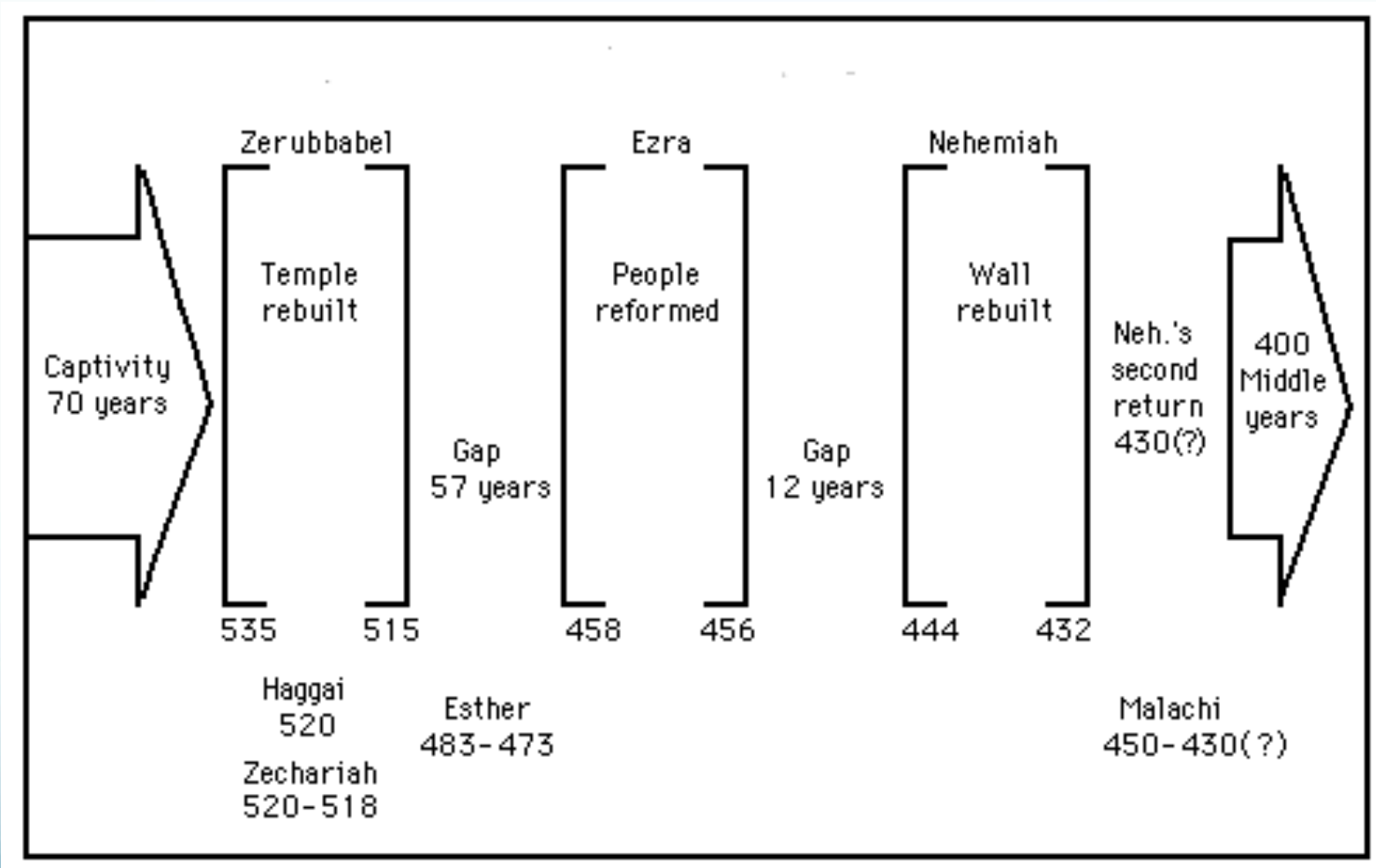


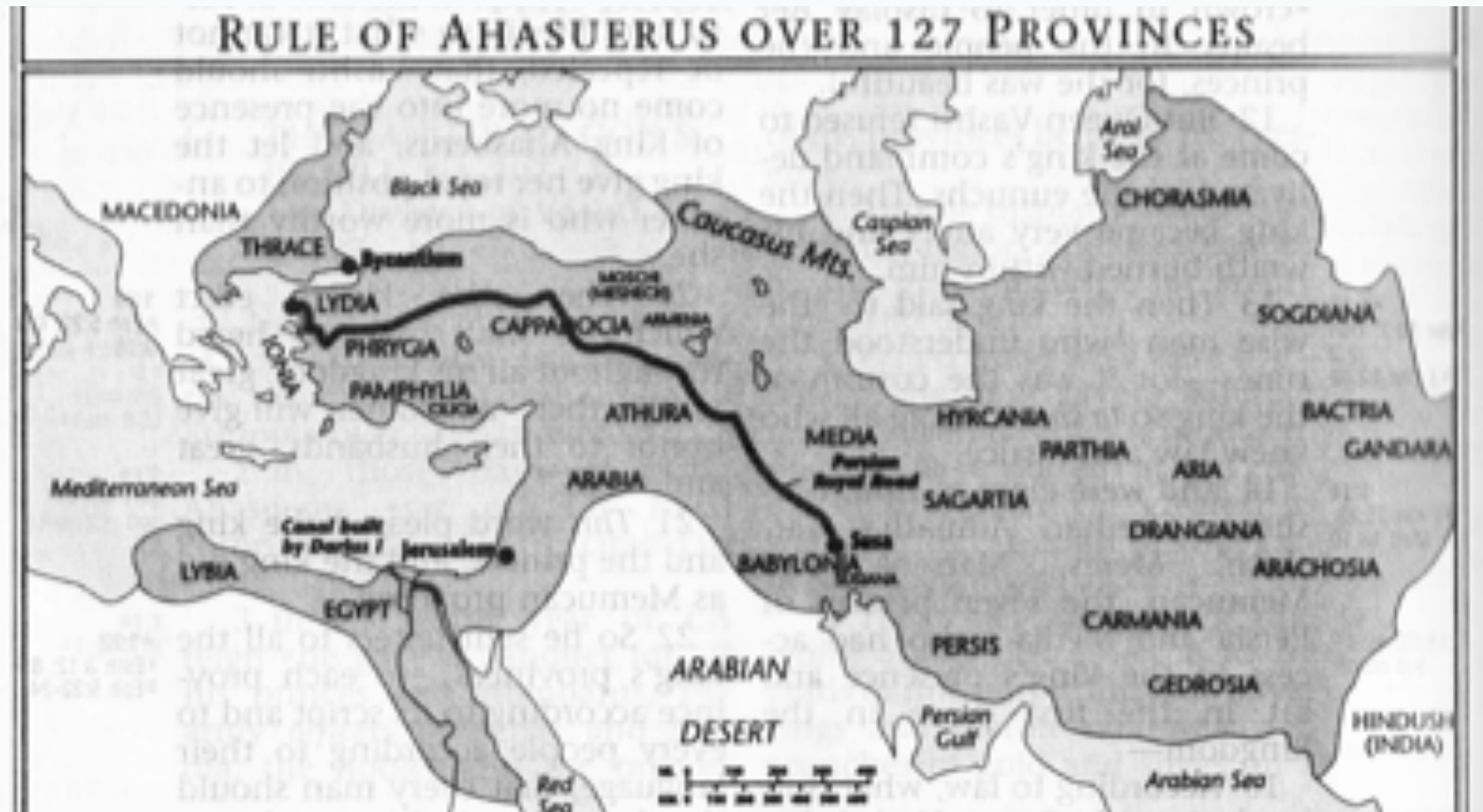
# Judah's Three Returns from Exile



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# Overview of Esther

- Esther Elevated to Queen – 1:1-2:20
- Haman's Plans to Exterminate the Jews – 2:21-4:3
- Extermination Plans Averted by Esther – 4:4-9:19
- Feast of Purim Established – 9:20-32
- Mordecai Honored – 10

# Interesting Facts in Esther

- The name of God does not appear in the book
- The book of Esther is not quoted in the New Testament
- Nothing from the Law is mentioned in the book
- There is no direct reference to prayer



# Scriptural Importance in Esther

- The book reflects God's **providential** care of His people
  - God's providence was in Esther becoming queen
  - God's providence in Mordecai finding favor before the king
  - God's providence was in the king's responding to Esther's request
  - God's providence was in defeating their opponents