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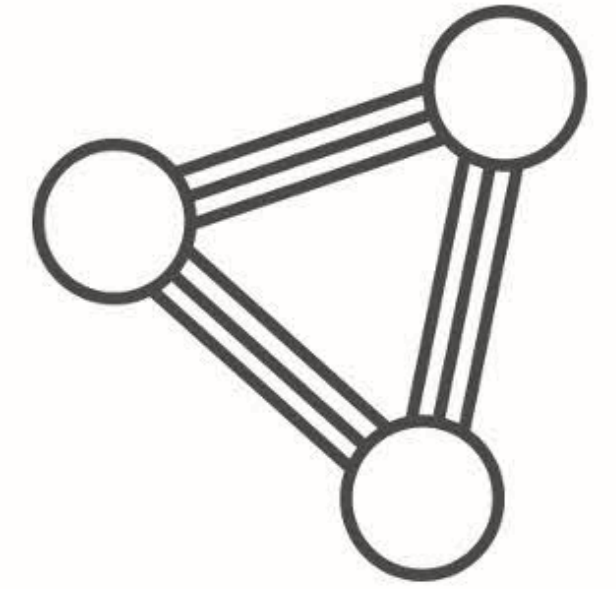
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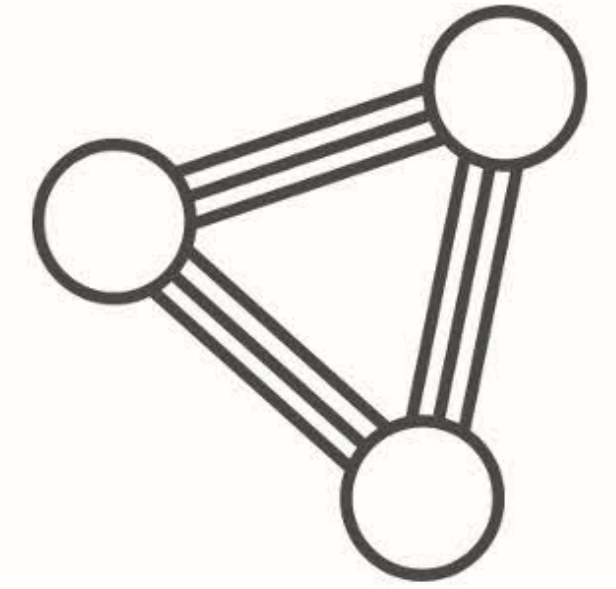


Lesson 26: Sent into Exile

Lesson 26A Exile

- **Transfer of Political Power to Gentiles**
- **Transfer of Political Power from Israel to Gentile Rulers (603 BC)**
- **End of Solomon's Dynasty (598 BC)**
- **Departure of the Shekinah Glory (591 BC)**

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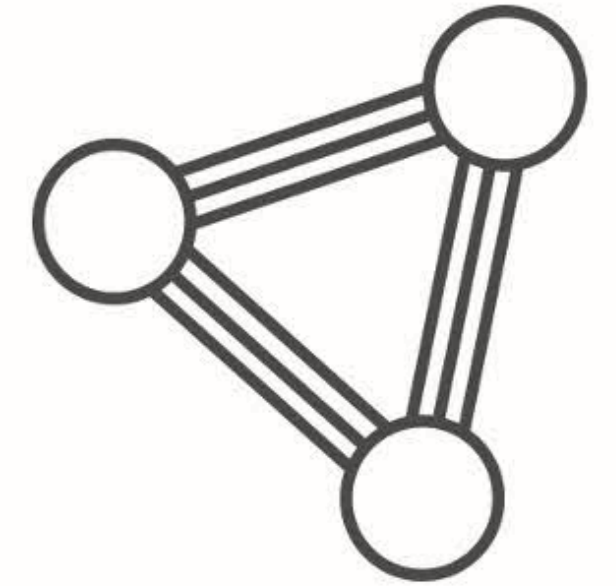


Lesson 26B: Sent into Exile

Lesson 26B Exile

- **The Beginning and Role of Prophetic Literature**
- **How Should We Understand Prophetic Literature?**
- **The Rise of the Kingdom of Man: Religion, Philosophy, Globalism**
- **Does God Still Speak to People in Dreams?**

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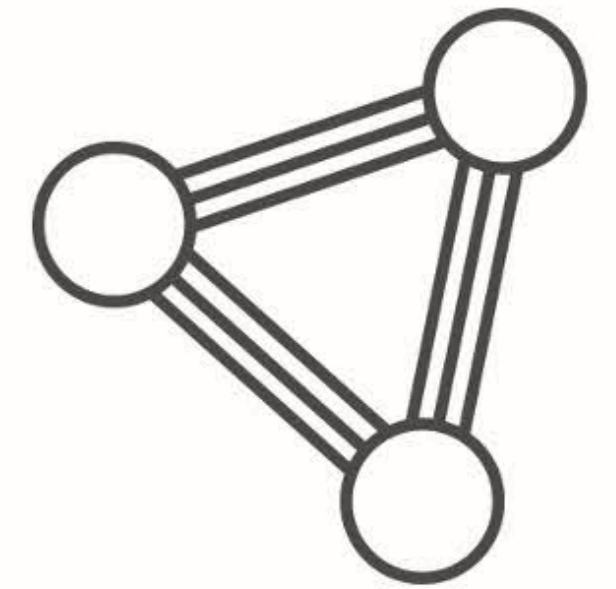


Lesson 27: Living as Believers in a Pagan Culture

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- **The Book of Daniel is a “Wisdom” Book**
- **Life for Exiles in a Pagan Culture**
- **How to Face Conflicts with Hostile Pagan Governments**

