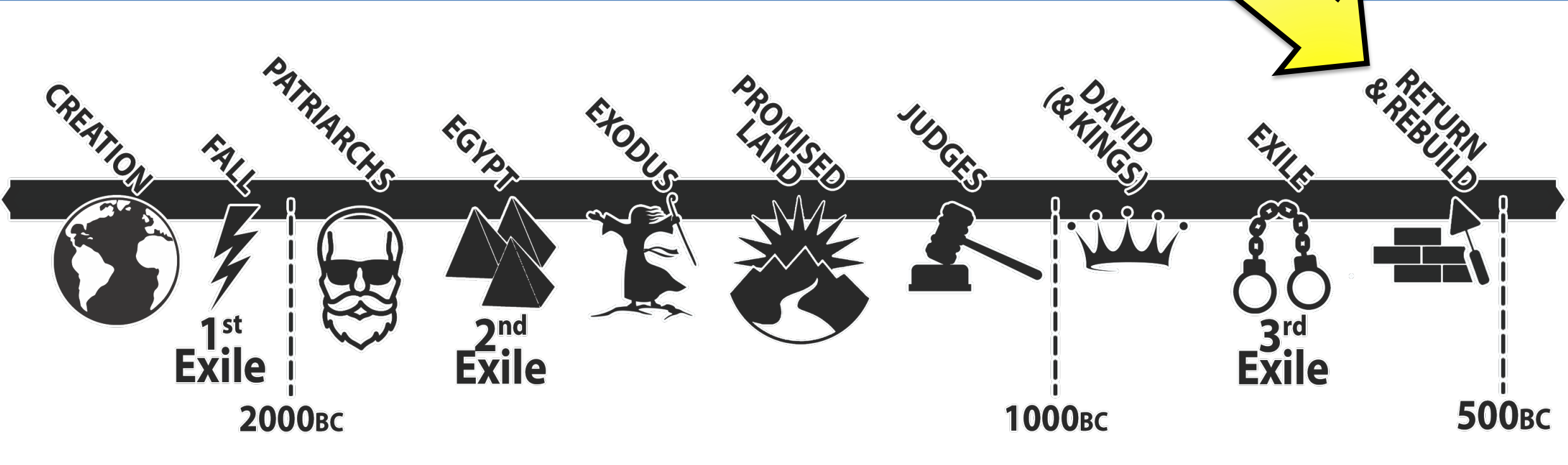


Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Joel (plus others)





REBUILD

1. Rebuilding with Purpose
2. Rebuilding with Spirit and Truth
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NEHEMIAH 8

Joel 2:25-26

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1. Steps to Rebuilding
2. Failure at Rebuilding
3. Hope for Rebuilding

Steps to Rebuilding (Recap)

Rebuilding with Purpose

Ezra 9:9

For we are slaves. Yet our God has not forsaken us in our slavery...to grant us some reviving...to repair its ruins

Rebuilding with Spirit & Truth

Ezra 3:2

...and they built the altar of the God of Israel

Nehemiah 8:8, 12

They read from the book, from the Law of God...so that the people understood the reading.

Steps to Rebuilding (Recap)

Rebuilding with Prayer

Nehemiah 1:5

And I said, "O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love ...hear the prayer of your servant

Rebuilding in Community

Nehemiah 4:16

From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears,

Steps to Rebuilding (Recap)

Rebuilding in Opposition

Nehemiah 4:18

And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me.

Rebuilding in God's Strength

Haggai 2

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Steps to Rebuilding (Recap)

Rebuilding through Sacrifice

Haggai 1

⁷ “Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. ⁸ Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the LORD.

Rebuilding with Worship

Nehemiah 12:43

And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy;

Failure at Rebuilding

But....

Ezra 10:1

While Ezra prayed and made confession, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, a very great assembly of men, women, and children, gathered to him out of Israel, for the people wept bitterly.

Nehemiah 13:11

So I confronted the officials and said, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" And I gathered them together and set them in their stations.

Failure at Rebuilding

But....

This Relationship

This Situation

This Darkness

This Sinfulness

This Country

This Church

Responding to Failures

Nehemiah 13

²⁵ And I confronted them and cursed them and beat some of them and pulled out their hair. And I made them take an oath in the name of God, saying, “You shall not give your daughters to their sons, or take their daughters for your sons or for yourselves.

Responding to Failures

Hope for Rebuilding

It is too broken for me to fix...

but not too broken for God to re-create

Hope for Rebuilding

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.

“Hope is imagining God’s future into the present”
NT Wright

Isaiah 43:18

“Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.

¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

Revelation 21:5

And he who was seated on the throne said,
“Behold, I am making all things new.”

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“Shalam”
Shalom’s Sister

Hope for Rebuilding

Joel 2:28

And it shall come to pass afterward,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

Quoted in Acts 2 referring to Pentecost

Hope for Rebuilding

Acts 2

²² “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

Hope for Rebuilding

John 2

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will **raise it up**.” ²⁰ The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

"For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

