

# Integration of the Biblical Account and the Kings of Persia

Cyrus II -  
550-530 BC

- 537**- The Proclamation of Cyrus - The Exiles Return: **Ezra 1-2**
- 535**- Temple Work Begins: **Ezra 3**
- Directive to the Jews to rebuild the Temple and first return of the exiles to Jerusalem

Cambyses  
530-522

- Malachi 1-4**

Darius I  
522-486

- 520**- The Word of the LORD by Haggai - Zechariah: **Haggai 1-2, Zechariah 1-14**
- 520**- Temple Work Resumed by Darius I Decree: **Ezra 6**
- 515**- Completion and Dedication of the Temple: **Ezra 6:16**
- 515**- Temple rebuilt. In the book of Daniel, Darius has the old title of Darius I

Xerxes  
486-465

- Esther 1-10**

Artaxerxes I  
465-424

- 458**- Ezra Journeys to Jerusalem & Commissioned by Artaxerxes: **Ezra 7**
- 457**- Families Return to Jerusalem with Ezra- Ezra's Reforms: **Ezra 8-9**
- 456**- Ezra's Prayer About Intermarriage: **Ezra 10**
- Currently most widely accepted period for arrival of Ezra "in the seventh year of Artaxerxes"
- Second return of the exiles to Jerusalem 445-433- Nehemiah's Mission