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God's timescale

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- a season of sowing

God's servant

- his spiritual roots
- his calling from God
- his disciplined life

God's grace

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- chronology -

605 BC the people are exiled

586 BC the temple is destroyed

538-5 BC 1st group of exiles return

516 BC the temple is completed

458 BC Ezra returns with 2nd group

444 BC Nehemiah returns

- 538-530 Cyrus
- 530-522 Cambyses II
- 522 Bardiya (brother of Cambyses)
- 522-486 Darius
- 486-464 Ahasuerus (Xerxes) *[see Esther 1.1]*
- 464-423 Artaxerxes

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- phases -

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

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