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**IT IS MY CHIEF DESIGN
TO BRING MY HEART
BACK TO THEE.**

MOSES

"WHO DO I
TELL THEM
YOU ARE?"

TABERNACLE

JUDGES

"EVERY MAN
DID WHAT WAS
RIGHT IN HIS
OWN EYES."

WE WANT A KING!

THE LEGACY OF SOLOMON

"YOUR HEART
BECAME
SATISFIED AND
YOU FORGOT
ME."

DIVIDED KINGDOM

BABYLON

"HOW DID
WE GET
HERE?"

STOP & THINK

THE GREAT RESET

THERE'S HOPE
IN A NEW
HEART.

I WILL SHEPHERD
MY OWN

GENESIS-
DEUTERONOMY

JOSHUA
JUDGES
1&2 SAMUEL
1 CHRONICLES

1 KINGS
2 CHRONICLES

JONAH
AMOS
HOSEA
ISAIAH
MICAH

LAMENTATIONS
ZEPHANIAH
HABAKKUK
JEREMIAH

DANIEL
EZEKIEL
OBADIAH

EZRA
NEHEMIAH

HAGGAI
ZECHARIAH
MALACHI

"I AM WHO I AM"

GOD REJECTED

IT'S THE HEART

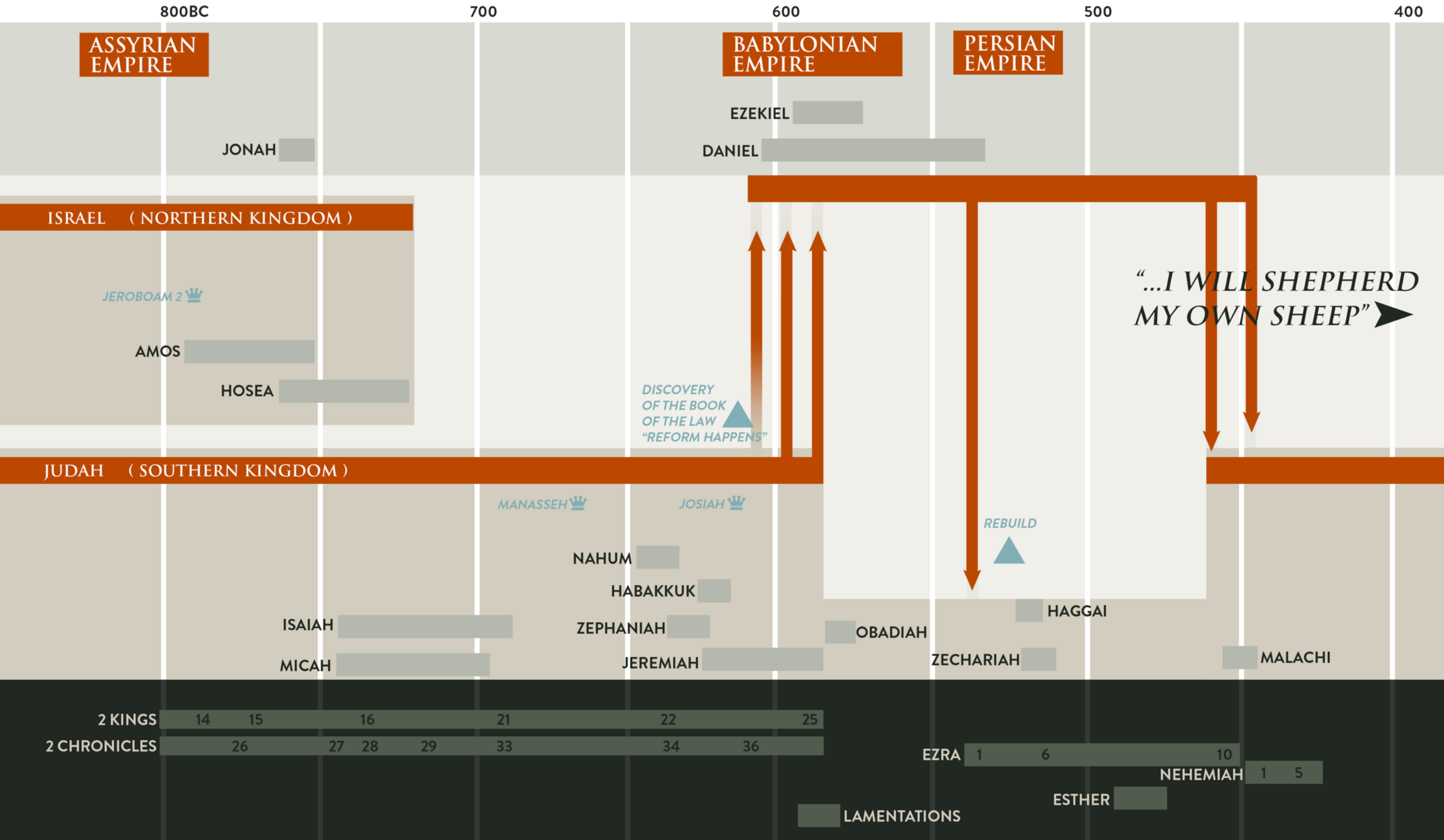
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THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM IS YOUR HEART.

