

 PERSIAN KINGS DURUNG ESTHER, EZRA & NEHEMIAH

- **Cyrus II the Great, established the Persian Empire and ruled it from 550–529.**
(Zerubbabel)
- **Cambyses II, his son, ruled 530–522.**
- **Smerdis, his alleged brother, ruled 522.**
- **Darius I the Great, son of Hystaspes, ruled 521–486.**
(Zerubbabel, Haggai, Zechariah)
- **Xerxes I (Ahasuerus), his son, ruled 486–465.**
- **Artaxerxes I Longimanus, his son, ruled 464–424.**
(Malachi, Ezra (6-7), Nehemiah, Esther - known as Ahasuerus)
- **Xerxes II, his son, ruled 424.**