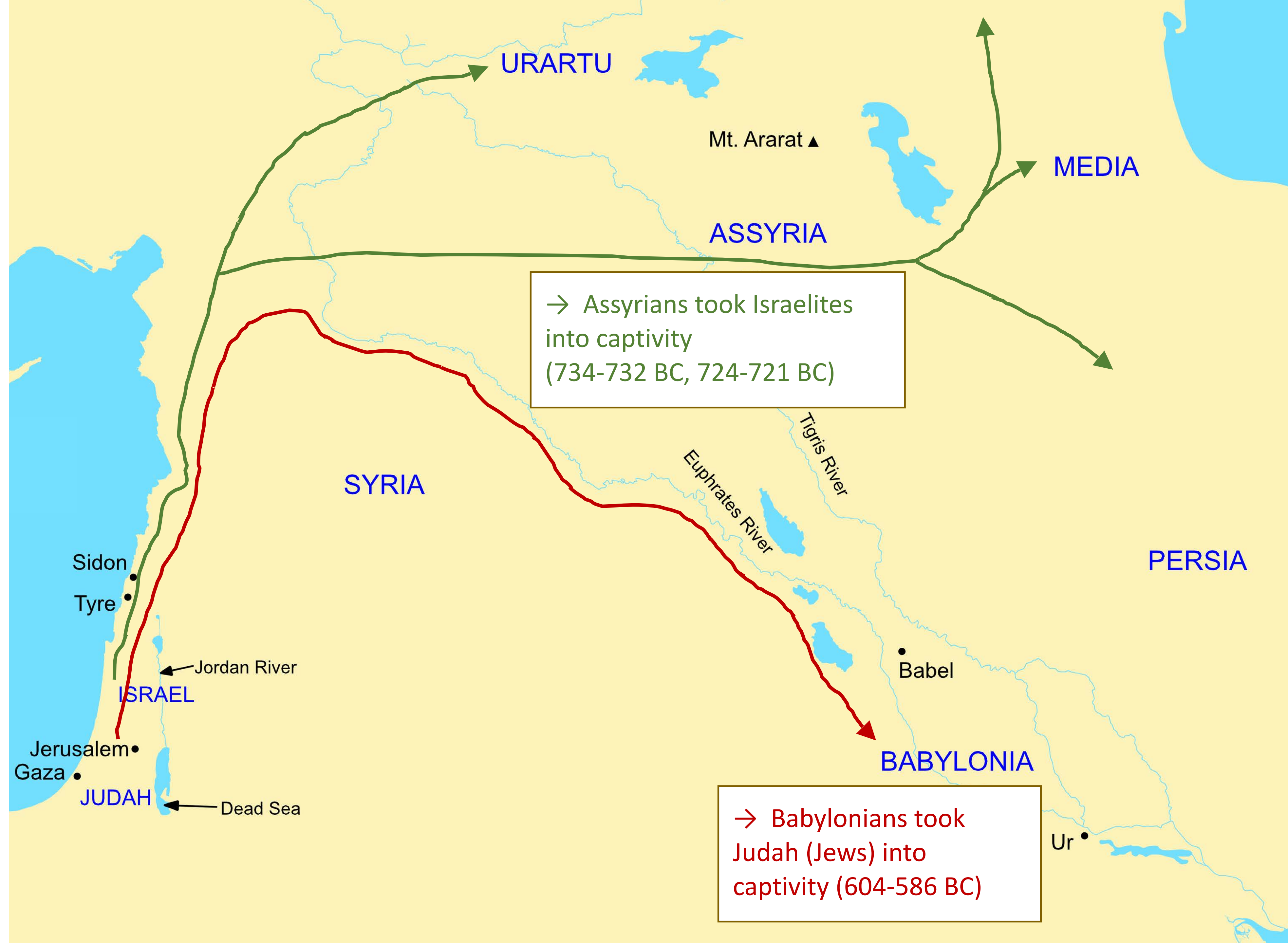
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Lesson 28: Partial Return of Judah

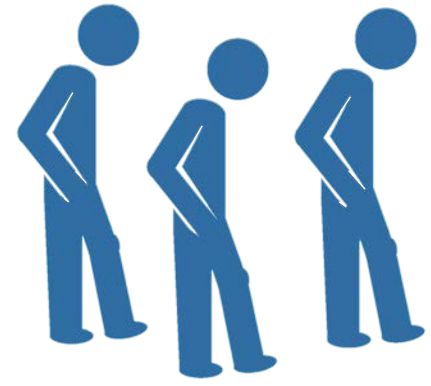
Lesson 28A

- **Daniel's Prayer**
- **Daniel's Timeline**
- **Partial Return / Full Return**
- **Avoiding Fatalism in Prayers**

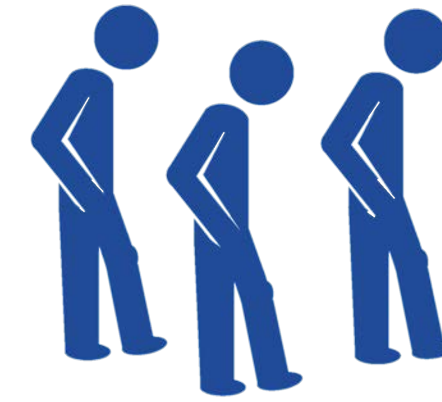


→ Assyrians took Israelites into captivity (734-732 BC, 724-721 BC)

→ Babylonians took Judah (Jews) into captivity (604-586 BC)



**ISRAEL
EXILED TO
ASSYRIA**



**JUDAH EXILED TO
BABYLON**

2nd wave:

**King Jehoiachin,
Ezekiel**

3rd wave:

