Haggai

A message for our times



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Haggai

Powerful message

Vital message for our days

Biblical **history**: Ezra, Haggai, Zechariah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Malachi

Importance of **developing** a future focus

Study in encouragement as well as leadership qualities

Short book easy to mark up and study



A CALL TO WORK — COMMENDATION
VV. 2-11 — V. 13
THE PEOPLE RESPOND — THE FUTURE GLORY

HAGGAI 2.

The people reproved.

2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.

3 Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

4 Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste?

5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

9 Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

10 Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.

11 And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.

12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the LORD.

13 Then spake Haggai the LORD's messenger in the LORD's message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the LORD.

14 And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,

15 In the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

CHAPTER 2.

1 The greater glory of the second temple. 20 God's promise to Zerubbabel.

8 IN the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying,

2 Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying,

3 Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?

4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts:

5 According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.

The temple begun.

3 By reverencing God they were encouraged and favour: for this man is he who is humble God will spare: he is pleased.

4 The blessing of would not be dis them as expressed the meaning of

5 This relates to attitude of mind from other rers. that is behind it. - Kings aghst Is - Caleb

6 Cyrus

6 Now that they were actually working God's pleased. It does not matter for glory. - Ezra 3:12 God will be with our effort If we do our part must be done in FAITH the heart - 1Sam. 16:7 Cain's lesson - Gen. 4:3 the Widow's mite - Mk. 12:41 FAITH + WORKS - Jam. 2:20

7 They took 24 days to CONSIDER THEIR WAYS - note similar tones in other minor prophets like

8 This was the last day of the feast of Tabernacles.

9 These men were men of sign rep. Christ as a duality of King-Priest

1 When the faith was laid 52 yrs. after 1st inc many could now see the form glory, now 18 yrs more had left. Some remained still. Ref. to - Ezra 3:12,13

2 This comment meant to stir them up to activity despise not the day - Zech. 4:9

3 This meant to be plain mentally capable. He must do our part or this could not be

4 It was emph. that Yahweh of Armies was with them. Could the Sup. oppose him? - Ezra 4:4 Could Kings? - Ezra 4:13

5 This word was the promise of the land form made to Ab. - Psa. 105:8-

6 This spirit was also on Moses - Num. 11:17 Ref. also to Neh. 9:20 Isa. 63:11, Zech. 4:6 - Yet God had prom. he would not make an end. - Mal. 3:6, Jer. 30:10

7 In Heb. 12:26,27 The word once is limited. it they would only be shaken once not twice. It shows the removal of the thy things that are made that can be shaken as it were in the kgdm. cannot be removed. - Heb. 12:28 Removing in Heb. 12:27 Gr. word "Metathesis" transfer signifies to transfer to a new basis. Therefore temporary - eternal

CONSIDER OUR WAYS!
(the spiritual house) - Eph. 2:19-22
WHAT DOTH GOD REQUIRE OF THEE? - Micah 6:6-9
PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD! - Amos 4:6-13
SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM! - Mat 6:25-34

"YAHWEH OF ARMIES" this militant title of the Lord, occurs 14 times in Haggai, & is manifest himself to behalf against theirenemy.

9 Seventy years of desolation, had been decreed - Jer. 25:11,12 - the Jews excuse was not satisfactory. Their lot is to be contrasted with Davids & his view towards building the House of God. 1Chron 22:1

1 This book shows 28 times that the words are Yahwehs

2 "Ceiled houses" indicates Panelled or decorated. The people had lavished attent on their houses but on their untended God's. How often do we do this to the exclusion of the work of Yahweh?

3 "Consider" note the marginal ref. Honestly examine yourselves for past words & attitude!

4 "Your ways" These people were indifferent to the ways of Yahweh. His reaction to this was one of censuring their unfruitfulness. They are warned to consider 5 times. If we are indifferent we can expect the same! God ways diff. - Isa. 55:8

5 "Sown much" but the harvest was small This was proph. - Deut. 28:38-42 they probably thought it was natural causes. - V. 10 God is faithful in all. If we serve him he will look after us. (Abundantly) - Mal. 3:8-12 Prov. 3:9,10

6 - They had an acute inflation problem.

7 - Labour with your hands in my service. No matter how humble the service is.

8 - for God to take pleasure in & be glorified by our work is accompl this purpose with men on the earth.
- Glory - Num 14:21
- Pleasure - Rev. 4:11
- Pleasure - Heb. 11:6

9 With God cursing their efforts even the little became less. God was behind it all. They were dispirited with a lack of spirituality God rebuked them. Can we discern this in our days? Walk in the truth?

1 These people showed a lack of faith in not building the temple. Is this our reason for not working? Unless God would bless them as promised - Lev. 26:3-5 man shall not live by Bread alone. - Mat. 4:4

2 The leaders gave a good example & the people followed.

The fear of Yahweh is exhibited by obedience - Prov. 2:1-11

A Note that this was noted by the people ref. to V. 6.

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As the sun governs the earth and the moon the sea so civil & eccl. systems govern the people. Gentile systems are described this way in Isa. 34:4-5 God intends to dissolve the host of it so that the statemen will fall like stars the earth to be deposed. Refer to Isa. 51:6 for Gentiles Isa. 65:11-18 for his intentions for Israel are similar.

The perfect govt of Christ will shine as the sun v. 6 the moon will appear as the sun. Isa. 30:26 Mal. 4:2 literally unlikely. Sun is a symbol of Christ Sun of Righteousness Mal. 4:2 Light as the light of the morning as the ecclesia - Sam. 23:4 Rev. 22:16 Check the symbol of Babel where the throne is described as the sun and

God's promise — HAGGAI 2. — *to Zerubbabel*

6 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;

7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

10 In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

11 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying,

12 If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No.

13 Then said Haggai, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.

14 Then answered Haggai, and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean.

15 And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD:

16 Since those days were, when one came to the pressfat for to draw out fifty vessels out of the press, there were but twenty.

17 I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands; yet ye turned not to me, saith the LORD.

18 Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider it.

19 Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless you.

20 ¶ And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying,

21 Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth;

22 And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.

23 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.

- While holiness could not be transmitted to a 3rd party, yet defilement could.

5 This showed the relative ease whereby one could become defiled and is an exhortation to the

6 Note this shows that the defil started at the priests and how it spread amongst the people they were spiritually dead Mal. 2:1,2

7 The altar that they had already set up. - Ezra. 3:4-5
THIS ALTAR UNACCEPTABLE - HEART WRONG

8 Now compare what you had before with what God will bless now. Cursed - cmpt. 1:11 ; 2:11
Returns Meagre cmpt 1:6 ; 2:16
The blessing now given. 2:19

- Shealtiel "Enquired of El"
Was a fore runner of Christ - Mat 1:12

- This was the start of the 9th month - it is not the crops would not be advanced. God was promising a good yield.

- He was always at work in his position & work

9 Note the past tense with the shaking of V. 6,7. Gather all nations

1 Zech. 3:8, Set up a Kingdom Dan. 2:44 Seek to destroy all nations - Zech. 12:9

2 They shall beat their swords. Isa. 2:4 the nations angry Rev. 11:18 Psa. 46:9

3 Horse symbol of war to rep. Gentile nations.

4 Mutual slaughter will characterise war. This shall be the plague wherewith - Zech. 14:12,13 Ezek. 38:19

5 When the Gentiles have been overthrown Zerubbabel was gov. of Jer. - Ezra. 5:14 son of David - Mat. 1:12 Rebuilt temple - Zech. 4:9 Jesus will do the same as seen in - Zech. 6:12

6 Zerubbabel was a type of Christ in the life he lived & the work he did. Sealed that he was of God - John 6:27 His death & resurrection being the Divine seal to Covenant - Rom 15:8 Christ will be as God's signet in the near future.

7 This was the seal of authority to all important documents. Joseph - Gen. 41:42,44 Esther - Esther 3:10,12; 8:10 Temple - Zech. 4:9 Jesus will do the same as seen in - Zech. 6:12

8 Yahweh manifested in armies - Isa. 9:7

9 Christ also was the servant of Yahweh. Behold my servant - Isa. 42:1, I have called thee. 6; 49:1-7 Ultimate Glory - Phil. 2:5-10

