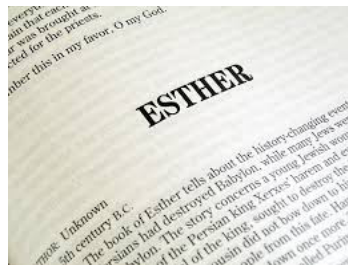
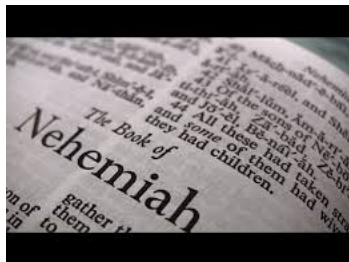


# THE *Big notes* PICTURE





~Class 16~

February 6, 2019

Books: Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther

Theme: Public Reading of Scripture

# Books of the Bible

## Old Testament – 39 Books

### LAW (5)

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

### HISTORY (12)

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

### POETRY (5)

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon (Songs)

### MAJOR PROPHETS (5)

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel

### MINOR PROPHETS (12)

Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

## New Testament – 27 Books

### History Life of Jesus (4)

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

### History The Church (1)

Acts
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### Paul's Letters to Churches (9)

Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians

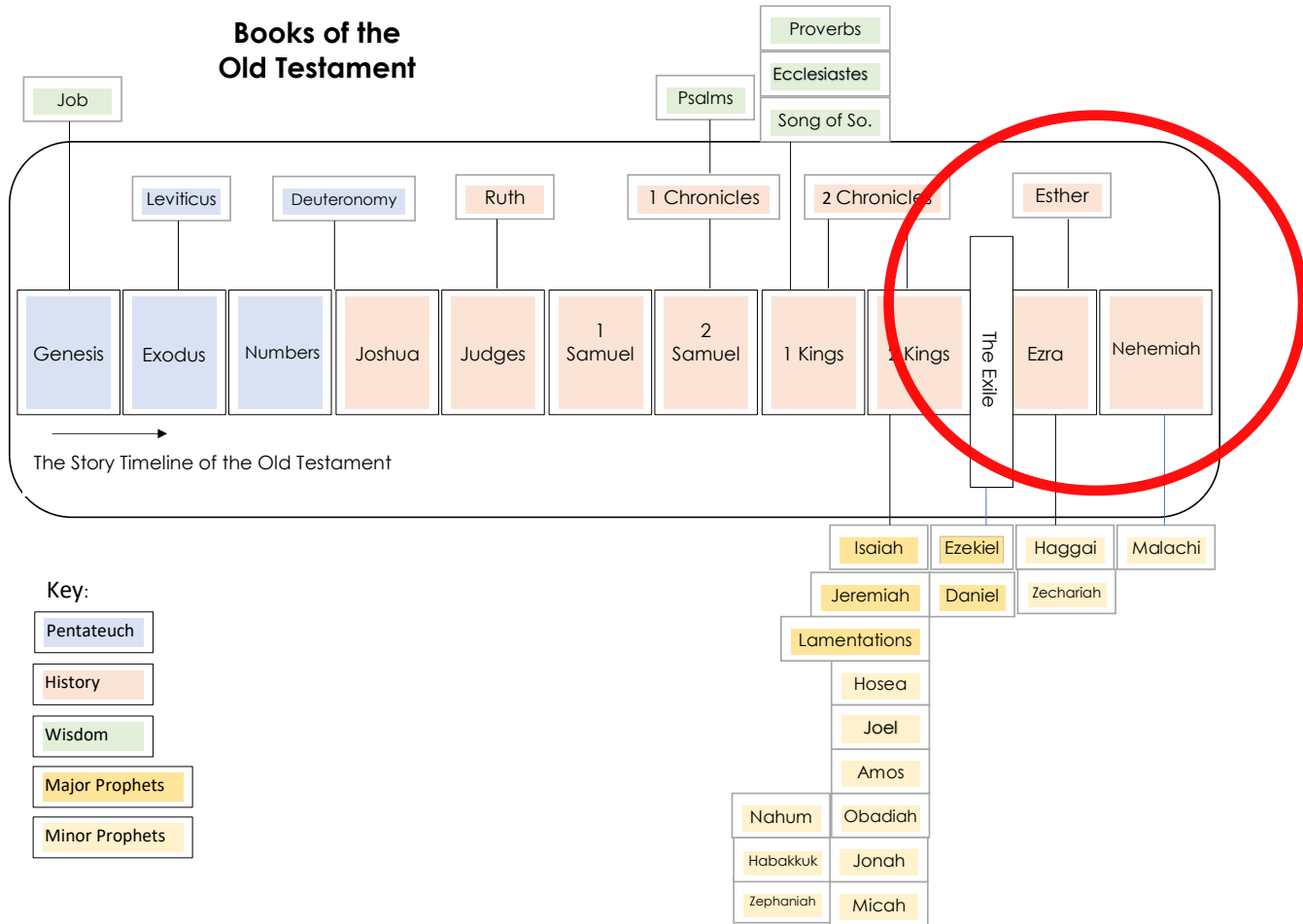
### Paul's Letters to Individuals (4)

