

Jewish Return Timeline

Babylonian Rule	(605-559)	
Deportation 1	(597)	
Deportation 2	(587)	
Deportation 3/destruction	(582)	
Persian Leaders		
Cyrus the Great	(559-530)	Order to restore Jerusalem/Temple 538 First Return under Sheshbazzar (538-520)
Cambyses II	(530-522)	Work on Temple halted
Darius I	(522-486)	Second Return under Zerubbabel and Jeshua Prophets Haggai and Zechariah Second Temple completed 516 (restarted 521)
Xerxes I	(486-465)	
Artaxerxes I	(465-424)	Jerusalem construction (445) Third and Return Ezra? and Nehemiah (458-443)
Xerxes II	(424)	
Darius II	(423-405)	
Artaxerxes II	(404-358)	Fourth return under Ezra?
Artaxerxes III	(358-338)	
Artaxerxes IV	(338-336)	
Darius III	(336-330)	
Greeks		
Alexander the Great	(330-323)	
Ptolemy	(323-312)	
Seleucids	(312-143)	Temple desecrated 167 BCE
Maccabees	(143-63)	Temple rededicated 164 BCE
Rome	(63- 637 CE)	Second Temple destroyed 70 CE