1 Pet 2:9

Yahweh shall save for Yahweh hath licensed

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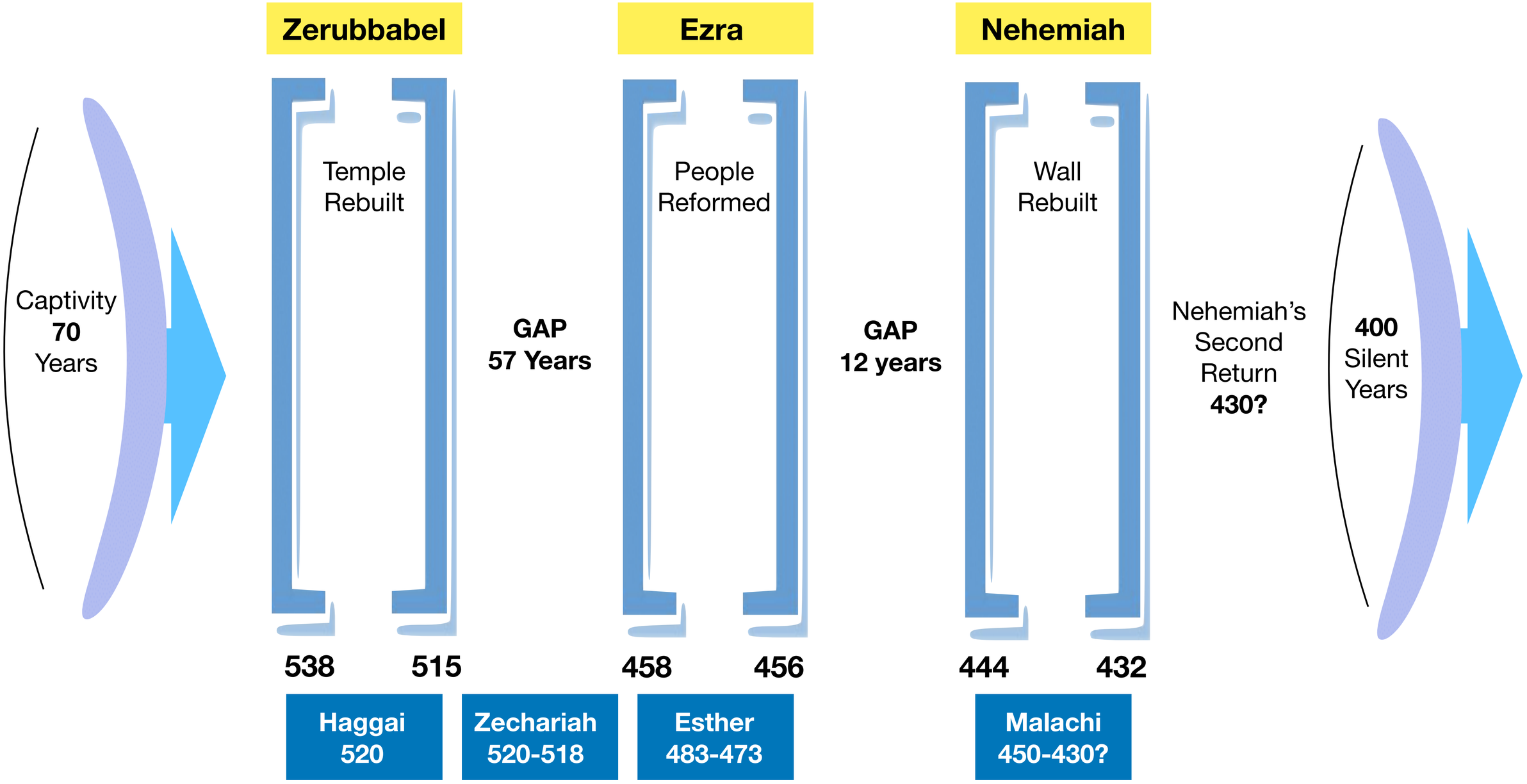
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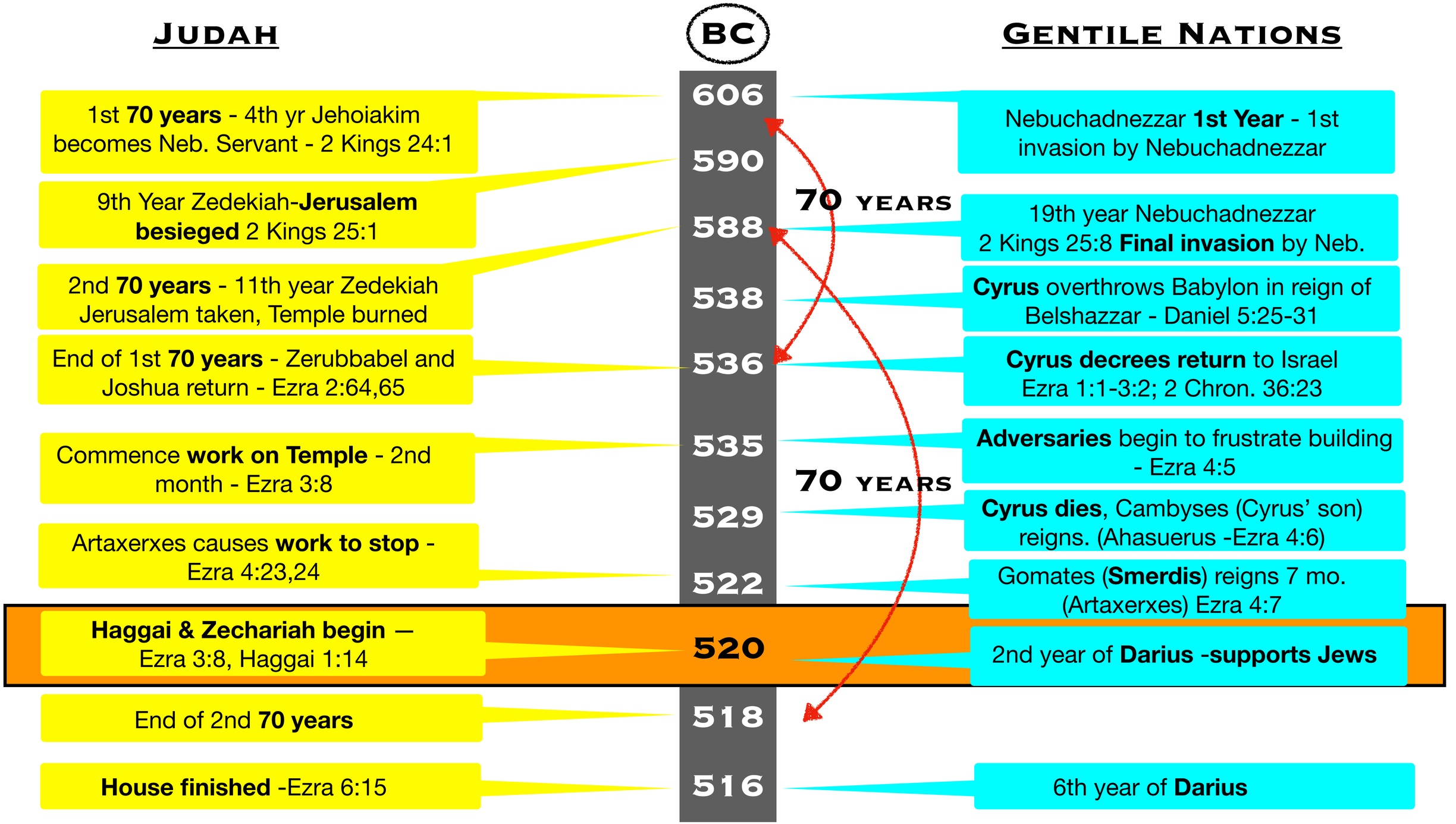


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- **Class 2** Opposition - **Trials**
- **Class 3** Stop - **Excuses**
- **Class 4** Start - **Purpose**
- **Class 5** Promise - **Action**



Return(s) From exile




JUDAH
BC
GENTILE NATIONS
606
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70 YEARS
70 YEARS
1st 70 years - 4th yr Jehoiakim becomes Neb. Servant - 2 Kings 24:1
9th Year Zedekiah-Jerusalem besieged 2 Kings 25:1
2nd 70 years - 11th year Zedekiah Jerusalem taken, Temple burned
End of 1st 70 years - Zerubbabel and Joshua return - Ezra 2:64,65
Commence work on Temple - 2nd month - Ezra 3:8
Artaxerxes causes work to stop - Ezra 4:23,24
Haggai & Zechariah begin — Ezra 3:8, Haggai 1:14
End of 2nd 70 years
House finished -Ezra 6:15
Nebuchadnezzar 1st Year - 1st invasion by Nebuchadnezzar
19th year Nebuchadnezzar 2 Kings 25:8 Final invasion by Neb.
Cyrus overthrows Babylon in reign of Belshazzar - Daniel 5:25-31
Cyrus decrees return to Israel Ezra 1:1-3:2; 2 Chron. 36:23
Adversaries begin to frustrate building - Ezra 4:5
Cyrus dies, Cambyses (Cyrus' son) reigns. (Ahasuerus -Ezra 4:6)
Gomates (Smerdis) reigns 7 mo. (Artaxerxes) Ezra 4:7
2nd year of Darius -supports Jews
6th year of Darius

Consider your WAYS

Work Completed
Haggai 2:3

Woes Begins
Ezra 3:13;4:1,2

Weakening Begins
Ezra 4:4-10

Work begins
Haggai 1:14

Work Begins
Ezra 3:8

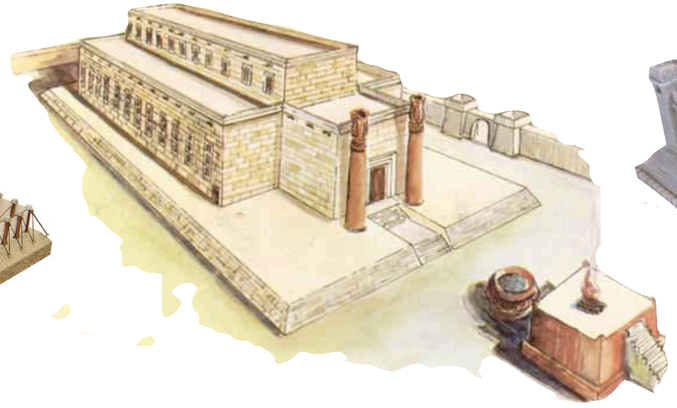
Work Ceases
Haggai 1:2

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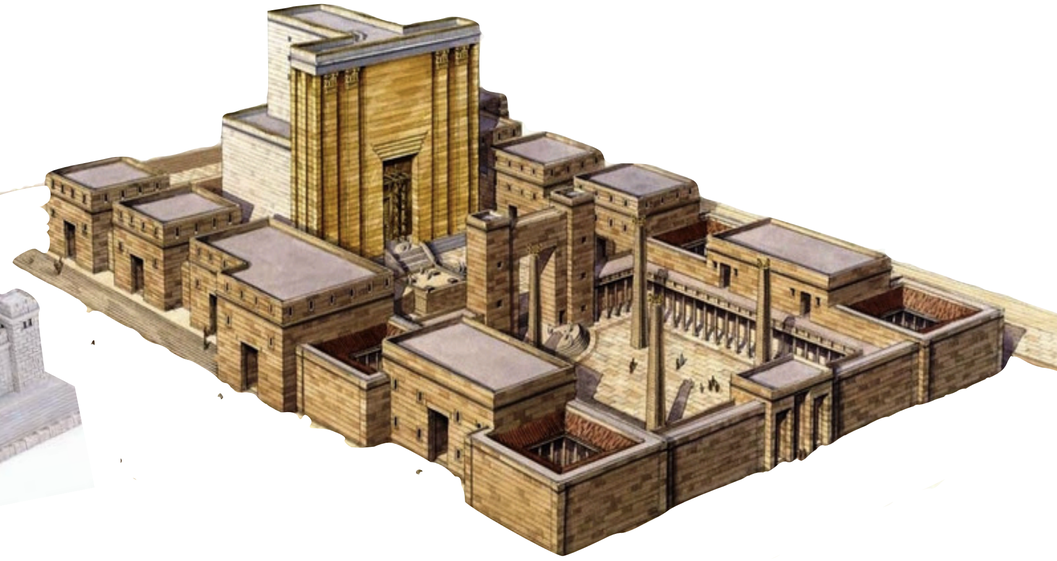
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Zerubbabel's Temple dismantled and replaced by Herod's **Temple**



586 Destruction by Babylon



AD 70 Destruction by Rome

THE JERUSALEM POST July 30, 2022 by Moshe Taragin

A **nation** that cries and fasts for over **2000 years** for their **land** and **Temple** will **surely be rewarded with both**."

Napoleon Bonaparte

"The poignant scene Napoleon witnessed *(Jews mourning on Tisha Be'av)* had been unfolding in Jewish cities and villages for more than 1700 years. He was right to be impressed. We are people of memory and future, and historical consciousness can't be defeated by weapon or tongue.

