

## THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY 2021 HANDOUT (18/52) MAY 6, 2021

2021 One Year Bible Reading 2 CHRONICLES 33-NEHEMIAH 4 READING Time: 1:18 (1 ½ hour speed: 52 minutes)

### Looking Back 7:20-7:40

Summary of this week's reading ...

Today's reading completes the time of the divided kingdom, the exile to Babylon, the issuing of a decree by the Persians to allow the people to return and rebuild the temple, Ezra's reformation and Nehemiah's return to rebuild the walls.

#### Daily and Chapter Summaries

Friday: April 30

2 Chronicles 33-36

The final kings of Judah, the Exile by Nebuchadnezzar, and the release by Cyrus

(33) Manasseh's evils reign, desecrates the temple, captured by Assyrians, repented while in exile, allowed to return, made restoration, Amon followed father but did not repent, assassinated vv. 8-13, 16, 21-23

(34) Josiah began reign at 8 years old, began reform at 16 years old, at 26 began restoration of the temple, found book of the law, repented from what was read, the warning from Huldah, made reform vv. 8, 14, 19-21, 27-28

(35) Passover observed, Josiah provided lambs for the people, first real Passover since days of Samuel, Josiah went into battle with Neco of Egypt, Josiah died in battle with Neco vv. 1, 18-19

(36) Jehoahaz, Neco deposed, Jehoiakim, Nebuchadnezzar came to Jerusalem (605 BC), Jehoichim went to Babylon (597 BC), Zedekiah became next king, scoffing at the prophets, temple sacked, burned, torn down, destroyed (586 BC), Cyrus of Persia's proclamation (538 BC) vv. 15-20, 22-23

Saturday: May 1

Ezra 1-3

God stirred Cyrus to allow the people to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple of God, a large number returned and those that remained gave gifts to the people to help rebuild the temple, and the foundations was laid.

(1) Cyrus proclamation for people to return to rebuild the temple of God (538 BC), gifts from the people staying plus Cyrus's gifts vv. 1, 3-8

(2) list of exiles that return by families, people, towns, and Levites and temple workers, total number 42,360 people, those without record, and gifts at the temple site

(3) Jeshua and Zerubbabel rebuilt the altar, start of rebuilding the temple, laid the foundation with celebration and some weeping vv. 8, 10-13

Sunday: May 2

Ezra 4-6

The temple was rebuilt with opposition by the people living in the land, formal opposition was made yet the original decree of Cyrus was sought, found, and allowed to stand. Finally the temple was finished.

(4) Enemies of Judah and Benjamin rebuffed, opposition to rebuilding, letter to Artaxerxes by opposition, worked stopped, did not resume until the reign of Darius (521-486 BC)

(5) Haggai and Zechariah's prophecy, rebuilding questioned by Tattenai, Darius' opinion sought vv. 11-12

(6) Cyrus' decree sought and found, Darius' decree, temple finished (515 BC), celebration, Passover celebrated vv. 1, 7, 10-12, 23

Monday: May 3

Ezra 7-8

**The scribe, Ezra, a Levite from the family of Aaron leads another group of Israelites back to Jerusalem.**

(7) Many years later, Ezra introduced, Artaxerxes (465-424 BC) letter and decree carried with Ezra when he came, Ezra's praise to God vv. 6-10, 13-16, 27-28

(8) those that returned with Ezra, fasting and praying before people that were returning, safe travel, offerings, sacrifices vv.15, 21-23, 36

Tuesday: May 4<sup>th</sup>

Ezra 9-10

**The sin of remarriage and the people's repentance**

(9) sins of the people, Ezra's prayer of repentance, sin of intermarrying, the remnant vv. 1-2, 5-15

(10) Shecaniah voices for the people their confession, the leaders helped the people right what they had done wrong. vv. 1-4

Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>

**Nehemiah 1-2 (charts map, empires, gates of Jerusalem and timeline of return from exile)**

**God moves Artaxerxes heart to allow Nehemiah to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the city**

(1) Nehemiah responds to a report from Jerusalem vv. 1-10

(2) Nehemiah asked Artaxerxes to go rebuild the walls (445 BC), his opposition, his inspection and resolve to build the wall vv. 1-3, 10, 15, 17-20

Thursday: May 6<sup>th</sup>

Nehemiah 3-4

**The organization of building the wall and the defense against their enemies**

(3) the organization of repairing of the wall section by section

(4) mocking of Sanballat and resistance and complaint of the people, plan to defend, repairs continue vv. 1-3, 4-5 (imprecatory), 12-13, 14, 17-18

Pentateuch: Genesis -> Deuteronomy (January 1- February 28<sup>th</sup>)

Historical Books: Joshua -> Esther (March 1 -> May 15<sup>th</sup>)

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Genesis Exodus	Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Joshua Judges Ruth 1 Samuel 2 Samuel	1 Kings 2 Kings 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles	Ezra Nehemiah Esther Job	Psalms	Proverb Ecclesiastes Song of Songs Isaiah	Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel	Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum HABAKUK Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi	Matthew Mark Luke John	Romans 1 Corinthians 1 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians Philemon	1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians 1 Timothy 2 Timothy Titus Hebrews James 1 Peter 2 Peter 1 John 2 John 3 John Jude Revelation

### Charts and Maps for 22<sup>nd</sup> Study

O.T. Time line

The Kings of Israel

Important Locations for the Exile and Return

Timeline of the Return from Exile

Post Exile Timeline

Jerusalem's Wall Rebuilt by Nehemiah

Bible Project Esther

## How can I live it? 7:40-7:50

The Good Samaritans

### Questions

**Is God finished with Israel?** Up to now in our reading has he given up on them? We will make our decision on "is he finished with Israel" based on reading of the Word of God. These are important passages and concepts... what is the nature of God, what is the nature of man, why did God enter into Covenant or this holy contract with Israel in the first place, what is that Covenant or contract?

