



# KINGS OF THE EXILE



	KING	SIGNIFICANCE	PROCLAMATIONS AND DECREES
BABYLON	<b>Nebuchadnezzar</b> (2 Kings 24–25; Daniel 1–4)	The Lord's servant to bring judgment against the people of Judah for their sin (Jeremiah 25:9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Decree for the execution of all his wise men (Daniel 2:13)</li><li>• Proclaimed God is God of gods and Lord of lords and a revealer of mysteries (Daniel 2:47)</li><li>• Decree for leaders to worship the king's statue or die in the furnace (Daniel 3:10-11)</li><li>• Praised the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and decreed honor for Him; no other god able to rescue like this (Daniel 3:28-29)</li><li>• Praised the Most High God, whose works are true and ways are just and proclaimed His wonders to all the earth (Daniel 4)</li></ul>
	<b>Belshazzar</b> (Daniel 5)	The last king of Babylon by the judgment of God (Daniel 5:25-31)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proclaimed Daniel as third ruler in the kingdom for his interpretation of the handwriting on the wall (Daniel 5:29)</li></ul>
MEDO-PERSIA	<b>Darius the Mede / Cyrus the Persian</b> (2 Chronicles 36; Ezra 1–4; Daniel 6)	The Lord's shepherd to return the people from exile and rebuild the temple (Isaiah 44:24–45:7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Decree for the exiles of Judah to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple (Ezra 1:1-4)</li><li>• Irrevocable decree that no one petition in prayer any god or man except the king for thirty days (Daniel 6:6-9)</li><li>• Decree for everyone in the kingdom to tremble before the living God of Daniel, who rescued him from the lions (Daniel 6:26-27)</li></ul>
	<b>Darius</b> (Ezra 5–6)	The Lord's decree for rebuilding the temple fulfilled through the decree of Darius (Ezra 6:14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Decree affirming and supporting the rebuilding of the temple of God in Jerusalem (Ezra 6)</li></ul>
	<b>Ahasuerus / Xerxes</b> (Esther)	Made Esther his queen, a position ordained “for such a time as this” (Esther 2:17; 4:14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Irrevocable decree drafted by Haman for the destruction of the Jews (Esther 3:7-15)</li><li>• Irrevocable decree drafted by Mordecai for the defense of the Jews (Esther 8:8-14)</li></ul>
	<b>Artaxerxes</b> (Ezra 4; 7–10; Nehemiah)	The Lord put it into the king's mind to glorify the house of the Lord in Jerusalem (Ezra 7:27)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Decree to stop the rebuilding of Jerusalem until a further decree was given (Ezra 4:17-23)</li><li>• Decree permitting Ezra and others to return to Jerusalem and reinstitute the sacrifices and the law of God (Ezra 7:11-26)</li><li>• Permission granted to Nehemiah to go to Jerusalem and rebuild it (Nehemiah 2:1-8)</li></ul>

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