

4,000 bc

exit egypt 1446 bc  
400 yrs slavery 40 yrs wandering

1350 bc  
300 years

605 bc  
70 yrs of silence  
400 years



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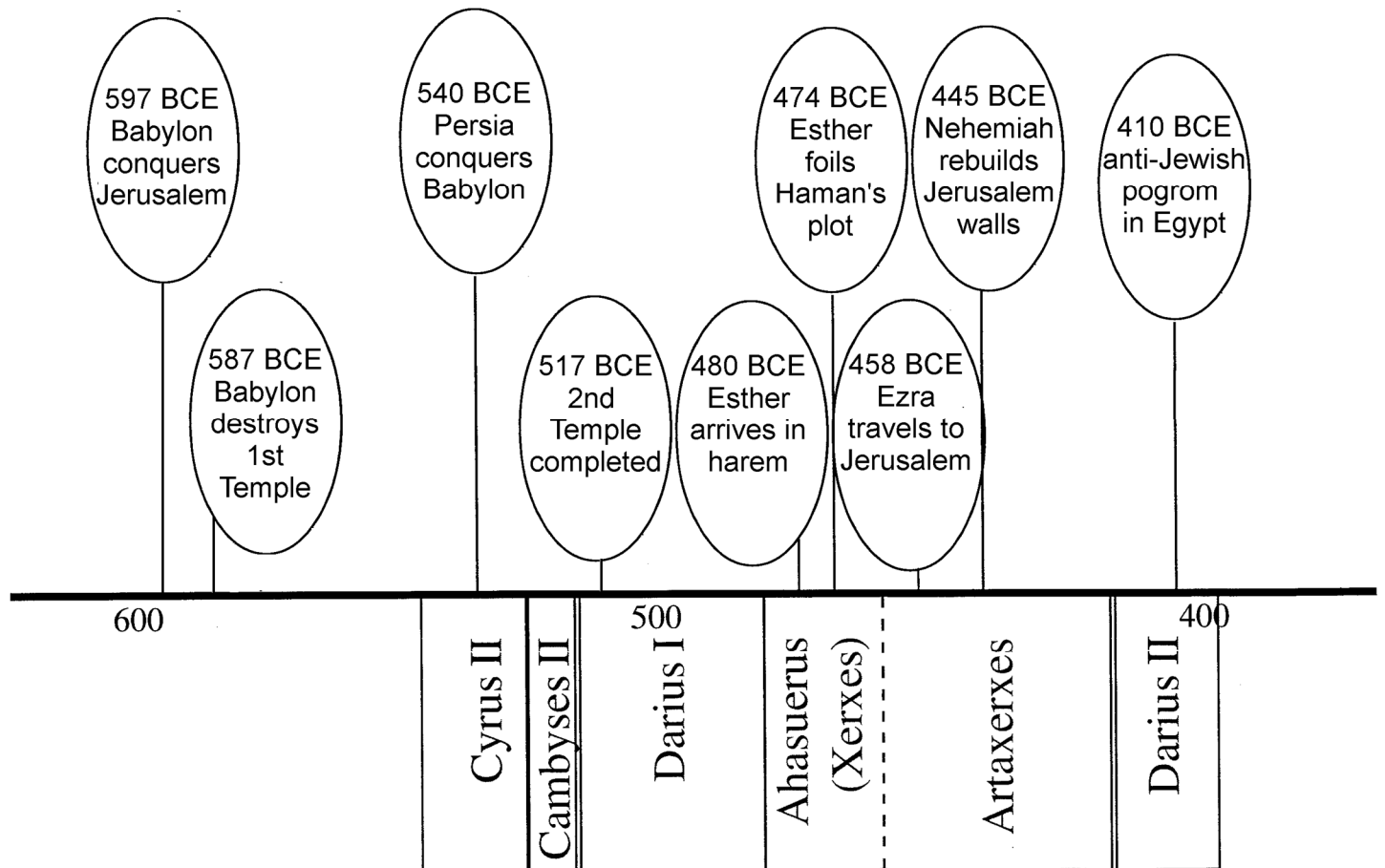
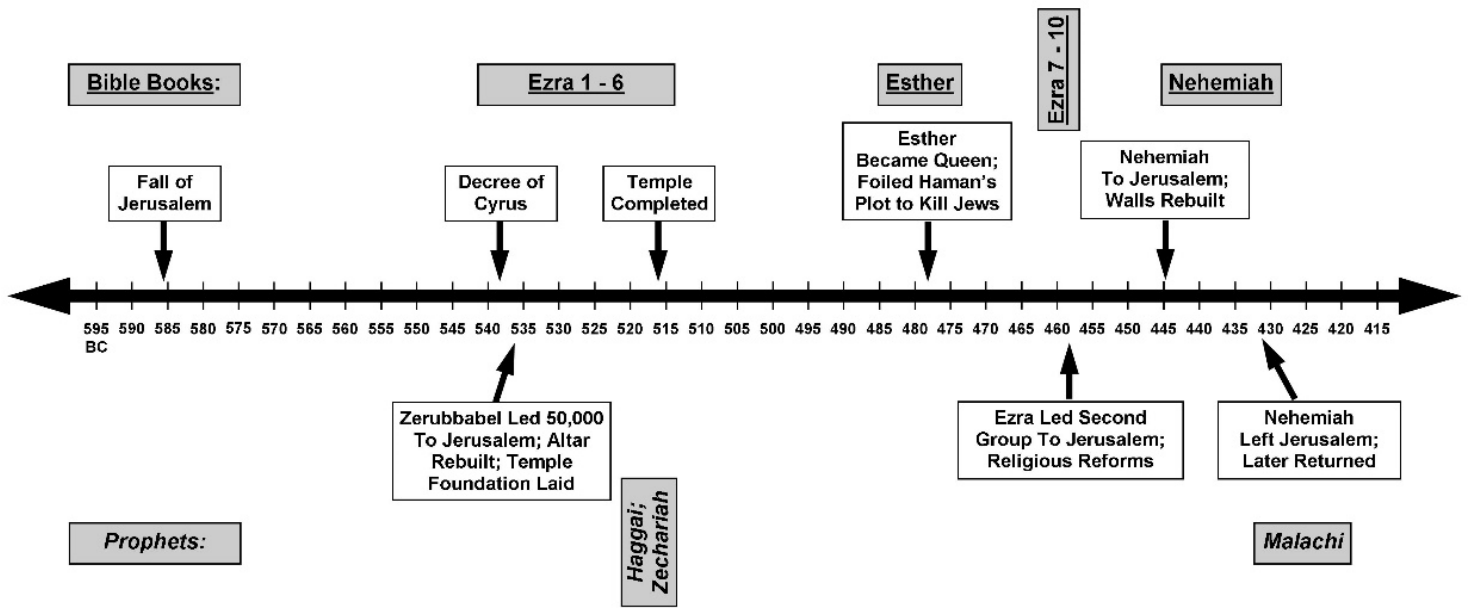
33 AD

