

Conquest of Babylon

Year of Decree

Cambyses, Cyrus's son, dies leaving no heir. An imposter arises, Psuedo Smerdis. Civil war results. Persia almost crumbles. Darius and Psuedo Smerdis at war. Hag. 2:7-8. Jews thought their hour had arrived.

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Death of CYRUS

Temple Rebuilt

Ezra 6:15

Ezra 4:1-5

Prophecies of HAGGAI & ZECHARIAH

Jews allowed to Return and rebuild the Temple (Ezra 1:2-4; 5:13-15)

Work on Temple begins in earnest under ZERUBBABEL & JESHUA (Ezra 5:1-2)

Zerubbabel laid the foundation for the Temple Ezra 3:8-11; 5:13-16. His hands (Zerubbabel) shall finish it, Zechariah 4:9.

[ Haggai 2:20-23  
Zechariah 3:8; 6:12-13 ]

DARIUS issues decree allowing work on Temple to continue and threatens opponents with punishment (Ezra 6:6-12)

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