What would Napoleon say today if he saw Jews in modern Israel sitting on the floor and mourning lost glory? He would probably shout " Wake up and get off the ground! …"

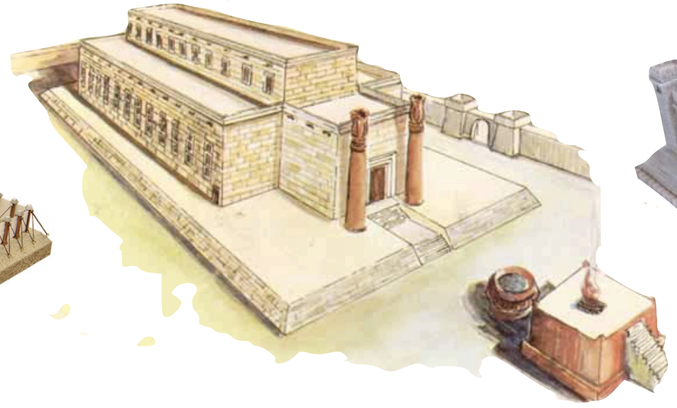


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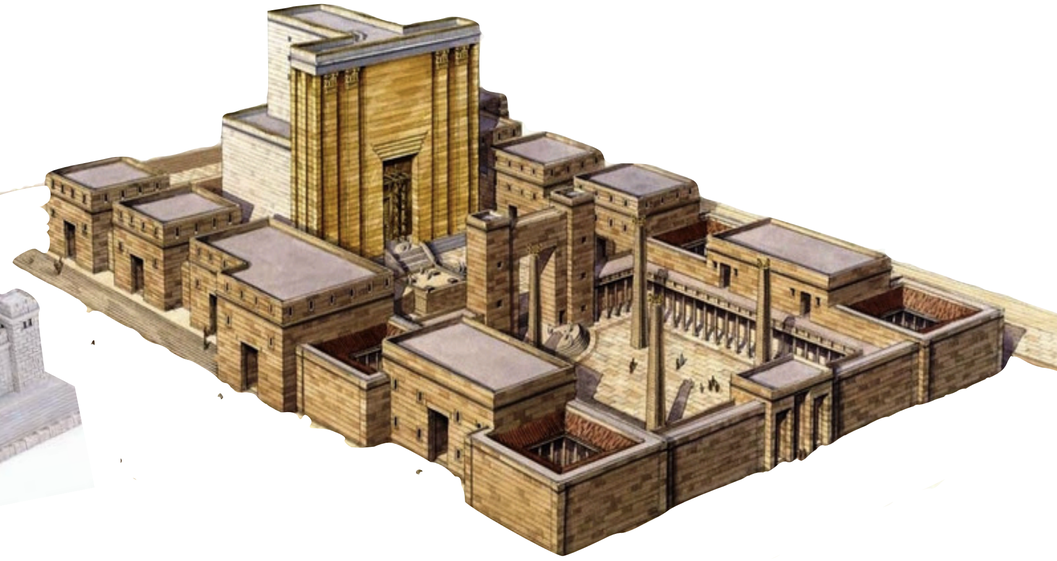
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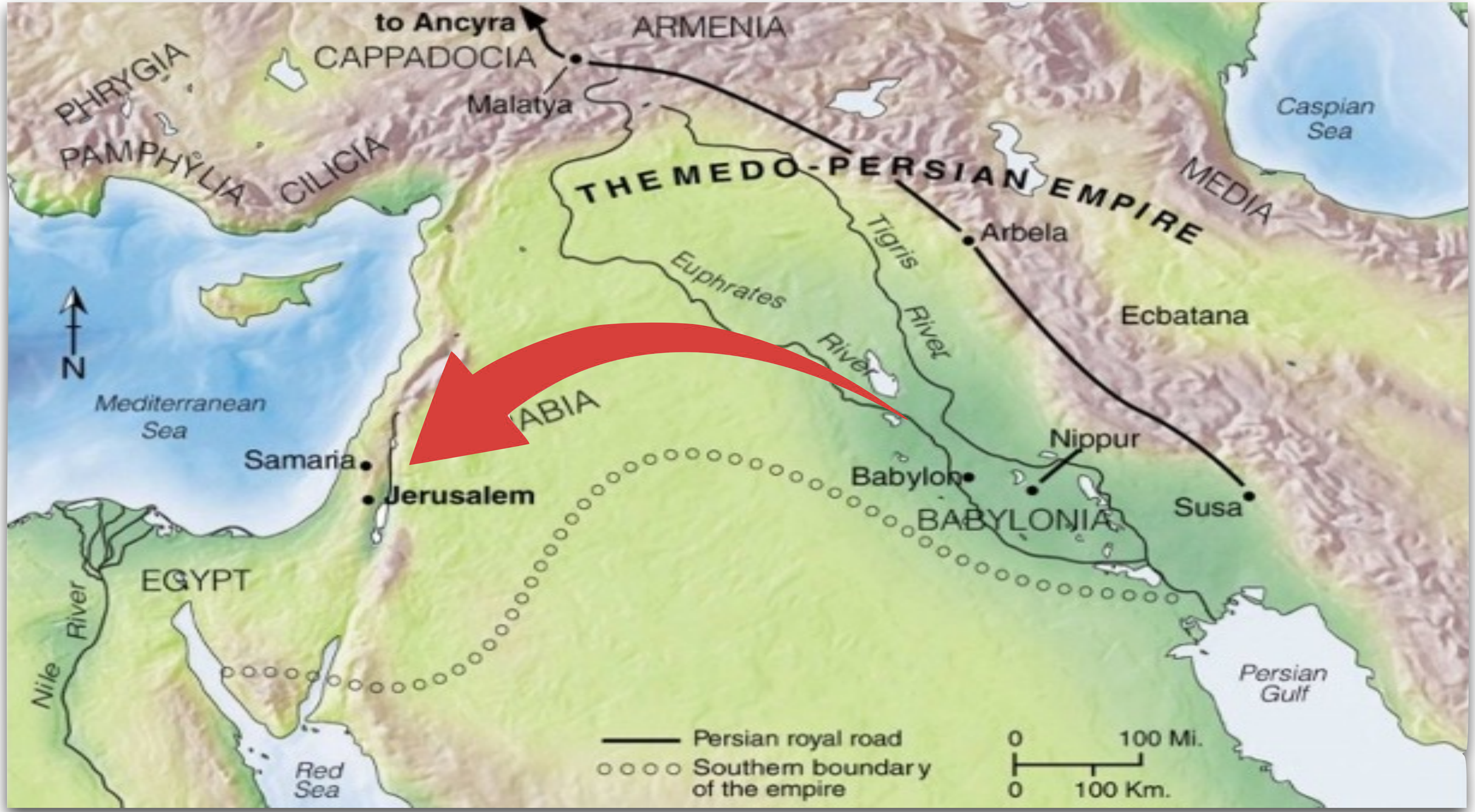
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How it all **began**





- Achaemenes
  - Teispes
    - Cyrus I
      - Cambyses I
        - Cyrus II (550-530)
          - Cambyses II (530-522)
          - Bardiya (Smerdis) (522)
    - Ariaramnes
      - Arsames
        - Hystaspes
          - Darius I (522-486)


to Ancyra
ARMENIA
CAPPADOCIA
Malatya
PHRYGIA
PAMPHYLIA
CILICIA
THE MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE
MEDIA
Caspian Sea
Arbela
Tigris River
Euphrates River
Ecbatana
N
Mediterranean Sea
ARABIA
Samaria
Jerusalem
Nippur
Babylon
BABYLONIA
Susa
EGYPT
Nile River
Red Sea
Persian Gulf
Persian royal road
Southern boundary of the empire
0 100 Mi.
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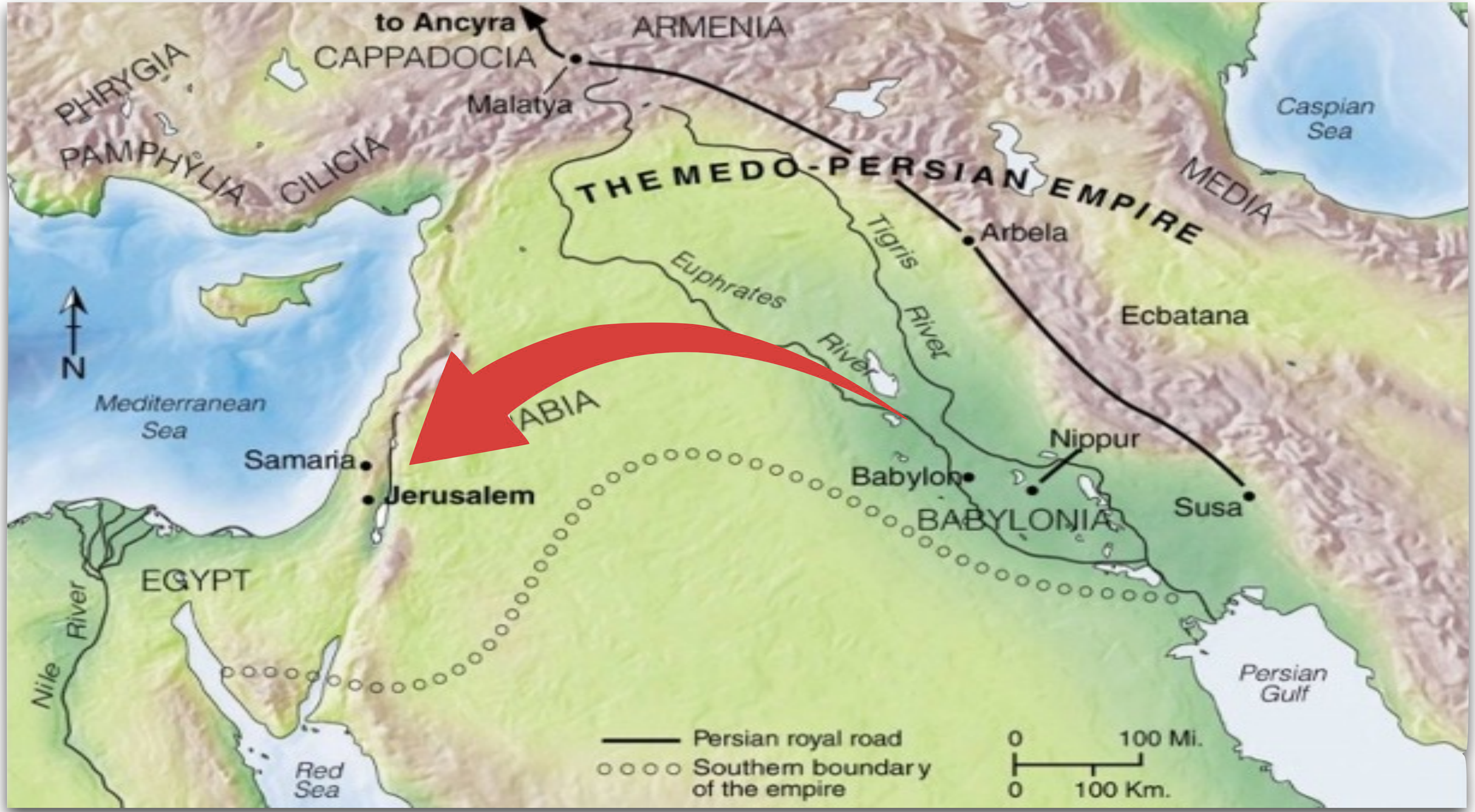
Conscience is God's warning system



Our **Conscience** is God's built in warning system.

Be very **careful** when **it hurts you**.

Be very **worried** when **it does not**.


to Ancyra
ARMENIA
CAPPADOCIA
Malatya
PHRYGIA
PAMPHYLIA
CILICIA
THE MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE
MEDIA
Caspian Sea
Arbela
Tigris River
Euphrates River
Ecbatana
N
Mediterranean Sea
ARABIA
Samaria
Jerusalem
Nippur
Babylon
BABYLONIA
Susa
EGYPT
Nile River
Red Sea
Persian Gulf
Persian royal road
Southern boundary of the empire
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Characteristics of the **FAITHFUL**

Direction & **Purpose** - “one man” Ezra 3:1-2

Spiritual matters first & **last** - “one man” Ezra 3:2 -6,11

Willing spirit - Ezra 1:5,6; 2:68,69; 3:5,7



Prophet priest & king

Haggai

Name signifies - '**festival**' - from hag 'feast, sacrifice' - see. Exd 12:14
His name signified his mission. He was appointed of God to call the people together, to remind them of their deliverance from Babylon and their responsibility towards God.



