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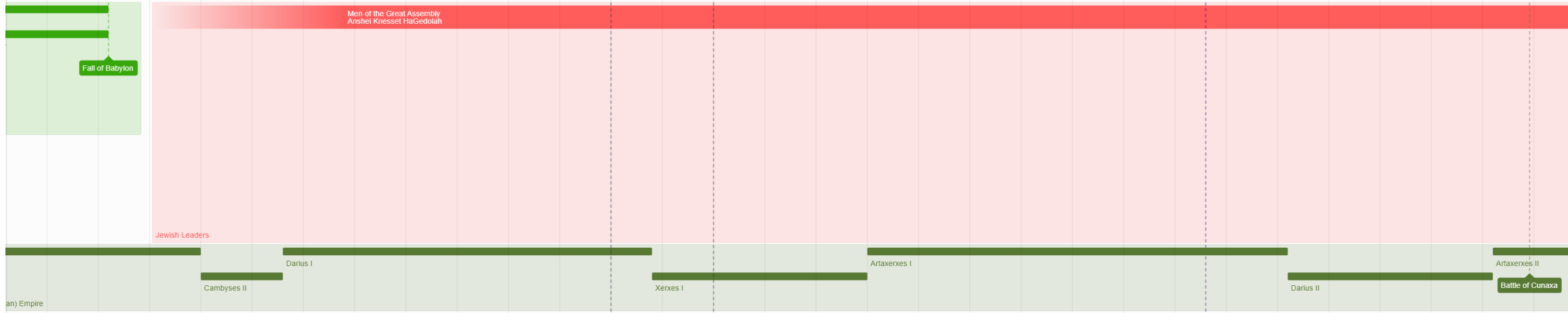
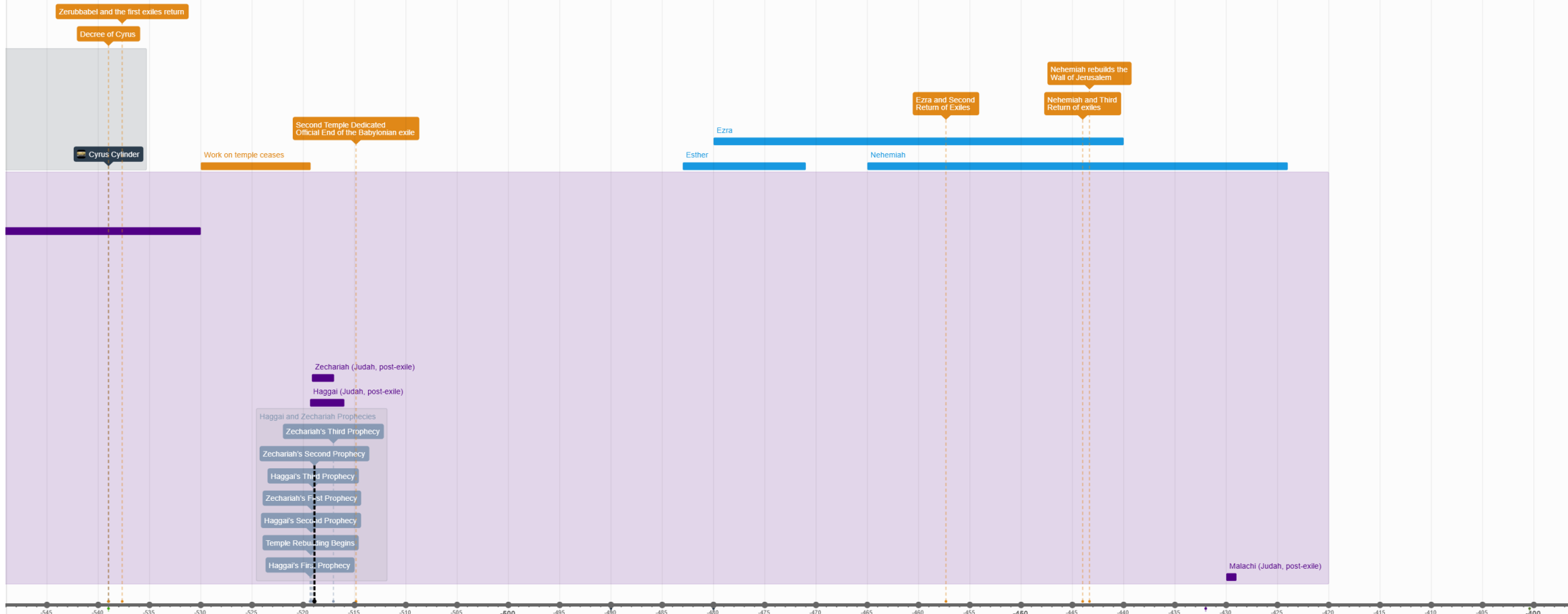
Through the Bible

Ezra 7-10

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Ezra – Nehemiah Chiasm

- A. Zerubbabel's return and list of returnees (Ezra 1—2)
 - B. Building of the temple and opposition (Ezra 3—6)
 - C. Return of Ezra (Ezra 7—8)
 - D. Center: Purification of the people (Ezra 9—10)
 - C.' Return of Nehemiah (Neh. 1—2)
 - B.' Building of the walls and opposition (Neh. 3:1—7:3)
- A.' Zerubbabel's return and list of returnees; final reforms (Neh. 7:4—13:31)





Achaemenid inscriptions and Greek sources leave an incomplete and sometimes seemingly contradictory picture of the administrative make-up of the Achaemenid Empire. The evidence has been reconciled by Bruno Jacobs, as reflecting a three-tier organization of seven "Great Satrapies," each subdivided into "Main Satrapies," most of these subdivided into "Minor Satrapies." The map reflects the reconstruction by B. Jacobs, *Die Satrapieverwaltung im Perserreich zur Zeit Darius' III.*, Wiesbaden 1994, and "Achaemenid Satrapies," in *Encyclopaedia Iranica* (2006). Since the Greek sources cover the details most thoroughly, the nomenclature is given in Greek forms. For the full listing of administrative divisions and subdivisions (not all labeled on the map), see the Key below (including Persian names, where known). "Great Satrapies" are bounded by thick borders, "Minor Satrapies" by thin borders; "Main Satrapies" are indicated through the color scheme.