

## EXILIC & POST-EXILIC DATES, EVENTS & PLAYERS

DATE B.C.	BIBLE REF.	EVENT	KEY PLAYER(S)
722	2 Kings 17	Assyria captures Samaria. Israel, (Northern kingdom) exiled.	Shalmaneser, Hoshea
612	—	Babylon captures Nineveh & takes control of Fertile Crescent.	
605	2 Chron. 35:20ff Daniel 1:1-7	Battle of Carchemish. Egypt defeated. Josiah killed. Judah invaded; Daniel + 3 Taken	Nebuchadnezzar, (605-562) Pharaoh Neco, Josiah Daniel
597	2 Kings 25 2 Chron. 36:15f.	Jerusalem's final fall. Judah (Southern Kingdom) exiled.	Nebuchadnezzar Zedekiah, Jeremiah
562–539	Daniel 5	3 short-lived Babylonian Emperors before Nabonidus (556–539)	Belshazzar (son) regent for Nabonidus.
539	Daniel 5:30	Darius the Mede captures Babylon for Persian Emperor, Cyrus. (559–530). Cyrus encourages deported people to go home.	Darius, Cyrus, Daniel
538	Daniel 6:28 Ezra Chs 1,2.	Zerubbabel leads first group of returning exiles.	Cyrus, Sheshbazzar, Zerubbabel.
537	Ezra 3:8-10 Ezra 4:1–5	Foundation of new Temple. Opposition from existing settlers.	Zerubbabel,
520	Ezra Chs 5,6	The Temple rebuilt and dedicated	Haggai, Zechariah, Zerubbabel, Darius
c. 480	Ezra 4:6–24* Esther	More trouble for the Jews in the reigns of Xerxes (Ahasuerus) & Artaxerxes	Esther, Mordecai etc
450–350	<i>Daniel 2,7,8 #</i>	Medo-Persian Empire dominant with Greece beginning to grow in power.	
334–331	<i>Daniel 2,7,8 #</i>	Alexander the Great's lightning conquests	
323 on	<i>Daniel 7:6-12 #</i>	<i>The Break up of Alexander's brief empire into four, then three parts. Palestine becomes part of the Seleucid kingdom until ROME becomes a major layer in the region.</i>	
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\* Note: The Darius of Ezra 6:24 is probably Darius II (423-404), not Darius I, named in Daniel.

# As interpreted by many well-respected commentators. Some add "Rome" in relation to the Iron/Clay legs of the vision of Ch.2.