

Chronological Chart: The Exile and Return

Reign of Nebuchadnezzar	605–562
Ministry of Daniel	600–530?
Reign of Nabonidus	562–539
Belshazzar as Viceroy	?-539
Cyrus the Great	558–529
Fall of Babylon	539
Reign of Cyrus the Great	539–529
Darius the Mede Viceroy in Babylon	539/538
Decree of return	539
Temple foundations laid	536
Reign of Cambyses	529–523
Reign of Darius the Great	522–485
Ministry of Haggai	520/519
Ministry of Zechariah	520–475
Temple completed	516
Reign of Xerxes	485–464
Queen Esther	478/477
Reign of Artaxerxes I	464–424
Ezra comes to Jerusalem	457
Nehemiah governor of Judah	446
Ministry of Malachi	435
Nehemiah governor again	433–430
Old Testament ends	

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¹Larry Richards, *The Bible Reader's Companion*, Includes Index. (Wheaton, Ill.: Victor Books, 1991), 306.