

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)

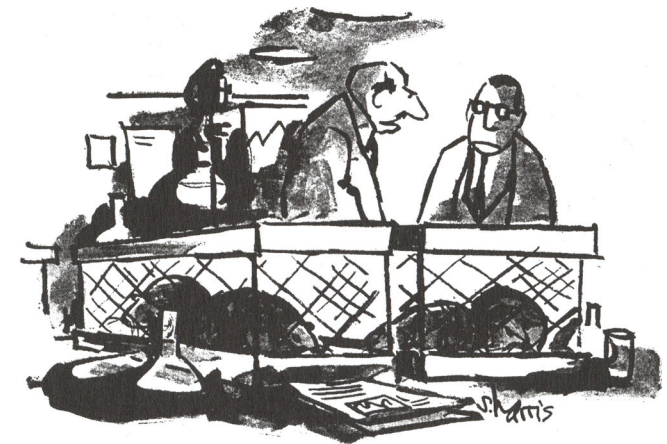
BABYLON	
Nabopolassar (626-605)	Babylon defeats Assyria in 610. Jeremiah preaches in 608.
Nebuchadnezzar (605-562) Daniel 1:1	Battle of Carchemish in 605. Daniel taken captive in 605. Ezekiel taken captive in 597. Jerusalem destroyed in 587. Obadiah preaches in 586. Ezekiel's vision in 573. <i>Buddha 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.”