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 Captivity in Babylon  
 Babylon defeated by the Medes and Persians  
 Exiles freed to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem

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	1335 (1290 +45) days to purify God's people in a time of severe judgment of the wicked	Dan 12:1-13

	<b>Enemies of rebuilding the Temple</b> <b>Timeline Introduction</b> <b>Ezr 4:1</b> Now when the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the people of the exile were building a temple to the LORD God of Israel, ... <b>Ezr 4:5</b> and <b>hired counselors against them</b> to frustrate their counsel <b>all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.</b>	Ezra 4:1-6 Intro
	<b>Ezr 4:6</b> Now in the reign of <b>Ahasuerus</b> , in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.	

	<b>Accusation against Judah and Jerusalem detailed in The Book of Esther</b> <b>Est 1:1</b> Now it took place <b>in the days of Ahasuerus</b> , the <b>Ahasuerus</b> who reigned from <b>India</b> to <b>Ethiopia</b> over 127 provinces, <b>Est 1:2</b> in those days as <b>King Ahasuerus</b> sat on his royal throne which <i>was</i> in <b>Susa the capital</b> ,	Est 1:1-2 Intro
<b>Est 1:3 in the third year of his reign,</b>	<b>Persian King Ahasuerus hosts a party lasting over 180 days</b>	Est 1:3-8
	<b>Queen Vashti is replaced by Esther</b>	Est 1:9-2:15
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Year, 10<sup>th</sup> month of King Ahasuerus</b>	<b>Est 2:16</b> So <b>Esther</b> was taken to <b>King Ahasuerus</b> to his royal palace <b>in the tenth month which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.</b>	Est 2:16-19a Intro

	Esther hides her national origin from King Ahasuerus	Est 2:19b-20
	Esther informs the king of the plot against him as revealed to her by Mordecai	Est 2:21-23
12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> year of Ahasuerus	Haman, whom the king promoted, seeks to exterminate the Jews	Est 3:1-15
	Mordecai informs Esther of Haman's plot to exterminate the Jews	Est 4:1-9
	Esther agrees to help the Jews after being persuaded by Mordecai	Est 4:10-17
13 <sup>th</sup> Year, 1 <sup>st</sup> month, 16 <sup>th</sup> Day of <b>King Ahasuerus</b>	Esther prepares a banquet for the king	Est 5:1-8
	Haman plans to hang Mordecai	Est 5:9-14
	The king honors Mordecai	Est 6:1-14
	Esther reveals Haman's plot to the king	Est 7:1-6
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	Esther pleads for the Jews	Est 8:1-7
	The king revokes Haman's edict against the Jews per Esther's writing a decree giving the Jews the right to avenge themselves on their enemies	Est 8:8-17
13 <sup>th</sup> Year, 12 <sup>th</sup> month, 13 <sup>th</sup> Day of <b>King Ahasuerus</b>	The Jews destroy their enemies	Est 9:1-17a
	<b>The Feast of Purim is enacted celebrating the Jews victory over Haman's forces</b>	Est 9:17b-32
	<b>The greatness of Mordecai recorded in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Media and Persia</b>	Est 10:1-3

<b>Ezr 4:7 And in the days of Artaxerxes (1)</b>	More letters of accusations against the Jews years later	Ezr 4:7-16
	King Artaxerxes confirms the accusations	Ezr 4:17-20
	Ezr 4:24 <b>Then work on the house of God in Jerusalem ceased,</b> and it was stopped <b>until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.</b>	Ezr 4:21-24

	<b>Dan 5:31</b> So <b>Darius the Mede</b> received the kingdom at about the age of sixty-two.	<b>Dan 5:31</b>
<b>first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent</b> <b>Dan 9:1</b>  <b>Darius the Mede</b>  Son can mean grandson or descendant in this context	<b>Dan 9:1</b> In the first year of <b>Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent</b> , who was made king over the kingdom of the <b>Chaldeans</b> -- <b>Dan 9:2</b> in the first year of his reign	
	70 years for the completion of the Desolations of Jerusalem	<b>Dan 9:1-27</b>
	<b>Psalm 102</b>	between verses 19-20
<b>Dan 11:1</b> "And in the first year of <b>Darius the Mede</b>	Daniel's integrity has him appointed as one of three commissioners by Darius the Mede	<b>Dan 11:1</b> <b>Dan 6:1-4</b>
	Commissioners and Satraps plot to have Darius execute Daniel in the Lions Den	<b>Dan 6:5-15</b>
	A grieved Darius gives in to the enemies of Daniel	<b>Dan 6:16-18</b>
	Darius joyfully finds the Lord rescued Daniel	<b>Dan 6:19-23</b>
	Daniel's accusers are thrown into the lions den	<b>Dan 6:24</b>
	Darius issues a decree for all men to fear the God of Daniel	<b>Dan 6:25-28</b>

