# Dates Related to the Book of Daniel and the End Times (\*dates are approximate, since the precise date is unknown)

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| 750 BC\*  |  | Isaiah prophesied that Cyrus would release Israel to return to Jerusalem (Isa. 44:28) |
| 721 BC |  | Assyria exiles Israel under Sennacherib |
| 626–539 BC |  | Babylonian Empire |
| 606 BC  |  | The first deportation of Jewish captives to Babylon, **Daniel taken to Babylon** |
| 606–536 BC |  | 70 years in which the Jewish captives were in Babylon |
| 600 BC\*  |  | Jeremiah prophesied that the captivity in Babylon would last for 70 years (Jer. 29:10-14) |
| 603 BC |  | Daniel chapter 2 vision (Nebuchadnezzar) |
| 597 BC  |  | The second deportation of Jewish captives to Babylon, including Ezekiel |
| **586 BC**  |  | **Jerusalem and the temple destroyed** (by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon)  |
| 586 BC  |  | The third deportation of Jewish captives to Babylon |
| 553–539 BC |  | Belshazzar’s reign |
| 553 BC  |  | Daniel received his 1st vision - **Daniel 7** |
| 551 BC  |  | Daniel received his 2nd vision - **Daniel 8** |
| 539–331 BC |  | Persian Empire |
| 539 BC  |  | King Cyrus of Persia conquered Babylon |
| 538 BC |  | First year of Darius the Mede |
| 538 BC  |  | King Cyrus’ decree issued, allowing the exiles to return to Israel |
| 538 BC  |  | Daniel received his 3rd vision (while reading Jer. 29) - **Daniel 9** (70-weeks prophecy) |
| 536 BC  |  | Daniel received his 4th vision - **Daniel 10-12** |
| **536 BC**  |  | **The Jewish exiles arrived in Jerusalem** (to build the temple with Zerubbabel |
| 520 BC  |  | The Jerusalem temple was restarted (after a 16-year delay) - Haggai and Zechariah |
| 516 BC  |  | The Jerusalem temple construction was completed |
| 458 BC  |  | King Artaxerxes’ decree to Ezra starts the 70 weeks (Ezra 4:12, 21; 7:12-26).  |
| 445 BC |  | Artaxerxes’ decree to Nehemiah |
| 409 BC |  | Ezra and Nehemiah finish initial rebuilding Jerusalem |
| 407 BC |  | New governor of Judah takes over from Nehemiah (from “The Elephantine Papyri”) |
| 331–146 BC |  | Greek Empire |
| 323 BC |  | Death of Alexander the Great, 32 years old |
| 175–164 BC |  | Reign of Antiochus Epiphanes (desecrated the temple, foreshadows the Antichrist) |
| 167–160 BC |  | Maccabean Revolt |
| 146 BC–1453 AD |  | Roman Empire - east and west |
| 146 BC–476 AD |  | Roman Empire - western division |
| 330–1453 AD |  | Roman Empire - eastern division |
| 26/27 AD |  | Start of Jesus’ ministry |
| 29/30 AD |  | Crucifixion of Jesus |
| 66–73 AD |  | Jewish-Roman war |
| 70 AD |  | Destruction of Second Temple and Jerusalem by Rome (Titus) |