

Nehemiah

A Heart for God and God's People

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Let's Pray God's Word Together as Nehemiah Did

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:26

Study Outline

Chapter	Topic
Intro	Backdrop
1:1-3	Receiving an Invitation from God
1&2	Praying and Acting on God's Invitation
3&4	Planning the Work God Gave us to Do
5	Leveraging Our Means to Accomplish God's Will
6&7	Persevering to Completion
8	Reviving Our Hearts Through God's Word
9&10,13	Remembering, Reflecting, Repenting, Restoring, Renewing (the Covenant)
11&12	Moving to God's Work Site, Dedicating Ourselves God

The Challenge

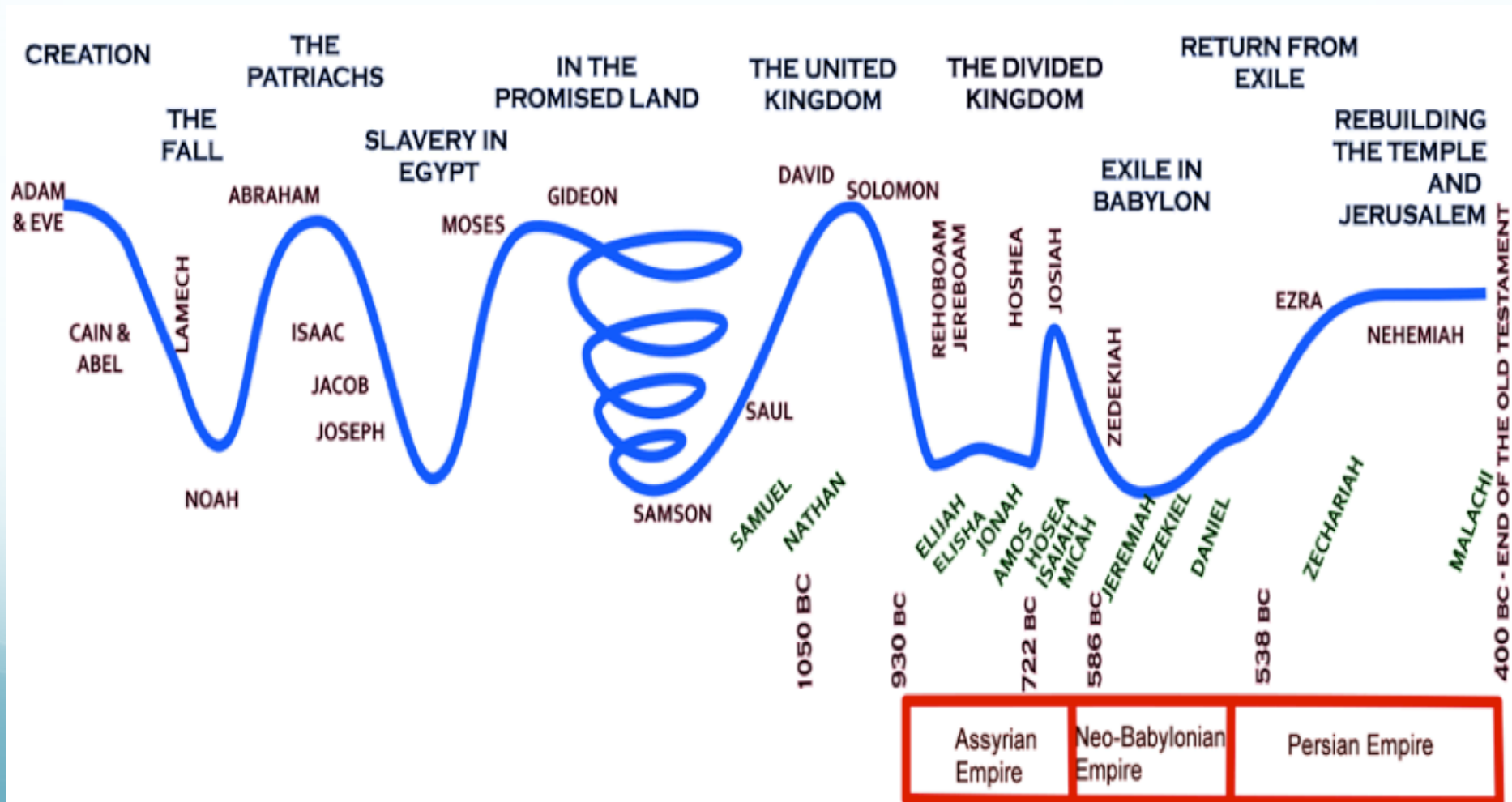
- God invited Nehemiah to Join Him in His work 1:3
- Nehemiah, with God's help, finished the job to God's glory 13:31
- Let's make it personal

Nehemiah Sermon at Grace?

- Oct 10, 1995 Nehemiah 1
 - “Discontent, Desperation, Determination”
 - Bill Anthes

