vents in Esther. Shushan

– 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

CYRUS THE GREAT | CAMBYSES I (Xerxes) |

XERXES I First return under Zerubbabel 538 BC 0 - Events in the book of Ezra (538-458 BC Second return under Ezra 458 BC -> 0 Third return under Nehemiah 444 BC 0 Events in book of Neh. (445-425 BC)

The book of Esther 475

**ARTAXERXES I** 

XERXES II

**DANIEL** 

Captivity 605 BC

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

**ZECHARIAH** 

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Message - Revelation A communication of the future of the nation

Damascus

**ESTHER** Message - Reversal Commitment of one woman from the nation

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Ezra Return / Revive / Repair

**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.

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

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'The son of Seraiah', 7.10 'Who was ready', 7.6 'Ezra prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to

Antaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra he priest, a scribe of the law of the God of eaven, perfect peace, and at such a time. make a decree, that all they of the people of 'Ezra the priest, Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realn even a scribe', 7.11 which are minded of their own freewill do it, and to teach in Israel', 7.10 to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee And to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the

EUPHRATES RIVER

Aleppo

**JERUSALEM** 

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

- The problem of opposition to work from the Samaritans
- The prophets Haggai and Zechariah help in renewing the work

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 papyrus of Cyrus found by Darius and the Temple is finished 24254 **Priests** 4389 **Levites** 74 Under Zerubbabel

THE PERSIAN EMPIRE **CYRUS THE GREAT** LYDIA (559-530 BC) Cyrus 547 BC **MEDIA** NEOconquered by Mediterranean Sea BABYLONIA Echatana Cyrus, 550 BC Jerusalem **EGYPT**  Pasargadae BABYLONIAN **EGYPT** PERSIA **EMPIRE** conquered (559 BC) by Cyrus' conquered by Cyrus in 539 BC Cambyses in 520 BC Indian Ocea

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

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

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

Ezra the priest receives a letter to return and prepares through the word Ezra's problem of missing Levites to serve God because of intermarriage

Under Ezra. Males. 1154. Levites 38. Nethinim 220

- Ezra's prayer for repentance, revival and repair; the people's confession
- The people are gathered and promise to separate from the world

'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

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Israelites

Servants

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Nethinim.