1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon

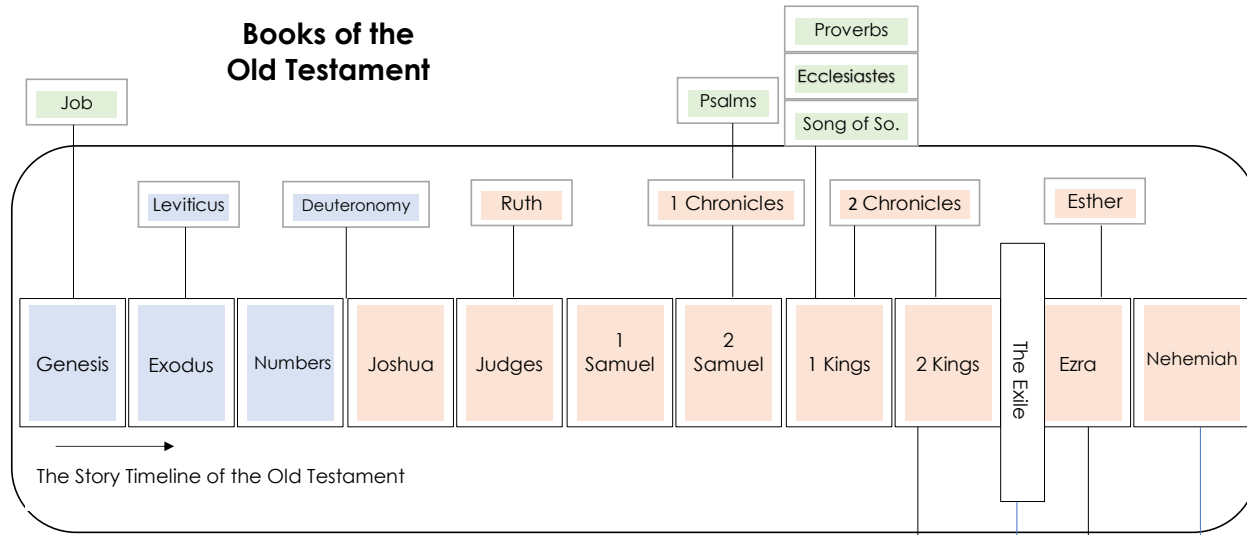
### Letters by Others (9)

Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude
Revelation

# Books of the Old Testament



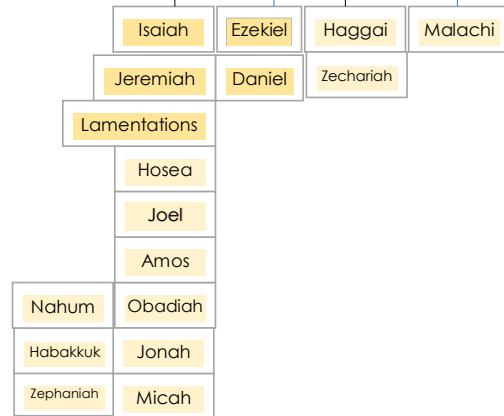
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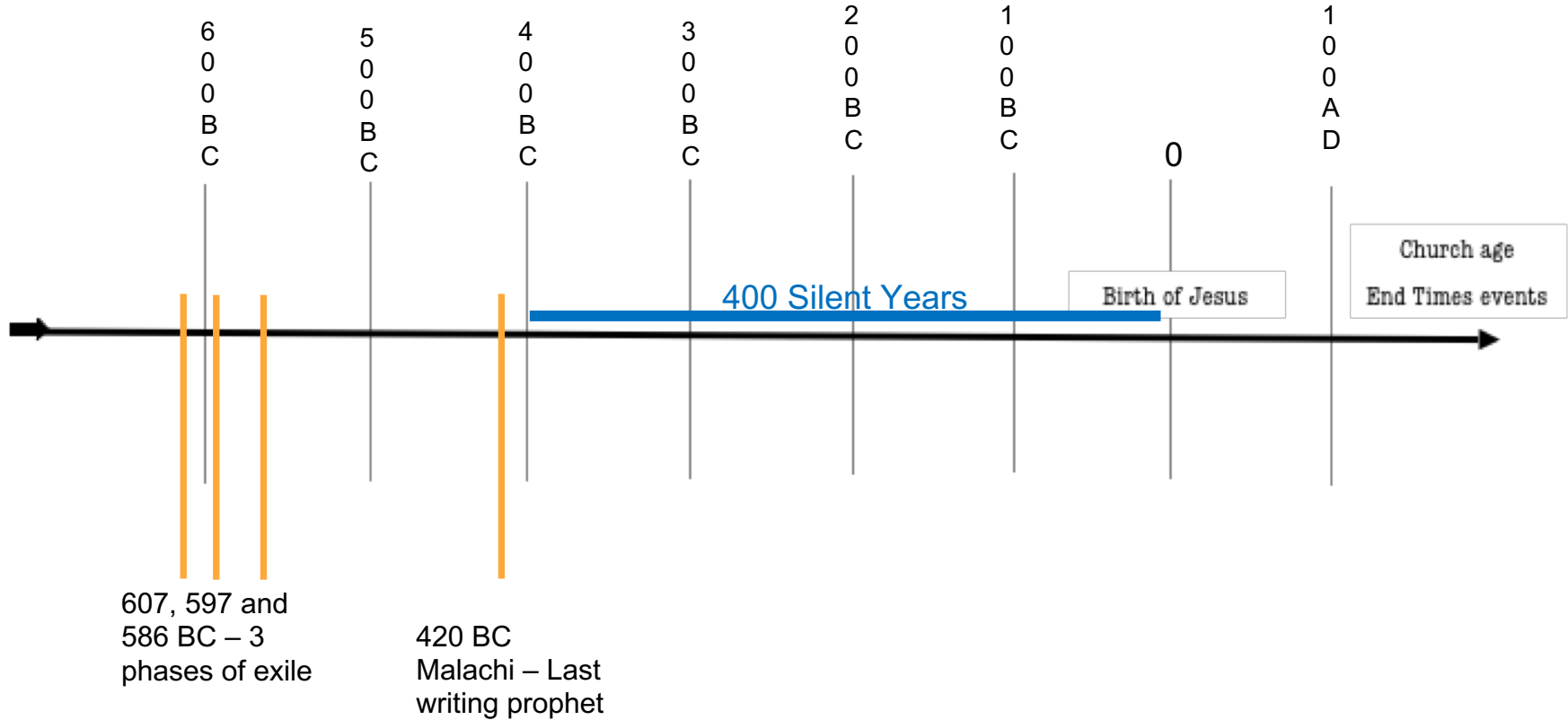
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The Story Timeline of the Old Testament

