

A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF HISTORICAL
PERIODS IN PALESTINE

Persian	539 B.C. - 333 B.C.
Hellenistic	333 B.C. - 63 B.C.
Roman	63 B.C. - 324 A.D.
Byzantine	324 A.D. - 636 A.D.
Arabic	636 A.D. - 1516 A.D.
Turkish	1516 A.D. - 1917 A.D.

CHRONOLOGY OF POSTEXILIC PERIOD

<u>Restoration From Captivity</u>		<u>Kings of Persia</u>	
B.C.			B.C.
539	Fall of Babylon to Cyrus (October, Cyrus' accession year)	Cyrus	539-530
538/37	Decree for return of Jews (Cyrus' 1st year)		
536	Return of Jews under Zerubbabel (probable; 70 years, inclusive, from 1st phase of captivity in 605)		
		Cambyeses	530-522
		Smerdis	522
		Darius I (the Great)	522-486
520/19	Temple building resumed (in 2nd year of Darius I)		
520-518	Ministry of Haggai and Zechariah		
515	Completion of Temple (in spring of 6th year of Darius)		
		Xerxes	486-465
479/78	Esther made queen (7th year of Xerxes)		
473	Jews delivered from death		
		Artaxerxes I	465-423
457	Return of Ezra to Jerusalem, spring and summer		
444	Return of Nehemiah, spring; building of wall of Jerusalem		
432	End of Nehemiah's first term as governor		
		Darius II	423-405/04
		Artaxerxes II	405/04-359/58
		Artaxerxes III	359/58-338/37
		Darius III	336/35-331
		Alexander the Great (from his recognition in Babylonia)	331-323

INTERTESTAMENTAL PERIOD -- IMPORTANT DATES

B.C.

334-323	Alexander's conquest of Persian Empire (Asia Minor to borders of India)
331	Battle of Arbela (Gaugamela); decisive defeat of Persia
323	Alexander's death at Babylon
301	Division of Alexander's Empire into 4 parts (after Battle of Ipsus)
281	Four divisions reduced to 3 (Lysimachus conquered by Seleucus I)
200	Palestine transferred from Ptolemics to Seleucids (after Battle of Panium)
168	Antiochus Epiphanes persecutes Jews, desecrates Temple
165	Maccabees restore Temple after 3 years profanation
143- 63	Jews independent under Maccabean rulers
63	Syria (Seleucid Kingdom) and Palestine annexed by Rome
40	Herod appointed king of Judea in Rome
37	Herod takes Jerusalem from last Maccabean king

PERIOD OF THE MACCABEES

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B.C.

Revolt of Palestine against Syria	167
Judas Maccabaeus	166(165)-160
Jonathan	160
Simon	142-134
John Hyrcanus	134-104
Aristobulus I	104-103
Alexander Jannaeus	103-76
Alexandra	76-67
Aristobulus II	66-63

Pompey established Roman control of Palestine. 63

Note: Mariamne, wife of Herod the Great (37-34),
was a Maccabee.

SOME RULERS OF PALESTINE IN THE TIME

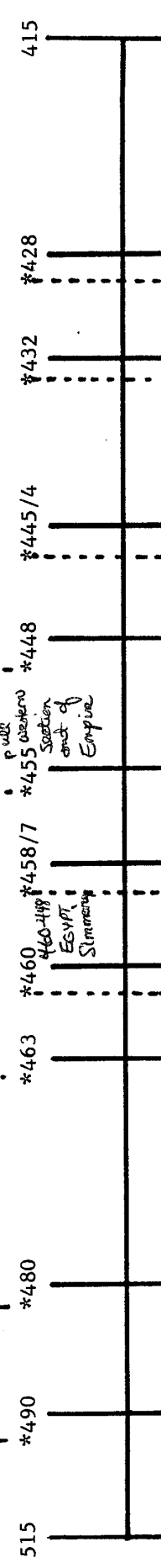
OF CHRIST AND PAUL

Caesar Augustus, Roman Emperor	27 B.C. - A.D. 14
Tiberius, Emperor	A.D. 14 - 37
Herod the Great, Idumaeen King of Judaea under the Romans	37 - 4 B.C.
Herod Antipas, Tetrarch Galilee and Peraea	4 B.C. - A.D. 39
Herod Agrippa II	A.D. 50 - 93
Roman Procurators ruling Palestine for the Romans:	
Pontius Pilate	A.D. 27 - 37
Felix	A.D. 52 - 60
Festus	A.D. 60 - 62

