

Ezra Reference Sheet (v1)

King	Year	Event	Reference
Cyrus (559–530 BC)	539 B.C.	Cyrus king of Persia captures Babylon	Dan. 5:30–31
Cyrus (559–530 BC)	538–537	First year of King Cyrus; issues proclamation freeing Jewish exiles to return	Ezra 1:1–4
Cyrus (559–530 BC)	537?	Jewish exiles, led by Sheshbazzar, return from Babylon to Jerusalem	Ezra 1:11
Cyrus (559–530 BC)	537	Altar rebuilt	Ezra 3:1–2
Cyrus (559–530 BC)	536	Temple rebuilding begins	Ezra 3:8
Cyrus (559–530 BC)	536–530	Adversaries oppose the rebuilding	Ezra 4:1–5
Cambyses II (530–522 BC)	530–520	Temple rebuilding ceases	Ezra 4:24
Darius I (522–486 BC)	520	Temple rebuilding resumes (2nd year of Darius)	Ezra 5:2
Darius I (522–486 BC)	516	Temple construction completed (6th year of Darius)	Ezra 6:15
Xerxes I (486–465 BC)	~485	Adversaries wrote an accusation against Judah & Jerusalem	Ezra 6:4
Artaxerxes I (465–424 BC)	458	Ezra departs from Babylon to Jerusalem (arrives in 7th year of Artaxerxes)	Ezra 7:6–9
Artaxerxes I (465–424 BC)	458	Men of Judah and Benjamin assemble at Jerusalem	Ezra 10:9
Artaxerxes I (465–424 BC)	458–457	Officials conduct three-month investigation	Ezra 10:16–17

Character	Race/Nat	Brief Description	Reference
Cyrus	Persian	King of Persia (559-530 B.C.); captured Babylon in 539 B.C.	Ezra 1:1
Nebuchadnezzar	Babylonian	King of Babylon (605-562 B.C.); captured Jerusalem in 586 B.C.	Ezra 1:7
Mithredath	Persian	Treasurer in Samaria to whom Cyrus gave the temple vessels	Ezra 1:8
Sheshbazzar	Jewish	The prince of Judah (possibly Zerubbabel's Persian name)	Ezra 1:8
Jeshua	Jewish	Priest who built the altar	Ezra 2:2
Zerubbabel	Jewish	Priest who built the altar	Ezra 2:2
Nethinim		Temple servants who dwelt in the cities with the Levites	Ezra 2:43,70
Osnapper	Assyrian	King who repopulated Samaria with foreigners after its capture 722 B.C.	Ezra 4:10
Darius	Persian	King of Persia (522-486 B.C)	Ezra 4:5
Bishlam	Samaritan	Wrote letter to Artaxerxes in Aramaic script	Ezra 4:7
Mithredath	Samaritan	Wrote letter to Artaxerxes in Aramaic script	Ezra 4:7
Tabel	Samaritan	Wrote letter to Artaxerxes in Aramaic script	Ezra 4:7
Shimshai	Samaritan	Scribe who wrote to Artaxerxes and halted Jerusalem rebuilding efforts	Ezra 4:8
Rehum	Samaritan	Commander who wrote to Artaxerxes and halted city rebuilding efforts	Ezra 4:8
Haggai	Jewish	Prophesied to the Jews in Judah & Jerusalem resuming work on temple	Ezra 5:1
Zechariah	Jewish	Prophesied to the Jews in Judah & Jerusalem resuming work on temple	Ezra 5:1
Tattenai	Persian	Governor who questioned the Jews about rebuilding; wrote to Darius	Ezra 5:3
Shethar-Boznai	Persian	Questioned the Jews about rebuilding temple & wall; wrote to Darius	Ezra 5:3