100 AD - 2000 yrs till today - future

- 1099 first crusade
- 1346 dark ages
- 1400 reformation
- 1478 spanish inquisition
- 1492 America discovered



# Timeline of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther



# EZRA

	<b>Construction</b> Leader: Zerubbabel		<b>Reformation</b> Leader: Ezra	
CHRONICLES	CENSUS AND JOURNEY	Temple Foundation Opposition Determination Completion	CENSUS AND JOURNEY	Revival Condition Confession Covenant Cleansing
	CHAPTERS 1-2	CHAPTERS 3-6	CHAPTERS 7-8	CHAPTERS 9-10
<b>Emphasis</b>	Construction of the temple		Reformation of the people	
<b>Persian King</b>	Cyrus	Darius	Artaxerxes	
<b>Scope</b>	National	General	Personal	Specific
<b>Theme</b>	Revival and reformation			
<b>Key Verses</b>	1:1-4; 3:2; 7:10			
<b>Christ in Ezra</b>	His birth anticipated in the preservation of the Davidic line and the remnant's return to the Promised Land; His work as spiritual builder and restorer pictured in Zerubbabel and Ezra; His mediating presence and glory pictured in the altar and the temple			

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# NEHEMIAH

	<b>Cupbearer to the King</b>  Prayer May I? You may!	<b>Builder of the Wall</b>  "So the wall was completed . . . in fifty-two days." (6:15)	<b>Governor of the People</b>  Lives changed (8:1-3, 9; 10:28-31)  Nation confronted and cleansed (13:10-30)	
	CHAPTERS 1:1-2:10	CHAPTERS 2:11-6:19	CHAPTERS 7-13	
<b>Location</b>	Susa, Persia		Jerusalem in Judah	
<b>Focus</b>	Leadership of a man		Revival of a nation	
<b>Subject</b>	Burden	Project	Scriptures	Reforms
<b>Difficulties</b>	The King	Enemies	Tradition	Compromise
<b>Victories</b>	Release	Accomplishment	Obedience	Changes
<b>Theme</b>	Nehemiah's trust in the covenant-keeping God			
<b>Key Verses</b>	6:15-16; 8:8-10; 9:1-38			
<b>Christ in Nehemiah</b>	Suggested in Nehemiah, who leaves an exalted position to identify with the plight of his people and lead them into restoration; pictured in Nehemiah's prayerful dependence on God			

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# ESTHER

God's providence among His people during . . .

	Hard Times				Happy Times		
	King's Banquet	Haman's Edict	Queen's Courage	God's Deliverance	Mordecai's Edict	Jews' Rejoicing	Shalom!
	Honoring the kingdom		Urging of Mordecai	Mordecai honored		Enemies destroyed	
	Honoring the new queen		Approaching the king	Haman hanged		Feast established	
	CHAPTERS 1-2	CHAPTER 3	CHAPTERS 4-5	CHAPTERS 6-7	CHAPTER 8	CHAPTER 9	CHAPTER 10
<b>Circumstances</b>	Threat and trust				Deliverance and praise		
<b>Feasts</b>	of the king	of the queen			of the nation		
<b>Dates</b>	483 BC						473 BC
<b>Theme</b>	The sovereign accomplishment of God's purposes through ordinary people and apparent coincidences						
<b>Key Verses</b>	4:12-16; 10:3						
<b>Christ in Esther</b>	Pictured in Esther, who was an advocate for her people, even willing to die for them						

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# JOB

	Introduction to the Suffering	Discussion of the Suffering			Correction in the Suffering	Submission under the Suffering	Restoration from the Suffering	
	Scene 1 Job's purity and prosperity Scene 2 Satan's proposition and Yahweh's permission Scene 3 Satan's persecution and Job's patience Scene 4 Satan's persistence and Yahweh's permission Scene 5 Poverty and plagues CHAPTERS 1-2	Words of Job (Eyes on Self)  Curses birth  Curses life	Words of Three Friends (Eyes on Humanity) Eliphaz → Job Eliphaz → Job Eliphaz → Job Zophar Bildad → Job Zophar Bildad → Job Bildad → Job Job's monologue			Words of Elihu (Eyes on Yahweh) To Job To three friends To Job CHAPTERS 32-37	Words of Yahweh (Emphasis on Sovereignty)  Job's admission Job's confession CHAPTER 42:1-6	Yahweh's anger with the three friends Yahweh's blessing on Job CHAPTER 42:7-17
<b>Key Sections</b>	Historical	Theological / Philosophical			Logical	Revelational	Confessional	Historical
<b>Key People</b>	Job, Yahweh, and Satan	Job, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar			Elihu	Yahweh	Job	Yahweh, Job, and the three friends
<b>Key Sayings</b>	"Have you considered My servant Job?" (1:8)	". . . then Job . . . Eliphaz . . . Bildad . . . Zophar answered"			God does "great things which we cannot comprehend." (37:5)	"Whatever is under the whole heaven is Mine." (41:11)	"Therefore I retract, / And I repent in dust and ashes." (42:6)	The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. (42:12)
<b>Theme</b>	God's sovereignty and humanity's struggle in the midst of suffering							
<b>Key Verse</b>	42:2							
<b>Christ in Job</b>	Job's cry for a mediator (9:33; 33:23-24) and his faith in a Redeemer (19:25-27) foreshadow the intercessory work of Christ.							

