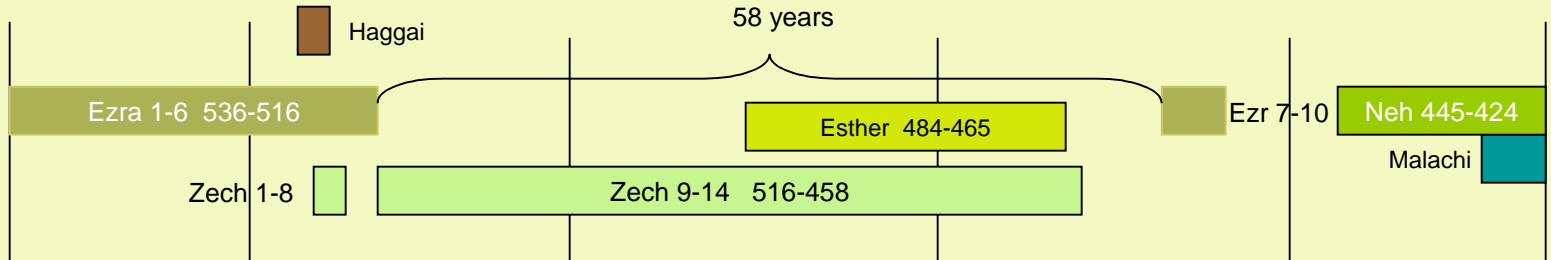


Return from Babylon

538 BC 525 BC 500 BC 475 BC 450 BC 424 BC



Returning

- 1st return Zerubbabel 538 Approx 50,000 (To Build the House of God)
- 78 Years
- 2nd return Ezra 458 Approx 7,000 (To Beautify the House of God Ezra 7:27)
- Nehemiah 1st Returns 445
- Nehemiah 2nd Returns 424
- Nehemiah Returns to Babylon 433

Rebuilding

- 537: Work Stops
- 536: Work resumes
- 520: Temple Complete
- 516: Temple Complete
- Ezr 3
- Ezr 3-6
- Nehemiah returns With a burden to build the wall (2 month project) Neh 1-7

Reforming

- Under Zerubbabel:**
 - Exclusion of non priest Ezr 2
 - Re-institution of sacrifices, Ezr 3
 - Feast of Tabernacles kept, Ezr 3
 - Purification of the priests, Ezr 6
 - Separation from the filth of the Nations, Ezr 6
 - Passover and Unleavened Bread kept, Ezra 6
- Haggai Zechariah (Ezr 5:1):**
 - Rebuke for wrong priorities, Haggai
 - Promise of God's presence, Haggai
 - God's future purposes, Haggai
 - God was behind this work, Zech
- Ezra's Reforms:**
 - Ezra corrects Mixed marriages, Ezr 9-10
 - Nehemiah corrects greed and oppression Neh 5
 - Teaching of Ezra results in confession and a commitment to obedience and separation, Neh 8-10
- Nehemiah's Reforms:**
 - Nehemiah corrects mixed marriages, withholding tithes, removes foreigners from Temple, Sabbath abuse, desecration of priesthood, Neh 13
 - Malachi corrects the questioning of God's love, polluted offerings, corrupt priest, infidelity in marriage, robbing God, Malachi 1-4

Resistance

- Opposition to the Temple:**
 - “Let us build with you”, Ezr 4
 - Trouble for builders Ezr 4
 - Threatening letters, Ezr 4,5
 - It's not the time to build, Hag 1
- Building stops For 16 yrs Resumes after ministry of Hag and Zech**
- Opposition to the Wall, Neh 3,4:**
 - Some nobles unwilling to work
 - Contempt for the people
 - Contempt for the wall
 - Conspiracies to attack
 - Strength failing, too much rubbish
 - Too dangerous
- Keep working Keep swords ready**
- Opposition to the Wall, Neh 6:**
 - Death threats
 - Slander
 - Frightening letters
 - Enemy ties
- Ignore them Keep working**

Cyrus 550-530 Various references	Darius Ezr 4:5; Hag 1:1; Zec 1:1 521-486	Ahasuerus (Xerxes) Ezr 4:6; Esther 485-464	Artaxerxes I Ezr 7:1; Neh 2:1;5:14 464-424	Darius the Persian Neh 12:22 423-404
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