

Kings of Babylon and Persia

		Ruler	Reigned	Comments	Overlapping Bible Characters	
Babylon		Nebuchadnezzar	605 – 562 BC	The king who captured Jerusalem and took away the Jews as captives.	Daniel	Ezekiel
		Evil-Merodach	562 – 560 BC	Released Jeconiah after 37 years in captivity.		
		Nergal-sharezer	560 – 556 BC			
		Labashi-Marduk	556 BC			
		Nabonidus	556 – 539 BC	Often left rule to his son Belshazzar (who is found in book of Daniel) in a co-regency arrangement.		
		Darius	?	This Darius is mentioned in Daniel but historians can find no record of his existence so nothing else is known other than what we see in the book of Daniel.		
Persia		Cyrus the Great	539-530 BC	Conquered Babylon into the Persian Empire and was responsible for allowing the Jews to return to Jerusalem according to the prophecy God gave to Isaiah.		Zerubbabel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Zechariah
		Cambyses II	530 – 522 BC	May be the Ahasuerus in the Book of Esther.	Esther?	
		Bardiya	522 BC			
		Darius the Great	521 – 486 BC			
		Xerxes I the Great	485 – 465 BC	Seems more likely to be the Ahasuerus in the Book of Esther.	Esther?	
		Artaxerxes I Longimanus	465 – 424 BC	Mentioned in the book of Ezra and the book of Nehemiah.		
		Xerxes II	424 BC			