

Second Temple Construction Timeline

1st Year of Cyrus ca. 538 B.C. 2nd Year of Cyrus 2nd Year of Darius 520 B.C.

		7 th Month		2 nd Month		
Cyrus' Decree for the Judean Exiles to Return to Judah	Record of the Returning Exiles	The Altar of Sacrifice Rebuilt		The Temple Foundation Laid	Opposition from the Surrounding Nations	Work on the Temple Stops Until the Second Year of Darius (520 B.C.)
Ezra 1:1-11	Ezra 2:1-70	Ezra 3:1-6		Ezra 3:8-13	Ezra 4:1-4	Ezra 4:24-5:2

2nd Year of Darius 520 B.C.

6 th Month 1 st Day	6 th Month 24 th Day	7 th Month 21 st Day	8 th Month	9 th Month 24 th Day	9 th Month 24 th Day	11 th Month 24 th Day
Haggai Calls the People to Rebuild the Temple	The People Respond with Obedience	The Lord Promises Future Glory of the Temple	Zechariah Calls the People to Repentance	The Defiled People will be Purified and Blessed	Zerubbabel Chosen as the Lord's Signet Ring	Zechariah's Eight Visions
Haggai 1:1-11	Haggai 1:12-15	Haggai 2:1-9	Zech. 1:1-6	Haggai 2:10-20	Haggai 2:21-23	Zech. 1:6-6:15

4th Year of Darius 518 B.C. 6th Year of Darius 516 B.C.

9 th Month 4 th Day	Undated	Undated		12 th Month 3 rd Day	1 st Month 14 th Day
Oracles Concerning True and False Religion	Tattenai Questions the Temple Construction and Sends a Letter to Darius	Darius Discovers Cyrus' Decree and Reaffirms It		The Temple Completed and Dedicated	Celebration of the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread
Zech. 7:1-8:23	Ezra 5:3-17	Ezra 6:1-13		Ezra 6:14-18	Ezra 6:19-22