

Chronology: Ezra-Nehemiah

Dates below are given according to a Nisan-to-Nisan Jewish calendar (see chart on "Hebrew Calendar," p. 21).

Roman numerals represent months; Arabic numerals represent days.

540 B.C.

	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	EVENT	REFERENCE
530	539 B.C.	Oct	12	Capture of Babylon	Da 5:30
	538 to 537	Mar. to Mar.	24 11	Cyrus's first year	Ezr 1:1-4
520	537(?)			Return under Sheshbazzar	Ezr 1:11
	537	VII		Building of altar	Ezr 3:1
510	536	II		Work on temple begun	Ezr 3:8
	536-530			Opposition during Cyrus's reign	Ezr 4:1-5
500	530-520			Work on temple ceased	Ezr 4:24
	520	VI to Sept.	24 21	Work on temple renewed under Darius	Ezr 5:2; Hag 1:14
	516	XII to Mar.	3 12	Temple completed	Ezr 6:15
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480	458	I to Apr.	1 8	Ezra departs from Babylon	Ezr 7:6-9
		V to Aug.	1 4	Ezra arrives in Jerusalem	Ezr 7:8-9
470	458	IX to Dec.	20 19	People assemble	Ezr 10:9
		X to Dec.	1 29	Committee begins investigation	Ezr 10:16
	457	I to Mar.	1 27	Committee ends investigation	Ezr 10:17
460	445 to 444	Apr.	13	20th year of Artaxerxes I	Ne 1:1
		to Apr.	2		
450	445	I to Mar.-Apr.		Nehemiah approaches king	Ne 2:1
		Aug. (?)		Nehemiah arrives in Jerusalem	Ne 2:11
440	445	VI to Oct.	25 2	Completion of wall	Ne 6:15
		VII to Oct. to Nov.	8 5	Public assembly	Ne 7:73-8:1
440	445	VII to Oct.	15-22 22-28	Feast of Tabernacles	Ne 8:14
		VII to Oct.	24 30	Fast	Ne 9:1
430 B.C.	433 to 432	Apr.	1	32nd year of Artaxerxes, Nehemiah's recall and return	Ne 5:14; 13:6
		to Apr.	19		