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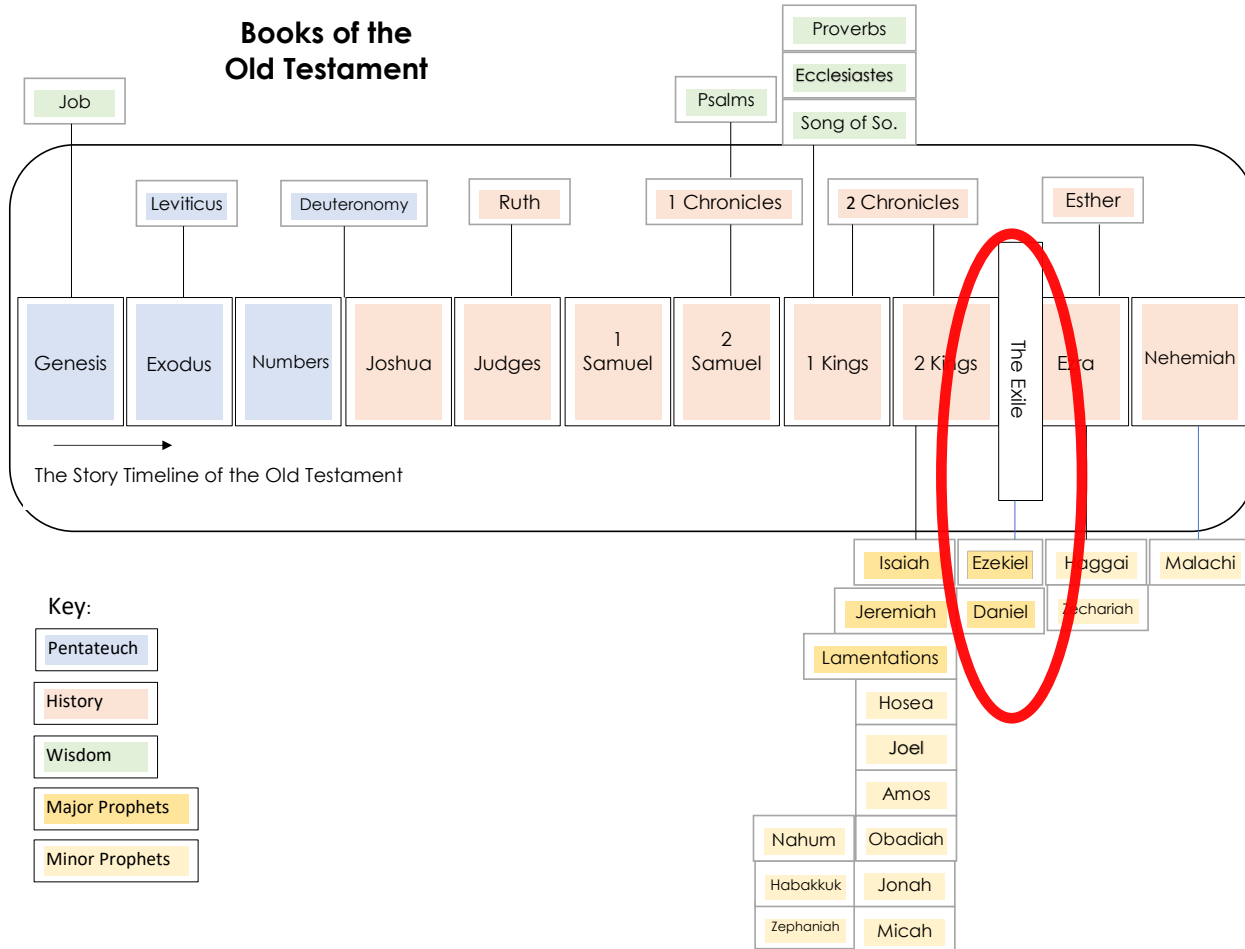
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- History
- Wisdom
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# Biblical and Historical Timeline



# Books of the Old Testament





Jeremiah 25:11

<sup>11</sup> This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon **seventy years**.

Jeremiah 29:10

<sup>10</sup> “For thus says the Lord: When **seventy years** are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place



