED EZRA AND NEMEMIAH TO JOURNEY BACK TO JERUSALEM DURING HIS REIGN.</p>