Joshua

Name means ' Yah shall save'. He is the **high priest** of Israel in the days of Haggai. He is the son of Josedech 'Yahweh hath cleansed'



Zerubbabel

Name means '**shoot of Babylon**', He was born in captivity.
He is called the son of "Shealtiel" - 'enquired of El' - Ezra 3:2,8 but his father's name is Pediah in 1 Chronicles 3:19. (Adopted by Shealtiel his Uncle). Stands in the **lineage of Christ** Luke 3:27



The work **BEGINS**

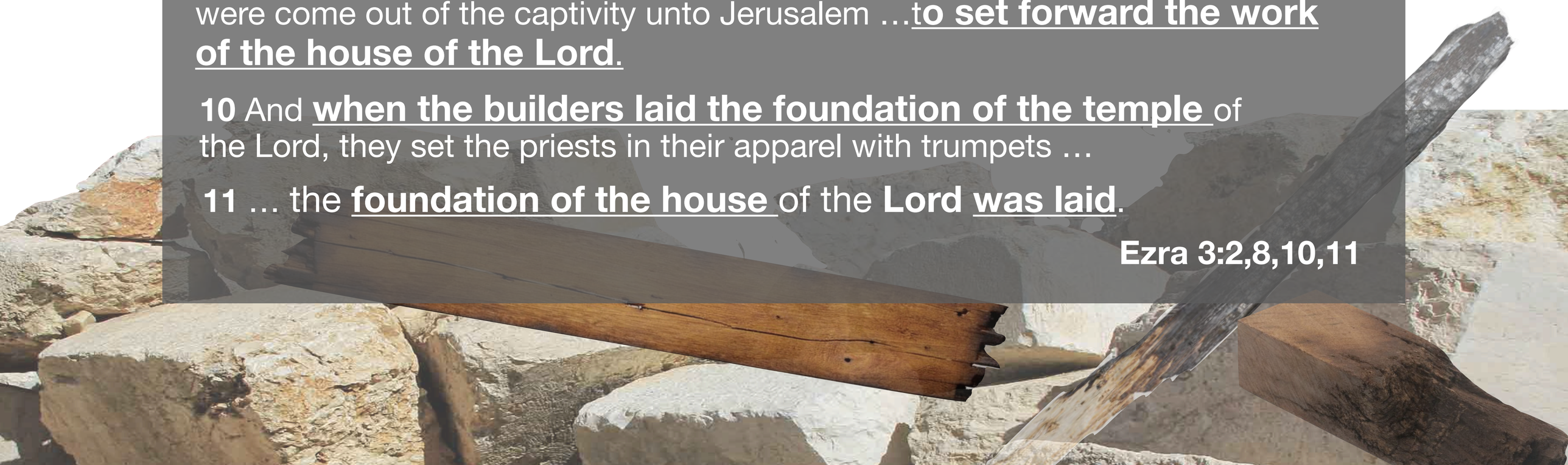
2 Then stood up Jeshua … and Zerubbabel … and his brethren, and **builded the altar of the God** of Israel …

8 Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel … and Jeshua …and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem …t**o set forward the work of the house of the Lord**.

10 And **when the builders laid the foundation of the temple** of the Lord, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets …

11 … the **foundation of the house** of the **Lord was laid**.

Ezra 3:2,8,10,11



TOP 10 REASONS I PROCRASTINATE

1.





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- Only the **eye of faith** can see the **hand of God** actively at work in the kingdom of men, accomplishing both **His purpose** and providing for **His people**.

- For a **faith** to be real it must be accompanied by **action** and a **willing spirit**.

- Faced with an overwhelming task, the **faithful** man or woman seeks ways to **put God first**.



The Infidelity of the Day

It is not Atheism I fear so much in the present times as **Pantheism**. It is **not the system which says nothing is true**, so much as the **system which says every thing is true**. It is **not the system which says there is no Saviour**, so much as **the system that says there are many saviours**, and many ways to peace. It is the system which is so **liberal**, that it **dare not say any thing is false**. It is the **system which is so charitable**, that it will allow **everything to be true**. It is the system which seems ready to honor other religions as well as that of our Lord Jesus Christ; **to class them all together.**
It is the **system which is so scrupulous about the feelings of others**, that we are **never to say they are wrong**.

But grant for a moment that the Bible, the whole Bible , and nothing but the Bible, is God's truth, and then I know not in what way you can escape the conclusion **that sincerity alone will not save your soul**. From the **liberality which says every body is right** - from the charity **which forbids you to say anybody is wrong** - from the peace which is brought at the expense of truth, may the good Lord deliver you.

Rev J.C. Ryle, Bishop of Liverpool

Thomas, J. ***The Herald of the Kingdom and Age to Come*** *Vol. 7 (1857) p 263*

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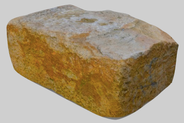
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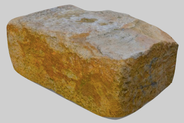
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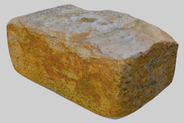




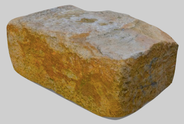
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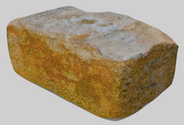
Class 2 Opposition - **Trials**



Class 3 Stop - **Excuses**



Class 4 Start - **Purpose**



Class 5 Promise - **Action**



Faith to **FEAR**

1st Test



12 But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:

13 So that the people could not discern the noise of the **shout of joy** from the **noise of the weeping** of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

Ezra 3:12.13

2nd Test



4 Now when the **adversaries** of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the Lord God of Israel;

Ezra 4:1

The opposition

Foreigners placed within the land by the King of Assyria. **2 Kings 17:24** "… from Babylon, Cuthah, Ava, Hamath, Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria"

The worship of **multiple gods** was introduced **mixed** with the **worship of Yahweh**. **2 Kings 17:28-31, 41**

Changed the **priesthood** and the **places of worship - 2 Kings 17:32,33**



Common cooperation?

“Let **us** build with **you**”





Opposition



Samaritan Method Ezra 4

Step 1 Want to **join** us **4:2**

Step 2 Claim their **belief** is similar to ours **4:2**

Step 3 Enlist **others** to discourage us **4:4,5**

Step 4 Email **campaign** to undermine us **4:6-9**

Step 5 Spread **false rumours** to slander us **4:12-15**

Step 6 **Relentless** against us

HuMANism



Wrongs - fault of others

Man has the answers

No absolute **Truth**

Tolerance

PRIDE

Enmity



Enmity

GOD

Wrongs - my responsibility
Rom 3:23; Ja 4:17

Man needs **God's help**
Jeremiah 10:23

Truth is **essential**
Dt 32:4; Ps 25:5; 1Jn 4:1-6

Principles
Isaiah 8:20; Lk 12:49-56

HUMILITY
Micah 6:8



Social Media



"In a world like this, **media** can help us to feel **closer to one another**, creating a sense of the **unity** of the **human family** which can in turn inspire **solidarity** and serious efforts to ensure a more dignified life for all. Good communication helps us to grow **closer** … to grow in **unity**. **The walls which divide us can be broken down** …The internet, in particular, offers immense possibilities for encounter and **solidarity**. The internet …is something truly good, a gift from God

Pope Francis WCD 2014



Technology and social media have brought **power** back to the **people**

Mark McKinnon



The **power** of social media is it forces necessary change

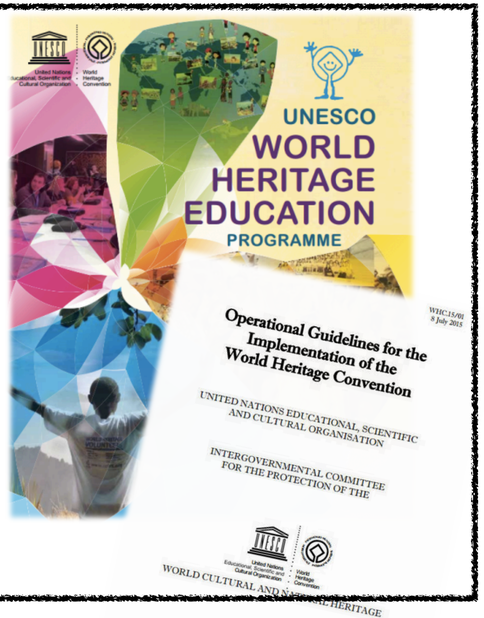
Erik Qualman

Education



As long as the child breathes the poisoned air of nationalism, education in world-mindedness can produce only rather precarious results. As we have pointed out it is frequently the family which infects the child with extra nationalism. **The school** should therefore use the means described earlier to **combat family attitudes**.

UNESCO 1949 Toward World Understanding



Another **GOSPEL**



2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your **minds should be corrupted** from the simplicity that is in Christ.

4 For if he that cometh preacheth **another** Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive **another spirit,** which ye have not received, or **another gospel,**

2 Corthinians 11:2-4

A different Gospel

- Poor Bible Study
- Wilful ignorance of the pioneers
- Translation bias
- Not all the Bible is Inspired
- Non Biblical ideas
- No absolute truth
- Social Gospel



Poor Bible Study

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

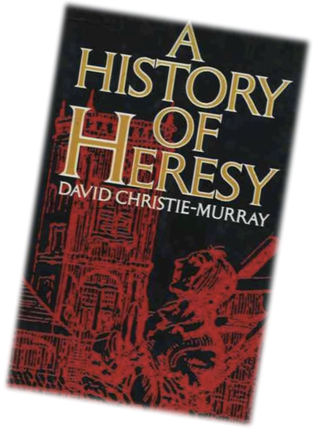
Hosea 4:6

A Social Gospel



Being heirs to the Bible promises made originally to the Jews, they (Christadelphians) must become Jews themselves. This article of faith led them to help Jews. They had no professional clergy and their informal, congregational type of organization resulted in many schisms. Later the Christadelphians became more devotional and more concerned about such problems as famine relief and refugees."

A History of Heresy David Christie-Murray 1976



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Our Mission

The Williamsburg Christadelphian Foundation strives to help individuals, families and groups (ecclesias) grow their faith. We aim to be a **catalyst for good** by supplying faith-building tools. We also seek to inspire and galvanize collective purpose **by bringing together faith-seeking people in common service**.

White Fields Mission

WCF believes strongly in the first principle of the one Body. We are one in Christ, **with no distinction across national barriers or socioeconomic differences**. As members of Christ's family, we have an obligation to show his love to all. WCF launched its White Fields program in that very spirit some 15 years ago. Since 2004, WCF has underwritten the placements of over 140 volunteers in 20 countries on 5 continents.

A Social Gospel?

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BOXES OF LOVE CARE PACKS. Donate care packs to **your local charity**! The Garden will provide a grant to you or your ecclesia for up to $150 to alleviate the costs associated with purchasing items for these much-needed care packages.

the garden OUTREACH PROJECT

The Garden Project is a Faith-Growing, **Humanitarian** Initiative of WCF

GROW2GIVE

The Grow2Give initiative aims to inspire families and children to learn about God and nature … and our responsibility to provide food for the hungry … Showing our children they too have a role to play … in the lives of people is an important step towards developing a **spirit** of love and compassion.

