

Some of the Prophecies Fulfilled by the Return of Israel from the Babylonian Exile

Scripture Reference	Prophecy	when made	date fulfilled	Significance
Isaiah 44:28	Cyrus would be used by God to guarantee the return of a remnant. Jerusalem would & the Temple would be rebuilt	688BC	539BC	God named Cyrus, "shepherd," even before he was born. God knows everything. God controls history! Cyrus, king of Persia 559-530BC
Jeremiah 25:12	Babylon would be punished for destroying Jerusalem and exiling God's people	605BC	539BC	Babylon was conquered by Cyrus of Persia. God may seem to allow evil to go unpunished but consequences for sin are inevitable
Jeremiah 29:10	Judah would spend 70 years in exile, after which God would bring His people back to their land.	594BC	538BC	Cyrus allows the return of the Jews to their homeland. The 70 years of captivity can span the years from the first deportation to the first return (70 yrs) or from the destruction of Solomon's Temple in 586BC to the building of the Second Temple in 516BC= 70 yrs.
Daniel 5:17-30	God judged Babylon and her empire was given to the Medes and Persians who would be the next world power	539BC	539BC	Belshazzar was killed that night in a surprise Persian invasion. God's judgment is inevitable; until that time He allows us the freedom to repent and to seek His forgiveness.

SUMMARY THE BOOK OF EZRA

BIBLICAL PERIOD	#9 THE REMNANT OF JUDAH RETURNS			
FOCUS	RESTORATION OF THE TEMPLE		RENEWAL OF THE PEOPLE	
COVENANT	THE SINAI COVENANT			
SCRIPTURE	1:1-----3:1-----7:1-----9:1-----10:44			
DIVISION	THE FIRST EXILES RETURN	REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE	SECOND RETURN OF THE EXILES	RESTORATION OF THE PEOPLE
TOPIC	Joshua and Zerubbabel		Ezra	
	First return = 49,897		Second return = 1,754	
LOCATION	PERSIA TO JERUSALEM		PERSIA TO JERUSALEM	
TIME	22 years [538 – 516 BC]		1 year [458 – 457 BC]	

TIME LINE: [all dates BC]

Judah vassal state of Persia					Greek Empire	Hellenistic period	Hasmonean rule	Roman Empire	
538	516	483-473	458	444	333	323	250	166	63
Decree of King Cyrus allows return to Judah #1	Temple in Jerusalem is rebuilt!	Esther Queen of Persia	#2 return led by the priest Ezra	#3 return led by Nehemiah	Battle of Issus \death of Alexander the Great defeats the Persians	Alexander	Greek translation OT Bible	revolt of the Maccabees	Rome conquers Judah