

Return from Babylon

Ezra, Haggai, Zechariah, & Nehemiah

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<u>Ezra</u>	<u>The Kings of Persia</u>
Chapters 1-2; Return I (Zerubbabel) • The Decree of Cyrus (538 BC) • Journey to Jerusalem (537 BC) Chapters 3, 5-6; Rebuild (Temple) • Construction begins (536 BC) • Construction stops (535 BC) • Construction restarts (520 BC) • Ministry of the Prophets (520 BC) ○ Haggai ○ Zechariah Chapters 4, 7-8; Return II (Ezra) Chapters 9-10; Reform (of the people)	• Cyrus the Great (559-530 BC) • Cambyses (530-522 BC) • Bardiya (the Imposter - 522 BC) • Darius I (522-486 BC) • Xerxes I (485-465 BC) • Artaxerxes I (465-424 BC)

EZRA

I. First Return

- A. The Decree of Cyrus the Great (chapter 1)
- B. Zerubbabel Leads the Return (chapter 2)

II. Rebuilding the Temple

- A. Yeshua: Alter & Temple Foundation (chapter 3)
- B. Opposition to the Temple (4:1-5)
- C. Suspension of the Temple (4:24)
- D. Completion of the Temple (chapters 5-6)
- E. The Parenthetical Letters (4:6-23)

III. Second Return

- A. Ezra Leads the 2nd Return (chapter 7)
- B. Levites Follow (chapter 8)

IV. Reform

A. Private Intercession (chapter 9)

- 1. Marital Fidelity and the Covenant (9:1-5)
- 2. Ezra's Confession (9:6-15)

B. Public Confession (chapter 10)