A Social Gospel

Meal-a-Day
A Christadelphian Charity

Meal-a-Day went on its first Build project to Cobán, Guatemala with around 30 brethren. For two weeks, these brethren were divided into teams and sent to specific **Habitat for Humanity** worksites in the area to help local construction workers build houses for three families.

green empowerment
Village Solutions for Global Change



Green Empowerment (Non-Governmental Organization)

Michael Royce is a **social justice activist** attorney, energy consultant … he founded Green Empowerment with others in 1997 … over the years, he has led or participated in **human rights** delegations to El Salvador and Nicaragua.

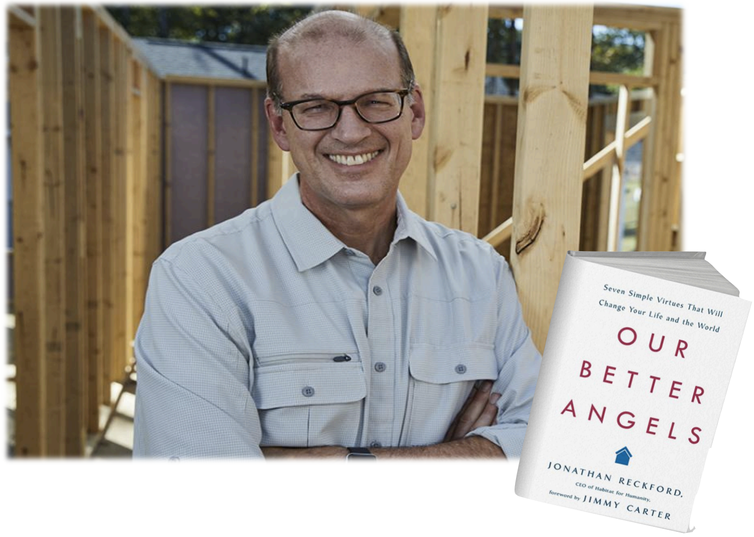
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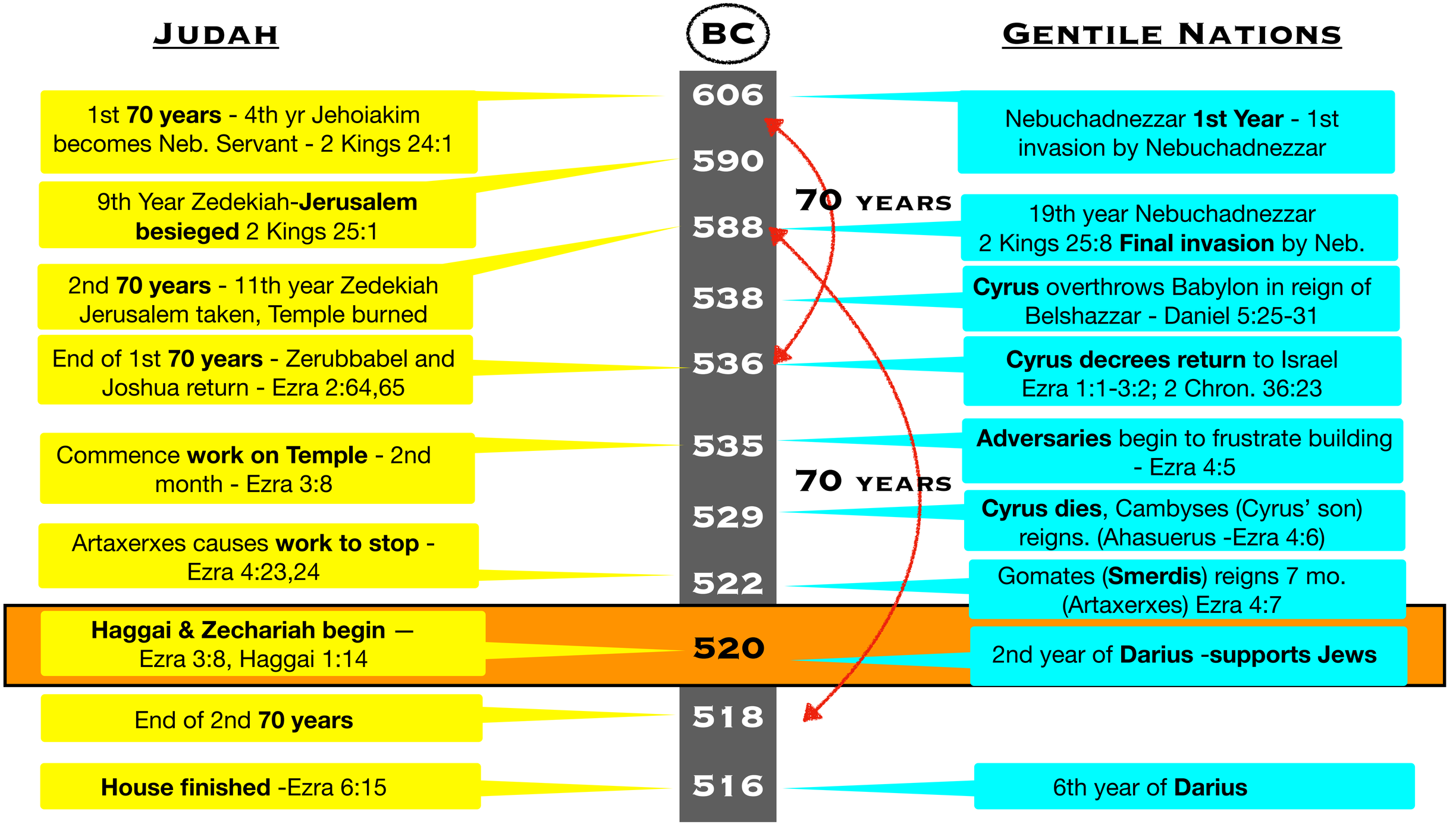
The **idea that became Habitat for Humanity** was first started by farmer and **biblical** scholar Clarence Jordan.

The Mission Statement of habitat for Humanity is "Seeking to put God's love into action , Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope"



Jonathan T.M. Reckford is CEO of Habitat for Humanity International, a **global Christian** housing organization.

He was the past executive pastor at **Christ Presbyterian Church** near Minneapolis, Minnesota, he was recruited for the CEO position at Habitat.


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You have nothing to do with us

"….**Come**, let **us** meet **together** … But they thought to do me mischief."

Nehemiah 6:2

"….I am doing a great work, so that **I cannot come** down … "

Nehemiah 6:3

"No servant **can serve** two masters … he will **hate the one**, and **love the other**…or **hold to the one**, and **despise the other** … "

Luke 16:13



"Ye **cannot** serve God and **mammon**"

Luke 16:13

"….I would **not that ye should have fellowship** with devils …"

1 Corinthians 10:20

"….ye **cannot** be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils."

1 Corinthians 10:21

"Be not unequally yoked **together with unbelievers** … what **communion hath light with darkness**"

2 Corinthians 6:14

"Wherfore **come out from among them** and **be ye separate** …"

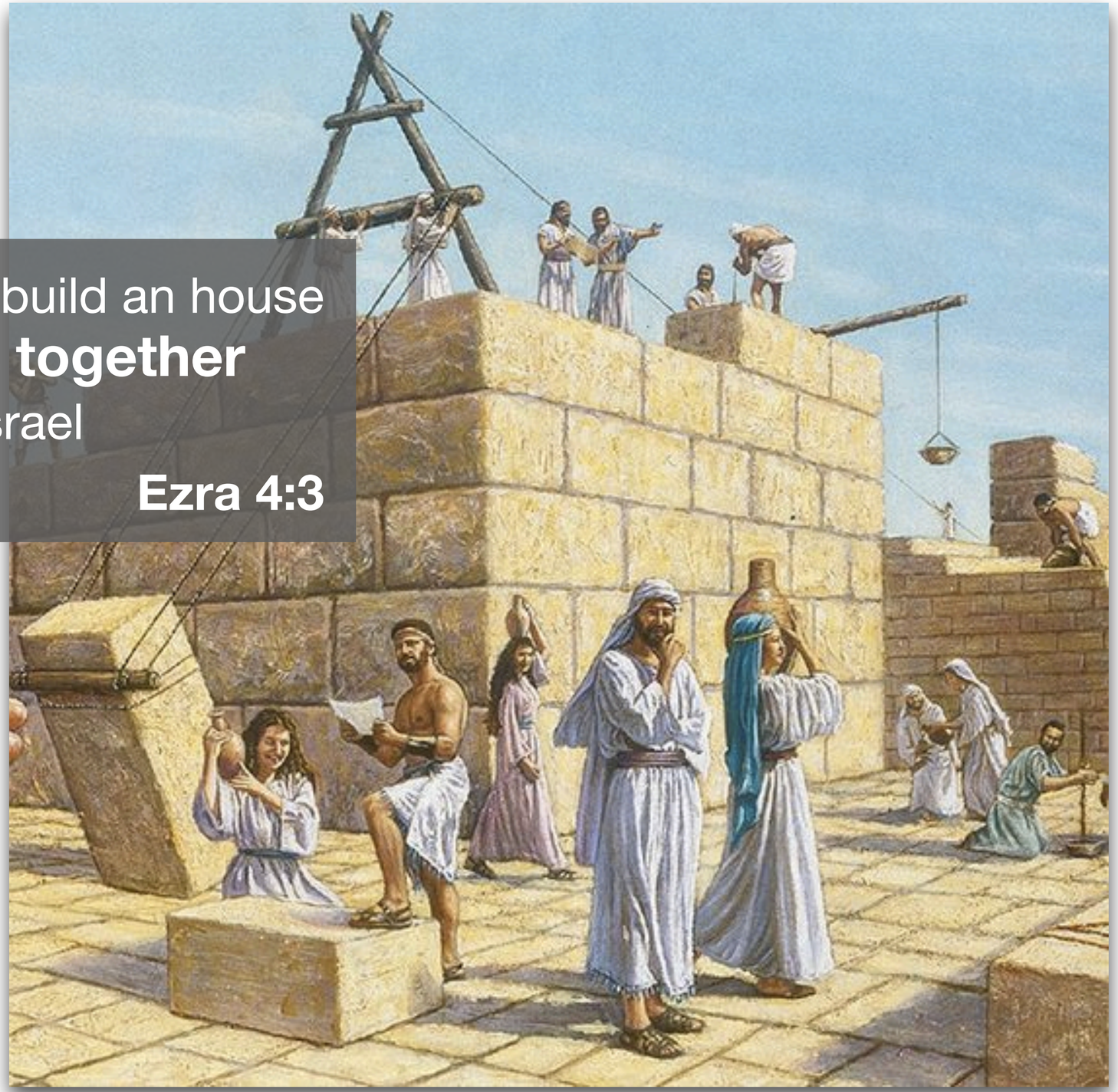
2 Corinthians 6:17

The response

Ye have **nothing** to do with us to build an house unto our God; but **we ourselves together will build** unto the Lord God of Israel

Ezra 4:3





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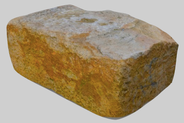
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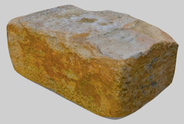
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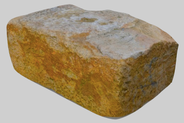