### Additional thoughts...

besetting sin...A besetting sin is one to which on account of our constitution, or circumstance or both, we are peculiarly exposed, and into which we most easily and most frequently fall

### Words of the Prophets

Prophet	Reverence	Message
Ahijah	11:29-39	37And I will place you on the throne of Israel, and you will rule over all that your heart desires. 38If you listen to what I tell you and follow my ways and do whatever I consider to be right, and if you obey my decrees and commands, as my servant David did, then I will always be with you. I will establish an enduring dynasty for you as I did for David, and I will give Israel to you. 39Because of Solomon's sin I will punish the descendants of David—though not forever."

<b>Shemaiah</b>	<b>12:23-24</b> <b>2 Chronicles</b> <b>11:2-4</b>	<b>24</b> This is what the LORD says: Do not fight against your relatives, the Israelites. Go back home, for what has happened is my doing!"
<b>"man of God"</b>	<b>13:1-4</b>	"O altar, altar! This is what the LORD says: A child named Josiah will be born into the dynasty of David. On you he will sacrifice the priests from the pagan shrines who come here to burn incense, and human bones will be burned on you."
<b>the old prophet</b>	<b>13:11-32</b>	<b>22</b> You came back to this place and ate and drank where he told you not to eat or drink. Because of this, your body will not be buried in the grave of your ancestors."
<b>Ahijah</b>	<b>14:4-17</b>	<b>6</b> So when Ahijah heard her footsteps at the door, he called out, "Come in, wife of Jeroboam! Why are you pretending to be someone else?" Then he told her, "I have bad news for you. <b>7</b> Give your husband, Jeroboam, this message from the LORD, the God of Israel: 'I promoted you from the ranks of the common people and made you ruler over my people Israel. <b>8</b> I ripped the kingdom away from the family of David and gave it to you. But you have not been like my servant David, who obeyed my commands and followed me with all his heart and always did whatever I wanted. <b>9</b> You have done more evil than all who lived before you. You have made other gods for yourself and have made me furious with your gold calves. And since you have turned your back on me, <b>10</b> I will bring disaster on your dynasty and will destroy every one of your male descendants, slave and free alike, anywhere in Israel. I will burn up your royal dynasty as one burns up trash until it is all gone. <b>11</b> The members of Jeroboam's family who die in the city will be eaten by dogs, and those who die in the field will be eaten by vultures. I, the LORD, have spoken.'" <b>12</b> Then Ahijah said to Jeroboam's wife, "Go on home, and when you enter the city, the child will die."
<b>Azariah</b>	<b>2 Chronicles</b> <b>15:1-7</b>	<b>"Listen to me, Asa!" he shouted. "Listen, all you people of Judah and Benjamin! The LORD will stay with you as long as you stay with him! Whenever you seek him, you will find him. But if you abandon him, he will abandon you.</b>
<b>Jehu</b>	<b>16:1-4</b>	<b>2</b> "I lifted you out of the dust to make you ruler of my people Israel, but you have followed the evil example of Jeroboam. You have provoked my anger by causing my people Israel to sin. <b>3</b> So now I will destroy you and your family, just as I destroyed the descendants of Jeroboam son of Nebat. <b>4</b> The members of Baasha's family who die in the city will be eaten by dogs, and those who die in the field will be eaten by vultures."
<b>Elijah</b>	<b>17:1-24</b>	<b>3</b> "Go to the east and hide by Kerith Brook, near where it enters the Jordan River. <b>4</b> Drink from the brook and eat what the ravens bring you, for I have commanded them to bring you food." <b>9</b> "Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. I have instructed a widow there to feed you."
<b>"certain prophet" "man of God"</b>	<b>20:13-28</b>	"This is what the LORD says: Do you see all these enemy forces? Today I will hand them all over to you. Then you will know that I am the LORD." "This is what the LORD says: The Arameans have said, 'The LORD is a god of the hills and not of the plains.' So I will defeat this vast army for you. Then you will know that I am the LORD."
<b>One of the prophets</b>	<b>20:35-43</b>	<b>42</b> The prophet said to him, "This is what the LORD says: Because you have spared the man I said must be destroyed, now you must die in his place, and your people will die instead of his people." <b>43</b> So the king of Israel went home to Samaria angry and sullen.
<b>Elijah</b>	<b>21:17-24</b>	"This is what the LORD says: Wasn't it enough that you killed Naboth? Must you rob him, too? Because you have done this, dogs will lick your blood at the very place where they licked the blood of Naboth!"
<b>Michiah</b>	<b>22:8-20</b> <b>2 Chronicles</b> <b>18:16</b>	"In a vision I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, like sheep without a shepherd. And the LORD said, 'Their master has been killed. Send them home in peace.'"
<b>Elijah</b>	<b>2 Kings</b> <b>1:3-17</b>	"A man came up to us and told us to go back to the king and give him this message. 'This is what the LORD says: Is there no God in Israel? Why are you sending men to Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, to ask whether you will recover? Therefore, because you have done this, you will never leave the bed you are lying on; you will surely die.'"
<b>Jehu</b>	<b>2 Chronicles</b> <b>19:1-3</b>	<b>"Why should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD?" he asked the king. "Because of what you have done, the LORD is very angry with you. 3Even so, there is some good in you, for you have removed the Asherah poles throughout the land, and you have committed yourself to seeking God."</b>
<b>Jahaziel</b>	<b>2 Chronicles</b> <b>20:15-17</b>	<b>16</b> Tomorrow, march out against them. You will find them coming up through the ascent of Ziz at the end of the valley that opens into the wilderness of Jeruel. <b>17</b> But you will not even need to fight. Take your positions; then stand still and watch the LORD's victory. He is with you, O people of Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid or discouraged. Go out against them tomorrow, for the LORD is with you!"
<b>Elijah</b>	<b>2 Chronicles</b> <b>21:12-15</b>	You have not followed the good example of your father, Jehoshaphat, or your grandfather King Asa of Judah. <b>13</b> Instead, you have been as evil as the kings of Israel. <b>14</b> So now the LORD is about to strike you, your people, your children, your wives, and all that is yours with a heavy blow. <b>15</b> You yourself will suffer with a severe intestinal disease that will get worse each day until your bowels come out."
<b>Elisha</b>	<b>2 Kings</b> <b>3:1-11</b>	"Stay here, for the LORD has told me to go to the Jordan River."
<b>Zechariah</b>	<b>2 Chronicles</b> <b>24:20</b>	<b>"This is what God says: Why do you disobey the LORD's commands and keep yourselves from prospering? You have abandoned the LORD, and now he has abandoned you!"</b>
<b>Isaiah</b>	<b>2 Kings</b> <b>19:5-7</b>	"This is what the LORD says: Do not be disturbed by this blasphemous speech against me from the Assyrian king's messengers. <b>7</b> Listen! I myself will move against him, and the king will

