

Returns from Exile

RETURN	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Reference	Ezra 1-6	Ezra 7-10	Nehemiah 1-13
Date	538 B.C.	458 B.C.	444 B.C.
Leaders	Sheshbazzar Zerubbabel Jeshua	Ezra	Nehemiah
Persian King	Cyrus	Artaxerxes Longimanus	Artaxerxes Longimanus
Elements of the Decree	As many as wished to could return. Temple could be rebuilt, partially financed by royal treasury. Vessels returned.	As many as wished to could return. Finances provided by royal treasury. Allowed to have own civil magistrates.	Allowed to rebuild the wall
Number Returning	42,360 <u>7,337</u> (servants) 49,697	1,500 men 38 Levis <u>220</u> helpers 1,758	Unknown
Events, Accomplishments, and Problems	Temple begun; sacrifices made and Feast of Tabernacles celebrated. Samaritans made trouble, and work ceased until 520. Temple completed in 516.	Problems with inter-marriage	Wall rebuilt in 52 days, despite opposition from Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem. Walls dedicated and Law read.

Chronology of the Persian Period

PERSIAN KING	DATES	BIBLICAL CORRELATION	GREEK CORRELATION
CYRUS	539-530	Return of Zerubbabel and Jeshua (Ezra 1-3)	
CAMBYSES	530-522	Rebuilding at Jerusalem stopped (Ezra 4)	
DARIUS I	522-486	Haggai and Zechariah prophesy (520) Temple completed (516) (Ezra 5 & 6)	Greeks defeat Persians at Marathon (490)
XERXES	486-464	Story of Esther (Esther 1-9)	Greeks defeat Persians at Thermopolae (480) and Salamis (479) Herodotus 485-425
ARTAXERXES I	464-423	Return of Ezra (458) (Ezra 7-10) Return of Nehemiah (445) (Neh. 1-2) Prophecy of Malachi (433)	Golden Age 461-431 Pericles 460-429 Athens rules.
DARIUS II	423-404	B I B L I C A L S I L E N C E	Peloponnesian Wars 431-404 Athens falls (404) Sparta rules.
ARTAXERXES II	404-359		Socrates 470-399 Plato 428-348 Aristotle 384-322
ARTAXERXES III	359-338		Philip II of Macedon defeats Greeks at Chaeronea in 338
ARSES	338-335		
DARIUS III	335-331		Alexander the Great overthrows Persian Empire
ALEXANDER	336-323		Establishment of Greek Empire

Classification of the Psalms

Author → Type of Psalm ↓	BOOK I 1-41		BOOK II 42-72					BOOK III 73-89					BOOK IV 90-106			BOOK V 107-150		
	David	Unknown	David	Asaph	Sons of Korah	Unknown	Asaph	David	Sons of Korah	Heiman	Ethan	Moses	David	Unknown	David	Solon	Unknown	
Thanksgiving and Adoration	8, 19, 29	33	65, 68	81		67	81					103	91, 95, 96, 98, 100, 104, 105	124, 131, 133, 145		107, 111, 113, 114, 115, 117, 123, 134, 135, 136, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150		
Individual Praise	11, 18, 23, 30, 32, 34, 40, 41			75	46, 48	66	75	84, 85					92, 106	108, 138, 139		116, 118		
Individual Lament	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 13, 17, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 35, 39		51, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 69, 70	76, 77	42	43, 71	76, 86, 77	88	88				102	109, 140, 141, 142, 143		120, 130		
National Lament				74, 79, 80, 83	44						90							
Royal	18, 20, 21	2			45					89		101		110, 144		132		
Enthronement					47								93, 96, 97, 98, 99					
Songs of Zion					42	43		87						122		121, 125, 126, 129		
Penitential	6, 32, 38		51										102	143		130		
Imprecatory	35		58, 69	83										109		137		
Messianic	16, 22, 24	2			45									110				
Wisdom	9, 12, 14, 15, 19, 36, 37	1, 10	52, 53	73, 78, 82	49								94		127	112, 119, 128		
Total	37	4	18	11	7	4	11	4	1	1	1	2	14	15	1	28		

Psalm Types

<p style="text-align: center;">HYMN OF PRAISE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">INDIVIDUAL PRAISE</p>
<p>A. Call to praise B. Reason for praise C. Conclusion</p>	<p>A. Proclamation B. Narration 1. Look back at problem 2. Recount prayer 3. Report deliverance C. Acknowledge the role of God D. Instruction or moral</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DESCRIPTIVE PRAISE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DECLARATIVE PRAISE</p>
<p>1. Begins with imperative 2. Summary of God's mighty acts 3. Telling who God is and what He does 4. Instruction included 5. National</p>	<p>1. Begins with "I will" phrase 2. Tells of specific intervention of God 3. God and His acts 4. Confessional or testimony 5. Personal</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NATIONAL LAMENT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">INDIVIDUAL LAMENT</p>
<p>A. Introductory petition — begins with vocative ("O God") B. Lament proper C. Confession of trust D. Petitions and motivation (Why?) E. Optional vow of praise</p>	<p>1. Same basic format as national lament 2. Lament proper has 3 sections: Enemy Individual God 3. Optional confession of sin and imprecation</p>

Note: Letters indicate typical outline of psalm type; numbers indicate general characteristics.