

# CHRONOLOGY OF THE PERSIAN EMPIRE

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<b>CYRUS I</b>	<b>640 - 600 B.C.</b>
<b>CAMBYSES I</b>	<b>600 - 559 B.C.</b>
<b>CYRUS II (the Great)</b>	<b>559 - 530 B.C.</b>
(Founder of the Persian Empire) (Return of Zerubbabel and Jeshua)	
<b>CAMBYSES II</b>	<b>530 - 522 B.C.</b>
(Co-regent from 538 to 530 B.C.) (Rebuilding at Jerusalem stopped)	
<b>GAUMATA (a usurper; also called Smerdis or Bardiya)</b>	<b>522 B.C.</b>
<b>DARIUS I (Hystaspes)</b>	<b>521 - 486 B.C.</b>
(Known as "Darius the Great" - Behistun Inscription) (Haggai and Zechariah prophesied; Temple completed)	
<b>XERXES I (Ahasuerus)</b>	<b>485 - 465 B.C.</b>
(Story of Esther)	
<b>ARTAXERXES I (Longimanus)</b>	<b>464 - 424 B.C.</b>
(Return of Ezra, Return of Nehemiah, Ministry of Malachi)	
<b>DARIUS II (Nothus)</b>	<b>423 - 405 B.C.</b>
<b>ARTAXERXES II (Mnemnon)</b>	<b>404 - 359 B.C.</b>
<b>ARTAXERXES III (Ochus)</b>	<b>358 - 338 B.C.</b>
<b>ARSES</b>	<b>337 - 336 B.C.</b>
<b>DARIUS III (Codomanus)</b>	<b>335 - 330 B.C.</b>

-- **ALEXANDER THE GREAT = 336 - 323 B.C.** --

Conquest of Persia by Alexander = 331 B.C.