

## **Nehemiah 1:5-6**

**Then I said: "O LORD, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands, [6] let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's house, have committed against you.**

## **Nehemiah 1:7-5-9**

**[7] We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses. [8]**

**"Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, [9] but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon,**

## **Nehemiah 1:9-11**

**I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.'**

**[10] "They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. [11] O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name...**

# God's Perfect Timing

Nehemiah 1:1-11



**It is hard to  
rely on prayer alone  
when you want something to  
happen right now.**

~Daily Bread

## Ezra 1:1

In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation...

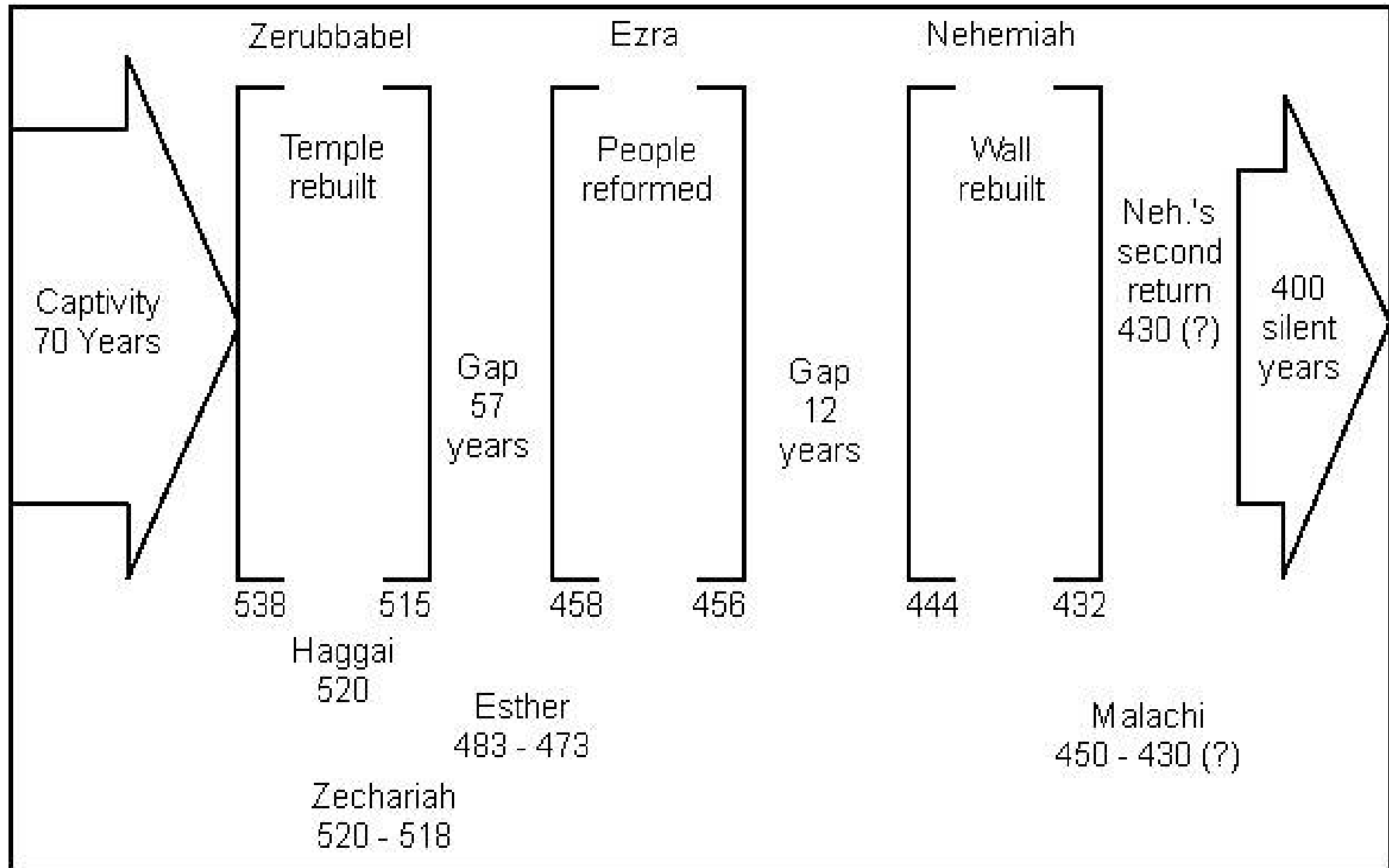
# Old Testament ...

## ➤ HISTORICAL BOOKS

~ Ezra, Esther, & Nehemiah

## ➤ PROPHETIC BOOKS

~ Haggai, Zechariah, & Malachi



- The Three Returns From Exile

## **Matthew 5:14-16**

**You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. [15] Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. [16] In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.**

**→ God ALWAYS  
Keeps His Promises**

## **Numbers 23:19**

**God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?**

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## **James 2:15-16**

**Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food.**

**[16] If one of you says to him,**

**"Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does**

**nothing about his physical**

**needs, what good is it?**

**Patience is the capacity to  
'wait and endure' without  
murmuring and disillusionment  
to wait  
in the **UNPLANNED PLACE,**  
and endure  
the **UNPLANNED PACE.****

(Piper ~ Future Grace)

## 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

**...we do not lose heart.**

Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. [17] For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. [18] So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

# Statement of Purpose...

- we do Not **LOSE HEART**
- though we **WASTE AWAY**
- we are **RENEWED** every day