		receive a message that he is needed at home. So he will return to his land, where I will have him killed with a sword.'"
<b>Isaiah</b>	<b>2 Kings 19:20-34</b>	" <b>21</b> And the LORD has spoken this word against him: "The virgin daughter of Zion despises you and laughs at you. The daughter of Jerusalem shakes her head in derision as you flee." <b>22</b> "Whom have you been defying and ridiculing? Against whom did you raise your voice? At whom did you look with such haughty eyes? It was the Holy One of Israel!"
<b>Obed</b>	<b>2 Chronicles 28:9-11</b>	" <b>The LORD, the God of your ancestors, was angry with Judah and let you defeat them. But you have gone too far, killing them without mercy, and all heaven is disturbed.</b>

## Summary

Scripture Passage	God's Focus	Talk Through the Bible	Main Characters
Genesis 1-11	The World	Creation Fall Flood Tower	Adam and Eve Seth Moses
Genesis 12-50	A Family	The Patriarchs...	Abraham Isaac Jacob Joseph
Exodus 1- Deuteronomy 34	A Nation Receiving its Covenant	Deliverance Mt. Sinai Kadesh Barnea 40 years of wandering	Moses/Aaron Joshua, Caleb
Joshua	A Nation Receiving its Inheritance	Jordan Jericho Conquest Dominion	Joshua
Judges		Judges Rebellions Cycles Ruth	14 Judges + Ruth
1 Samuel-1 Kings 11	A nation led by a King (united)	United Kingdom	Saul David Solomon
1 Kings 12- 2 Chronicles	A nation led by a King (divided)	Divided Kingdom	Jeroboam Rehoboam
1 Chronicles 36:20	Exile		

## Test 1 and 2 Kings **Answers**

- How does 1 Kings begin and end? **begins with the death of David and Solomon becoming the next king/and ends with the reigns of Jehoshaphat and Ahab**
- How does 2 Kings begin and end? **begins with king Ahaziah, Ahab's son and ends with king of Babylon being kind to Jehoiachin in Babylon**
- Who were the kings of the united kingdom of Israel? **Saul, David, and Solomon**
- What passage in the Torah describes how a king was to rule? **Deuteronomy 17**
- When Israel split, how many kings did the northern kingdom have? How many pleased the Lord? **19/0**
- How many kings did the southern kingdom have? How many pleased the Lord? **19/8 (did not count Queen Athaliah)**
- Match the king with the description...
 

<p><u>  e  </u> Josiah</p> <p><u>  j  </u> Jehoiachin</p> <p><u>  f  </u> Joash</p> <p><u>  k  </u> Manasseh</p> <p><u>  d  </u> Ahab</p> <p><u>  i  </u> Hoshea</p> <p><u>  a  </u> Hezekiah</p> <p><u>  l  </u> Rehoboam</p> <p><u>  b  </u> Jeroboam</p> <p><u>  h  </u> Zedekiah</p>	<p>a. He showed all his wealth to a delegation from Babylon</p> <p>b. He was an adversary of Solomon.</p> <p>c. He was stuck with leprosy because of his disobedience.</p> <p>d. He was married to Jezebel.</p> <p>e. The Book of the Law was discovered in the Temple and he exercised reform because of it.</p> <p>f. He was hidden away as an infant and crowned king at 7 years old. He restored the temple in Jerusalem.</p> <p>g. He went to battle with a king of the northern tribes who was pierce with an arrow in the joint of his armor.</p>
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\_\_\_g\_\_\_ Jehoshaphat  
\_\_\_c\_\_\_ Uzziah

- h. He fled Jerusalem, was captured, had to watch his sons be executed then had his eyes gouged out.
- i. He was the last king of the northern kingdom.
- j. He was treated kindly by a Babylonian king.
- k. He sacrifice his own son.
- l. He was the son of Solomon.

- 8. Who defeated the northern kingdom and when? **Assyrians 721 BC**
- 9. Who defeated the southern kingdom and when? **Babylonians 585 BC**
- 10. What prophet confronted the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel? **Elijah**
- 11. What prophet instructed Naaman to go wash in the Jordan? **Elisha**

#### Test on 1 and 2 Chronicles

- 1. How does 1 Chronicles start and end?
- 2. How does 2 Chronicles start and end?
- 3. Where does 1 and 2 Chronicles fit in the traditional Jewish Bible?
- 4. What stories of David are left out of 1 Chronicles?
- 5. What aspect of David's life is included in 1 Chronicles?
- 6. Which kings are emphasized in 2 Chronicles?
- 7. What four dominating empires affect the Jewish people in these two books during the time of the kings?
- 8. Who was a female king of Judah?

