

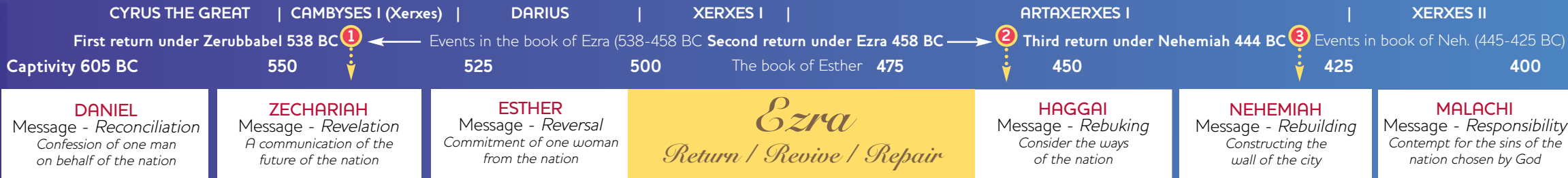
Ezra means 'help'.

'Let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold', Ezra 1. 4

'And with them the prophets of God helping them', Ezra 5. 2

'For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us', Ezra 8. 22

'Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them', Ezra 8. 22



Relief of Artaxerxes II on his tomb at Persepolis, Iran.

The Elephantine papyri dated to 407 BC,

It mentions the Jewish high priest Johanan during Darius II's reign, mentioned in Ezra 10. 6 after the reign of Darius Ezra 6. 1 and during the rule of Artaxerxes Ezra 7. 1 supporting the chronological sequence.

The SON | The SCRIBE | The TEACHER | The PRIEST

'The son of Seraiah', 7. 10

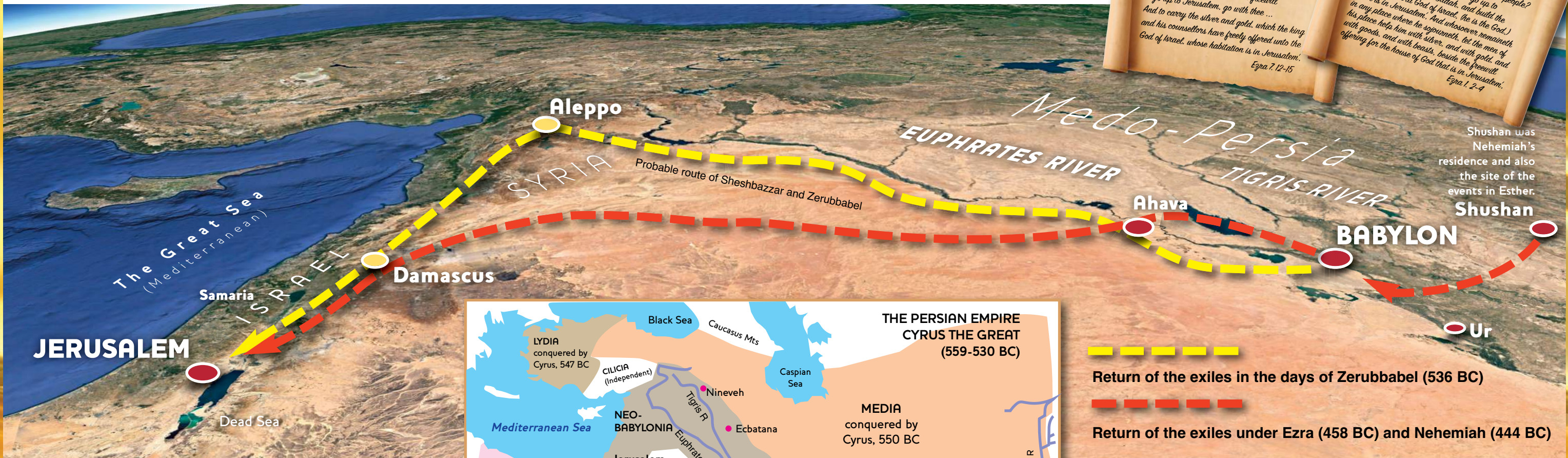
'Who was ready', 7. 6

'Ezra prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel', 7. 10

'Ezra the priest, even a scribe', 7. 11



Shushan was Nehemiah's residence and also the site of the events in Esther.



Ch 1-6 Return of the people with Zerubbabel to build the temple

- 1 The proclamation of Cyrus to return as prophesied by Daniel
- 2 The population that returned, the people restored
- 3 The priority for the altar and the feast before the foundation
- 4 The problem of opposition to work from the Samaritans
- 5 The prophets Haggai and Zechariah help in renewing the work
- 6 The papyrus of Cyrus found by Darius and the Temple is finished

Ch 7-10 Return of more people with Ezra to build a priesthood

- 7 Ezra the priest receives a letter to return and prepares through the word
- 8 Ezra's problem of missing Levites to serve God because of intermarriage
- 9 Ezra's prayer for repentance, revival and repair; the people's confession
- 10 The people are gathered and promise to separate from the world

Under Zerubbabel	Men 24254	Priests 4389	Levites 74	Singers 128	Porters 139	Nethinim 392	Israelites 652	Servants 7737	Singers 200	Under Ezra	Males 1154	Levites 38	Nethinim 220
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'Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones', Ezra 8. 21