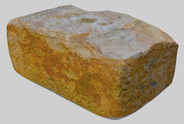
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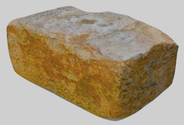
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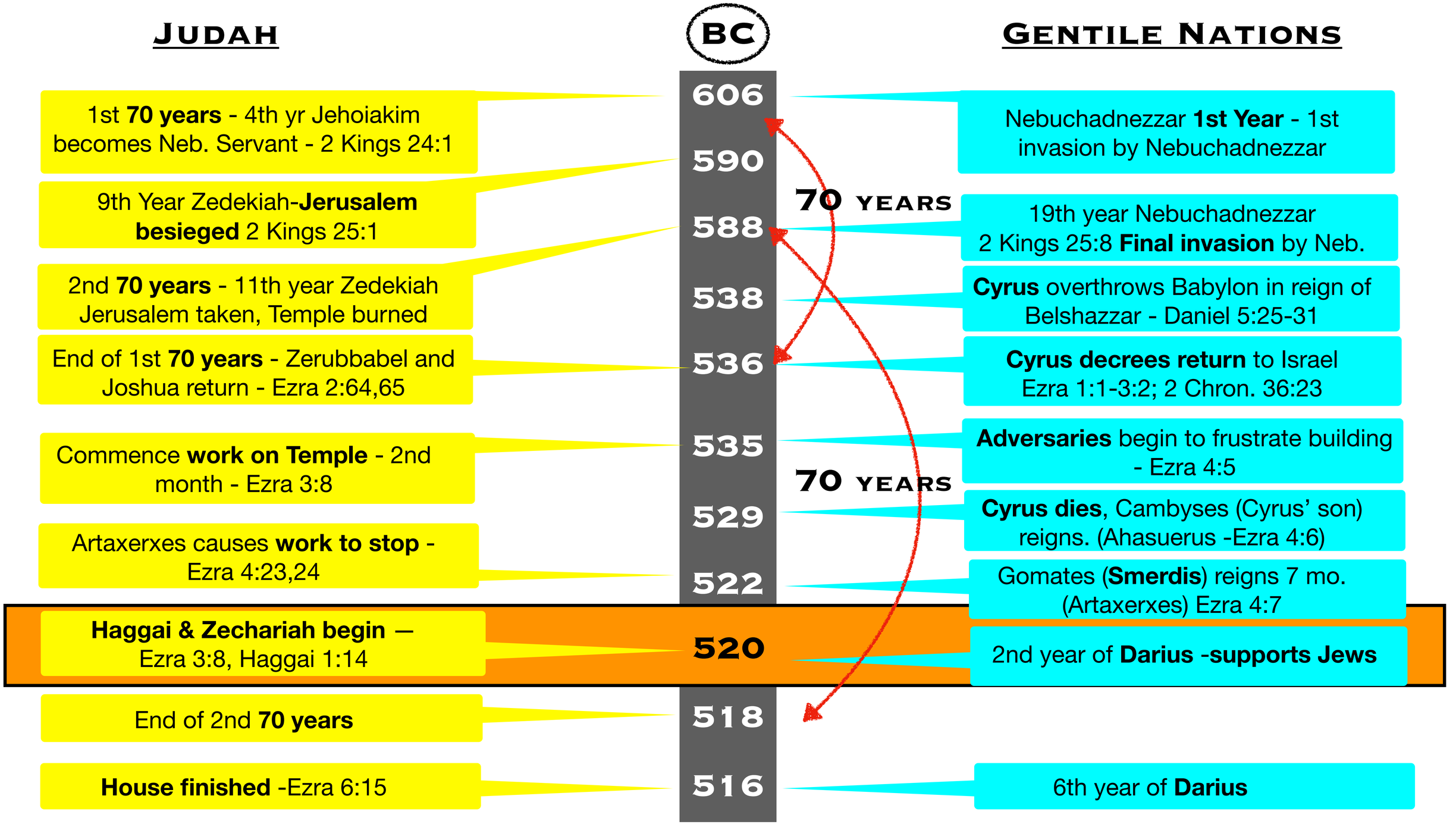


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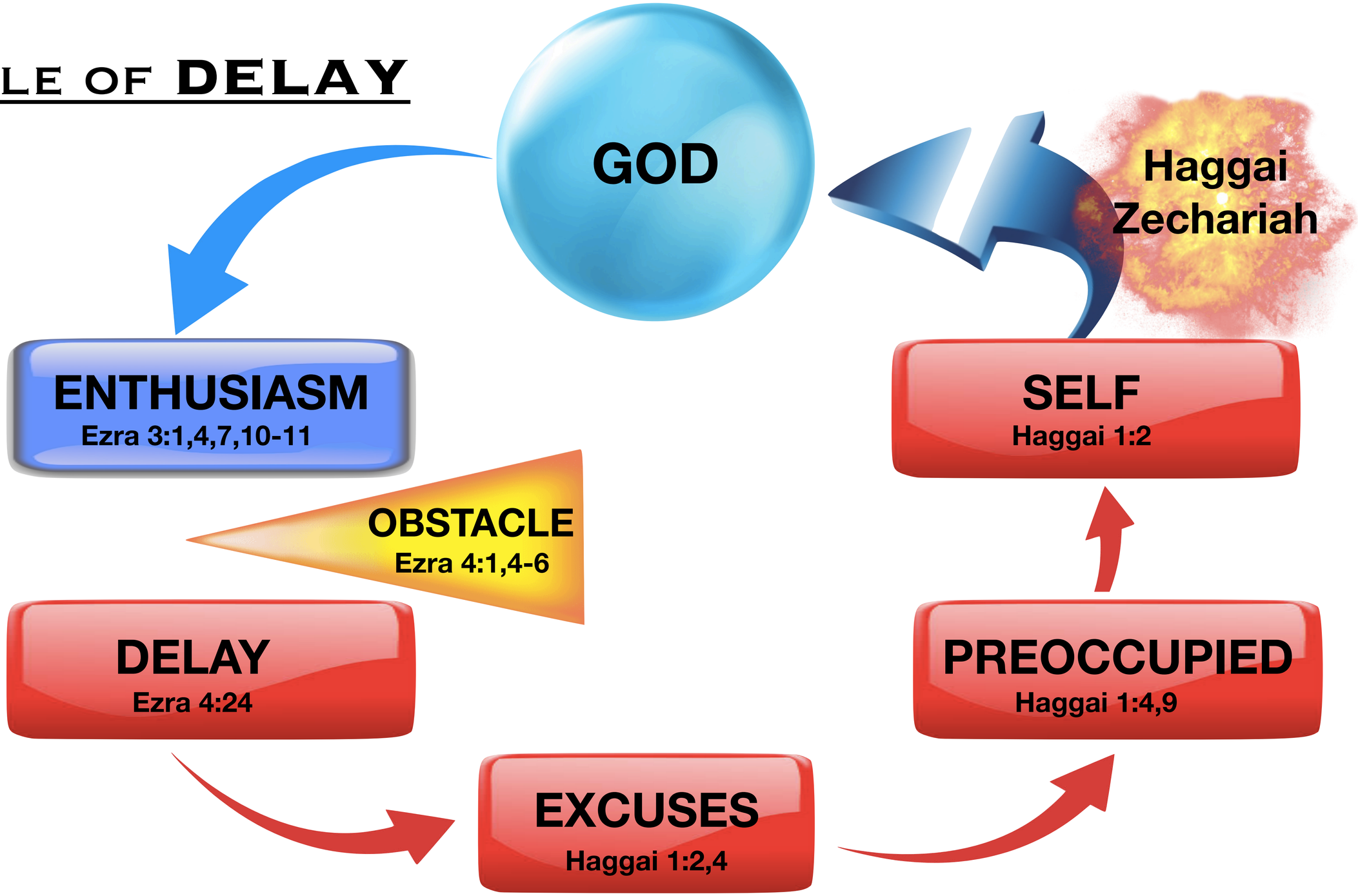
Cieled - panelled or covered (lavishly decorated)
“Covered” - reference to Solomon’s temple - **1 Kings 6:9**

Solomon took 13 years to build his house / 7 years to build Yahweh’s
1 Kings 6:38;7:1;9:10





Cycle of DELAY



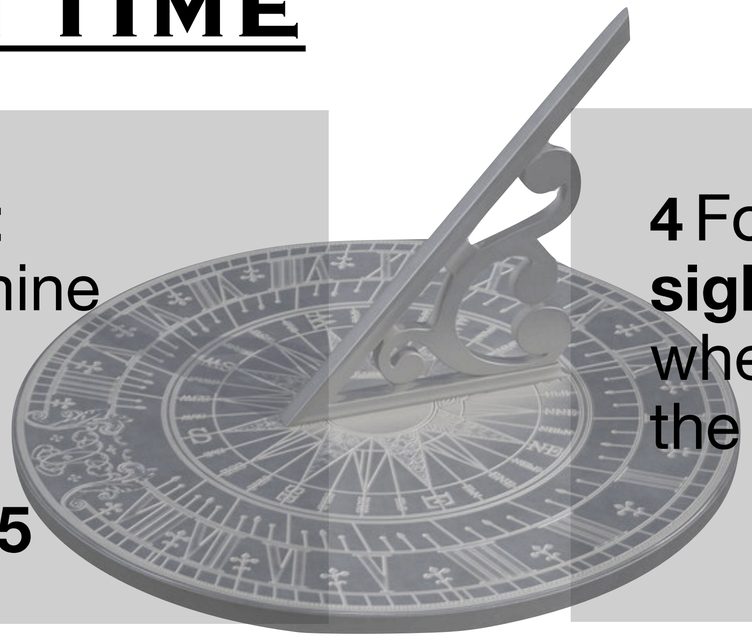
DELAY



Perspectives on TIME

15 My **times are in thy hand**:
deliver me from the hand of mine
enemies, and from them that
persecute me.

Psalms 31:15



4 For **a thousand years in thy
sight are but as yesterday**
when it is past, and as a watch in
the night.

Psalms 90:4

Waiting time is **TESTING** time

And when the people saw that **Moses delayed** to come down out of the mount, **the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods**, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

Exodus 32:1



Consider your ways

"Consider your ways" **Haggai 1:5** - Hebrew sg. "Set your heart on your ways'

Used 5X in two Chapters. Haggai 1:5,7; 2:15, 18

Think, Prepare & Do

5 I will therefore now make **preparation** for it. So David **prepared** abundantly before his death

19 Now **set your heart** and your soul to seek the Lord your God; arise therefore, **and build** ye the sanctuary of the Lord God,

1 Chronicles 22:5,19



Acute Inflation

You have sown much, and harvested little. **You** eat, but **you** never have enough; **you** drink, but **you** never have **your** fill. **You** clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.

Haggai 1:6 ESV



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May price rise was 5% as the economic rebound from virus lockdowns accelerated

The Washington Post

Opinion Inflation is a worldwide problem — with little immediate relief in sight



My dulls the eyes



Disease

Haggai 1:6. “You …you… you…you…you…your… you”

Luke 12:17-19
17 “…what shall **I** do, because **I** have no room where to bestow **my** fruits?
18 …this will **I** do: **I** will pull down **my** barns, and build greater; and there will **I** bestow all **my** fruits and **my** goods.
19 And **I** will say to **my** soul, Soul, **thou** hast much goods laid up for many years; take **thine** ease, eat, drink, and be merry.”



