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# Book in a Day

## Ezra

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Timetable:

09:00-09:30	Registration and Coffee
09:30-10:45	Session 1
10:45-11:15	Refreshments
11:15-12:30	Session 2
12:30-13:45	Lunch
13:45-15:00	Session 3
15:00-15:20	Refreshments
15:20-16:30	Session 4

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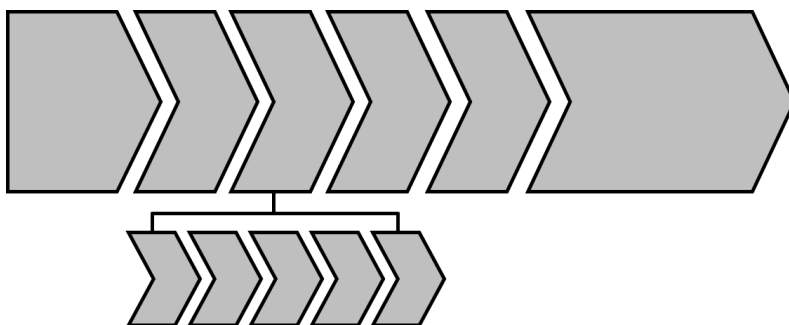
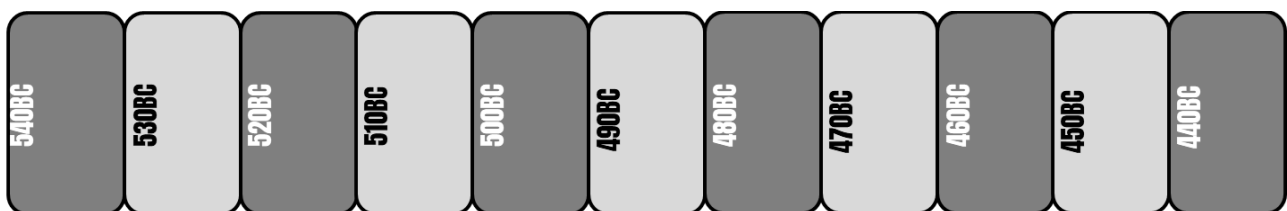
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## EZRA: ITS PLACE IN THE BIBLE STORY

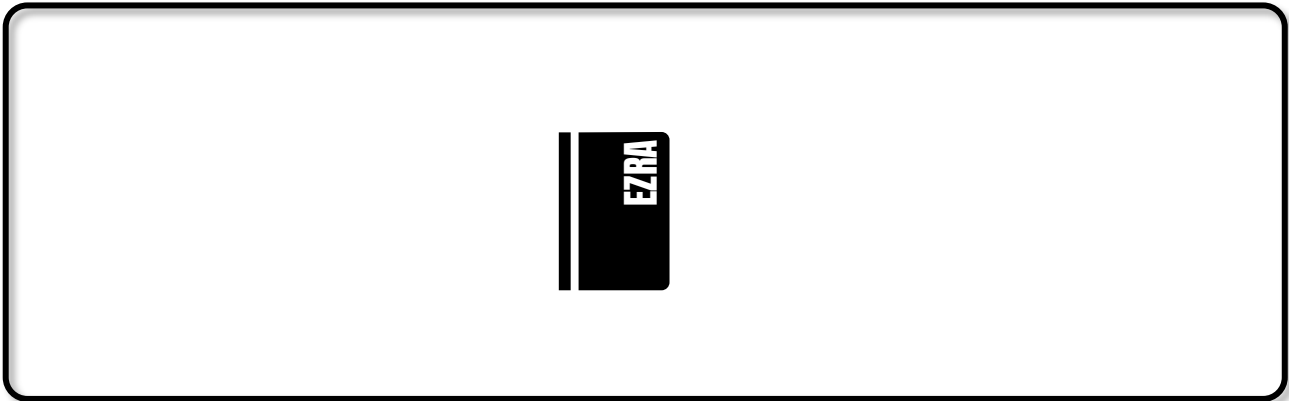
### The back-story

- 722BC** Northern kingdom falls to Shalmaneser (2 Kings 17.1-23) and Samaria resettled (2 Kings 17.24-41). This will be important for understanding Ezra 4. Esarhaddon is a later king of Assyria (2 Kings 20.37).  
**606BC** Nebuchadnezzar first attacks Jerusalem (Daniel and his friends carried off?)(2 Chr 36.6)  
**597BC** Nebuchadnezzar removes King Jehoiachin in Jerusalem (2 Chr 36.9-10)  
**586BC** Nebuchadnezzar demolished Jerusalem (2 Chr 36.18-20). Full exile begins  
**562BC** Evil-Merodach becomes king in Nebuchadnezzar's place (2 Ki 25.27-30)  
**556BC** Nabonidus, last king of Babylon (not mentioned in the Bible). Interested in religious affairs, so left the running of his kingdom to son Belshazzar (hence why Daniel is made 'third' in the kingdom, see Daniel 5.29)

### Building a timeline/The Bible story



## Relationship to other Bible books



## EZRA: ITS FORM

Two clear sections: **rebuilding the temple** (chapters 1-6) and **rebuilding the community** (7-10)

Section	Return #1	Return #2

*From Bob Fyall, based on work of Dr Euan Dodd (Tron, Glasgow)*

## EZRA: ITS MESSAGE

God providentially restores his people so that they can worship and honour him.

## EZRA: POINTING TO CHRIST?

## **EZRA: CHALLENGES FOR PREACHER/TEACHER**

- Lists
- Length
- Last chapter

## **EZRA: CHAPTER BY CHAPTER**

### **STOP-OFF #1: EZRA 2**

### **STOP-OFF #2: EZRA 4**

### **STOP-OFF #3: EZRA 10**