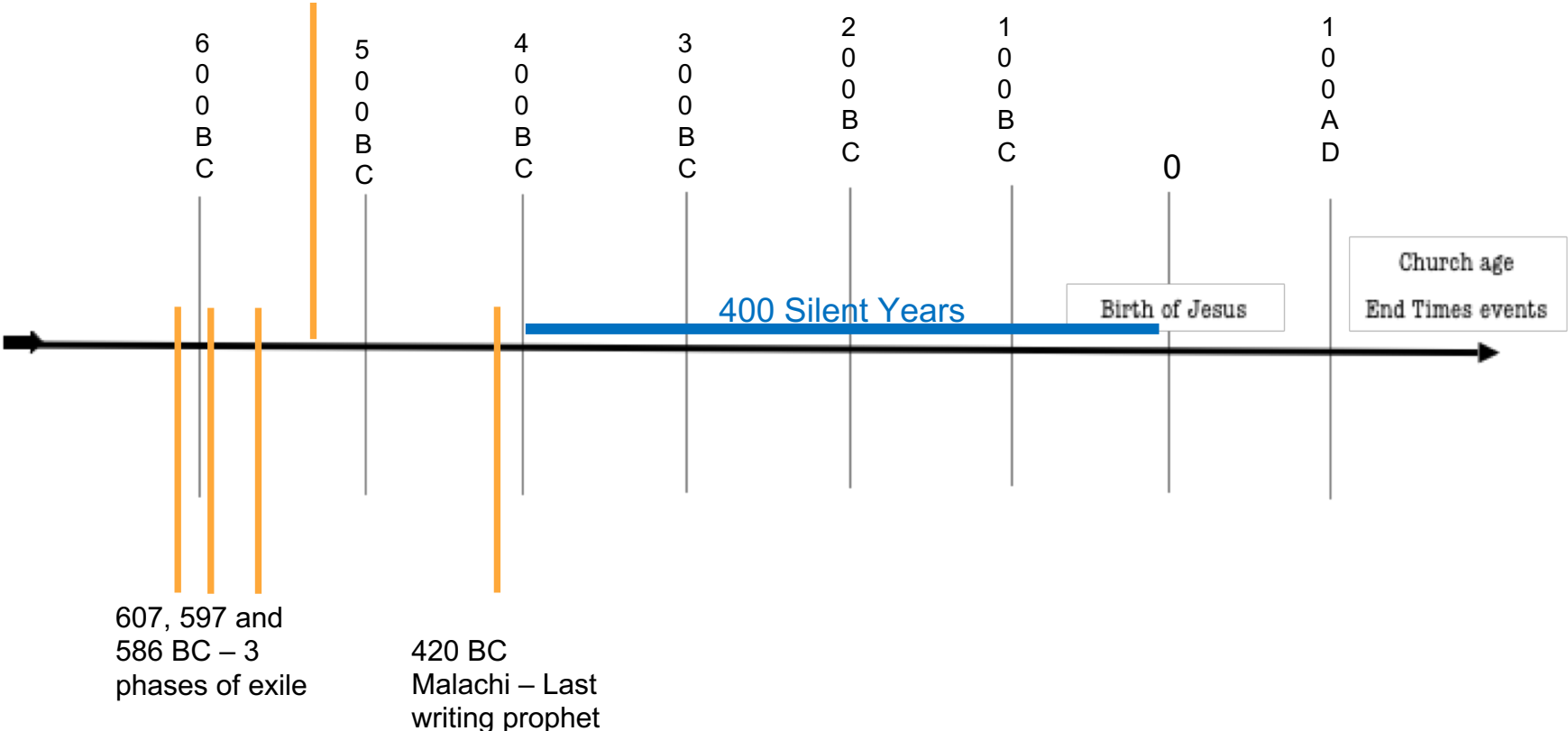


Isaiah 44:28

who says of **Cyrus**, 'He is my shepherd,  
and he shall fulfill all my purpose';  
saying of Jerusalem, 'She shall be built,'  
and of the temple, 'Your foundation shall be laid.'"

# Biblical and Historical Timeline

539 BC  
Babylon fell to  
Persia



 READ SCRIPTURE

WHOEVER WANTS  
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GOD BE WITH YOU!

PROPHET

YOU HAVE NO  
PART IN ISRAEL!

THE BOOK  
POINTS OUT  
THE NEED  
FOR A...

# EZRA-NEHEMIAH

OH GOD...  
AT LEAST  
I TRIED!

GOD'S  
PURPOSE?