Haggai 1:2 “… The time is not come…”

Luke 12:45,46 “… My lord delayeth his coming …”



Haggai 1:9 “Ye looked for much, and, lo it came to little … Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste …”

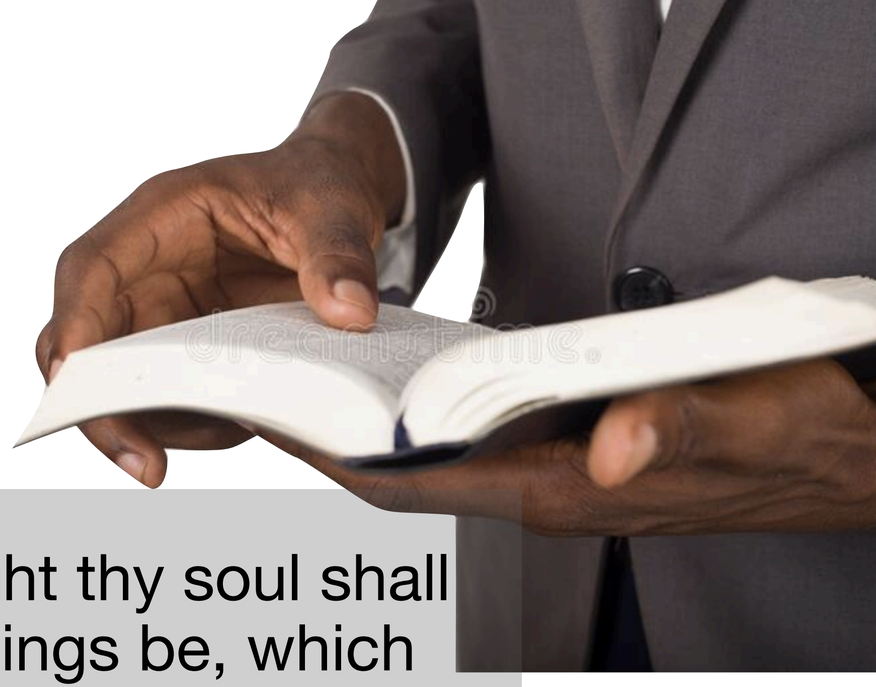
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Haggai 1:6 “bag with holes”	**Luke 12:33** “… bags which wax not old …”
Haggai 1:8 “pleasure”	**Luke 12:32** “pleasure”
Haggai 1:9-11 v 11 “And I called for a drought upon the land …”	**Luke 12:54-56** v 56 “ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?”
Haggai 1:13; 2:4 v13 “… I am with you …”	**Luke 12:31,32** v 32“ it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
Haggai 2:3,4 v 3 “… her first glory …”	**Luke 12:27** “… Solomon in alll his glory…” …”



The lord's **warning**



20 But God said unto him, Thou **fool**, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21 So is he that layeth up treasure for **himself**, and is **not rich toward God**.

Luke 12:20,21



People pay ATTENTION

Consider the time Haggai 1:3,4

Consider God's house Haggai 1:4

Consider what you are doing Haggai 1:6

Consider what you are experiencing Haggai 1:6-11

Call to action Haggai 1:7



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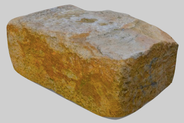
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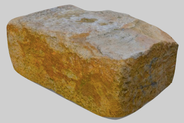
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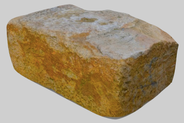




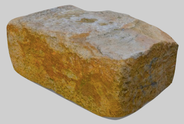
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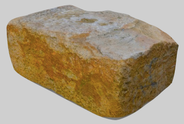
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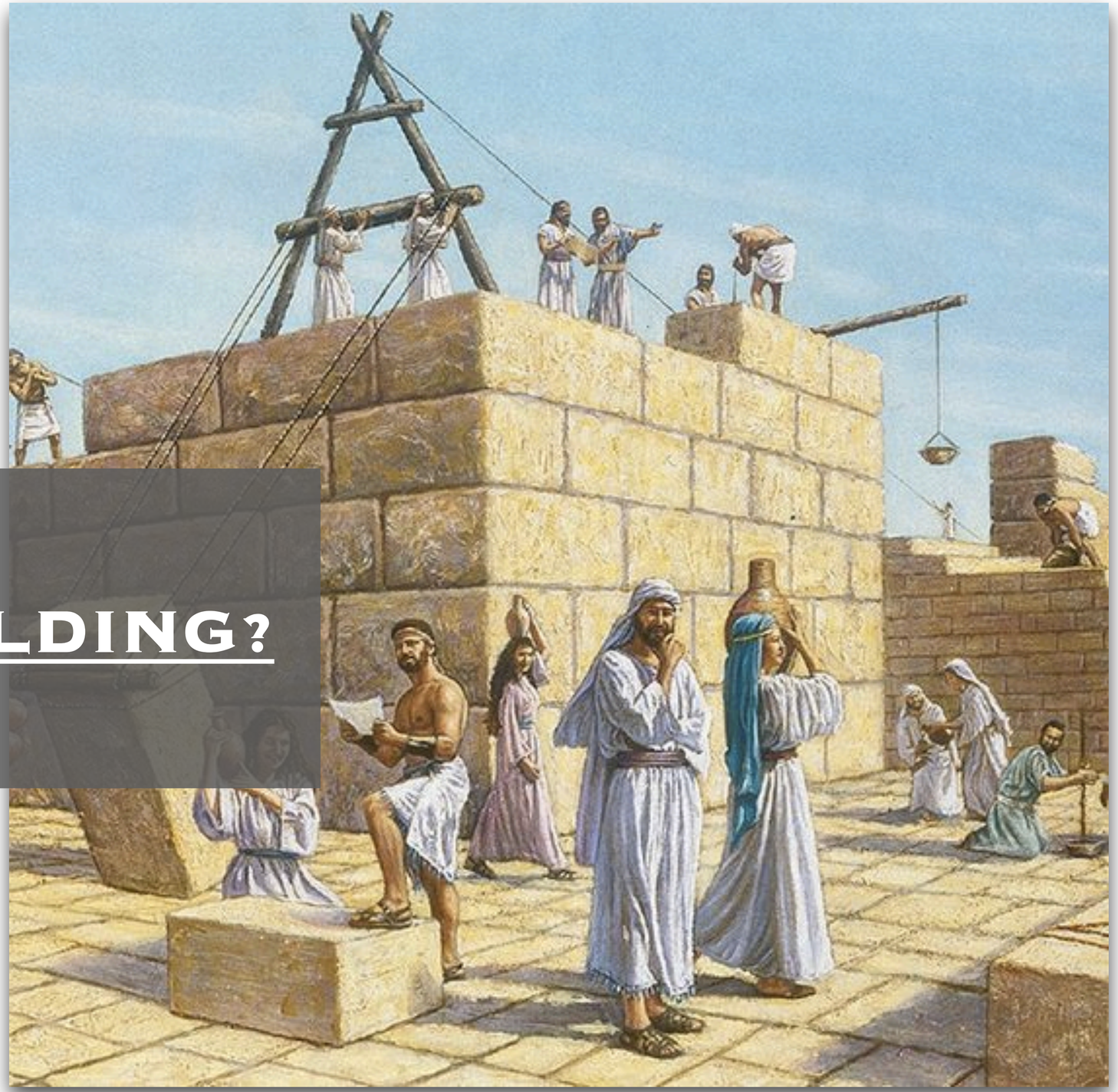
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What are we BUILDING?



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Who is left among you that saw this house in her **first glory**?…

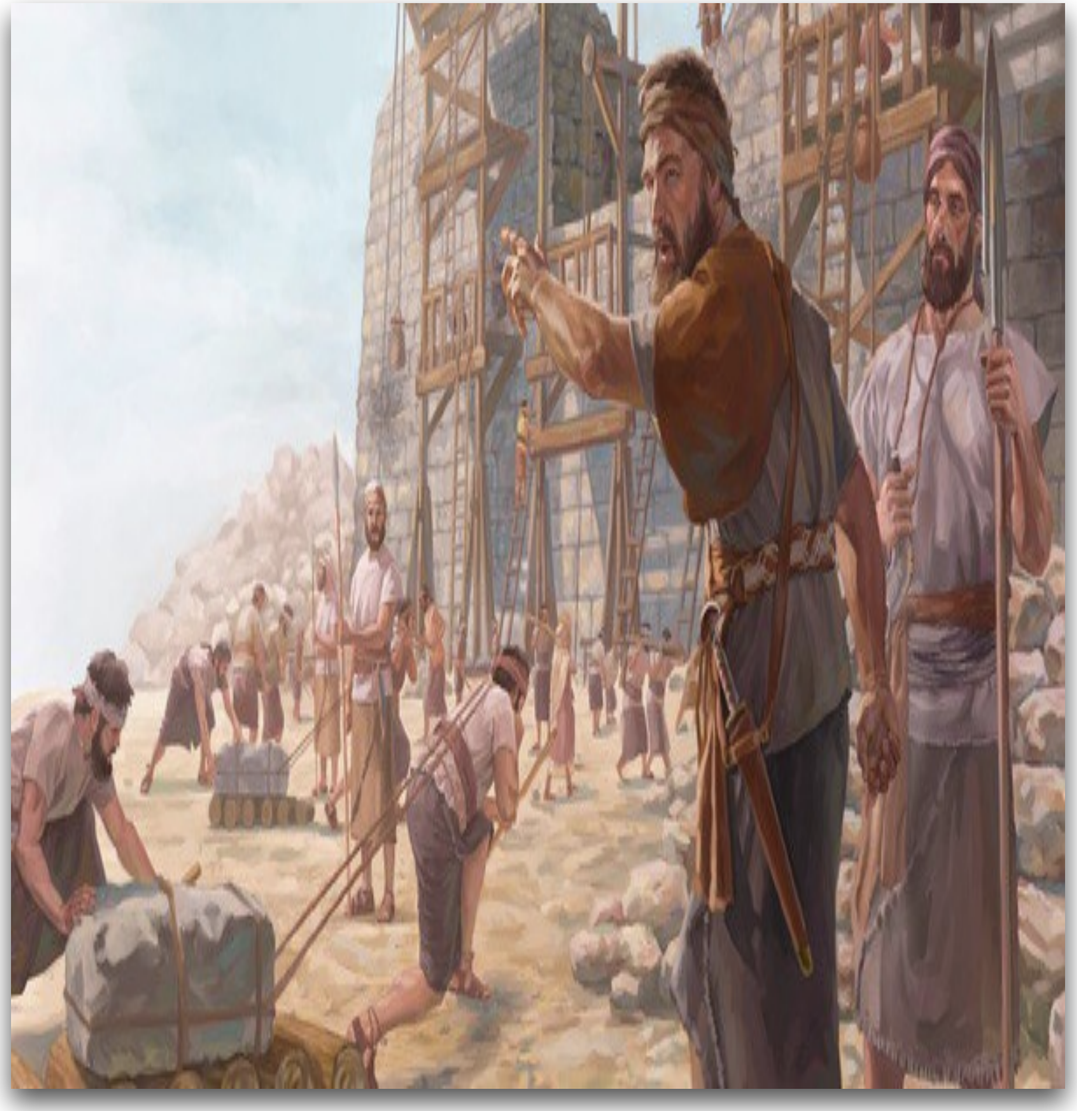
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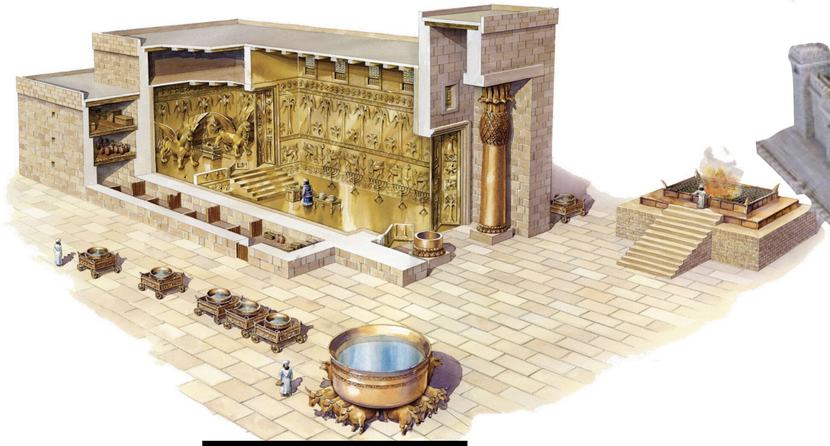
Now is the day of salvation - and we shall have no other. No work, no wage; this is the inexorable decree of the Scriptures. **Are we disposed to idleness?** - to look on with folded arms whilst others toil?