#### Test on 1 and 2 Chronicles **Answers**

- 1. How does 1 Chronicles start and end? **The genealogy of Adam and the death of Saul**
- 2. How does 2 Chronicles start and end? **The reign of David and the exile to Babylon**
- 3. Where does 1 and 2 Chronicles fit in the traditional Jewish Bible? **last book**
- 4. What stories of David are left out of 1 Chronicles? **The fleeing of Saul and the sin with Bathsheba**
- 5. What aspect of David's life is included in 1 Chronicles? **The planning and preparation for the building of the temple**
- 6. Which kings are emphasized in 2 Chronicles? **Kings of Judah**
- 7. What four dominating empires affect the Jewish people in these two books during the time of the kings? **Assyrian, Egyptian, Babylonian and Persian**

#### Test on Ezra

- 1. Which king and empire did God stir to send the Jews back to rebuild the temple?
- 2. Who led the people back on the first return?
- 3. What were the different reactions to the lay of the temple foundation?
- 4. Which prophets encouraged the building process?
- 5. How many years separated the temple completion (Ezra 6) and the Ezra coming to Jerusalem with the second group of exiles?
- 6. What sin of the people did Ezra address?

## Looking Forward 7:50-8:00

TBS DWB 19/52

Reading: Nehemiah 5-Esther 7 Reading Speed Pulpit: 1:08 (1 ½ hour speed: :45minutes)

### **Summary of this week's reading ...**

**The wall is finished in Jerusalem and Nehemiah leads the people while in Susa two Jews influence the King of Persia to confront a plot to annihilate all the Jews of the empire.**

## Daily and Chapter Summaries

Friday: May 7

Selah

Saturday: May 8

Nehemiah 5:1-8:1

Public unrest, Nehemiah's example and accusation, the wall is finished, and the people make a covenant

- (5) Public protest regarding usury and Nehemiah's governing (445-433 BC) example
- (6) Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem the Arab try to intimidate Nehemiah by accusing him of wrong doing, the wall is finished
- (7) The genealogy of those that returned from Babylon (42,360 people) plus their gifts

Sunday: May 9

Nehemiah 8:2-10:39

The People Promise to Obey as the Word of God is read

- (8) Ezra reads the law from a wooden platform and the people stood, the people were instructed to not weep but have joy
- (9) Celebration of the Festival of Shelters, the Law is read and explained, the people confessed their sin and reviewed their history
- (10) The people commit to obey and to the will of God

Monday: May 10th

Nehemiah 11-13

Populating the city of Jerusalem, dedicating the walls, and dealing with the sins of the people

- (11) a list of the people that lived in Jerusalem and the surrounding villages from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin as well as the Levites,
- (12) a list of the priest who had returned with Zerubbabel and Jeshua, the dedication of the wall
- (13) Nehemiah confronts the priest about housing Tobiah, not caring for the people, profaning the Sabbath and intermarrying with the pagan people

Tuesday: May 11<sup>th</sup>

Esther 1-2

God providential brings two Jews into the palace of the Persian Empire

- (1) Xerxes' (486-465 BC) banquet and Queen Vashti's lack of submission and banishment

- (2) Plan to replace Vashti, introduction to Esther and Mordecai her cousin, Esther declared queen, Mordecai report a plan to assassinate the king

Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup>

Esther 3-4

**Esther is compelled to use her influence to stop a plan by Haman to annihilate the Jews**

- (3) Haman is elevated and Mordecai refuses to bow to him and in anger Haman develops a plan to exterminate not only Mordecai but all the Jews of the land
- (4) As the plan is revealed and the date of extermination is chosen the Jews and Mordecai mourns, Esther is compelled to intervene for her people even at the risk of her own life.

Thursday: May 13<sup>th</sup>

Esther 5-7

**The Plot to Eliminate the Jews begins to Unravel**

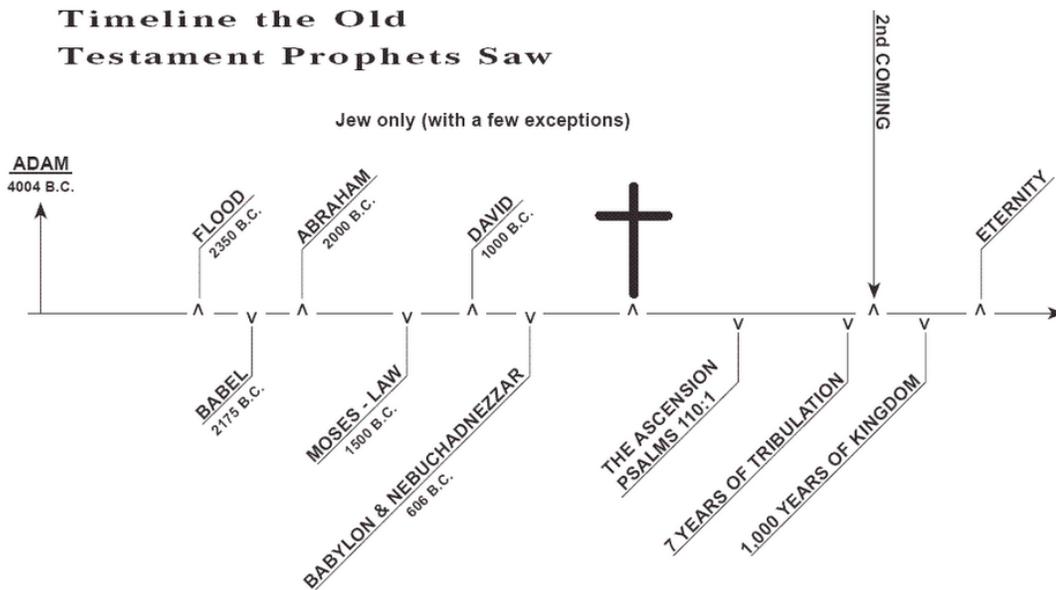
- (5) Esther approached the king while Haman make a plan to kill Mordecai**
- (6) The kings intention to honor Mordecai and Haman's humiliation**
- (7) Esther reveals the consequences of Haman's plan to the Jews as well as his intention to kill Mordecai, Haman is executed**

