

Characters in Ezra - Nehemiah

Artaxerxes I, king of Persia, 464-424 BC, sends Nehemiah to Jerusalem (Ezra 4:7; 7:11-12; Nehemiah 2:1; 5:14)

Ahasuerus or Xerxes I, king of Persia (486-465 BC, Ezra 4:6; Esther)

Bilshan (Ezra 2:2; Neh 7:7), leading man in return.

Bishlam, enemy (Ez 4:7)

Cyrus, king of Persia, 559-530 BC, conquers Babylon, releases Jews to return (Ez 1:1)

Darius II, king of Persia, 424-405, allows construction to continue (Ez 5:5, 6; 4:24)

Eliashib the high priest, rebuilt Sheep Gate (Neh 3:1; 13:4-5, 28)

Ezra, son of Seraiah, the priest, scribe, teacher of the Law, leader (Ez 7:1, 6, 11, 12; etc.)

Geshem the Arab, enemy official (Neh 2:19; 6:1, 2, 6)

Haggai the prophet, prophesies up to completion of the temple in 520 BC (Ez 5:1; 6:14)

Hanani, Nehemiah's brother, informs of situation in Jerusalem, trusted with Jerusalem's security (Ne 1:2; 7:2)

Hananiah, commander of citadel of Jerusalem (Neh 7:2)

Jahzeiah, son of Tikvah, opposed putting away foreign wives (Ez 10:15)

Jeshua, son of Jozadak, priest and leader in the return (Ez 5:2; 2:2; 3:2, 8, 9; 4:3)

Jonathan, son of Asahel, opposed putting away foreign wives (Ez 10:15)

Jozabad, son of Jeshua, Levite; had foreign wife (Ez 8:33; 10:23)

Meremoth, son of Uriah the priest, son of Meshezabel (Ez 8:33; Ne 3:4)

Meshallam, opposed putting away foreign wives (Ez 10:15; Neh 8:4)

Meshallam, son of Berekiah, father-in-law to Tobiah's daughter (Ne 3:4; 6:18)

Nehemiah, son of Hacaliah, cupbearer to Artaxerxes, governor of Yehud (Ez 2:2; Neh 1:1 etc.)

Rehum, the commanding officer, enemy (4:8, 9, 17, 23)

Sanballat the Horonite, enemy official (2:10, 19; 4:1, 7; 6:1, 2, 5, 12, 14; 13:28)

Shabbethai the Levite, opposed putting away foreign wives (Ez 10:15)

Shecaniah, son of Jehiel, married foreign women (Ez 10:2)

Shecaniah, son of Arah, father-in-law of Tobiah (Neh 6:18)

Shemaiah son of Delaiah, paid by Tobiah and Sanballat to urge Nehemiah to hide in the temple (Neh 6:10)

Sherebiah, capable man, Levite, carried silver and gold articles (Ez 8:18, 24)

Sheshbazzar, prince of Judah (Ez 1:8, 11)

Shethar-Bozenai, official of Trans-Euphrates (Ez 5:3, 6; 6:6, 13)

Shimshai, the secretary, enemy (4:8, 9, 17, 23)

Tabeel, enemy (Ez 4:7)

Tattenai, governor of Trans-Euphrates (Ez 5:3, 6; 6:6, 13)

Tobiah the Ammonite, enemy official (2:10, 19; 4:3, 7; 6:1, 12, 14, 17, 19; 13:4, 7, 8)

Xerxes I, or Ahasuerus, king of Persia (Ezra 4:6)

Zechariah the prophet, descendant of Iddo (Ez 5:1; 6:14; Neh 8:4)

Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, grandson of king Jeconiah of Judah (Ez 5:2; 2:2; 3:2, 8; 4:2, 3)