

6. Prayer

Nehemiah 4:9 *But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.*

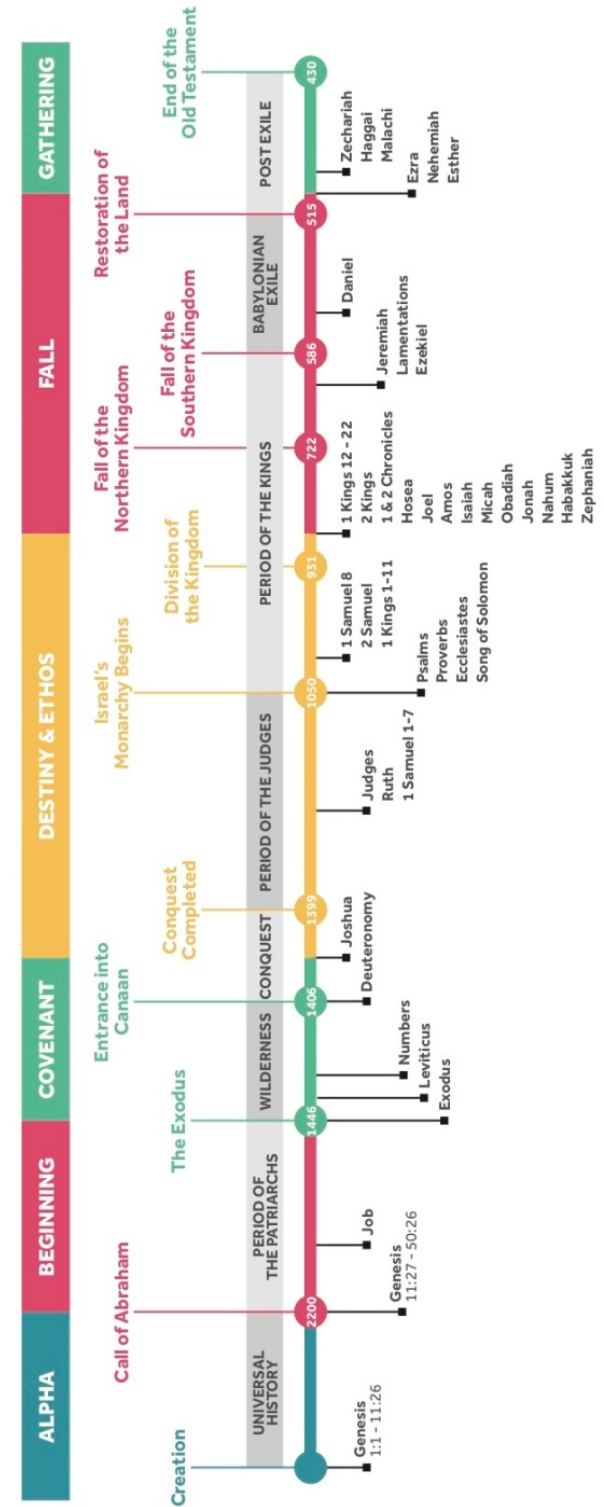
7. Providence

Nehemiah 6:15 *So on October 2 the wall was finally finished — just fifty-two days after we had begun. 16 When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened and humiliated. They realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.* NLT

8. Party

Nehemiah 12:27 *They were to take part in the joyous occasion with their songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, lyres, and harps. 28 The singers were brought together from Jerusalem and its surrounding villages...*

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Eight Major Themes in Nehemiah

1. Person: Nehemiah

Nehemiah was a captive.

Nehemiah rose to a position of great influence.

Nehemiah maintained the faith of his fathers.

Nehemiah was a man of compassion.

Nehemiah was a man of prayer.

Nehemiah was a man of action.

2. Promise:

Deuteronomy 11:26 *See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse — 27 the blessing if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today; 28 the curse if you disobey the commands of the LORD your God.*

3. The Problem:

The secondary goal was to rebuild the walls.

The primary goal was restore the people.

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4. People:

This is God's story and people are at the heart of it.

Of the 13 Chapters, 4 of them are lists of names

5. Persecution

There was internal apathy and decent.

Nehemiah 3:5 *The next section was repaired by the men of Tekoa, but their nobles would not put their shoulders to the work under their supervisors.*

There was external opposition

Nehemiah 4:7 *But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the men of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem's walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry. 8 They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it.*