

Starting again



– starting again –

**“.. I know the plans I have for you,”
declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future ..”**

Jer.29.¹⁰⁻¹⁴

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- timeline -

".. when 70 years are completed.."

605	BC	the people are exiled		
586	BC	the temple is destroyed		
538-5	BC	1 st group of exiles return	Zerubbabel	Ezra 1-6 Haggai Zechariah
516	BC	the temple is completed		
458	BC	Ezra returns	Ezra	Ezra 7-10
444	BC	Nehemiah returns	Nehemiah	Neh.1-13

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- parallels -

".. I know the plans I have for you .."

**Decree of the
king of Persia**

**Leader of the
people of God**

**Task of
renewal**

Ezra 1-6

Cyrus
(Ezra 1.1-4)

Zerubbabel

the temple

Ezra 7-10

Artaxerxes
(Ezra 7.11-26)

Ezra

the law

Nehemiah 1-13

Artaxerxes
(Neh.2.1-9)

Nehemiah

the city

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“.. I will bring you back ..”

a new and better Exodus

- the rulers of the earth
- the wealth of the nations

a new and better Leader

- prophet
- priest
- king

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