CYRUS THE GREAT | CAMBYSES I (Xerxes) |

550

525

'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

JERUSALEM

XERXES I

ARTAXERXES I

First return under Zerubbabel 538 BC 👤 🚤 Events in the book of Ezra (538-458 BC Second return under Ezra 458 BC — > 2 Third return under Nehemiah 444 BC 3 Events in book of Neh. (445-425 BC) 450 425

Singers 200

DANIEL

Captivity 605 BC

Message - Reconciliation Confession of one man on behalf of the nation

ZECHARIAH

Message - Revelation A communication of the future of the nation

ESTHER Message - Reversal Commitment of one woman from the nation

DARIUS

Ezra Return / Revive / Repair

The book of Esther 475

HAGGAI Message - Rebuking Consider the ways

of the nation

NEHEMIAH Message - Rebuilding Constructing the wall of the city

MALACHI Message - Responsibility Contempt for the sins of the nation chosen by God

Relief of Artaxerxes II on

his tomb at Persepolis, Iran.

Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra

the priest. a scribe of the law of the God of

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

The SON | The SCRIBE | The TEACHER | The PRIEST

'The son of Seraiah', 7.10 'Who was ready', 7.6

'Ezra prepared his heart to

'Ezra the priest,

en, perfect peace, and at such a time. make a decree, that all they of the people of srael, and of his priests and Levites, in my rea seek the law of the Lord, and to even a scribe', 7.11 Ezra 7.1 supporting the chronological sequence. which are minded of their own freewill do it, and to teach in Israel', 7, 10 to go up to Serusalem, go with thee And to carry the silver and gold. which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the Aleppo Damascus THE PERSIAN EMPIRE **CYRUS THE GREAT**

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

- The proclamation of Cyrus to return as prophesied by Daniel The population that returned, the people restored
- The priority for the altar and the feast before the foundation The problem of opposition to work from the Samaritans
- The prophets Haggai and Zechariah help in renewing the work

The papyrus of Cyrus found by Darius and the Temple is finished

Under Zerubbabel 24254 **Priests** 4389 Levites 74

NEO-BABYLONIA Mediterranean Sea Jerusalem **EGYPT** BABYLONIAN **EGYPT EMPIRE** conquered by Cyrus' conquered by Cyrus in 539 BC Cambuses in 520 BC

Porters 139

Singers 128

LYDIA

MEDIA conquered by Cyrus, 550 BC Pasargadae **PERSIA** (559 BC)

Servants

(559-530 BC)

7737

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

Under Ezra. Males.

Return of the exiles in the days of Zerubbabel (536 BC)

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

1154. **Levites** 38. **Nethinim** 220

Return of the exiles under Ezra (458 BC) and Nehemiah (444 BC)

vents in Esther. Shushan

Ezra's prayer for repentance, revival and repair; the people's confession

The people are gathered and promise to separate from the world

Israelites

Ecbatana

Nethinim.