### Summary of 2 Chronicles 33 to Nehemiah 4

Key word	Exile	Return	Temple	Reform	Wall
Key characters	Jehoiachin	Zerubbabel Jeshua	Zerubbabel Jeshua Haggai (Ezra 5:1-2) Zachariah	Ezra Ezra 7:6-10; 8:15-21, 31-32	Nehemiah Nehemiah 1:1-7, 8- 9,10-11; 2:8 446 (third wave of exiles)
Year	Manasseh at 687  586	538 (first wave of exiles)	515	458 (second wave of exiles)	444 wall complete
Key verses	2 Chronicles 33:8 34:24 36:9-10 (597) 36:15, 17-21 (586) 1 Kings 25:27-30 (561)	2 Chronicle 36:32-33 Ezra 1:1-5, 2:1-2	Ezra 3:1-4, 10-13	Ezra 9:1-2, 5-7, 8-10, 12,14; 10:2-4, 11, 14, 44	Nehemiah 2:17-20; 4:1- 3, 17-23
Transition	Completion of the appointed time 2 Chronicles 36:21 Jeremiah 29:10-13 Daniel 9:1-6		Opposition		
Foreign Leaders	Nebuchadnezzar Evil-Merodach	Cyrus	Artaxerxes (stopped) Darius (continued)		Artaxerxes
Application	God will discipline His children but destroy unbelievers, God is not mocked, what a man sows he reaps, there is not condemnation for those that are in Christ Jesus (Hebrews 12: 6, Peter 4:17, Galatians 6:7, Romans 8:1)	God is control of time (Ephesians 1:11, 2 Peter 3:3-7) God is control of leaders (Proverbs 21:1)	Expect opposition to God's work, Don't be surprised at trouble (1 Peter 4:12)	Bad company corrupts good morals. (1 Corinthians 15:33, 1 Kings 11:1-6, Romans 12:1-2. Do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God (James 4:4)	Some opposition is overcome by standing still and seeing the strong arm of God do its work (Exodus 14:13) while other take place with a trowel in one hand and a sword in the other. Nehemiah 4:17 and Ephesians 6:10

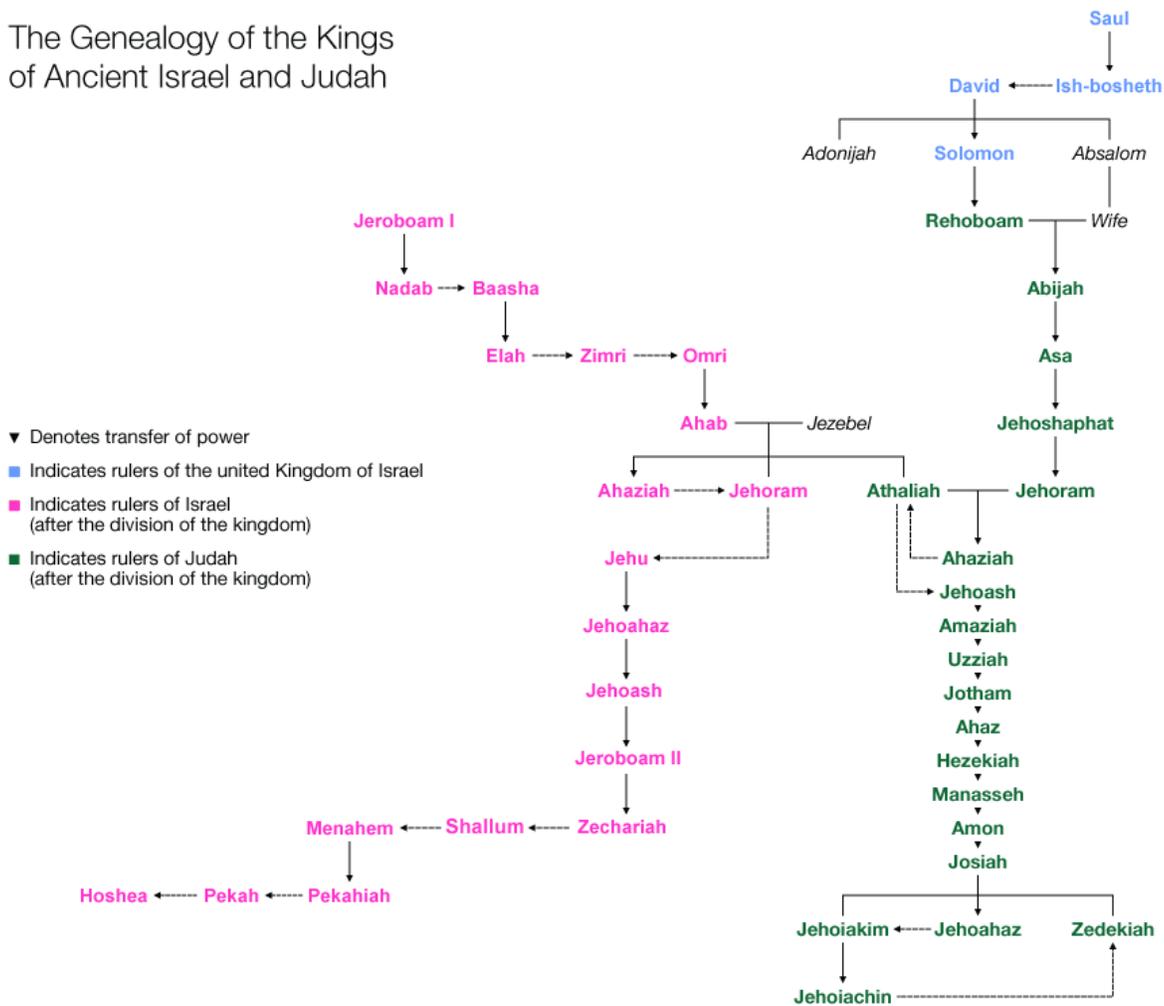
# Charts and Maps 18.52 May 6<sup>th</sup>