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> year of Darius</b> <b>Ezr 5:1</b>	With the Prophets help (Haggai, Zechariah) rebuilding begins	<b>Ezr 5:1-2</b>
2nd Year, 6th month, 1st Day of <b>Darius the king</b>	The word of the Lord through Haggai - Gather resources to rebuild the Temple	<b>Hag 1:1-11</b>
	<b>Zerubbabel and Jeshua</b> begin work on the house of the Lord <b>Hag 1:14</b> ...and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, <b>Hag 1:15</b> on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month in the second year of <b>Darius the king</b> .	<b>Hag 1:12-15</b> Haggai has only two chapters
2nd Year, 7th month, 21st Day of <b>Darius the king</b> <b>Hag 2:1</b>	The word of the Lord through Haggai - I will force the nations to give you what you need to build the Temple	<b>Hag 2:1-9</b>
2nd Year, 8th month, of <b>Darius the king</b> <b>Zec 1:1</b>	Return to Me	<b>Zechariah</b> <b>Zec 1:1-6</b>
2nd Year, 9th month, 24th Day of <b>Darius the king</b> <b>Hag 2:10</b>	To the priests - I will bless you if you repent	<b>Hag 2:10-19</b>
2nd Year, 9th month, 24th Day of <b>Darius the king</b> <b>Hag 2:20</b>	Kingdoms will be destroyed	<b>Hag 2:20-23</b>
2nd Year, 11th month, 24th Day of <b>Darius the king</b> <b>Zec 1:7</b>	<b>Patrols of the earth</b>	<b>Zec 1:7-11</b>
	The Lord to have compassion on Jerusalem	<b>Zec 1:12-17</b>
	Four Horns who scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem	<b>Zec 1:18-19</b>
	Four craftsmen	<b>Zec 1:20-21</b>
	A man Measures Jerusalem	<b>Zec 2:1-2</b>

	Jerusalem will be inhabited without walls protected by God	Zec 2:3-13
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	Joshua's filthy garments exchanged for festive robes	Zec 3:3-5
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	Vision of the Flying Scroll	Zec 5:1-4
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	God's judgment on surrounding nations	Zec 9:1-8
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	Judah, Ephraim, and Zion to have vengeance on Greece	Zec 9:13-16a
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	Judah to be mighty	Zec 10:3b-6
	Scattered Ephraim to come back home and be mighty	Zec 10:7-9
	Ephraim's captors, Egypt and Assyria will be shattered	Zec 10:10-12
	The mighty trees of Lebanon, Bashan, and Jordan to be destroyed	Zec 11:1-3
	God's view of worthless shepherds	Zec 11:4-17
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	Jerusalem to be given grace to repent	Zec 12:10-13:1
	Idols and false prophets to be destroyed	Zec 13:2-6
	Judah and Jerusalem to be purged of their wicked	Zec 13:7-9
	Jerusalem will be captured per the Lord's judgment	Zec 14:1-2
	Mount of Olives will split in the middle, Jerusalem will flee	Zec 14:3-5a
	The Lord will come with His holy ones to rule over all the earth	Zec 14:5b-9
	Landscape of Israel to be rearranged	Zec 14:10
	Jerusalem will dwell in security	Zec 14:11

	Biological plagues to infest those who go to war against Jerusalem	Zec 14:12-15
	Those who survive the plagues will be forced annually to celebrate the Feast of Booths in Jerusalem	Zec 14:16-21
	<b>The Temple is completed</b>	
<b>6th Year, 12th month, 3rd Day of Darius the king</b>	The Temple is completed, A celebration dedicating the temple	Ezr 6:14-18
<b>Year 7, Month 1, Day 14 of King Darius</b>	The exiles return to celebrate the passover	Ezr 6:19-22
	<b>Psalms 146-150</b>	

