

# **BIBLICAL TIMELINE: -500 BC TO -400 BC**

Useful in studies of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther

## **PERSIA**

**Persian Empire 539 to 331 BC**

**Darius I** 522 to 486 BC (Ezra 4-6; Neh. 12:22; Haggai; Zechariah)

**Xerxes, Ahasuerus** 486 to 465 BC (Ezra 4:6; Esther; Daniel 9:1)

**Artaxerxes I** 464 to 424 BC (Ezra 4-8; Nehemiah 2:1; 5:14; 13:6)

**Darius II** 423 to 404 BC

**Artaxerxes II** 404 to 358 BC

## **ARAM (SYRIA)**

**Aram Subject to Persia 539 to 332 BC**

**Phoenicia Subject to Persia 539 to 332 BC**

## **ISRAEL/PALESTINE**

**Persian Empire (Palestine) 539 to 332 BC**

**Xerxes deposes Queen Vashti** ca. 483 BC (Esther 1)

**Xerxes marries Esther** ca. 479 BC (Esther 2)

**Deliverance of Purim** ca. 474 BC (Esther 8:3-9:32)

**Return of Ezra** 458 BC (Ezra 7-10)

**Return of Nehemiah** 445 BC (Nehemiah)

**Ezra (Book)** between 450 and 425 BC (Ezra)

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**1-2 Chronicles, Chronicles, Books of** between 450 and 425 BC (1Chronicles, 2Chronicles)

**Malachi (Book)** ca. 435 to ca. 430 BC (Malachi)

**Zechariah (Book)** ca. 480 BC (Zechariah)

**Malachi** ca. 433 to ca. 425 BC (Malachi)

## **EGYPT**

**Dynasty 27, 1st Persian Dominion** 525 to 404 BC

**Dynasties 28-30, Egyptian Independence** 404 to 343 BC

**Elephantine Papyri** between 450 and 400 BC