O.T. Time line

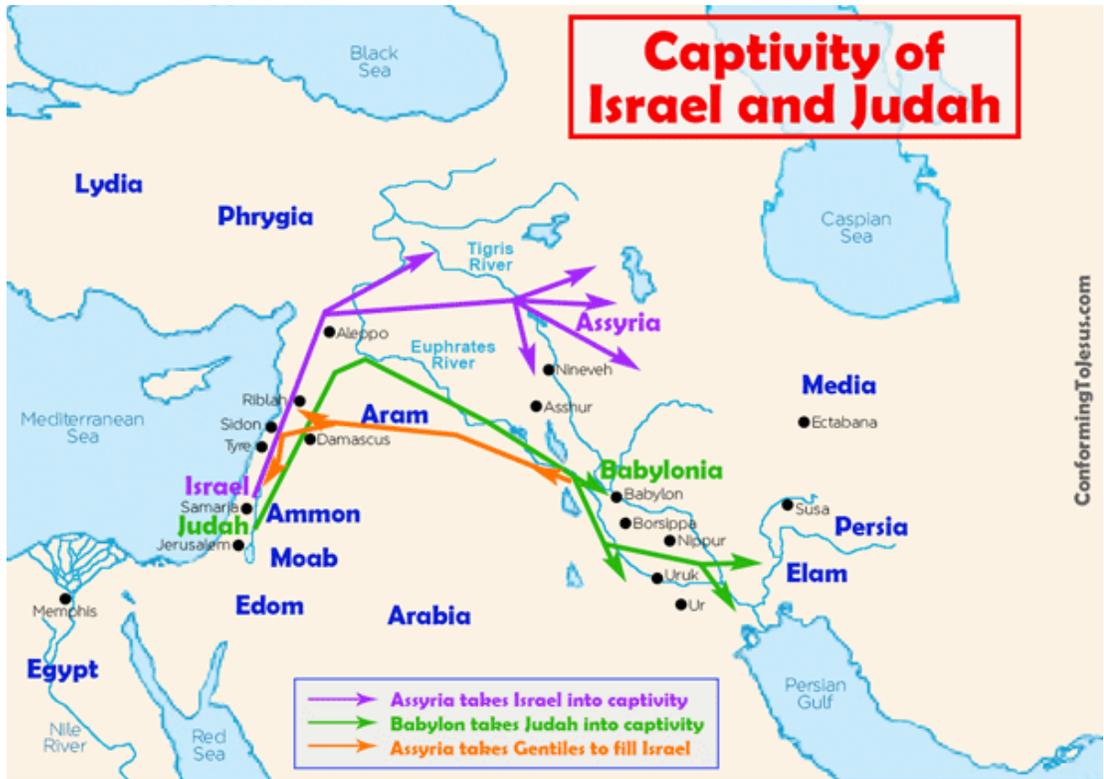


## The Kings of Israel

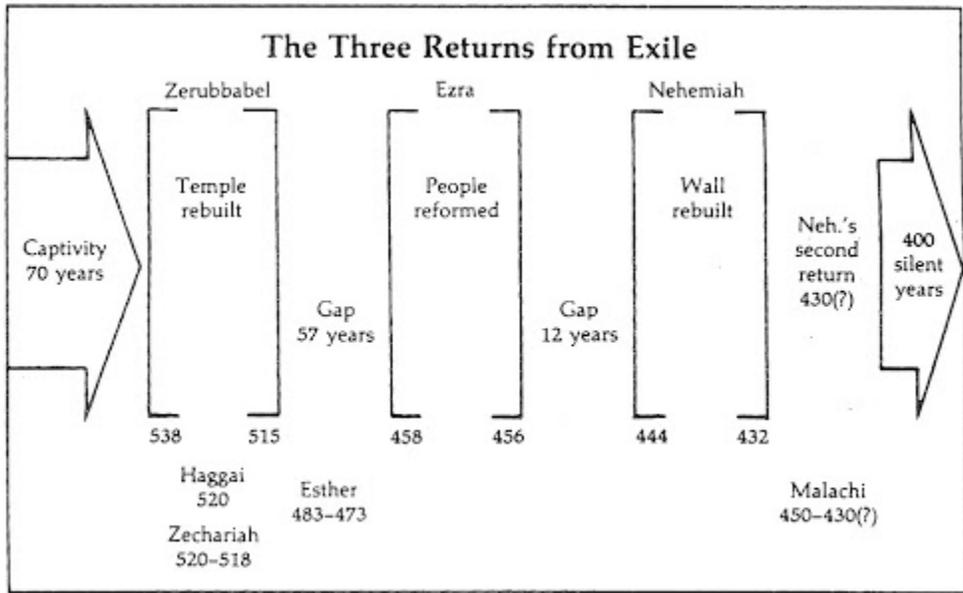
The Genealogy of the Kings of Ancient Israel and Judah



