Ezra and 2nd group of Israelites return to Jerusalem in his 7th year of reign. Altar rebuilt in 7 months (Ez3:1,6). Falcon of BABYLON Temple begins. Queen Vashti sent away. Jehoiakim taken captive. Esther chosen to be queen. Haman casts lots for a year to decide when to approach the king. The day Haman set for the Jews to be killed was the day Mordecai set for the Jews to defend themselves. Work stopped until 2nd yr, 2mth of Darius. Work finished 6th yr, Mth Adar of Darius. Work hindered all the days of Cyrus to Darius (Ez4:5). Cyrus aka., "The Persian" reigned 9 years. Ahasueres aka., Cambyses II: reigned 7 years. Letter written to him in 4:6 with no recorded response. Artaxerxes (Ezra 6:14; Isa. 45:1) aka., Darius HYTASPES: reigned 35 years. Xerxes: reigned 21 years. Artaxerxes reigned 40 years. Artaxerxes II reigned 46 years. Artaxerxes III reigned 20 years. Darius III reigned 8 years. (Defeated by Alexander the Great to end the Persian Empire in what is known as the battle of 300). Artaxerxes aka., HYTASPES: reigned 7 mths. Letter written to him in Ez4:7. Recorder response: Ez4:17-22. Nehemiah sent to Jerusalem to rebuild (20th year of Artaxerxes). Ahasueres (Est. 1:1); aka., ASTYAGES. Artaxerxes (Ezra 6:14; Neh. 2:1); aka., ARSAMES. Darius the Mede (Dan. 5:31); aka., CAMBYSES. Reigned 2 years after the fall of Babylon, reigned 35 years. Account For 3 Kings (23 years): Captivity Starts: In 4th year of Jehoiakim; Jer 25:1. 3352 3360 Note: This construction is based upon Dakes Annotated Reference Bible. The footnotes used are as follows: 'Kings of Persia' (Ezra 1:1), Ezra 4:6-7 (e & f), Ezra 5:15 (a), Ezra 7:1 (d & '4 Persian Kings'), Neh.1:1 (d - '20th Year of Artaxerxes'), Page 879: 'Kings of Persia after Xerxes', Esther 1:1 (a), Esther 1:3 (f), Esther 2:16 (f), Esther 8:9 (e), *** See 'Geneaology of Persian Kings' page. *** 1st group of Israelites return to Jerusalem. (42,360 in total). (Ez1:5; 2:64). Cyrus, decrees the Jews to be released to return to Jerusalem. (Ez1:1-4). 10th Month, 1st Day (December) Examination Begins (Ez10:16). 1st Month, 1st Day (February) Examination Completed (Ez10:17). 7th year, 1st Month, 1st Day (April) of Artaxerxes Israelites leave 7th year, 5th Month, (Aug-Sept) of Artaxerxes Israelites arrive 9th Month, 20th Day (December) Nationwide call to repent for intermarriage sin. (Ez10:9). (Ez7:7-9). Examination takes 2 months and is completed 6.5 months after the return from exile. (Ez10:17). (Ez 3:8). (Est.3:8). (Est.2:16). (Est.3:7). (Est.3:13). (Est. 8:11-12). (Neh. 1:1;2:1). (Neh. 5:14). (Ez4:24). (Ez6:15). (Ez7:1-10). [Neh. 6:15: took 52 days to finish]. 3422 3420 3387 3389 3393 3392 3399/3400 3400 3424 3432 3438 3440 3444 3445 3446 3458 3470 3494 3534 3580 3600 3608 3473 3402 (April) 1st Month, 1st day. Haman's decree to kill all Jews sent out (Est. 3:12). 3402 (June) 3rd Month, 23rd day. Mordecai's letter to reverse judgement sent out (Est. 8:9). Feast of Purim instituted to be held each year on the 14th & 15th day of March. (Est. 9:18-32). 12 month purification process begins. Evil-me-ro-dach Nebonidus Belshazzar Medo/Persia Babylon End of 37th year of Jehiachin's captivity. 3397 3351-3424 Ministry of Haggai Ministry of Zachariah Ministry of Malachi See 'Persian Kings Geneologies' Artical.