REPAIRING OF  
TEMPLES

HEARTS

CELEBRATION OF  
THE FEAST  
OF SUCCOT



1st Phase

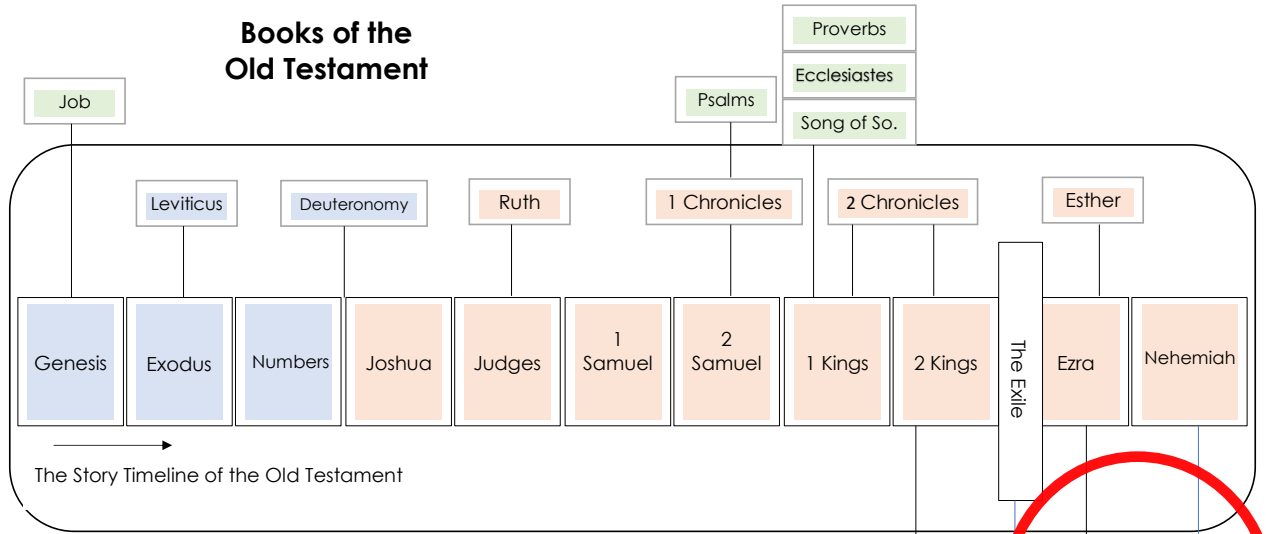
Leader: Zerubbabel

Date: 538 BC

Purpose: to build temple

“Many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid” ([Ezra 3:12](#)).

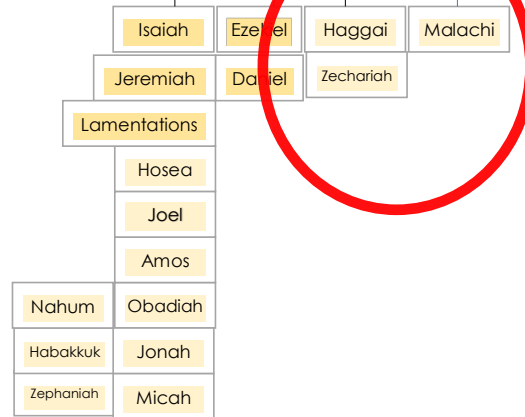
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The Story Timeline of the Old Testament

## Key:

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“‘Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? But now be strong, Zerubbabel,’ declares the Lord. . . . ‘Be strong, all you people of the land,’ declares the Lord, ‘and work. For I am with you,’ declares the Lord Almighty” ([Haggai 2:3–4](#)).

“This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. What are you, mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of ‘God bless it! God bless it!’ Then the word of the Lord came to me: ‘The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you’” ([Zechariah 4:6–9](#)).

“The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,” said the Lord ([Haggai 2:9](#)).



2nd Phase

Leader: Ezra

Date: 458 BC

Purpose: to teach the people spiritually and religiously

[Ezra 7:6](#), "...this Ezra came up from Babylon. He was a teacher well versed in the Law of Moses, which the LORD, the God of Israel, had given. The king had granted him everything he asked, for the hand of the LORD his God was on him."



3rd Phase

Leader: Nehemiah

Date: 445 BC

Purpose: to rebuild the wall and gates

[Nehemiah 1:3](#), "They said to me, 'Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.'"

[Nehemiah 1:11](#), "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. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man."

[Nehemiah 6:15-16](#), "So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God."



TOPIC

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**PUBLIC READING  
OF SCRIPTURE**



1 Timothy 4:13

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.

