

PERIOD OF RESTORATION: *Ezra, Nehemiah & Esther*

A Chronological Time Line

DATE	EVENTS	JEWISH WRITING	FOREIGN POWER	JEWISH LEADER	PROPHETS overlap
722	DEPORTATION OF ISRAEL TO ASSYRIA. "Lost tribes of Israel" do not return. Samaritans live in the land of Israel	Isaiah, Micah, Hosea	Assyria	Hosea (Israel) Hezekiah (Judah)	Isaiah, Micah, Hosea
605	Battle of Carchemish – Egypt & Assyria defeated & end of Assyrian Empire. Daniel and group deported to Babylon	Jeremiah	Assyria		Jeremiah
597	Ezekiel and 10,000 captives deported	Lamentations	Babylon		Daniel
586	FALL OF JERUSALEM & TEMPLE BURNED 40,000 deported to Babylon (II Kings 24:1, 10–16, 18; II Chron. 36:11–21; Jer. 52:1–11; Ezek. 1:1–2; Dan. 1:1–7) Jeremiah and group flee to Egypt (Jer. 42:15–22; 44:26–28)		Babylon		Ezekiel
538	Babylon surrenders to Cyrus "the Great" RESTORATION PERIOD BEGINS		Medo–Persia		
537	First group return from Captivity under ZERUBBABEL (Ezra 1:2–4). Restore the Altar & worship			Zerubbabel	Zechariah
535	Second year of Return – Foundation of the TEMPLE begun and stopped by opposition			Ezra	
520	Rebuilding of Temple Resumed				Haggai
516	Temple Finished and Dedicated				
473	Ester is Queen of Persia	Esther			
458	Second group returns to Jerusalem. Synagogues & Scribes founded	Ezra		Nehemiah	Malachi
445	Nehemiah Rebuilds the Walls of Jerusalem	Nehemiah			
433	Nehemiah returns and institutes Reforms	Malachi			
	OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY ENDS WITH THE BOOK OF MALACHI				400 silent years
333	Alexander the Great defeats Darius III		Greece		

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