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# ISAIAH

	<b>The Judgment of God</b>	<b>The Deliverance of God</b>		
		THE SUPREMACY OF THE LORD	THE SERVANT OF THE LORD	THE FUTURE PLAN OF THE LORD
			Servant Songs: 42:1-9 49:1-13 50:4-11 52:13-53:12	
	CHAPTERS 1-39	CHAPTERS 40-48	CHAPTERS 49-53	CHAPTERS 54-66
<b>Emphasis</b>	The law and judgment for disobedience	God's grace and deliverance Comfort . . . Promise . . .		Hope . . .
<b>"Bible within Bible"</b>	Old Testament	New Testament		
<b>Theme</b>	The justice and mercy of God			
<b>Key Verses</b>	2:3-5; 6:1-3; 53:1-12			
<b>Christ in Isaiah</b>	His first and second advents are prophesied throughout the book (child of a virgin in 7:14, the shoot from the stem of Jesse in chapter 11, the Suffering Servant in chapter 53).			

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# JEREMIAH

	<b>Judah's Sin and Judgment</b>		<b>Prophecies against the Nations</b>	<b>A Sobering Ending</b>
	<u>Jeremiah's call</u>	<u>Exhortations to Judah</u>	Egypt      Damascus Philistia      Kedar and Hazor	Jerusalem <u>in ruins</u>
	<u>Idolatry</u>	Promises of restoration (30-33)	Moab      Elam	
	<u>Corrupt leadership</u>	Fall of Jerusalem and aftermath (39-45)	Ammon      Babylon	
	<u>Moral compromise</u>		Edom	
	CHAPTERS 1-45		CHAPTERS 46-51	CHAPTER 52
<b>Theme</b>	Judgment is coming; repent!			
<b>Key Verses</b>	7:23-24; 8:11-12, 21; 9:23-24; 31:1-40			
<b>Christ in Jeremiah</b>	The fountain of living waters (2:13); the righteous Branch, the coming Shepherd, the Lord our righteousness (23:4-6); the New Covenant (31:31); Redeemer (50:34)			

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# EZEKIEL

	<p><b>About the Prophet</b></p> <p>EZEKIEL'S CALL AND COMMISSION</p> <p>God's hand on him</p> <p>God's word in him</p> <p>God's message through him</p> <p>CHAPTERS 1-3</p>	<p><b>Judgment on Judah</b></p> <p>GOD'S GLORY DEPARTS</p> <p>CHAPTERS 4-24</p>	<p><b>Judgment on the Nations</b></p> <p>ALL NATIONS ANSWER TO GOD</p> <p>CHAPTERS 25-32</p>	<p><b>Restoration of God's People</b></p> <p>GOD'S GLORY RETURNS</p> <p>CHAPTERS 33-48</p>
<b>Theme</b>	God will be known through His judgment and restoration; God is sovereign over heaven and earth.			
<b>Key Verse</b>	39:28			
<b>Christ in Ezekiel</b>	The tender twig that becomes a stately cedar (17:22-24); the caring Shepherd (chapter 34)			

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# DANIEL

	<p><b>Biographical Section</b> Daniel Interprets Others' Dreams</p> <p>MAIN EMPHASIS: DANIEL THE PROPHET</p> <p>Introduction and setting (1)</p> <p>Nebuchadnezzar's apocalyptic dream (2)</p> <p>Historical narratives (political and personal) (3-6)</p> <p>CHAPTERS 1-6</p>	<p><b>Prophetical Section</b> Angel Interprets Daniel's Dreams</p> <p>MAIN EMPHASIS: THE PROPHECIES OF DANIEL</p> <p>Daniel's foundational vision (7)</p> <p>Prophetic visions (near and far) (8-12)</p> <p>CHAPTERS 7-12</p>	
	<p>POLITICAL POWERS</p> <p><b>Babylonian Rule</b> Nebuchadnezzar Belshazzar</p>	<p>... IN DANIEL'S DAY</p> <p><b>Medo-Persian Rule</b> Darius Cyrus</p>	<p>... AND AFTERWARD</p> <p><b>Grecian Rule</b> Alexander the Great Four generals</p> <p><b>Roman Rule</b> Last of the Gentile powers</p>
<b>Theme</b>	God's sovereignty over kingdoms and His unfolding plan for the future		
<b>Key Verses</b>	2:20-22, 44; 4:34-37		
<b>Christ in Daniel</b>	The stone that will crush earth's kingdoms (2:34-35, 44); Son of Man (7:13-14); the coming Messiah who will be crucified (9:25-26)		