Last King Zedekiah

Year
(BC)
not to
scale

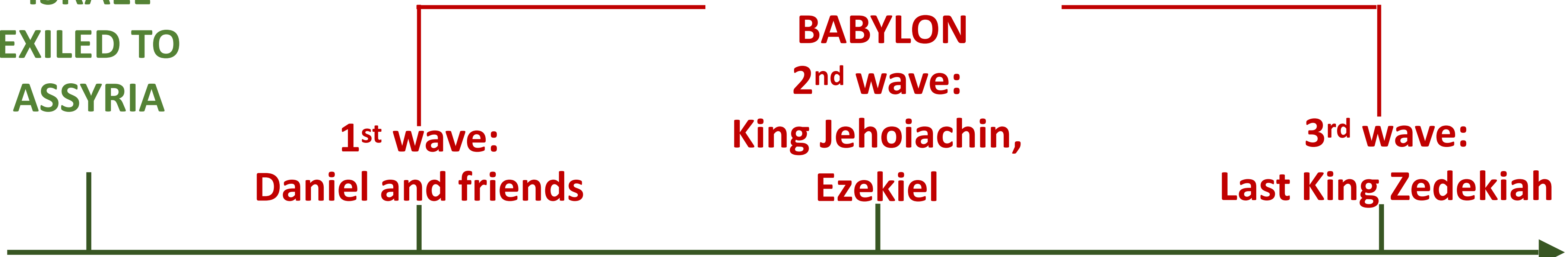
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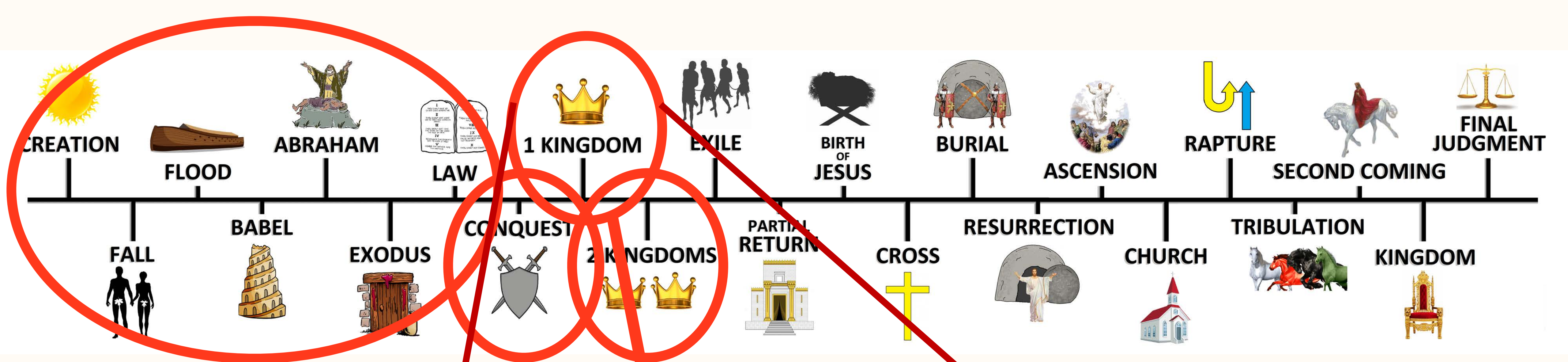
**1st wave:
Daniel and friends**

~ 605

~597

~586



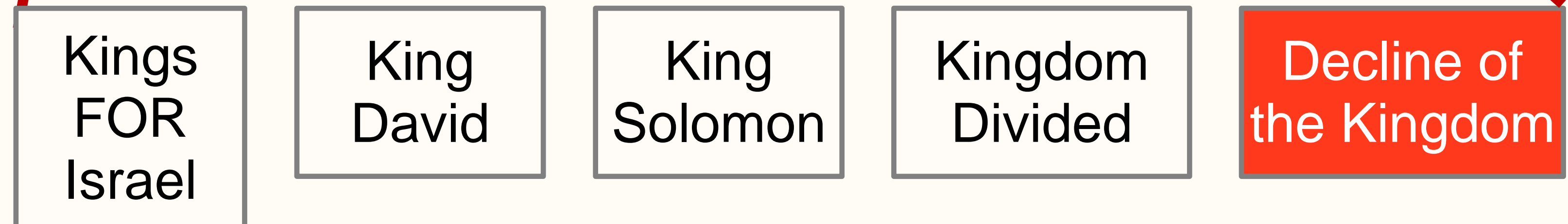


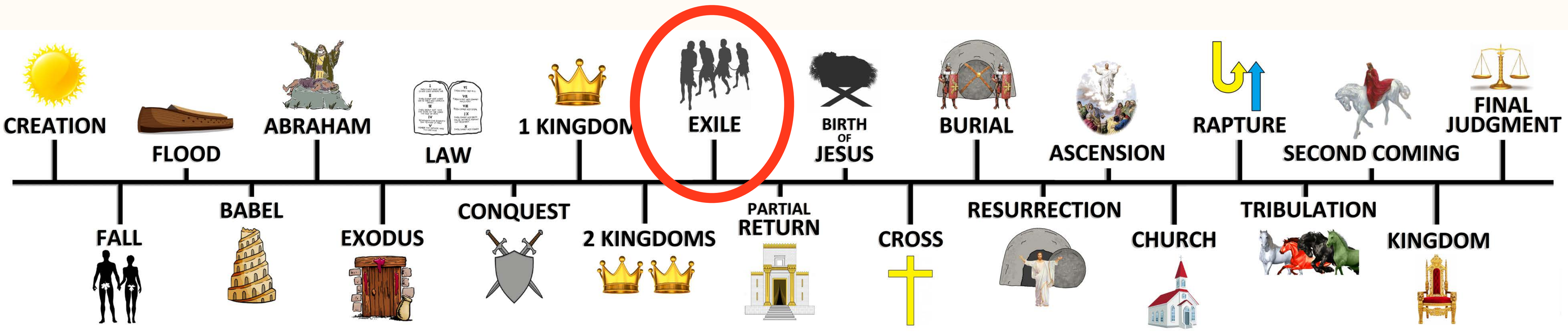
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Pentateuch

