

Temple Timeline

966 -959 BC	Solomon's Temple constructed
629 BC	Solomon's temple destroyed by Babylon
559 BC	Cyrus the Great becomes king & proclamation to rebuild the temple (Ezr 1, Isa 44:28-45:7, 2 Chr 36:22-23, Jer 28:6)
559 BC 7 mos	Tribes of Judah and Benjamin exiles return to Jerusalem (Esr 3:1). Build altar and Feast of Booths (Neh 7:5-73).
557 BC	Work begins (Ezr 3:8) – Daniel, Zerubbabel, Jeshua Foundation completed with loud celebration (Ezr 3:10, Isa 44:28, Zech 4:8-9) Harassment to stop building begins (Ezr 4:5) Assyrian captives (10 tribes of northern Israel who's kings were evil and the people worshiped other gods along with the Lord, included Samaria) want to help rebuild temple. Zerubbabel and Jeshua refuse their help (Ezr 4:13)
530-522 BC	"In the days of Artaxerxes, Bishlam, ... and the rest of his colleagues wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the text of the letter was written in Aramaic and translated from Aramaic" (Ezr 4:7). Same letter was also from Rehum the commander & Shimshai the scribe (Ez 4:8-11). Cambyses found records of Babylon about Judah and decreed to stop work on the temple (Ez 4:14-24) until the second yr of Darius II (Ez 4:24).
520 BC	Haggai gives prophecy to Zerubbabel , governor of Judah, with Jeshua , high priest, to resume temple work (Hag 1:1, 4) w/out telling Darius. Word of Lord to Zechariah (Zech 1:1) for Zerubbabel (Zech 4) and Jeshua (Zech 3) as two olive trees (Zech 4:3-6). Tattenai informs Darius I of Cyrus' decree (Ezr 5:6; 6:1,8), Darius' decrees resume temple work (Ezr 6:1,7). Darius funds temple building & sacrifices. (Ez 6:8-9). "The Lord stirred up the spirit of...the people; they came and worked on the house of the Lord" (Hag 1:14). Zephania prophesied while Josiah was king - "The crown will become a reminder in the temple of the Lord ...Those who are far away will come and build the temple of the Lord. Then you will know that the Lord of armies has sent me to you. And it will take place if you completely obey the Lord your God" (Zeph 6:14-15).
516 BC	Temple is finished in 41 yrs by Zerubbabel who is ~ 71yo (Ez 6:15, Zech 4:8-10, Hag 2:18)
445 BC	Jerusalem walls rebuilt in 52 days (Neh 6:15)
1-33 AD	Jesus in the temple
70 AD	Temple destroyed by Romans