

The Biblical Account of the Exile and Restoration of Judah

Ezra used a variety of sources in his writings including several accounts of the Kingdom of Judah Lists of returning exiles, letters and documents to and from Persian Kings, and material from Nehemiah's Journal.

EZRA - NEHEMIAH

1 & 2 Chronicles

Ezra's account of the Kingdom of Judah and its fall and exile because of sin.

Jeremiah

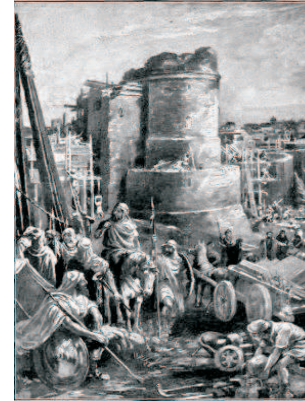
Wept over Jerusalem and was taken into exile in Egypt

Ezekiel & Daniel

Two prophets ministering to the exiles in Babylon/ Persian

Haggai & Zechariah

Two prophets that encouraged the work of completing the Temple



Chronicles ends as Ezra begins. Ezra & Nehemiah were one book in the Hebrew Bible until divided when the OT was translated into Greek.

Malachi

A prophetic voice when Nehemiah was Governor

Exile

God's people dispersed throughout Mesopotamia and Egypt.

Only remnants would return

Cyrus commands in 538

1st Return

see Ezra 1-6

Joshua and Zerubbabel start rebuilding of the Temple

Despite opposition, the Second Temple finished during Darius' reign (515)

Esther

The exiles remaining are saved with Queen Esther's help

Appointed Governor by Artaxerxes, The Scholar - Priest Ezra led a

2nd Return

in 457 See Ezra 7-10 Ezra enforced Jewish law

Appointed by Artaxerxes, Nehemiah, his cupbearer,

Rebuilt Walls

in (445) Neh 1-12 and restored the population

He returned in 433 to bring more reforms Neh 13.

Opponents to Nehemiah: Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite and Gershem the Arab

Nebuchadnezzar

Destroyed Jerusalem in 587 and relocated the population of Judah in a 70 year **Exile**

His successors ruled until the Fall of Babylon in 538

Cyrus II

The Great (549-530 BC)

Fall of Media (549)
Fall of Lydia (539)

Cambyses

(530-520 BC)

Fall of Egypt (525)

Darius I

The Great (521-486 BC)

Greece: defeat at Marathon (491)

Xerxes I

Ahasuerus (486-465 BC)

defeats at Thermopylae & Salamis (480)

Artaxerxes I

(465-424 BC)

Neo-Babylonian

Empire (626-539 BC)

Persian (Achaemenid Dynasty)

Empire (700-330 BC)

See <http://www.eldrbarry.net/clas/restoration.pdf> for hot links to Wikipedia pages.