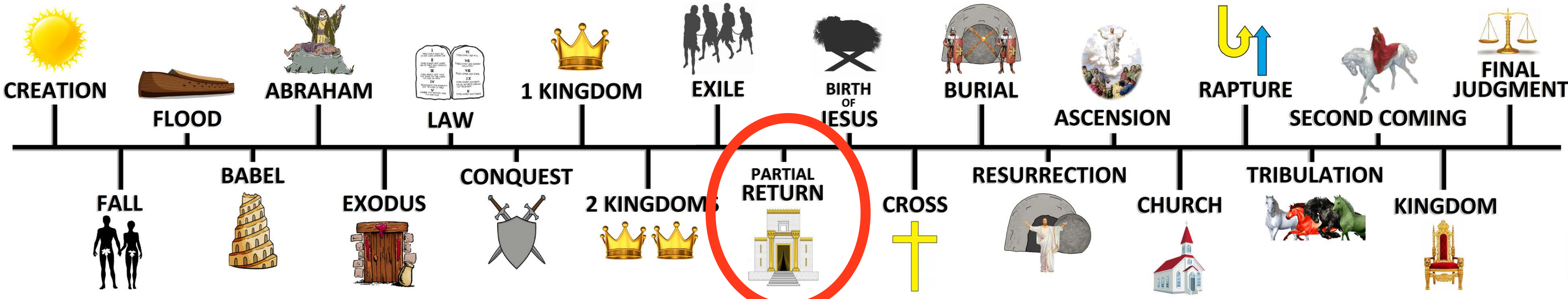
Joshua
Judges
Ruth

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

1–2 Samuel
1–2 Kings
1–2 Chronicles







Genesis, Exodus,
Leviticus,
Numbers,
Deuteronomy

1-2 Samuel,
1-2 Kings,
1-2 Chronicles
Joshua,
Judges,
Ruth
Ezra,
Nehemiah,
Esther

1



Disobedience is legitimate when we are prevented from worshipping *Yahweh*.

2



Lean on God and His Word to guide our words and actions.

3



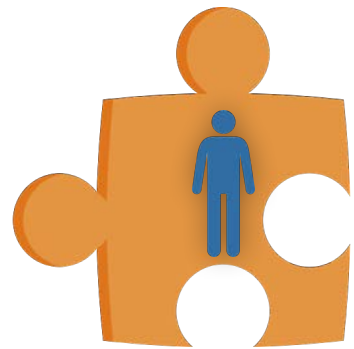
When disobeying, the most powerful witness to God is an act of trust followed by clear explanation of the motive.

4



In disobeying the government, show respect and submit to the required punishment.

5



Know the sovereignty of God and know the believer's role within the pagan kingdom of man.

6



Maintain integrity and continue to pray.

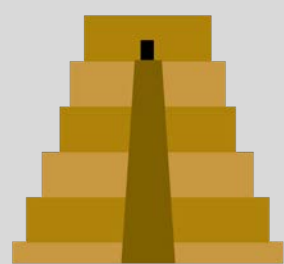
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Pray for the pagan city.

Pagan Kingdom of Man

Based on WORKS
Man would save himself
through his own ideas



Babel



Egypt



Canaan

God's restraining hand
on the Pagan kingdom of man

Rise of the Kingdom of Man



Babylon
Medo-Persia

Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE
God would save man

Election



God chose Abraham



God saved Israel

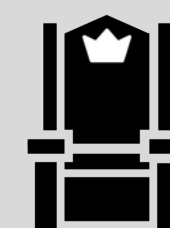


God built Israel:

- Law
- National anthem
- Temple worship
- Feasts & festivals



Conquest and Settlement
in the Promised Land



Kings in Israel:

- Unified kingdom
- Divided kingdom



Israel and Judah turned against
God: Paganized—unbelievers



Few
believers



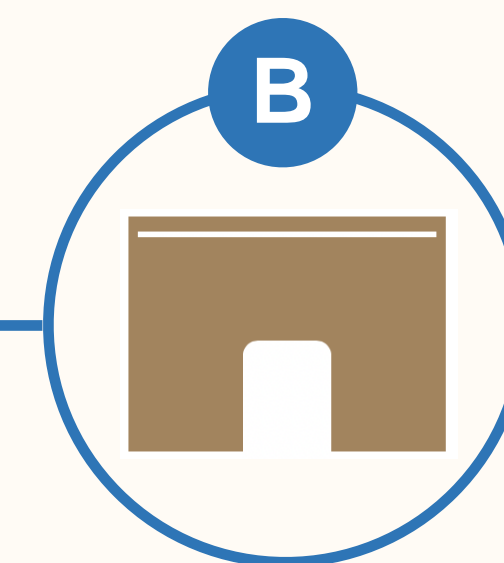
Exile: Kingdom of God Ended



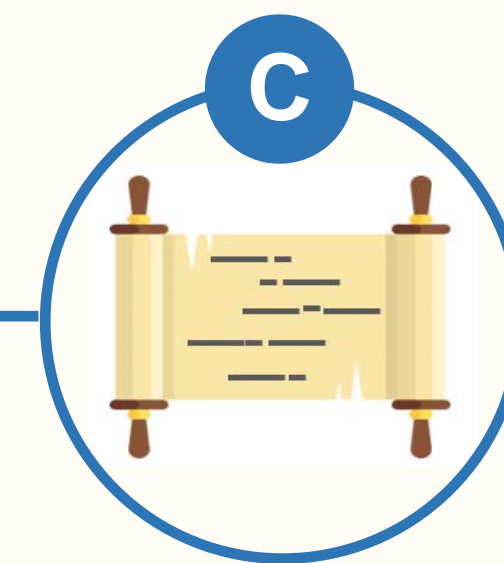
Partial return



Prophecy
given to
Daniel



Partial
return of
Judah



Completion
of the Old
Testament

A. Prophecy given to Daniel

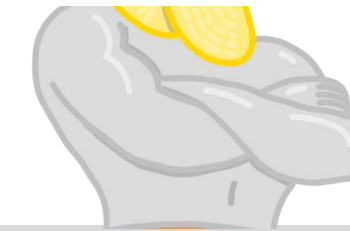
Dan. 9:1, “In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—

Dan. 9:2, “in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.”

Jer. 29:10, “For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place.

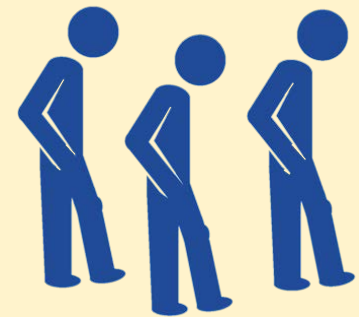
Jer. 29:11, “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

This information confused Daniel. Why?



Babylonian Empire (612 – 539 BC)

Medo-Persian Empire (Started 538 BC)

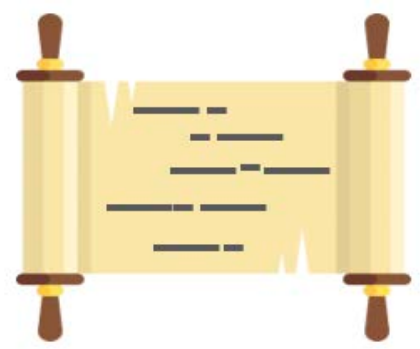


**Judah exiled to
Babylon ~605 BC**



**Daniel reads
Jeremiah's prophecy**

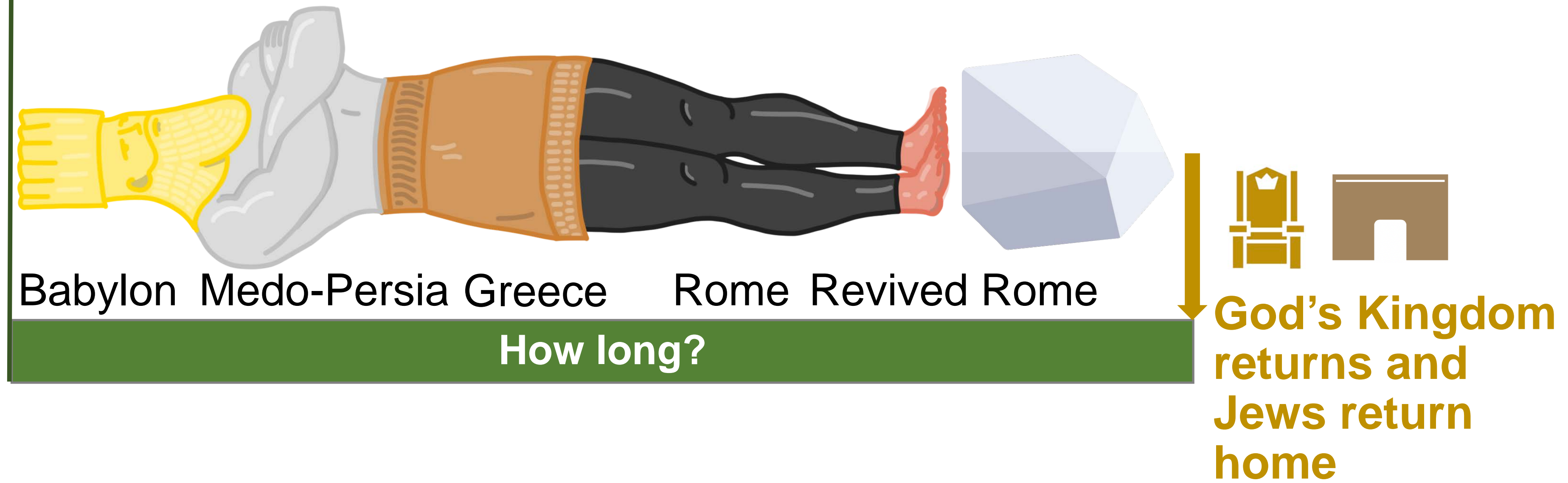




**Prophet Jeremiah:
Length of exile**



Nebuchadnezzar's dream



Jer. 29:12, “Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

Jer. 29:13, “And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Jer. 29:14, “I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.”



Spiritual Revival

Return of the Jews from Exile

Daniel's Prayer

Dan. 9:3, “Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

Dan. 9:4, “And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, ‘O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

Dan. 9:5, “we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.”

Dan. 9:6, “Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land.

Dan. 9:7, “O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.

Dan. 9:8, “O Lord, to us belongs shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You.

Dan. 9:9, “To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him.”

Dan. 9:10, “We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets.

Dan. 9:11, “Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him.

Dan. 9:12, “And He has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great disaster; for under the whole heaven such has never been done as what has been done to Jerusalem.”

Dan. 9:13, “As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth.

Dan. 9:14, “Therefore the LORD has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for the LORD our God is righteous in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice.

Dan. 9:15, “And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made Yourself a name, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have done wickedly!”

Dan. 9:16, “O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us.