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# JONAH

	Running from God	Running to God	Running with God	Running against God
	First commission of Jonah	Prayer of Jonah	Second commission of Jonah	Prejudice of Jonah
	Results of disobedience	Communication with the Lord	Results of obedience	Lessons from the Lord
	CHAPTER 1	CHAPTER 2	CHAPTER 3	CHAPTER 4
<b>Theme</b>	God's infinite mercy for all people; our reluctance to share His mercy			
<b>Key Verses</b>	2:9; 4:11			
<b>Christ in Jonah</b>	Jonah's three days in the fish anticipates Christ's death and resurrection. The Ninevites' salvation represents the salvation available to all people in Christ.			

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<b>Key Verses</b>	4:6; 8:3; 9:9-10
<b>Christ in Zechariah</b>	Zechariah is second only to Isaiah in its number of messianic passages. Among Zechariah's explicit references to Christ are the angel of the Lord (3:1-2); the righteous Branch (3:8; 6:12-13); the King-Priest (6:13); the cornerstone, tent peg, and bow of battle (10:4); the good shepherd who is sold for thirty pieces of silver (11:4-13); the pierced One (12:10); and the coming Judge and righteous King (14).

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# HAGGAI

	First Message:	Second, Third, and Fourth Messages:
	Rebuild God's temple	Encouragement and Hope
	Rebuke	"Take courage!"
	Reflection	"I will bless you!"
	Divine discipline	"I have chosen you!"
	Repentant response	
	"I am with you"	
	CHAPTER 1	CHAPTER 2
<b>Time</b>	Twenty-three days	Over two months
<b>Emphasis</b>	Practical, negative, confronting	Spiritual, positive, comforting
<b>Scope</b>	Present condition of Jerusalem temple	Future glory of God's house
<b>Theme</b>	We must put God first in order to experience His blessings.	
<b>Key Verses</b>	1:4-5; 2:7-9	
<b>Christ in Haggai</b>	Christ's presence in this temple, which was further expanded and adorned by Herod, is "the latter glory . . . greater than the former" (2:9). Jesus is "our peace" (Ephesians 2:14). His death on the cross has made us at peace with God now, and His future rule in His glorious kingdom will establish worldwide peace (Haggai 2:9). The righteous leader Zerubbabel is also a type of Christ and part of Jesus's genealogy.	

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# MALACHI

	<b>Love</b>	<b>Rebuke</b>		<b>Hope</b>
		<b>Against the Priests</b>	<b>Against the People</b>	
	<u>Unconditional</u>	<u>Irreverence</u>	<u>Intermarriage with pagans</u>	<u>Fire</u>
	<u>Almighty</u>	<u>Disobedience</u>	<u>Indifference</u>	<u>Healing</u>
	<u>Sovereign</u>	<u>Cynicism</u>	<u>Robbing God / no tithes</u>	<u>“Elijah”</u>
		<u>Hypocrisy</u>	<u>Blasphemy</u>	<u>Family</u>
		<u>Offense</u>		
	<i>CHAPTER</i> 1:1–5	<i>CHAPTERS</i> 1:6–2:9	<i>CHAPTERS</i> 2:10–3:15	<i>CHAPTERS</i> 3:16–4:6
<b>Content</b>	Theological	Historical		Prophetical
<b>Direction</b>	Looking up	Looking in		Looking ahead
<b>Theme</b>	God cites the priest and the people with failure to keep His covenant but offers the hope of the Messiah, the messenger of the covenant who will bring justice and salvation.			
<b>Key Verse</b>	3:1			
<b>Christ in Malachi</b>	Malachi anticipates the first and second advents of Christ, who will fulfill God’s covenant with the Jews (3:1), judge sinners (3:2–5), and bring healing to those who fear the Lord (4:2).			