STOP AND THINK - HOW DID YOU GET HERE!!!

THE GREAT RESET



Forty-Nine years after the Babylonian captain of the guard set fire to the city and temple, a burnt offering from those who had returned to the land was again smoking to the God of Israel on the exact spot where the brazen altar of Solomon stood.

The flame that had consumed Jerusalem was for Judah a purifying fire...

Matthew Henry on the book of Ezekiel:

“The word of instruction & the rod of correction may be great service to us in concert with each other. The word to explain the rod and the rod to enforce the word; both together bring wisdom”

The book of Daniel pictures for us a man ***faithful to the Law***
in the midst of luxury and corruption...

“This is an ordered world, the cruel beast-like kingdoms may have their turn, but they dash themselves against the Divine Providence. The final permanent Kingdom shall be ***the kingdom of the saints.***”

KING

LAW

PEOPLE

KINGDOM

IDEA FROM ERIC WALLER

**OLD
TESTAMENT**

**MACCABEAN
PERIOD**

**NEW
TESTAMENT**

400 YEARS

A NEW KINGDOM

KINGDOM:

Daniel 2 and Daniel 7

...head of the statue made of gold, breast and arms made of silver, belly and thighs made of bronze, legs made of iron, feet partly of iron and clay.

Each a kingdom - Babylon, Medo-Persian, Greece, Rome (divided) and A Divine Kingdom - The God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed... it will crush and put an end to all the other Kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

A Stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and it crushed them all...

Daniel 6:26... He is the living God & enduring forever, His Kingdom is one that will not be destroyed (spoken by Darius to Daniel)

Daniel 7:27 ...'His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.'

400YRS

MACCABEAN PERIOD

KINGDOM:

Jesus - Mark 1:12-13 "Temptation"

Mark 1:14-15 -..."The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the gospel."

Luke 4 - "Temptation"

Jesus enters a synagogue and reads Isaiah 61.

Isaiah 59:2 - ...your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God and your sins have hidden His face from you.... 59:20 "A Redeemer will come to Zion and to those who turn from transgression..."

Isaiah 60 - Arise, shine for your light has come...

Isaiah 61 - The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me...

REPENTANCE:

Ezekiel 18:21-31 / 33:31

...if a wicked person turns away from all his sins that he has committed and keeps all my statutes and does what is just and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²² None of the transgressions that he has committed shall be remembered against him; for the righteousness that he has done he shall live. ²³ Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord GOD, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?

...Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!

...And they come to you as people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear what you say but they will not do it; for with lustful talk in their mouths they act; their heart is set on their gain.

400YRS

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REPENTANCE:

John the Baptist - Luke 3

Preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Matthew 3 :8 - “Bring forth fruit in keeping with repentance; and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father...’”

3:11 - “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming - will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire

Matthew 3:2 - Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

Matthew 4 (after Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness) - “Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”

NEW BIRTH:

Ezekiel 36:

...I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

SPRINKLE -...when referring to the blood of sacrifices on the altar symbolized and unbreakable bond between God and men. An integral part of the ceremony of purification. It confirmed sanctification.

CLEAN - Purified, unalloyed (unmixed, unpolluted, undefiled, uncorrupted)

400YRS

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NEW BIRTH:

Jesus - John 2:14-17 - “Cleanses the Temple”
Nehemiah 13 - Temple Cleansed of merchants

John 3:5 ...Unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God

John 4 - “Women at the Well”

...the water that I shall give shall become ‘in him’ a well of water springing up to eternal life

...an hour is coming and now is when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

Pointing forward to the new city: *Ezekiel 48:35*

...the name of the city from that day shall be, The Lord is there.

