



“HOW TO COUNT FOR GOD”

Nehemiah 1:1-11



The Persian Empire

During the Time of Esther
Around 475 BC

Persian Empire: 539 - 333 BC

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THE PERSIAN EMPIRE

- City
- Perimeter boundary of the Persian Empire
- Persian Royal Road
- Heartland of Persia/Persis (when Cyrus ascended the throne)
- Territories gained by Cyrus (550 BC)
- Territories gained by Cyrus (547 BC)
- Territories gained by Cyrus (539 BC)
- Territories gained by Cambyses II
- Territories temporarily gained by Xerxes I



- 606 BC Babylonians invade & deport Jews to Babylon
- 586 BC Fall of Jerusalem – Temple destroyed
- 539 BC Babylon falls to Cyrus – Medo-Persian Empire
- 536 BC Cyrus decrees & Jews return: 50,000 return under Governor Zerrubbabel
- 535 BC Begin to rebuild Temple – then stopped
- 520 BC Restart building – as Hosea & Zechariah preach & challenge the people
- 515 BC Temple completed & dedicated
- 476 BC Esther becomes Queen of Persia
- 458 BC Ezra, a priest, comes with 2nd group & restores pure worship
- 445 BC Nehemiah will return with 3rd group – 20th year of Artaxerxes

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