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Dan. 9:20, “Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God,

Dan. 9:21, “yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.

Dan. 9:22, “And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, ‘O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.

Dan. 9:23, “ ‘At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:’ ”

So what did Gabriel say?

- 1. Gabriel said there was a difference between the:**
 - the immediate partial return of the Jews to their homeland (what Jeremiah wrote) and**
 - the ultimate or full final return of ALL Jews to their homeland.**

Dan. 9:24, “Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.”

70 × 7 = 490 (days, weeks, years?)

2. Gabriel also said the 70 sets of 7 years were broken up into 69 sets and then 1 set.

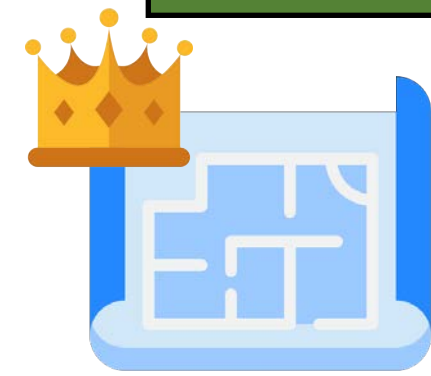
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Dan. 9:26, “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined.”

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7 sets × 7
= 49 years

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Jerusalem
rebuilt



March 5, 444 BC

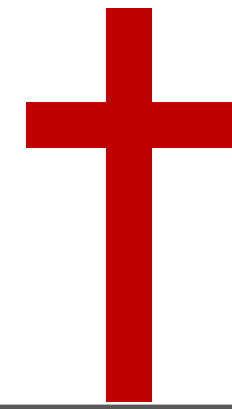
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March 30, AD 33

**Triumphal Entry
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into Jerusalem
(Luke 19:28–40)**

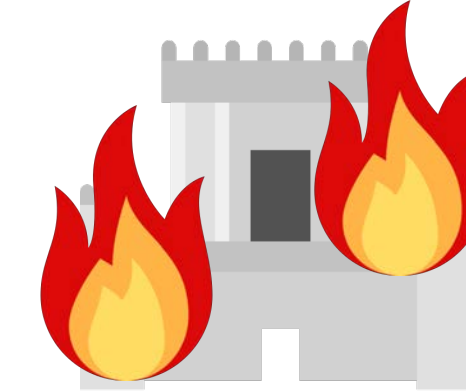


Time gap between
69 sets and final 70th set:
Present Church Age



April 3, AD 33

Jesus killed



August 6, AD 70

Jerusalem
Temple and
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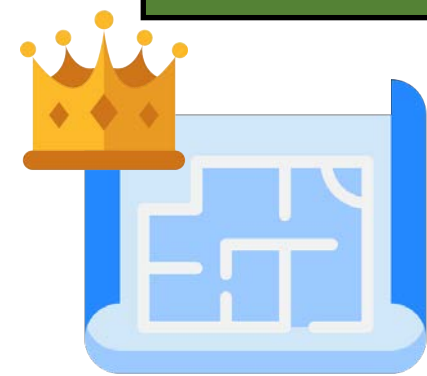
3. The final set of 7, the 70th set, is also known as the Tribulation.

Dan. 9:27, “Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.”

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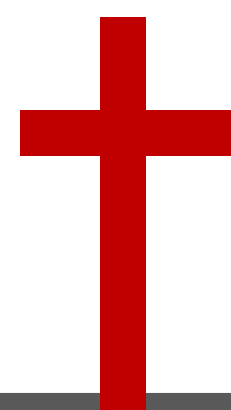
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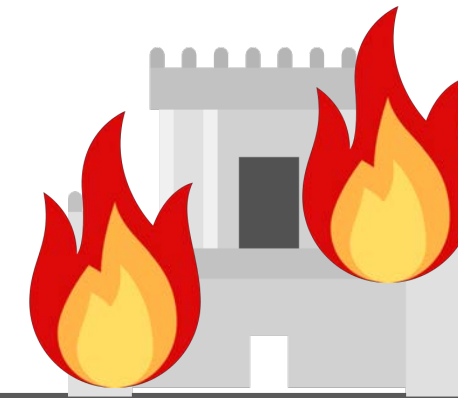


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TRIBULATION PERIOD

1 set
= 7 years

3 ½ years

3 ½ years



Antichrist

Make a
7-year
peace
treaty with
Israel

End
Jewish
sacrifices
and
offerings



Jesus
Returns!

Why did Daniel bother praying if he knew it was God's plan to discipline the Jews through exile?

1. Prayer should avoid fatalism.

Creator-creature distinction

1st level

CREATOR (*Yahweh*)

