

List of Persian Kings found in standard History Books:

538 Cyrus כּוֹרֶשׁ

530 Cambyses אֲרַתַחְשַׁשְׁתָּא [?]

522 Darius I דָּרְיוֹשׁ [492 Battle of Marathon]

486 Xerxes אַחַשְׁוֵרוֹשׁ [479 Battle of Salamis]

465 Artaxerxes אֲרַתַחְשַׁסְתָּא [Ezra / Nechemia]

.... numerous other kings with similar names, e.g. Darius II, Artaxerxes II etc.

332 - Alexander the Great defeats Darius III

320 - Death of Alexander / fight over successor

312 - Battle of Gaza - 3x division Greece/Syria/Egypt

= Year One "minyan shtarot" - The std. Greek/Roman Year

[Example - Chanuka miracle = Year 148 M.S. = 164 BCE

Or "churban bayit sheni" = Year 380 M.S.]

Calculations of 'Seder Olam' [3rd century CE Tanaaim]

From /Till	Years	Sum	Source
Creation	0	0	Breishit 1:1
Birth of Avraham	1948	1948	Br. Chaps. 5 & 11
Birth of Yitzchak	100	2048	Breishit 21:5
Exodus	400	2448	Breishit 15:13
Building First Temple	480	2928	I Kings 6:1
Destruction First Temple	410	3338	Sefer Melachim
Start 2nd Temple Darius Year 2	70	3408	Zecharya 1:12
Alexander defeats Darius	34	3442	Daniel 11:1-7 (**)
Death of Alexander	6	3448	Seder Olam
"minyan shtarot" begins			An assumption
Second Temple destroyed	380	3928	Chazal / tradition

** Based on '3 more Persian Kings' until Alexander the Great

א וְאִנִּי בְּשָׁנַת אַחַת, לְדָרְיוֹשׁ הַמֶּדִּי--עַמְדֵי לְמַחְזִיק וּלְמַעֲזוֹ, לוֹ. ב וְעַתָּה, אָמַת אֲגִיד לְךָ; הַגֵּה-עוֹד שְׁלֹשָׁה מְלָכִים עַמְדִּים לְפָרֶס, וְהִרְבִּיעֵי יַעֲשִׂיר עֶשֶׂר-גָּדוֹל מִכָּל, וּבְחֻזְקוֹ בְּעָשְׂרוֹ, יַעִיר הַכָּל אֶת מַלְכוּת יוֹן. ג וְעַמְדוֹ, מֶלֶךְ גְּבוּר; וּמִשָּׁל מִמְּשָׁל רַב, וְעָשָׂה כְּרָצוֹנוֹ. ד וּבְעַמְדוֹ, תִּשָּׁבֵר מַלְכוּתוֹ, וְתִחַץ, לְאַרְבַּע רוּחוֹת הַשָּׁמַיִם; וְלֹא לְאַחֲרֵיתוֹ, וְלֹא כְּמִשְׁלוֹ אֲשֶׁר מָשַׁל--כִּי תִנָּחַשׁ מַלְכוּתוֹ, וְלְאַחֲרָיִם מִלְּבַד-אֵלֶּה. ה וַיַּחֲזֹק מֶלֶךְ-הַנְּגֹב, וּמִן-שָׂרְיָו; וַיַּחֲזֹק עָלָיו וּמִשָּׁל, מִמְּשָׁל רַב מִמְּשָׁלָתוֹ.

The 'three' Persian Kings, from the book of Ezra:

1. Koresh / 2. Achashverosh (Megillat Esther) / 3. Darius = Artachshasta

The two [intentional (?)] 'gaps' in Sefer Ezra

Year 1 Koresh [Ezra 1:1-7] - the return of the Exile ("shivat tzion")

GAP 'one' [= Achashverosh, according to Seder Olam] ----- >

Year 2 Daryavesh [Ezra 4:4-5] - construction begins on 24 Kislev

Year 6 Daryavesh [Ezra 6:14-15] - construction completed 3 Adar

GAP 'two' [classic history = Achashverosh ; in Seder Olam - no gap!]

Year 7 Artachshasta [Ezra 6:14 thru 7:7], Ezra makes Aliya from Persia

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A. Yirmiyahu's 70 years vs. Zecharya's -- Seder Olam

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1	Nevuchadnezar reigns	4 Yehoyakim	Yirm 25:1	-
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18	Temple destroyed/Exile II	11 Tzidkyhu	II Kings 25:1-8	-
70	Cyrus Declaration - Return	1 Koresh	Ezra 1:1-3	1
73	Achashverosh begins reign	3 Koresh	Daniel 10:1	3
76	Achashverosh's big party	3 Achashv.	Esther 1:3	6
85	Purim victory / miracle	12 Achashv	Esther 3:7	15
87	Darius succeeds Achashv.	14 Achashv	Midrash	17
88	Work begins on Bayit II	2 Darius	Chagai 2:15	18
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B. Yirmiyahu's 70 years vs. Zecharya's -Std. History

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79	Cambyses takes over	530 BCE	? Ezra 4:4-5	9
87	Darius becomes King	522 BCE		17
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-	Work on Bayit II complete	6 Darius	Ezra 6:13-15	24
	Xerxes becomes King	486 BCE	Achashverosh?	53
	Artaxerxes becomes King	465 BCE	Artachshasta?	74
-	Ezra makes Aliyah	7 Artaxerxes	Ezra 7:1-7	81