Important Locations for the Exile and Return

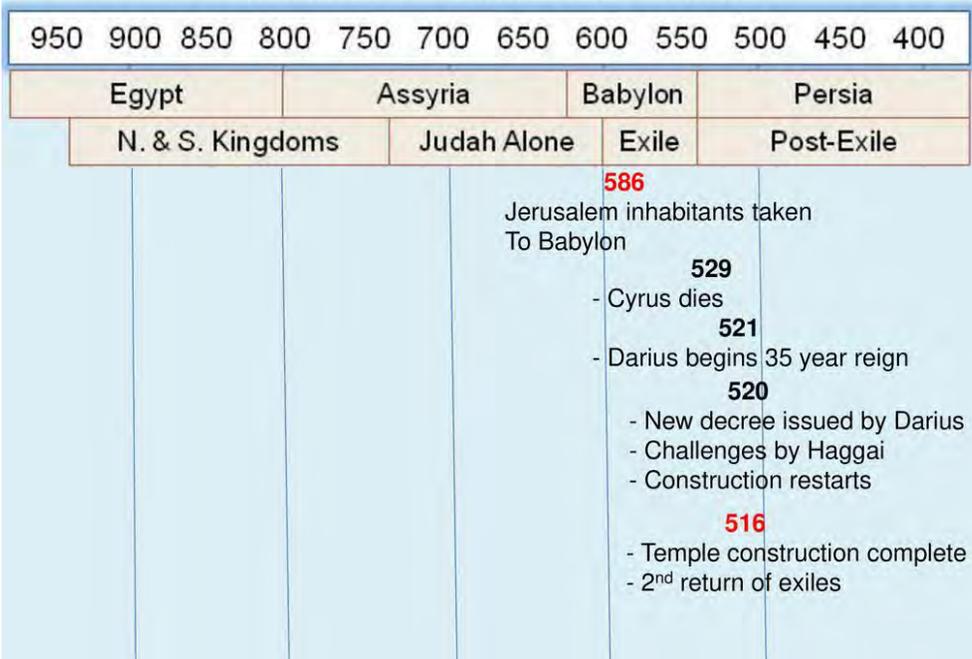


Timeline of the Return from Exile

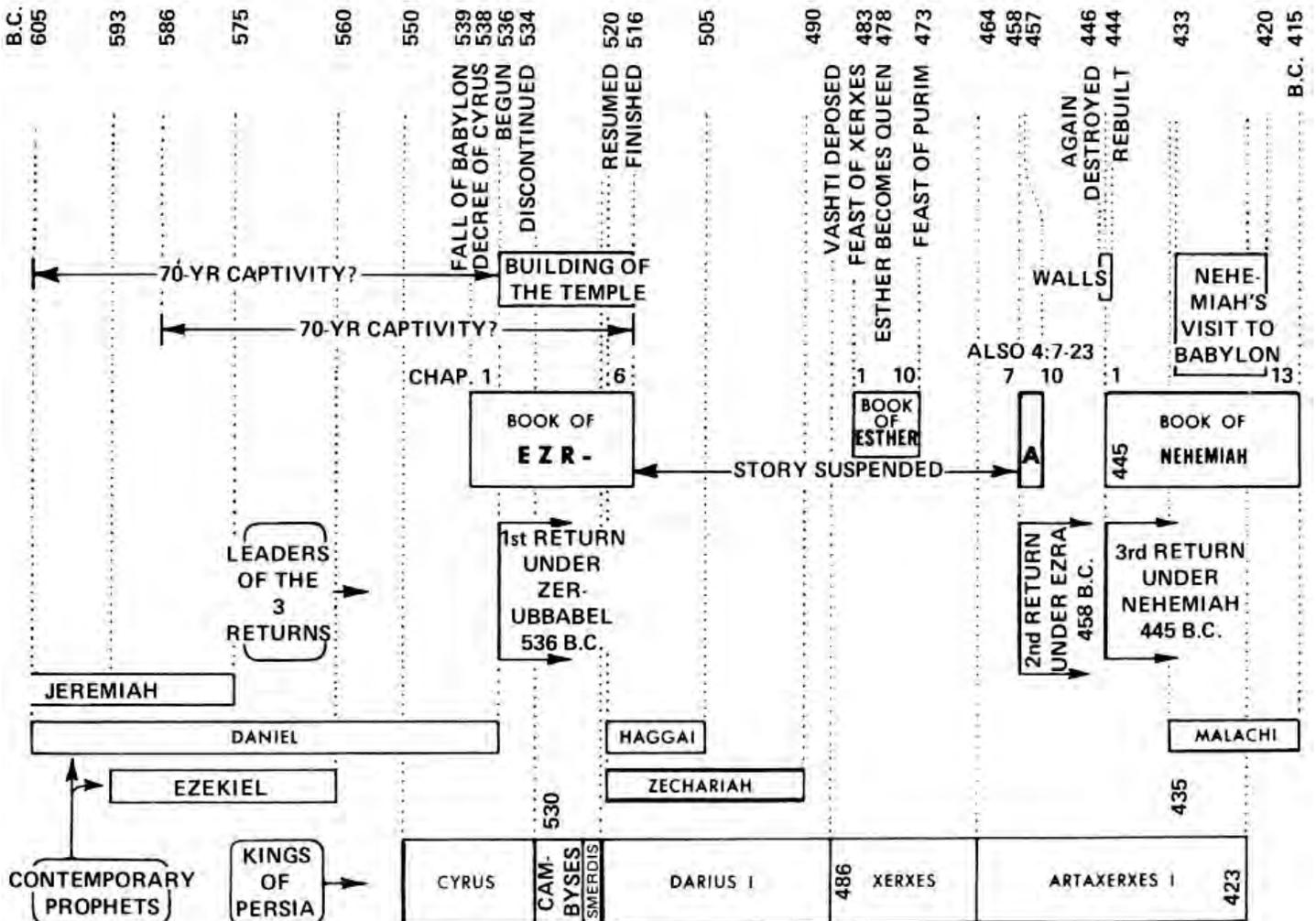


Empires that Affected Israel and Judah

## Timeline of Exile and Return

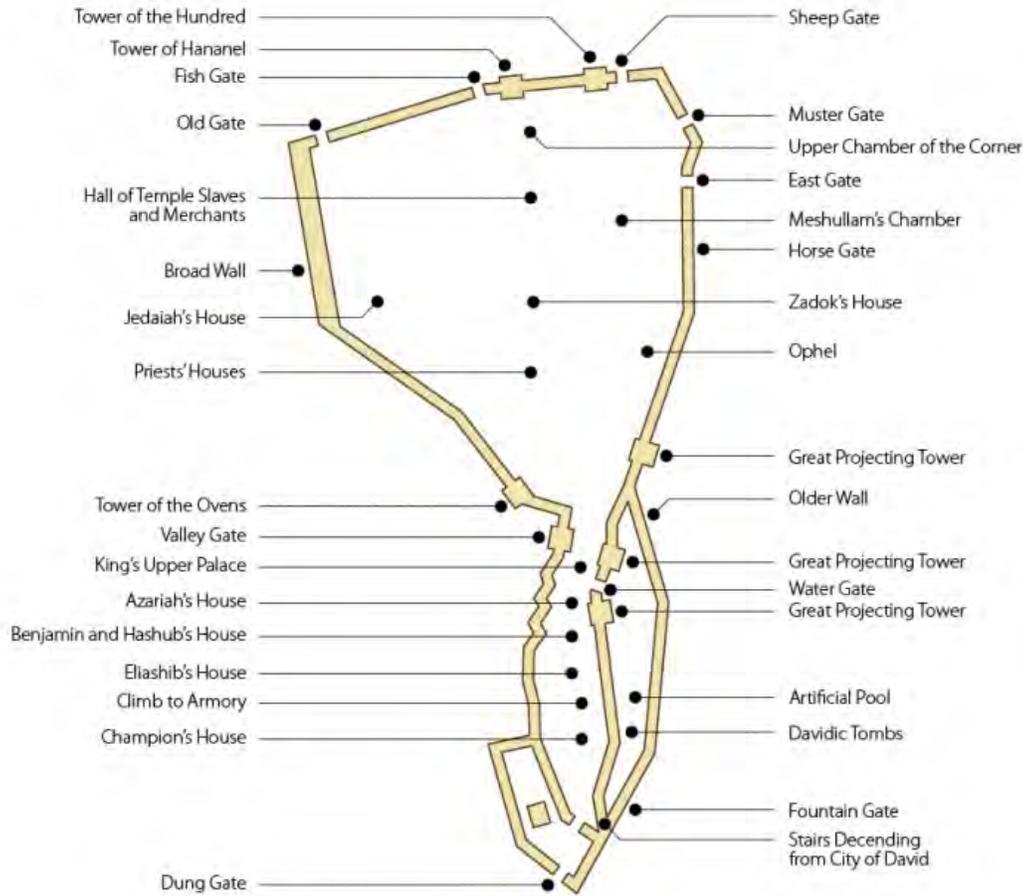


Post Exile Timeline



# Jerusalem's Wall Rebuilt by Nehemiah

## Jerusalem's Wall in Nehemiah's Day



# ESTHER

**1-2 KING OF PERSIA'S GREATNESS**

BRING ME WISDOM!

DEGREE LET ALL MEN BE MASTERS OF THEIR HOMES

ESTHER BECOMES QUEEN & MORDECAI SAVES THE KING

**9-10 MORDECAI'S GREATNESS**

2 FEAST DAYS PURIM

COMMEMORATES THE JEWS' DELIVERANCE FROM DESTRUCTION

QUEEN & MORDECAI SAVE THE JEWS

ENEMIES & HAMAN'S SONS

**3A HAMAN ELEVATED**

AGAGITE = CANAANITE



**8C MORDECAI ELEVATED**

**CURIOUS FACT:**

- GOD IS NEVER MENTIONED
- INVITATION TO LOOK FOR GOD'S ACTIVITY
- "COINCIDENCE" & IRONIC REVERSAL