Zechariah 2:4-5

Jerusalem will be inhabited without walls...

For I, declares the Lord, will be a wall of fire around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.



THE WILL OF GOD
IN THE HEART



THE WILL OF MAN
FROM THE HEART

EZRA 1

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:

“Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. ³Whoever 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 rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem.

ROUGHLY 70 YEARS
BABYLON

PERSIAN EMPIRE

FALL OF JERUSALEM

ABOUT 75 YEARS

CHAPTERS 1-7

EZRA

CHAPTERS 7-10

NEHEMIAH

JEREMIAH LAMENTATIONS
EZEKIEL DANIEL
OBADIAH


ZECHARIAH HAGGAI
FOUNDATION...


JOEL(?)
ESTHER

MALACHI
...WALLS OF JERUSALEM

APPROXIMATELY 100 YEARS

627-587BC JEREMIAH
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**LET FEAR HAVE ITS PERFECT
PURPOSE;
TO DRIVE YOU CLOSER TO GOD
& HIS PURPOSE**

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A NEW FOUNDATION

THIS IS THE FOUNDATION OF ALL REST

THE LORD IS WITH YOU

ZECHARIAH 10:5-12

EXPECT SOME WARFARE...

Manipulation and lies from the surrounding people
to stop the rebuilding of the Temple: (Ezra 4:1-16)

They will rebel against government and lead others into a rebellion,
They won't pay taxes,
They will organize sedition against government authority,
They are rebuilding the walls of a city that will stand against state authority...

A little push back from the people of the surrounding areas caused them to
abandon God's plan all together. Their life and location had a purpose and it wasn't
being realized. (Ezra 1-4:24)

Put God first in His dwelling at the center of your heart. Let nothing or no one
alter this; then let everything flow and takes it's course out of that "center".
If your conditions change dramatically, check your "center" and make sure that
you have removed Him and placed your own interests in His place. This is the root
of all sin. Unless the Lord is at the center - it's all in vain. (Psalm 127)

HAGGAI

BUILD IT ! BE STRONG - I AM WITH YOU

ZECHARIAH

"The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former"

"Jerusalem shall be inhabited as villages without walls"

"I will be to her a wall of fire all around"

"I WILL BE THE GLORY IN HER MIDST"

He who touches you touches the apple of His eye

Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of
Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having
salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal
of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war
horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall
speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from
the River to the ends of the earth.

EZRA RETURNS

THE TEMPLE IS FINISHED

LARGELY THROUGH THE MINISTRIES OF ZECHARIAH AND HAGGAI

EZRA 5-7

Ezra leads many back to Jerusalem...

Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord, to do it, and to teach His statutes and rules in Israel

Ezra proclaimed a fast that they might humble themselves before God. To seek from Him safe journeys as they returned to Jerusalem (8:21)

22 For I was ashamed to ask the king for a band of soldiers and horsemen to protect us against the enemy on our way, since we had told the king, “The hand of our God is for good on all who seek him, and the power of his wrath is against all who forsake him.” 23 So we fasted and implored our God for this, and he listened...

EZRA HAS TO BEGIN TEACHING... (9:1-4)

After these things had been done, the officials approached me and said, “The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands with their abominations, from the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. 2 For they have taken some of their daughters to be wives for themselves and for their sons, so that the holy race has mixed itself with the peoples of the lands. And in this faithlessness the hand of the officials and chief men has been foremost...

