

A sequence for Reading of: *Ezra, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Obadiah, and Nehemiah*

1 - The Building of the Temple

The work of Joshua and Zerubbabel [aka. Sheshbazzar]

[Ezra 2.2;3.2]

538 BC Cyrus commissions the building of the house of God [2C 36.22-23; Ezra 1.2-4]

7 months later Men come to Jerusalem and Judah with Zerubbabel
The altar is built [Ezra 2.2; 3.2]

536 In the second year of coming the foundation of the Temple is laid [Ezra 3.6-13]

The people of the land are re-buffed by Zerubbabel and Joshua [Ezra 4.1-5]

Work stops [Ezra 4.24], while a search is made for Cyrus' initial decree [Ezra 5.1-6.12]

521 Work resumes in the second year of the reign of **Darius I Hystapes [522-486]**
[Ezra 4.24]

1.6.521 Haggai prophesies [Haggai 1.1]

24.6.521 Zerubbabel and Joshu begin their work [Haggai 1.12-15]

21.7.521 Haggai prophesies [Haggai 2.1-9]

8.521 Zechariah prophesies [Zech 1.1-6]

24.9.521 Haggai prophesies twice on this day [Haggai 2.10-23]

24.11.521 Zechariah prophesies [Zech 1.7 - 6.15]

4.9.519 Zechariah prophesies [Zech 7.1-8.23]

3 Adar 516 The Temple is completed [Ezra 6.13-15]

483 During the reign of **Xerxes I [486-465]**, Queen Vashti disobeys
Esther becomes queen in her place, Mordecai informs of a plot Esther 1-2

474 Haman causes the king to make a decree against the Jews
They are to be slain 13th day of the 12th month [Adar]. Esther 3

Esther intercedes, Mordecai is honoured, the Jews are saved Esther 4-10

2 - The work of Ezra - during the reign of Artaxerxes I Longimanus [464-423]

459 Priests, Levites, singers and gatekeepers precede Ezra on his
journey to Jerusalem Ezra 7.7

1.1.457 Ezra sets out from Babylon Ezra 7.9

1-12.1.457 The journey: How they assembled at the River Ahava
From the River Ahava to Jerusalem Ezra 8.1-30
Ezra 8.31-36

1.5.457 Ezra arrives in Jerusalem after 4 months journey
What Artaxerxes decreed is recorded for us Ezra 7.9
Ezra 7.11-28

Prayer of Confession Ezra 9
The people repent concerning intermarriage Ezra 10.1-4
Proclamation made Ezra 10.5-8

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457	Malachi speaks of seven statements of God to which the people delay by asking, "How?"	Malachi 1-4
20.9.457	Men of Judah and Benjamin assemble at Jerusalem and they agree to an investigation taking place	Ezra 10.9-15
1.1.456	The investigation is finished List of people who separate from their foreign wives	Ezra 10.16-17 Ezra 10.18-44
450	The Prophet Obadiah speaks a vision concerning Edom	Obadiah

3 - The building of the Walls of Jerusalem The work of Nehemiah

Chislev 444	Nehemiah hears of the state of the walls of Jerusalem. He prays	Neh 1.1-2,4-11
Nisan 445	Nehemiah is commissioned by Artaxerxes and is appointed the governor from 445-431.	Neh 2.1-8 Neh 2.6; 5.14;13.6
440	Arrives in Jerusalem and observes the walls The entrances to Jerusalem are finished	Neh 2.9-20 Neh 3
August 439	Sanballat, the governor of Samaria, opposes the work. The workers are armed Nehemiah rebukes Jews who are enslaving one another	Neh 4 Neh 5.1-19
Dec 437	Wall is finished, ie raised, in 52 days Gates are hung, guards are appointed. There are few people	Neh 6.15 Neh 7.1-4
7.445	Census is taken of the people, most are in cities	Neh 7.5-73
1.7.445	The people gather to Ezra to hear the Law	Neh 8.2-12
2.7.445	The feast of Tabernacles is celebrated from the 2.7-2.8 445	Neh 8.13-18
24.7.445	Sackcloth and fasting The people decide to return to the Law A 10th of the people volunteer to live inside Jerusalem The Wall is dedicated	Neh 9.1-38 Neh 10 Neh 11 Neh 12.27
432	Nehemiah returns to Babylon Comes back to Jerusalem and rebukes many.	Neh 13.6