<b>7<sup>th</sup> Year, 5<sup>th</sup> Month, Day 1 of Artaxerxes 2 king of Persia</b>	Ezra returns to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon to teach God's statutes and ordinances to Israel	Ezr 7:1-10
	Contents of the decree of King Artaxerxes blessing on those returning from exile to Jerusalem	Ezr 7:11-28
	<b>Brief Geneology and Census of those who came with Ezra out of exile from Babylon back to Jerusalem</b>	Ezr 8:1-14
	Ezra searches for Levites among the exiles with him	Ezr 8:15-20
	A fast to entreat God's protection for the journey back to Jerusalem	Ezr 8:21-30
	God protects the exiles from ambushes on their journey home Ezr 8:31 Then we journeyed from the river Ahava on the <b>twelfth of the first month</b> to go to <b>Jerusalem...</b>	Ezr 8:31-36
<b>Ninth month day 17 (calculated from Ezr 10:9)</b>	Wives loyal to foreign gods still found among the returning exiles	Ezr 9:1-15
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	<b>Book of Nehemiah</b>	
<b>20th Year, 3rd Month of Artaxerxes 2 king of Persia</b>	Walls of Jerusalem are reported broken down	Neh 1:1-3
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<b>20th Year, 7th Month of Artaxerxes 2 king of Persia</b>	Artaxerxes grants Nehemiah letters of passage to Jerusalem	Neh 1:11b-2:11
	Details of restoring Jerusalem's walls and gates	Neh 3:1-32
	Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites oppose Nehemiah	Neh 4:1-12
	Half of the people rebuild the wall, half stand guard with their weapons	Neh 4:13-23
	Corruption of Israel's governors profiting from usury, taking property and slaves	Neh 5:1-19
	Tobiah and Sanballat hire false prophets to frighten Nehemiah	Neh 6:1-14
	Sidenote - Comment More threatening letters from Tobiah	Neh 6:17-19

20 <sup>th</sup> Year 12th Month, 25 <sup>th</sup> Day of <b>Artaxerxes 2</b> <b>king of Persia</b>	<b>The Wall is completed in 52 days</b>	Neh 6:15-16
	Nehemiah appoints people in charge of Jerusalem	Neh 7:1-4
<b>Discrepancies between what Ezra wrote and what Nehemiah found</b>	<b>Genealogies and census of those who returned from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem</b>	Neh 7:6-73 // <b>Ezr 2:1-3:1</b> Repeated table of comparison
21 <sup>st</sup> Year, 7th Month, 1st Day of <b>Artaxerxes 2</b> <b>king of Persia</b>	Ezra reads The Book of the Law of Moses to the assembly	Neh 8:1-12
21 <sup>st</sup> Year, 7th Month, 2nd Day of <b>Artaxerxes 2</b> <b>king of Persia</b>	The Feast of Booths	Neh 8:13-18
21 <sup>st</sup> Year, 7th Month, 24th Day of <b>Artaxerxes 2</b> <b>king of Persia</b>	The sons of Israel assembled to hear <b>The Book of the Law</b> and repent	Neh 9:1-3
	Levites remind the assembly of the history of Israel	Neh 9:4-38
	The Sealed Document of the names of the Leaders, Levites, and Priests	Neh 10:1-27
	Oaths and Curses	Neh 10:28-39
	Lots Cast for Divisions of People	Neh 11:1-12:26
	<b>Dedication of the Wall of Jerusalem</b>	Neh 12:27-43
	<b>Service at the temple</b>	Neh 12:44-13:3
	<b>Psalm 119</b>	
Neh 13:4 Now prior to this	Comment Nehemiah's battles with corrupt leaders in Jerusalem Referencing <b>the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon</b> Discrepancy: should be 20 <sup>th</sup> year per Neh 1:1 and 2:1 not the 32 <sup>nd</sup> year)	Neh 13:4-30a,31,30b

**Note:** Many scholars believe Malachi was written during the time of Zedekiah's reign but all passages relate directly to what the other prophets Habakkuk and Zephaniah were saying during the reign of Josiah. I have elected to place the passages in Malachi in parallel and in sequence with the other prophets during Josiah's reign and repeat the book in whole here to satisfy those who insist otherwise. I will let the scholars fight it out between themselves.

	<b>Malachi</b>	
	God's hatred toward wicked Esau(Edom)	Mal 1:1-5
	Priests who despise the Lord with defective offerings	Mal 1:6-2:3
	God uses Levi as an example for priests to follow	Mal 2:4-7
	The priests of Judah and Israel have dealt treacherously	Mal 2:8-12
	God despises men who mistreat their wives	Mal 2:13-17
	God's messenger to clear the way. Then the Lord comes to His temple	Mal 3:1a // Mal 4:5 Mal 3:1b-3a
	Offerings to be made as formerly	Mal 3:3b-4
	Judgment against Oppressors	Mal 3:5-6
	Robbing the Lord by holding back tithes and offerings	Mal 3:7-9
	A requirement for rebuking the devourer	Mal 3:10-12
	Concerning the arrogant	Mal 3:13-15
	Book of remembrance of God's own	Mal 3:16-18
	The arrogant turned to ashes to be walked over by the righteous	Mal 4:1-4
	Elijah the prophet to come before the "day of the Lord"	Mal 4:5-6