Revelation 1:3

“Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near”

## Revelation 21:1 – 5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

<sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place<sup>[a]</sup> of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people,<sup>[b]</sup> and God himself will be with them as their God.<sup>[c]</sup>”

<sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

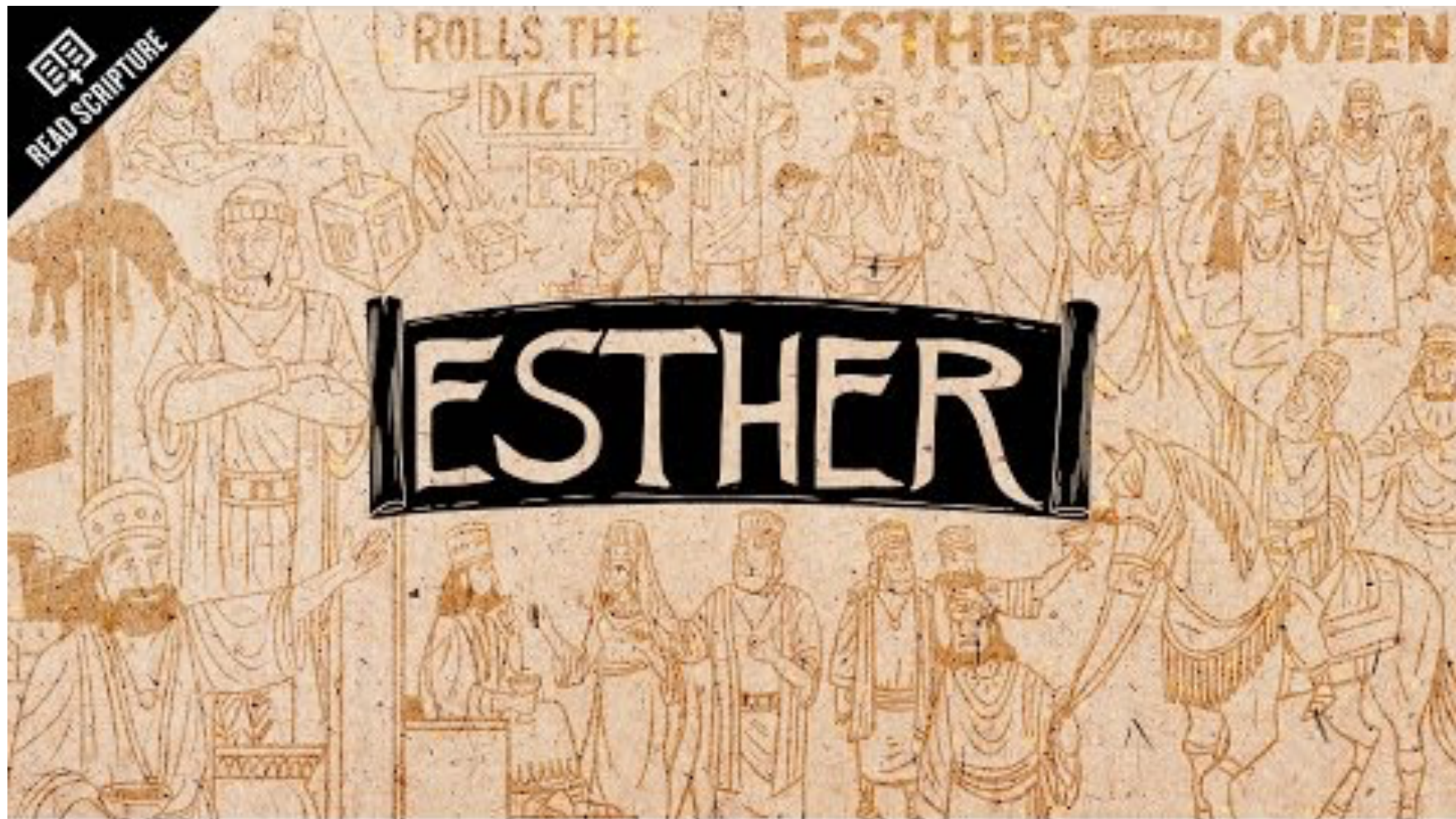


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He responded, "Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" ([Esther 4:13–14](#)).

"Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law," she said, "and if I perish, I perish" ([Esther 4:16](#)).