**MORAL AMBIGUITY:**

- A LOT OF DRINKING, SEX AND MURDER
- VIOLATION OF [TORAH] COMMANDS

**THE POINT:**

DESPITE EXILE, "GOD'S ABSENCE" AND ISRAEL'S MORAL COMPROMISE, GOD HAS NOT ABANDONED HIS PROMISES

**3B HAMAN'S DECREE TO KILL THE JEWS**

ROLLS THE DICE

13<sup>th</sup> ADAR

PUR

BANQUET

**4 ESTHER & MORDECAI PLAN TO REVERSE THE DECREE**

DELIVERANCE MUST COME FROM SOMEWHERE

PERHAPS YOU'VE BECOME QUEEN FOR THIS MOMENT. IF I PERISH, I PERISH

**8A ESTHER & MORDECAI PLAN TO REVERSE THE DECREE**

**8B MORDECAI'S DECREE TO SAVE THE JEWS**

13<sup>th</sup> OF ADAR

ALL JEWS CAN DEFEND THEMSELVES AND DESTROY THEIR ENEMIES!

BANQUET

**6 THE STORY PIVOTS**

MORDECAI - I FORGOT!

LET MORDECAI BE PRAISED!

**5 ESTHER'S 1<sup>st</sup> BANQUET**

PLEASE COME TO MY BANQUET TOMORROW!

IMMEDIATELY AFTER

**7 ESTHER'S 2<sup>nd</sup> BANQUET**

HAMAN'S PLOTTED TO KILL THE JEWS!

WHAT?! WHAT?!

IMMEDIATELY AFTER

