Period	Exile (Babylon/Persia)	Israel (Jerusalem)	God's Word
539 - 530 **Cyrus** (=Darius the Mede) (Dan 6, Dan 9)	**539** - Daniel's prayers (Dan 9-10) events of Dan 6 **Daniel**	**539** - Cyrus' Decree 538 - first Exiles **Zerubbabel & Joshua** **537/**6 - Temple building begun - and halted (Ezra 3-4)	**Daniel** **539** - **Daniel's** vision prayer answered 'in times of trouble' **537** - **Daniel's** vision 'a great war'
530 - 522 Cambyses			
521 - 486 Darius I		520 - building resumed (Ezra 5) 516 - building completed (Ezra 6:15)	520 **Haggai & Zechariah**
486 - 465 **Xerxes** (Ahasuerus)	**Esther** Esther 3:6 Haman's plan	? related to Ezra 4:6 'An accusation against the Jews'	? c 460 **Malachi** the last of the prophets
464 - 423 **ArtaXerxes**		458 - **Ezra** to Jerusalem (Ezra 7) ? pre 445 fortification of Jerusalem stopped 445 - **Nehemiah** to Jerusalem. Wall building begins in earnest	**Ezra** heads up expository ministry among the people (Ezra 7 / Nehemiah 8 etc)
423 - 404 Darius II			