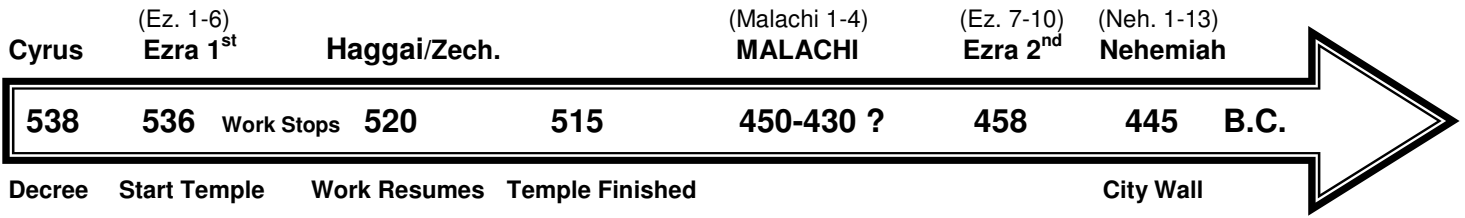


WHAT WENT WRONG ? ~ Malachi 1:1-5

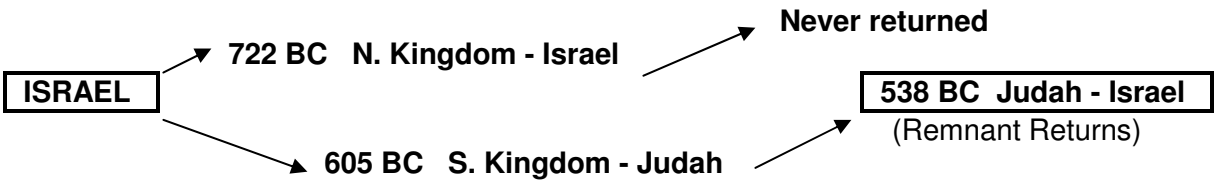
→ Scripture Reading ~ Malachi 1:1-5

HISTORICAL CONTEXT



I CHOSE YOU ~ Malachi 1:1-3

[1] An oracle: The word of the Lord to Israel through Malachi.



→ Map of United Israel (under Solomon)

→ Map of Divided Israel (including Edom)

[2] "I have loved you," says the Lord. "But you ask, 'How have you loved us?' "Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" the Lord says. "Yet I have loved Jacob, [3] but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his mountains into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals."

→ Map Post Exile Israel & Edom

GOD'S LOVE FOR ISRAEL IS... (Levy)

- Sovereign - God called Abraham Gen 12:1
- Unconditional - pure grace Deut. 7:7-8
- Everlasting - never ending Jer. 31:3

GOD'S JUDGMENT ON EDMON ~ Malachi 1:4-5

[4] Edom may say, "Though we have been crushed, we will rebuild the ruins." But this is what the Lord Almighty says: "They may build, but I will demolish. They will be called the Wicked Land, a people always under the wrath of the Lord. [5] You will see it with your own eyes and say, 'Great is the Lord--even beyond the borders of Israel!'"

APPLICATION

Deuteronomy 7:7-8 (ESV) It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, [8] but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers...

- **everything HARD is not always BAD**
- **everything EASY is not always GOOD**

1 John 3:1 (ESV) See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

APPLICATION

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Piper: The great temptation for Israel in the O. T. and for the church today is to forget that we are strangers not natives in this world. The temptation is to let the Lord's delay make us settle into the world and become passive as we wait - to forget that we are aliens and exiles - waiting for the Lord and our final home.

TAKE AWAY ??