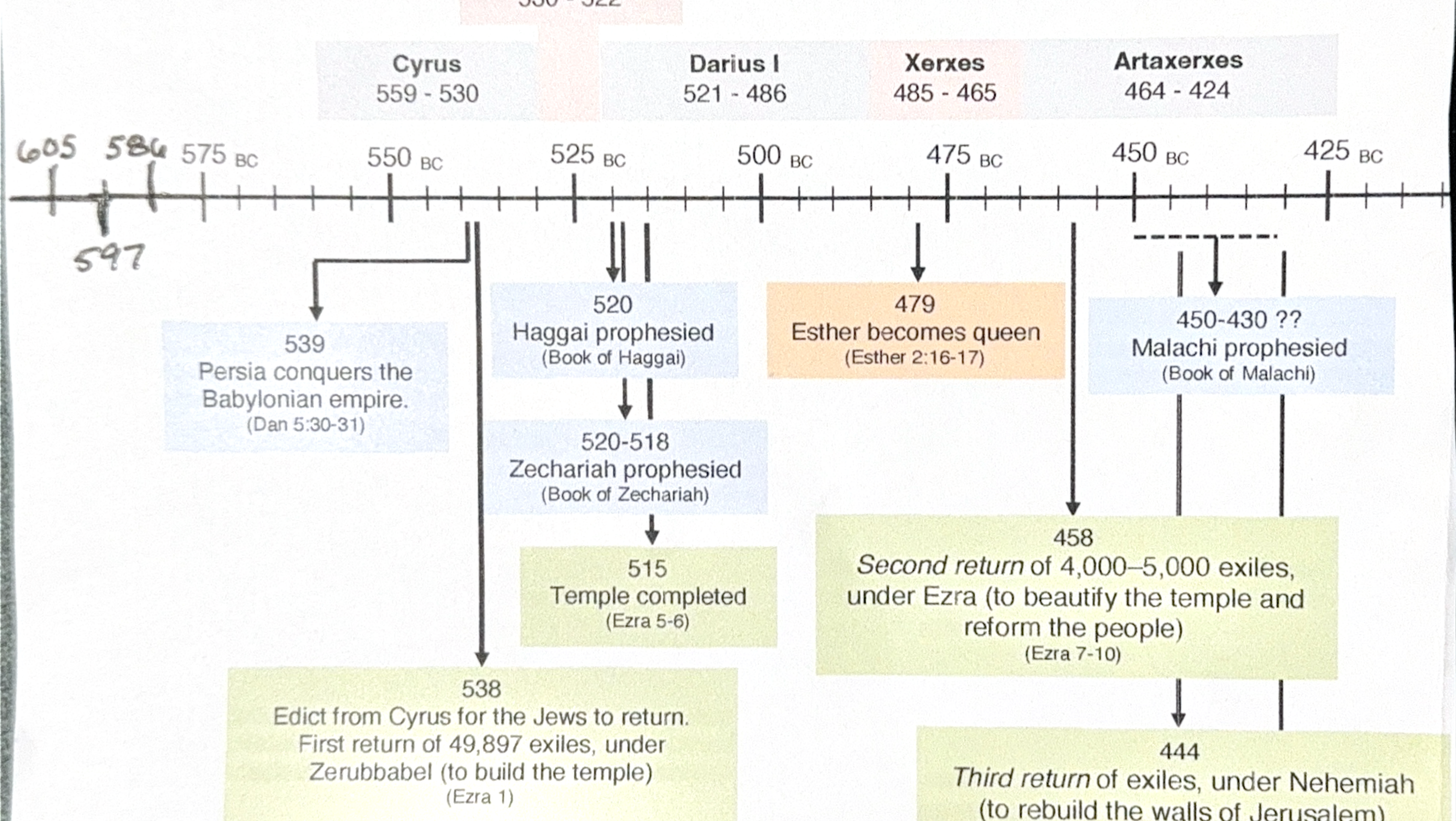


Ezra 4:

Trouble with the Samaritans



Dates to remember:

- 930 Kingdom Split
(1 Kings 12) Rehoboam &
Jeroboam**
- 722 Israel Exiled to Assyria**
- 586 Judah Exiled to Babylon**

The Timeline of Ezra 4

Ezra 4:1-5 The time of Cyrus to Darius	538–530, reign of Cyrus 522–486, reign of Darius
Ezra 4:6-7 The time of Ahasuerus to Artaxerxes	485–464, reign of Ahasuerus (cf. Esth 1:1) 464–423, reign of Artaxerxes
Ezra 4:8-16 Rehum's letter to Artaxerxes	464–423, reign of Artaxerxes
Ezra 4:17-23 The response of Artaxerxes	
Ezra 4:23 could be the setting for the news Nehemiah received in 445 BC (cf. Neh 1:1-3)	
Ezra 4:24 Return to the time of Darius	520 BC "second year of . . . Darius"