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<b>538 BC</b>	<b>Return to Israel (Decree of Cyrus)</b>
<b>332 BC</b>	<b>Alexander the Great conquers Palestine</b>
<b>330–198 BC</b>	<b>Rule of Hellenistic Ptolemies over Jews</b>
<b>198–167 BC</b>	<b>Oppression under Hellenistic Seleucids</b>
<b>167 BC</b>	<b>Maccabean revolt</b>
<b>167–63 BC</b>	<b>Hasmonean (Maccabean) kingdom</b>
<b>63 BC</b>	<b>Roman conquest of Judea</b>
<b>37 BC</b>	<b>Reign of Herod begins</b>
<b>c. 6 BC</b>	<b>Birth of Jesus</b>
<b>4 BC</b>	<b>Herod's death</b>