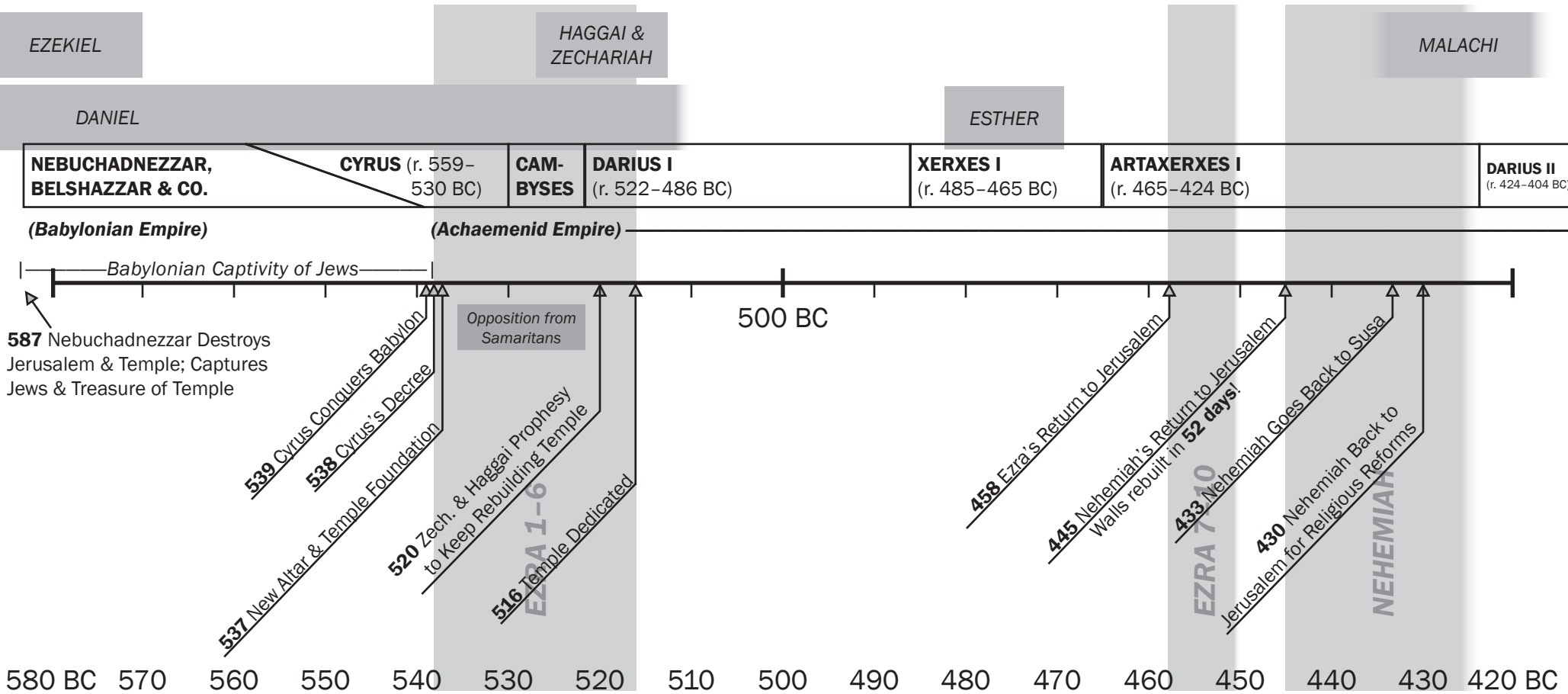


Timeline of EZRA & NEHEMIAH



KEY PLAYERS

Artaxerxes I, king of Persian empire 465–424 BC, sent Ezra then Nehemiah back to Jerusalem;

Builders, Jews who rebuilt the wall

Darius I, king of Persian empire 522–486 BC, threw Daniel in the lions' den, found Cyrus's decree and allowed temple work to continue

Cyrus, Persian king who conquered Babylon, ruled 559–530 BC; issued decree to return Jews to Jerusalem

Ezra, priest and scribe who oversaw restoration of worship after rebuilding of temple

Haggai & Zechariah, prophets through whom God commanded the rebuilding of the temple

Jeremiah, prophesied of the Babylonian Captivity and the Jews' return from captivity

The LORD, Jehovah, God of the Jews, Ruler over the realm of mankind

Nebuchadnezzar, Babylonian king (r. 605–562 BC) who destroyed Jerusalem and took Jews captive

Nehemiah, cupbearer to Artaxerxes I, appointed governor of Judah, oversaw rebuilding of walls and restoration of worship

Priests/Levites, appointed by God to perform temple worship

Rehum & Shimshai, government officials and opponents of the work

Returnees, Jews who returned to Judah from Babylon/Persia

Samaritans, inhabitants of Palestine, not pure Jews, opposed Jews trying to build temple

Sanballat & Tobiah, governor of Samaria & Ammonite official

Sheshbazzar, Zerubbabel & Jeshua, leaders of the first return to Jerusalem, oversaw rebuilding of temple

Tattenai & Shethar-bozenai, governor of Trans-Euphrates & secretary