



NEED HELP

GOD REBUILD US

Nehemiah 1:1-11

Confession and Intercession

Why Nehemiah?

Aren't we in Judges?

A Good Dose of Hope

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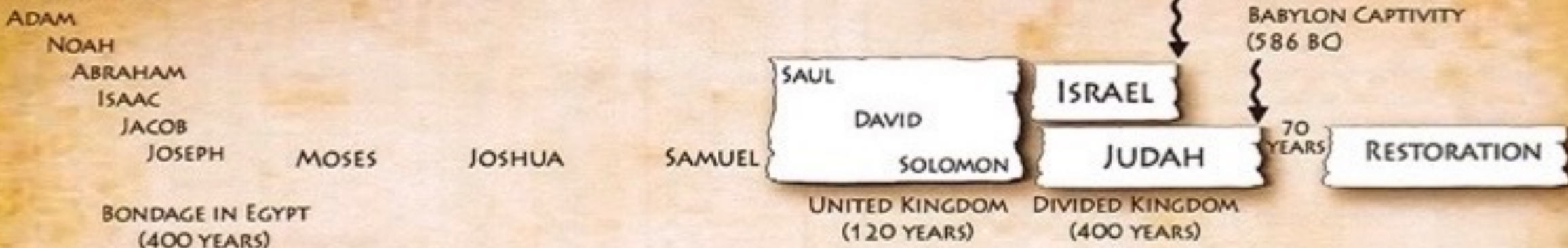
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Stark contrast to Judges where "everyone did what was right in his own eyes."

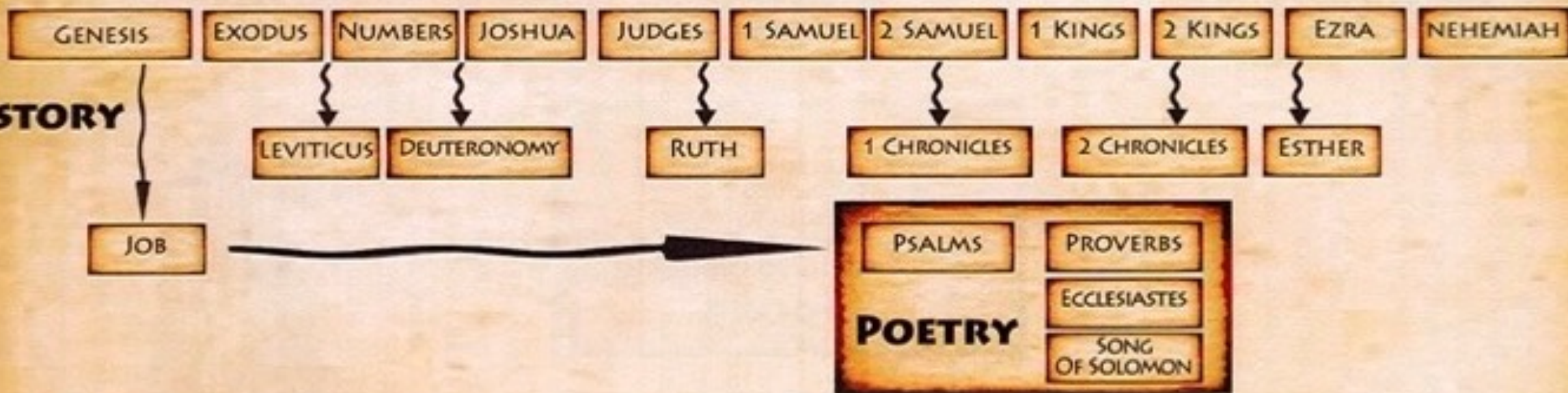
DATES

4000 BC 2000 BC 1500 BC 1000 BC 500 BC

PEOPLE



HISTORY



A Bad Report

Now it happened in the month Chislev, in the twentieth year, while I was in Susa the capitol, that Hanani, one of my brothers, and some men from Judah came; and I asked them about the Jews who had escaped and had survived the captivity, and about Jerusalem. And they said to me, "The remnant there in the province who survived the captivity are in great distress and disgrace, and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates have been burned with fire." **Nehemiah 1:1-3**

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**When reality doesn't line
up with God's desires,
PRAY.**

Know Who God is

I said, "Please, Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps the covenant and faithfulness for those who love Him and keep His commandments:

Nehemiah 1:5

Know Who God is

**Steadfast in love • Covenant
honoring • Through thick and thin**

Know Who you are

**let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open,
to hear the prayer of Your servant which I am
praying before You now, day and night, on behalf
of the sons of Israel Your servants, confessing the
sins of the sons of Israel which we have committed
against You; I and my father's house have
sinned. We have acted very corruptly against You
and have not kept the commandments, nor the
statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded
Your servant Moses.**

Nehemiah 1:6-7

Know Who you are

You are -

loved [John 15:9]

redeemed [Gal. 3:13]

chosen [Col. 3:12]

forgiven [Eph. 1:7]

Why run? Why turn away? Why hide?

REPENT.

Know God's Promises

Remember, please, the word which You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples; but if you return to Me and keep My commandments and do them, though those of you who have been scattered were in the most remote part of the heavens, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place where I have chosen to have My name dwell.' They are Your servants and Your people whom You redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand.

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Remember

“Remember” is a repeated theme in Nehemiah. Remember has recall as well as action associated with it.

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**Asking God to remember His promises
and act accordingly
helps *us* to remember His promises
and live accordingly.**

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What promise do you need to remember this week?

Trust God for Big Things

Please, Lord, may Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant and the prayer of Your servants who delight to revere Your name, and please make Your servant successful today and grant him mercy before this man."

Nehemiah 1:11a

Now I was the cupbearer to the king.

Nehemiah 1:11b

**God's faithfulness drives
His people to
repentance and prayer.**

Next Steps

- **Proclaim and Praise God for His faithfulness daily.**
- **Confess your sins and unfaithfulness in real time.**
- **Pray for three specific people all week.**

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