EZRAS PRAYER

3 As soon as I heard this, I tore my garment and my cloak and pulled hair from my head and beard and sat appalled. 4 Then all who trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the faithlessness of the returned exiles, gathered around me while I sat appalled until the evening sacrifice. 5 And at the evening sacrifice I rose from my fasting, with my garment and my cloak torn, and fell upon my knees and spread out my hands to the LORD my God, 6 saying: “O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens. **7 From the days of our fathers to this day we have been in great guilt. And for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests have been given into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plundering, and to utter shame, as it is today. 8 But now for a brief moment favor has been shown by the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant and to give us a secure hold within his holy place, that our God may brighten our eyes and grant us a little reviving in our slavery.** 9 For we are slaves. Yet our God has not forsaken us in our slavery, but has extended to us his steadfast love before the kings of Persia, to grant us some reviving to set up the house of our God, to repair its ruins, and to give us protection in Judea and Jerusalem. 10 “And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken your commandments, 11 which you commanded by your servants the prophets, saying, ‘The land that you are entering, to take possession of it, is a land impure with the impurity of the peoples of the lands, with their abominations that have filled it from end to end with their uncleanness. 12 Therefore do not give your daughters to their sons, neither take their daughters for your sons, and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good of the land and leave it for an inheritance to your children forever.’ **13 And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds and for our great guilt, seeing that you, our God, have punished us less than our iniquities deserved and have given us such a remnant as this, 14 shall we break your commandments again and intermarry with the peoples who practice these abominations?** Would you not be angry with us until you consumed us, so that there should be no remnant, nor any to escape? 15 O LORD, the God of Israel, you are just, for we are left a remnant that has escaped, as it is today. **Behold, we are before you in our guilt, for none can stand before you because of this.**”

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NEHEMIAH

“Jehovah Comforts”

“Nehemiah trusted God completely and would not be intimidated by anyone.”

Their enemies reproached & ridiculed them, but their scoffs were answered with prayer - Nehemiah 4

“So many traps and snares were set for Nehemiah, but he stayed close to God, He stayed pure and walked slow with a continued eye on himself and God’s purposes. “

God guided his steps.

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WHY DO THE NATIONS RAGE AND THE PEOPLES PLOT IN VAIN? 2 THE KINGS OF THE EARTH SET THEMSELVES, AND THE RULERS TAKE COUNSEL TOGETHER, AGAINST THE LORD AND AGAINST HIS ANOINTED, SAYING, 3 “LET US BURST THEIR BONDS APART AND CAST AWAY THEIR CORDS FROM US.” 4 HE WHO SITS IN THE HEAVENS LAUGHS; THE LORD HOLDS THEM IN DERISION. 5 THEN HE WILL SPEAK TO THEM IN HIS WRATH, AND TERRIFY THEM IN HIS FURY, SAYING, 6 “AS FOR ME, I HAVE SET MY KING ON ZION, MY HOLY HILL. -PSALM 2:1-2

OPPOSITION AGAINST THE WALL (chapters 1-7)

1. Leadership had fallen apart - disunity
2. Public ridicule (2:19-20, 4:1-3)
3. Threat of physical harm (4:7-8)
4. “Internal rulers and leaders” using the difficult situation to profit from the poor (5:1-9)
5. Threat to godly leadership (6:1-8)
Manipulation and lies (6:10-13)

NEHEMIAH'S COMPASSION AS A GOVERNOR (5:14-19)

EZRA READS THE LAW TO THE PEOPLE AND TAUGHT THEM (8:1-18)

“They came to be taught themselves that they might be qualified to teach others”

NEHEMIAH CHAPTER 9 is a recount of the Old Testament

NEHEMIAH ENDS IN A WEIRD PLACE... (Nehemiah 11)

1. People taking lots on who lives there...
2. Foreigners now among them
3. Leaders setting up personal dwellings in the house of God
4. The Levites ‘who did the work’ were not being given their portion - so they each fled to his own field leaving the house of God neglected.
5. The storehouse and distributions were not being handled properly
6. Wine, grapes, figs and all kinds of loads were being brought in on donkeys on the Sabbath - turning the Sabbath Day into a ‘farmers market’
7. When pushed out - the merchants set up and lodged just outside of the city
8. Jews marrying women of Ashdod, Ammon and Moab - Half their children could not speak the language of Judah.

MALACHI

Was a short time later in response to a corrupt priesthood, corrupt worship, routine divorce, and no social justice.

LEVITICUS 26:1-12

Statute

NEHEMIAH 13

Historical Narrative

MALACHI 3:7-14

Prophetic Rebuke

400 YEARS LATER

EMMANUEL (GOD WITH US)

REJOICE GREATLY, O DAUGHTER OF ZION!
SHOUT ALOUD, O DAUGHTER OF JERUSALEM!
BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU;
RIGHTEOUS AND HAVING SALVATION IS HE,
HUMBLE AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY,
ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A DONKEY.

-ZECHARIAH 9:9



THE
NEW
BIRTH

We are not called upon today to live the life
of the prophet; the life of the prophet is
descriptive of the Church.

Just as the Old Testament prophet's stood alone for God,
so the Church is to stand alone for God.

Oswald Chambers

from his notes on Ezekiel



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