- Dec 31, 2017 Nehemiah 8:1-12
 - “God’s Word in Our Lives”
 - Don Godard

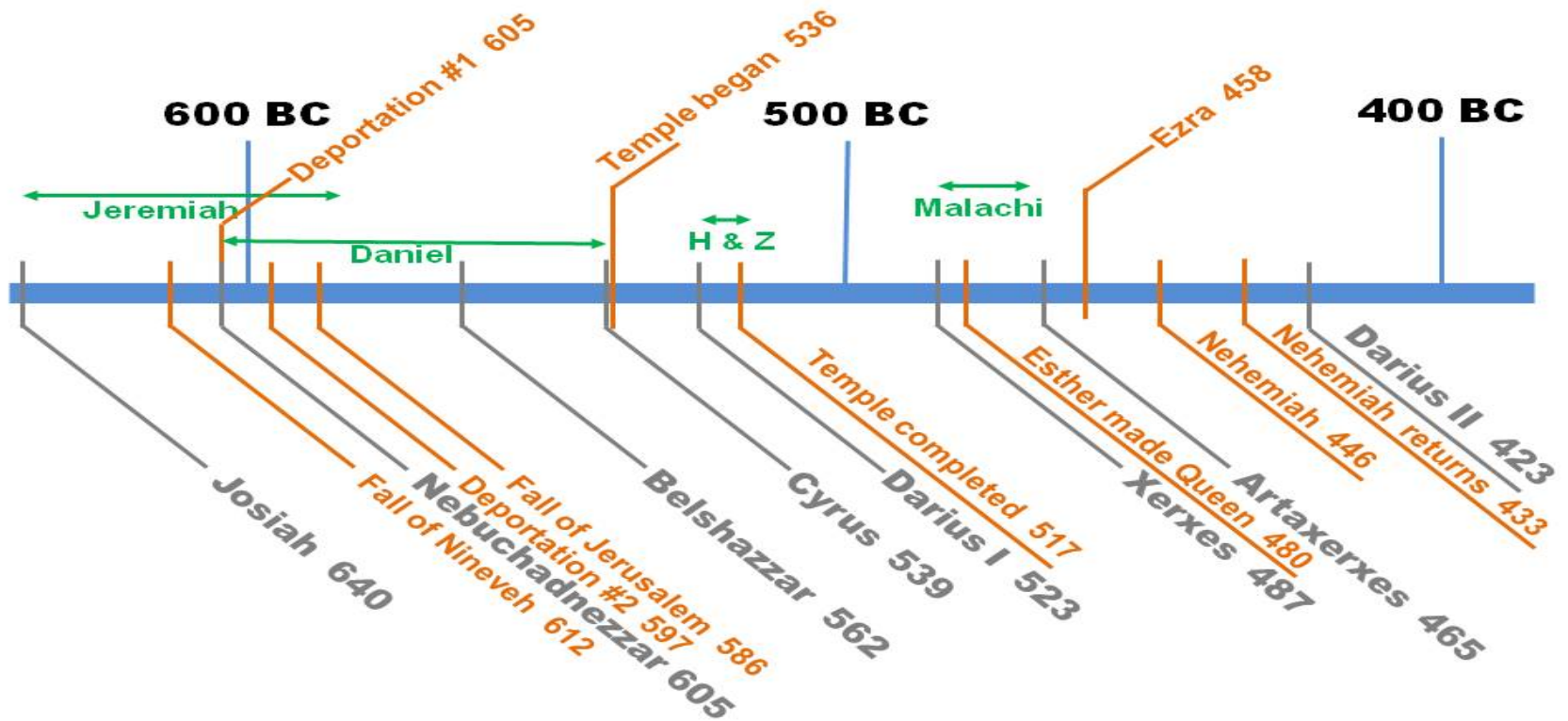
Bible Timeline



Cycle of Sin in Judges



Exile, Return, and Rebuilding



Fall of Jerusalem

- Lamentations
 - Jeremiah's description of Jerusalem's Fall
 - 1:1 Slaves
 - 2:8 The Lord has determined to tear down the wall
 - 2:9 Kings and princes exiled
 - 5:16 Woe to us for we have sinned
- Deuteronomy
 - 28:13-68, the curses for Covenant disobedience come upon Israel. Extreme hardship
 - 15 parallels between Lamentations and Deuteronomy

Nehemiah in Six Minutes

- [Nehemiah in 6 Minutes.mp4](#)
 - BibleWalkThrough. Landon
- What Did We Learn From Pastor Landon?
 - Key Themes
 - Who was Nehemiah
 - About God

Nehemiah – Who was he? Why should we take notice?

- Cupbearer to the king
- Governor of Jerusalem
- Had a heart for God
- An example for us to follow

Biblical Summary 9:6-30

Period	Ref	God is...	God's People Were
Creation	9:6		
Abraham	9:7		
Exodus	9:9-21		
Conquest	9:22-25		
Rebellion	9:26		
Judges	9:27-28		
Kings	9:29-30		

Biblical Summary 9:6-28

Period	Ref 9	God is...	God's People Were
Creation	6	Lord, Creator, Worshiped	
Abraham	7	Righteous Promise Keeper	
Exodus	9-21	Rescuer, Protector, Provider, Covenant Maker, Faithful, Forgiving, Compassionate, Loving, Slow to Anger	Arrogant, Stiff Necked, Disobedient, Rebellious, Blasphemous
Conquest	22-25	Giving, One who subdues the Enemies	In Possession, Well Nourished, Reveling
Rebellion	26		Disobedient, Rebellious, Blasphemous Murderous, Turned Their Backs to God
Judges	27-28	A God of Judgment, One Who Hears, Compassionate, Rescuer	Oppressed, Crying Out, Evil Doers
Kings	29-30	Giver of warnings, patient, A God of Judgement	Arrogant, Stiff Necked, Disobedient, Turned Their Backs to God, Stubborn

Current Situation 9:29-37

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Mercy	9:31		
Restoration Plea	9:32		
Confession	9:33-35		
Slavery and Distress	9:36-37		

Current Situation 9:29-37

Period	Ref	God is...	God's People Were
Mercy	9:31	Merciful, Gracious	
Restoration Plea	9:32	Mighty, Awesome, Great, Keeper of Covenant of Love	In Hardship
Confession	9:33-35	Righteous, Faithful	Wicked, Disobedient, Unservicing, Stubborn
Slavery and Distress	9:36-37		Slaves, In Great Distress Neh 1:3

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God's Invitation to Join In

- Heart prepared to receive
 - Submission
 - Confession
 - God's Word

 - God's will
- God brings need into awareness
 - Provokes prepared heart