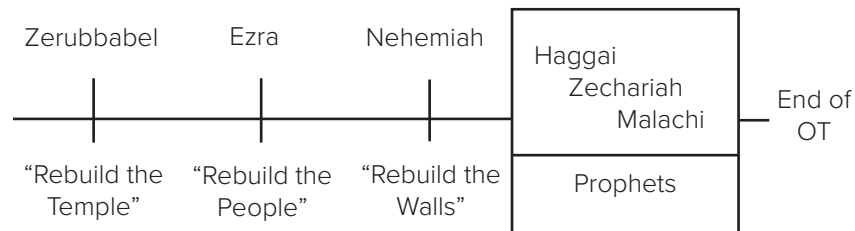


PANORAMA TIMELINES

Movement 8: Exile



Movement 9: Return from Exile



“Four Hundred Silent Years” (between the Testaments)



* Roman domination – destruction of Jerusalem, putting down of the final rebellion; Roman Empire continues.

RETURN FROM EXILE

Background

The Demise of Judah/Jerusalem

2 Chronicles 36:15-19 (ESV)

*The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. ¹⁶ But **they kept mocking the messengers of God**, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD rose against his people, until there was no remedy. ¹⁷ Therefore he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or aged. He gave them all into his hand. ¹⁸ And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon. ¹⁹ And **they burned the house of God and broke down the wall of Jerusalem** and burned all its palaces with fire and destroyed all its precious vessels.*

The Three Great Needs of the Jews/Jerusalem:

1. The people are spiritually hard-hearted and rebellious... they need to be “rebuilt.”
2. The temple (center of YHWH worship) has been destroyed... it needs to be “rebuilt.”
3. The walls of Jerusalem are broken down... they need to be “rebuilt.”

Insight:

But before these needs can be addressed, the captives must endure the deportation to Babylon which will last seventy years (as prophesied by Jeremiah 25, 29).

The Return from Exile: God's Rebuilding Process

1. Rebuild the People: Ezra (Word of God)
2. Rebuild the Temple: Zerubbabel
3. Rebuild the Walls: Nehemiah

Prophetic Encouragements: God's Rebuilding Process

1. Rebuild the Temple!! Haggai
2. Rebuild the Temple!! Zechariah
(Renew the People)
3. Revive (again) the People!! Malachi

PANORAMA PLUS 9 RETURN FROM EXILE

This study will focus on Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther (historical books) plus Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi (prophetic books). Each session of Plus Nine will address an overview to the message and themes of these six Biblical Books.