INFINITE SOVEREIGN *YAHWEH*

2nd level

creature



pray and participate
in God's will

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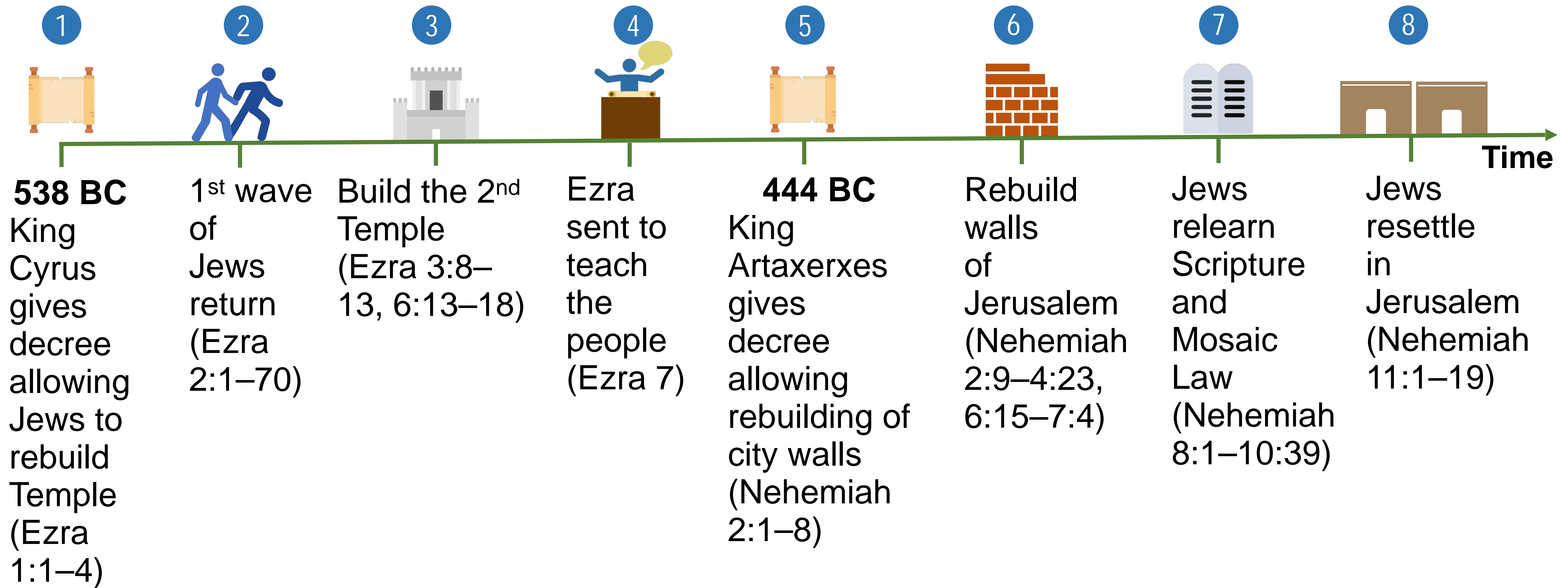
4. Prayer is focused on the glory of God.

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B. Partial Return of Judah



1. King Cyrus gives a decree allowing Jews to rebuild Temple.

Ezra 1:1, “Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying,

Ezra 1:2, “Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which is in Judah.”

Ezra 1:3, “Who is among you of all His people? May his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel (He is God), which is in Jerusalem.

Ezra 1:4, “And whoever is left in any place where he dwells, let the men of his place help him with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, besides the freewill offerings for the house of God which is in Jerusalem.”

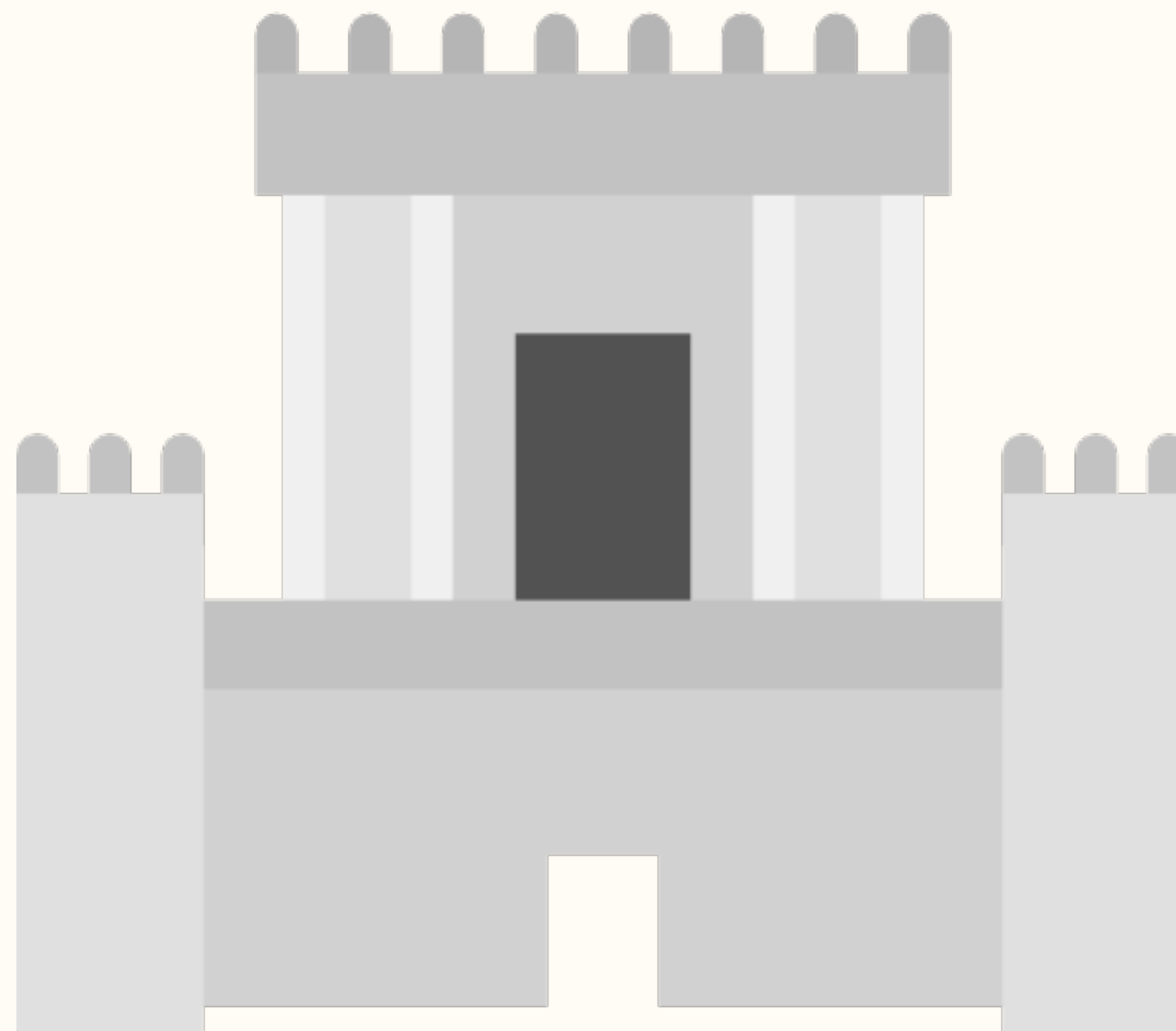
2. The first wave of Jews return to build the Second Temple.