515 Temple Completed

Context:
 Persian Emperor sends western portion of Empire as unstable - Sees valuable Egypt as almost leaving, Needs a Stable Judea on trade route

463-460: Greeks begin stirring up rebellions in Persian Empire
 463-450: Egypt in active rebellion - Significant problem to Persian Empire
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490: Battle of Marathon - Persians try to conquer Greece + lose

480: Salamis - Persian fleet defeated - last attempt Persians made, but Greeks didist-leantitis, so went on offense

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458/7: Ezra sent by Artaxerxes I to establish religious affairs according to the "law of the God of Heaven" (Ezra 7:12 - 26)

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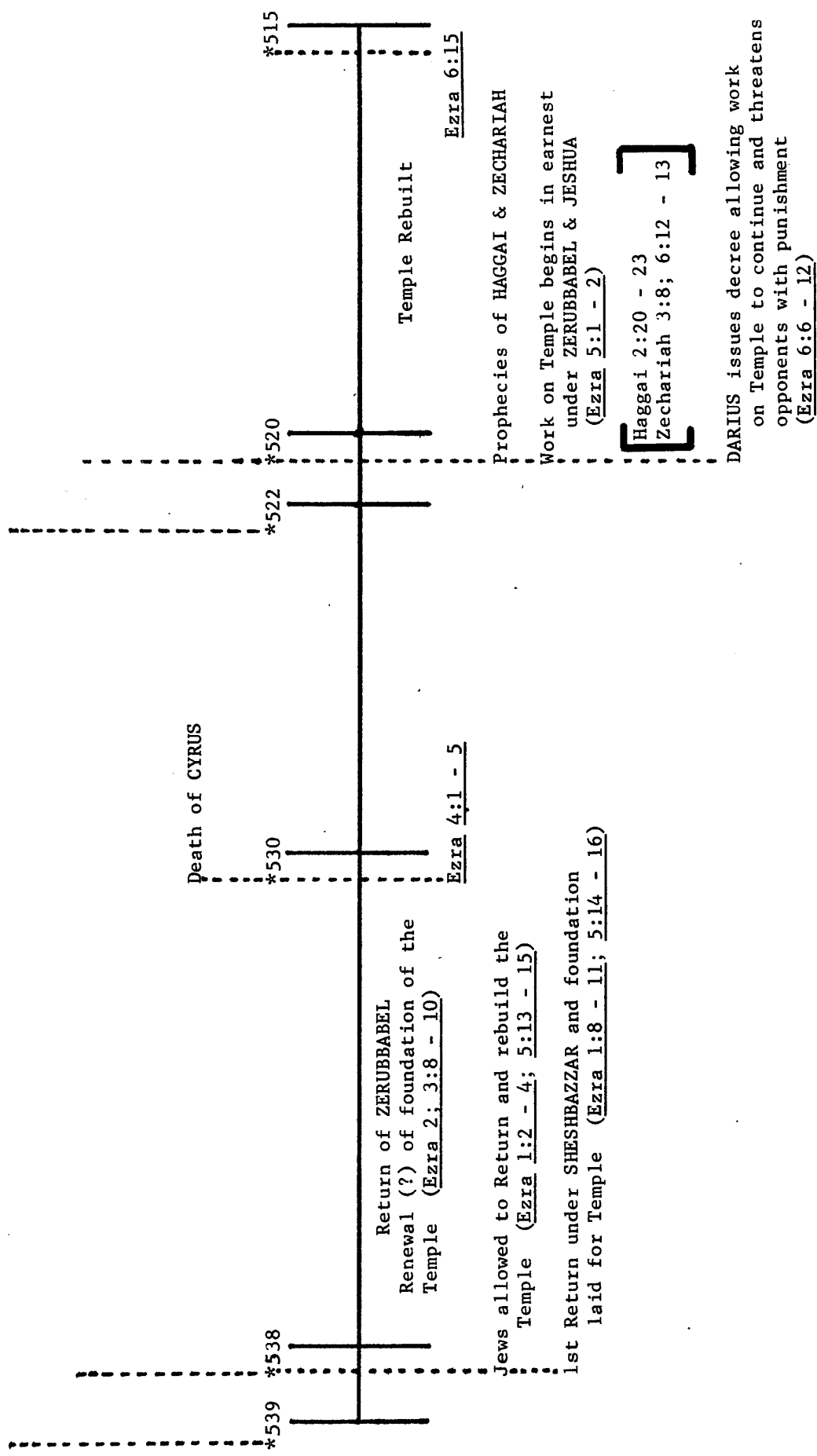
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