If so, **let us bestir ourselves** ere it is too late. **Let us unstop our ears** to the voice which speaks so solemnly from heaven: "**Behold I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be**"

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Glory to come



968 BCE



515 BCE



20?? AD

FIRST GLORY	NO GLORY	LATTER GLORY
Solomon's Temple	Zerubbabel's Temple	Messiah's Temple

House of prayer for all people

1 Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: **where is the house that ye build unto me**?…

2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, **even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word**.

Isaiah 66:1,2



We are the Temple of God

9 For we are **labourers** together with God: … **ye are God's building**.

10 … as a **wise masterbuilder**, I have laid the **foundation**, and **another buildeth thereon …** take heed how he **buildeth** thereupon.

11 For other **foundation** can no man lay than **that is laid, which is Jesus Christ**.

13 Every **man's work shall be made manifest**: for the day shall declare it …

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a **reward**.

16 Know ye not that **ye are the temple of God**, and that **the Spirit of God dwelleth in you**?

1 Corinthians 3:9-11,13,14,16



Builded together

20. And are **built** upon the **foundation** of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone**;

21 In whom all the **building** fitly framed together groweth unto an **holy temple in the Lord**:

22 In whom ye also are **builded together** for an **habitation of God** through the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:20-22



Living **stones**

4 To whom coming, as unto a **living stone**, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

5 Ye also, as **lively stones**, are **built up a spiritual house**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4,5





A great **HOUSE** to come

God **encourages**	Haggai 1:4
God **rewards** effort	Haggai 1:3,4
God has a **plan** for **us**	Haggai 2:7
… for **mankind**	Haggai 2:9,22,24

Haggai

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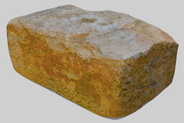
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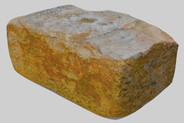
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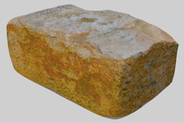




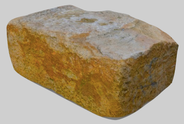
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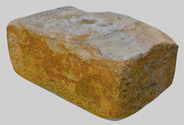
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Class 3 Stop - **Excuses**



Class 4 Start - **Purpose**



Class 5 Promise - **Action**





Working Together

6th Month	Haggai's 1st Prophecy	Haggai 1:1-15
7th Month	Haggai's 2nd Prophecy	Haggai 2:1-9
8th Month	Zechariah's 1st Prophecy	Zechariah 1:1
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518 BC 4th Year Darius	Zechariah's 3rd Prophecy	Zechariah 7:1
516 BC 6th Year Darius	Temple finished	Ezra 6:15



Prophet, priest & king

Haggai

Name signifies - '**festival**' - from hag 'feast, sacrifice' - see. Exd 12:14
His name signified his mission. He was appointed of God to call the people together, to remind them of their deliverance from Babylon and their responsibility towards God.



Prophet

Joshua

Name means ' Yah shall save'. He is the **high priest** of Israel in the days of Haggai. He is the son of Josedech 'Yahweh hath cleansed'



Priest

Zerubbabel

Name means '**shoot of Babylon**', He was born in captivity.
He is called the son of "Shealtiel" - 'enquired of El' - Ezra 3:2,8 but his father's name is Pediah in 1 Chronicles 3:19. (Adopted by Shealtiel his Uncle). Stands in the **lineage of Christ** Luke 3:27



King



Spiritual leadership

Haggai

Confronts - Haggai 1:4,5

Commends - Haggai 1:12-15

Encourages - Haggai 2:1-9

Vision - Haggai 2:20-23



Spiritual leadership

Ezra

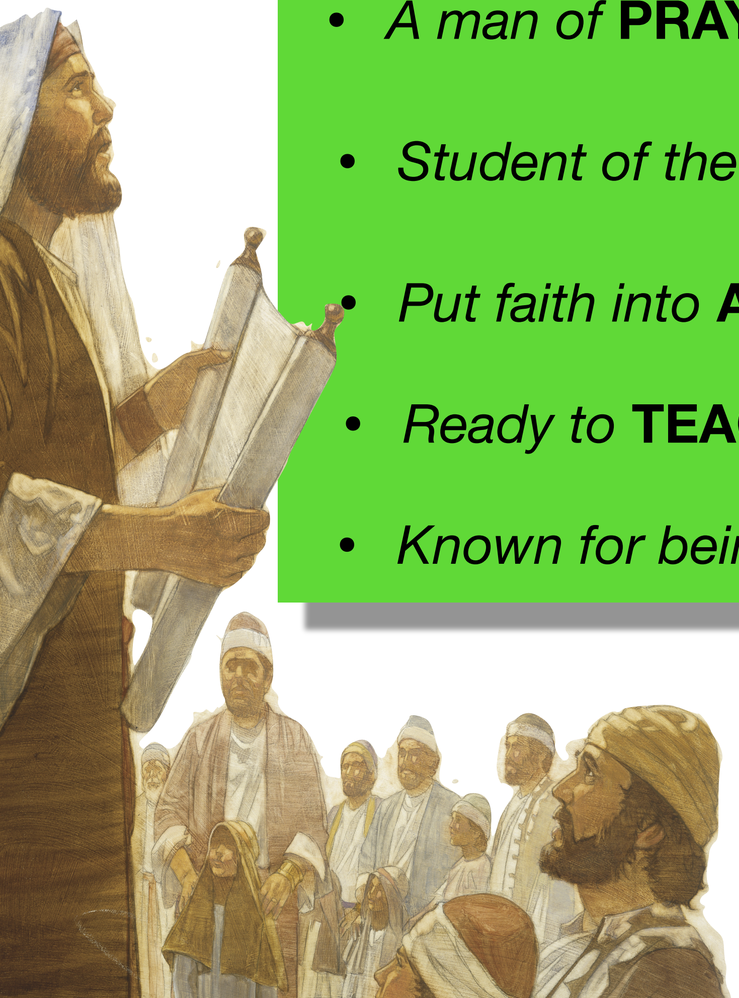
6 This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a **ready scribe** in the law of Moses, which the Lord God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the Lord his God upon him.

Ezra 7:6

“ready” - Hebrew ‘mahir’ - ‘quick, hence skillful’ (root: to flow easily like liquid)
4X in OT **Psalm 45:1** Roth “skilled”; **Proverbs 22:29** “diligent”; **Isaiah 16:5** “hasting”, Roth “speedy”

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Ezra



- *A man of* **PRAYER** Ezra 7:10; 8:21,23; 9:5;10:1
- *Student of the* **WORD** Ezra 7:10
- *Put faith into* **ACTION** Ezra 7:10
- *Ready to* **TEACH** Ezra 7:10,25
- *Known for being* **RELIABLE** Ezra 7:11,21
- *Involves* **OTHERS** *in work* Ezra 7:28
- *Gives God the* **PRAISE** Ezra 7:27;8:18
- *Thinks* **AHEAD** Ezra 8:15-17
- *Acts as a* **MEDIATOR** Ezra 9:7-15
- *Stands for* ***TRUTH*** Ezra 10:3-8,10-14



Spiritual leadership

Lord Jesus Christ

Encourages - Revelations 2:2,3,9,13

Confronts - Revelations 2:4,14,15,20

Guidance - Revelations 2:5,10,16,25

Vision - Revelations 2:7,11,17, 26,27

SPIRITUAL LEADERS - *prepare their hearts*

3 And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, … **prepare your hearts** unto the Lord, and serve him only: …

1 Samuel 7:3
(Samuel to the nation of Israel)

18 … **prepare their heart** unto thee:

1 Chronicles 29:18
(David's prayer for Solomon and nation)

3 … and hast **prepared thine heart** to seek God.

2 Chronicles 19:3
(Jehu to Jehoshaphat)

6 So Jotham became mighty, because **he prepared his ways** before the LORD his God.

2 Chronicles 27:6

VS

14 And he did evil, because **he prepared not** his heart to seek the Lord.

2 Chronicles 12:14
(King Rehoboam)

33 … for as yet the people **had not prepared** their hearts unto the God of their fathers.

2 Chronicles 20:33
(The nation under Jehoshaphat)

Spiritual leadership in our lives







Pray → Study → Do

Zerubbabel, my servant

21 Speak to **Zerubbabel**, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth;

Haggai 2:21

Zerubbabel - ‘shoot’ or ‘branch out of Babylon”



Zerubbabel, my servant

23 In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, **my servant**, the son of Shealtiel, saith the Lord, and will **make thee as a signet**: for **I have chosen thee**, saith the Lord of hosts.

Haggai 2:23

Isaiah 42:1 Behold <u>my servant</u>, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

Isaiah 52:13 Behold, <u>my servant</u> shall deal prudently …”



Matthew 12:18 Behold <u>my servant</u>, whom <u>I have chosen</u>; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.



He shall build the Temple of the LORD

Natural House

12 **…**here is the man whose name is Branch,who will sprout up from his place and **build the temple of the Lord**.

13 Indeed, **he will build the temple of the Lord**, and he will be clothed in splendor, sitting as king on his throne…

Zechariah 6:12,13 NET



Spiritual House

20 … you have been **built** on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,with **Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone**.**21** In him the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy **temple** in the Lord, **22** in whom you also are being **built together** into **a dwelling place of God** in the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:20-22 NET

Haggai

A message for our times

- **Spiritual leadership** is demonstrated by the courage to **confront** that which is wrong and through **wisdom** in knowing when it is time to **comfort** and **encourage**.

- We need to **prepare our hearts** and the hearts of our brethren to seek the LORD through **prayer**, **study** and **action**.

- We are called to be **living stones** with characters developed by the trials of life so that we will be part to that **spiritual house** to come.





Thy gracious **KINGDOM** bring



Hymn 264

Come, thou long - expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest with thee

Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the saints thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;
Born to be their future King;
Come and reign on earth for ever,
Soon thy gracious Kingdom bring.

By thine own transforming spirit
Make our bodies like thine own;
Lord, who dost all things inherit,
Raise us to thy **glorious throne**