Judah's Fall, Captivity, and Return

2 Kings 22 – Ezra 6

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663 Ashurbanipal sacks Thebes; Assyrians control Egypt (671-651)

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Ashurbanipal

Nahum

Manasseh

Manasseh taken into exile for about three years; repents and is restored

Amon

Zephaniah

Josiah

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627-605 Ashurbanipal dies (627), Assyria declines; Nabopolassar seizes throne (626); Assur, Nineveh, and Haran fall (614, 612, 610); Babylonians defeat Neco in decisive battle at Carchemish (605)

Assyrian Empire

Nabopolassar

2Kg 18-25; 2Ch 29-36

Habakkuk

Jeremiah's Ministry

Book of Law found; Josiah begins reforms

609 Neco kills Josiah

Jehoahaz

Jehoiakim

605 Judah subjugated; Daniel and other nobles deported

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Neo-Babylonian Empire

Nebuchadnezzar

Jehoiachin

Zedekiah

597 Jerusalem surrenders; Jehoiachin, Ezekiel, and many nobles deported

Ezekiel's Ministry

Lam.

586 Temple and city destroyed; many deported

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562 Jehoiachin freed on death of Nebuchadnezzar

Persian Empire

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Daniel's Ministry

Seventy-year Babylonian Captivity

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Nabon. & Belsh.

539 Babylon falls to Persian army led by Cyrus

Cyrus the Great

538: Cyrus issues edict (538); Zerubbabel leads first return (537); returned exiles lay Temple foundation (536)

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Ezra 1-6

Haggai & Zechariah

The Exiles Return

520: Temple building resumed

515: Temple dedicated

Darius I

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