Hag. 1:14, “So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,

Hag. 1:15, “on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of King Darius.”

3. Built the Second Temple.



4. Ezra sent to teach the people.

Ezra 7:1, “Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah,”

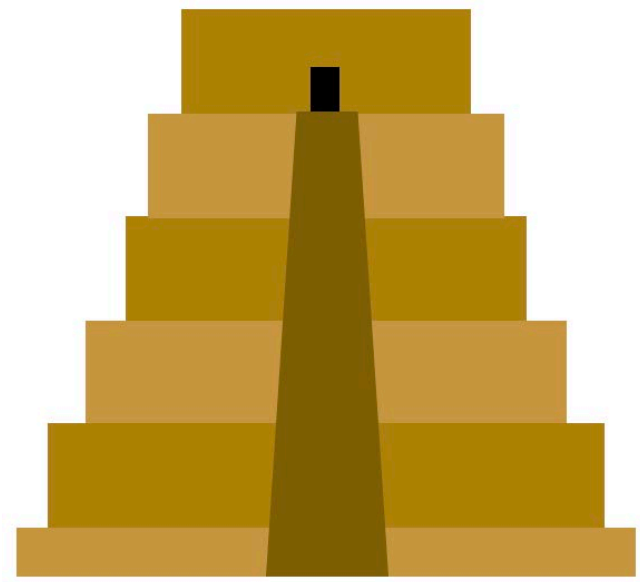
Ezra 7:6, “this Ezra came up from Babylon; and he was a skilled scribe in the Law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given. The king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.”

Ezra 7:10, “For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.”

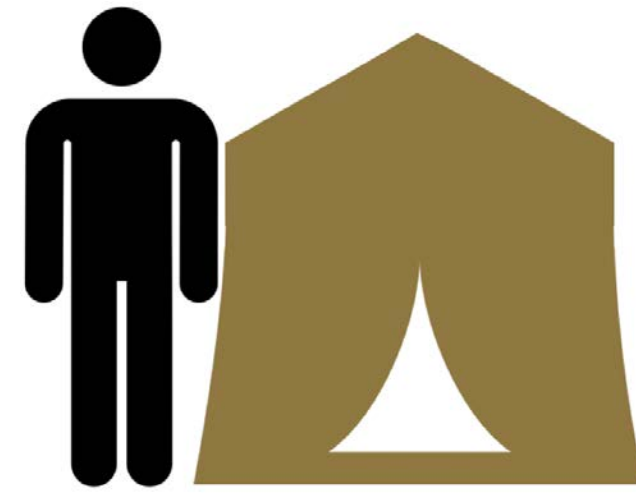
5. King Artaxerxes gives a decree to rebuild Jerusalem and surrounding areas.

6. Nehemiah restarted and reformed the lives of the Jews.

7. Jews re-learn Scripture and Mosaic Law.



PAGAN CULTURE



God called Abraham to separate from the evil culture.



GOD'S COUNTERCULTURE

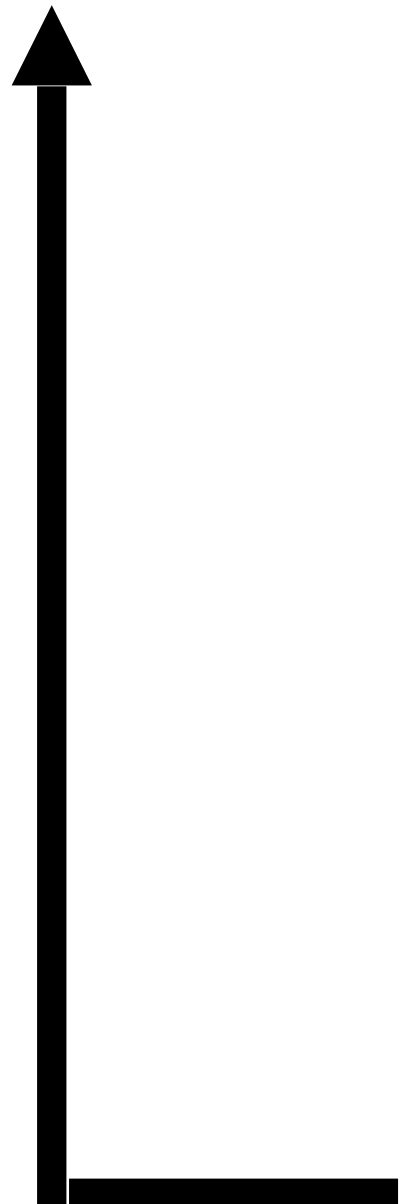
God would teach Abraham and his descendants all about Himself. Abraham's descendants would know God's HISTORY and TRUTH.

MISSIONARIES
Abraham's descendants would be a BLESSING to the whole world by sharing with them the TRUTH about God so they could be saved from evil and sin.

**GOD'S WORD PRESERVED
—> SCRIPTURES**



**GOD'S PEOPLE —>
MISSIONARIES**



8. Jews resettle in Jerusalem.

