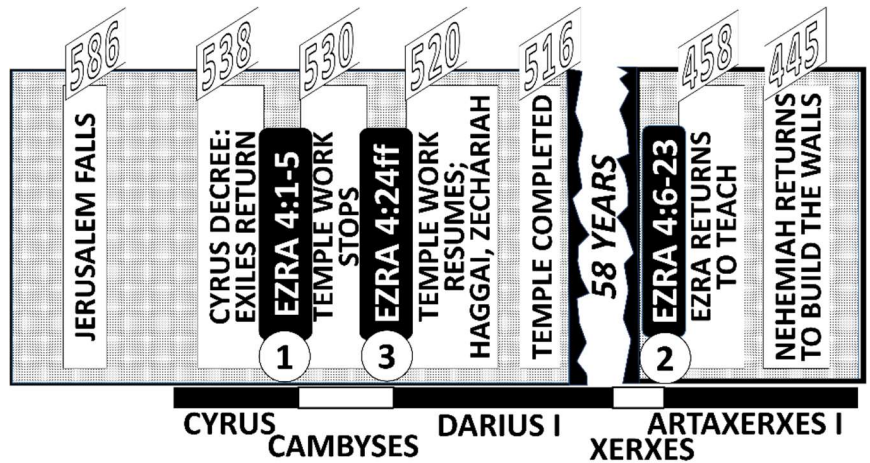


RE

RETURN
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Ezra 4: 1-5:5 RE-sistance



1 RE-sistance . . .

can come in the form of an invitation to _____ (4:1-3)

may escalate from compromise to more direct _____ (4:4-5)

(4:6-7) “Years later . . . even later” (see timeline)

4:6-23 = a “flash-forward parenthesis”

2 RE-sistance . . .

may come as _____ “dislikes” of popular opinion (4:8-10)

may come in the form of _____ accusations (11-23)
-extreme labels, rebellion, slippery slope, shame, complete loss

3 RE-sistance can be overcome . . .

when we listen to the Word of God, Who is _____ (5:1; see Haggai 1:13)

when _____ will step up as called by God (5:2; see Zechariah 3:1-2)

by _____ confidence in God’s sovereignty (3-5; see 2 Chron. 16:9a; Psalms 32:8, 33:18, 34:15; Amos 9:4)

“by my _____, says the LORD.” (Zechariah 4:6-7; see Matthew 1:12, 16)

FOR NEXT WEEK: Ezra 5:6 – 6:22 “RE-new”