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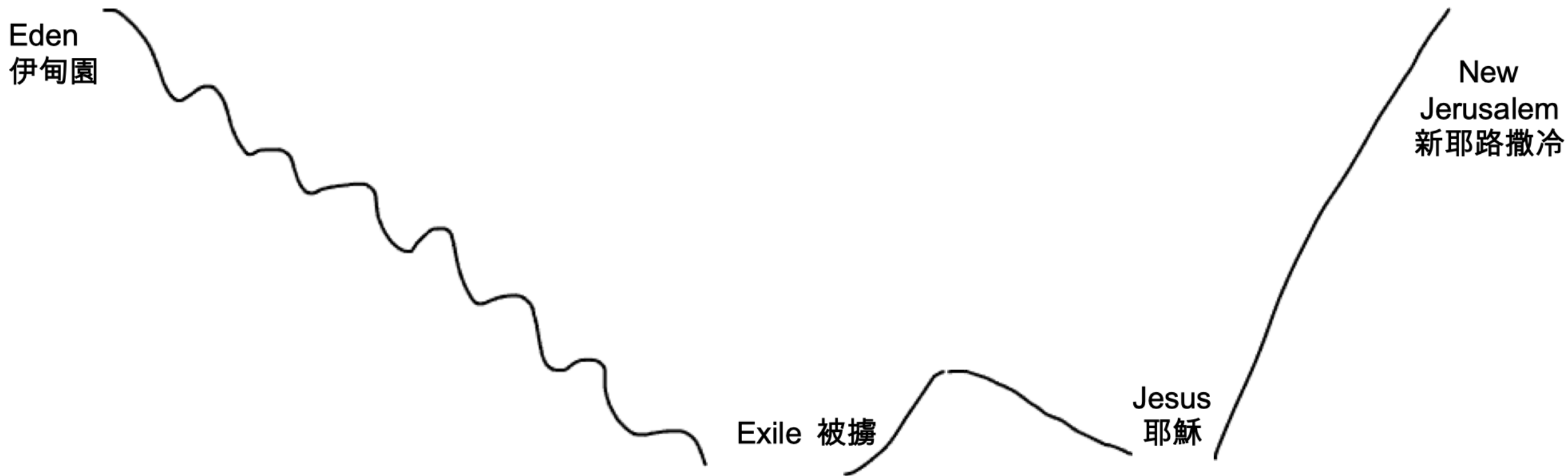
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The Healing of the Nation 蒙醫治的國度

The story of the people of Israel, and of us, (in a line) 以色列民的故事，也是我們的故事



Goodies &
Baddies
好人與壞人

People 人

Zerubbabel
所羅巴伯

Princes 王子

Ezra 以斯拉

Priests 祭司

Nehemiah 尼希米

Politicians 政治人物

Haggai &
Zechariah
哈該和撒迦利亞

Prophets 先知

2 Chronicles 36 – The Fall of Jerusalem

歷代志下 36 – 耶路撒冷被毀

¹⁵ The Lord, the God of their ancestors, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place. ¹⁶ But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the Lord was aroused against his people and there was no remedy. ¹⁷ He brought up against them the king of the Babylonians,[g] who killed their young men with the sword in the sanctuary, and did not spare young men or young women, the elderly or the infirm. God gave them all into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁸ He carried to Babylon all the articles from the temple of God, both large and small, and the treasures of the Lord's temple and the treasures of the king and his officials. ¹⁹ They set fire to God's temple and broke down the wall of Jerusalem; they burned all the palaces and destroyed everything of value there. (NIV)

¹⁵耶和華——他們列祖的上帝因為愛惜自己的百姓和居所，一再差遣使者去警戒他們。¹⁶他們卻嘲笑上帝的使者，藐視他的話，譏誚他的先知，以致耶和華向他的百姓大發烈怒，甚至無法可救。¹⁷所以，耶和華使迦勒底人的王來攻擊他們，在他們聖殿裏用刀殺了他們的壯丁，不憐憫他們的少男少女、老人長者。耶和華把所有的人都交在他手裏。¹⁸他把上帝殿裏一切的大小器皿與耶和華殿裏的財寶，以及王和眾領袖的財寶，全都帶到巴比倫去。¹⁹迦勒底人焚燒了上帝的殿，拆毀耶路撒冷的城牆，用火燒了城裏所有的宮殿，毀壞了城裏一切寶貴的器皿。
(和合本修訂版)

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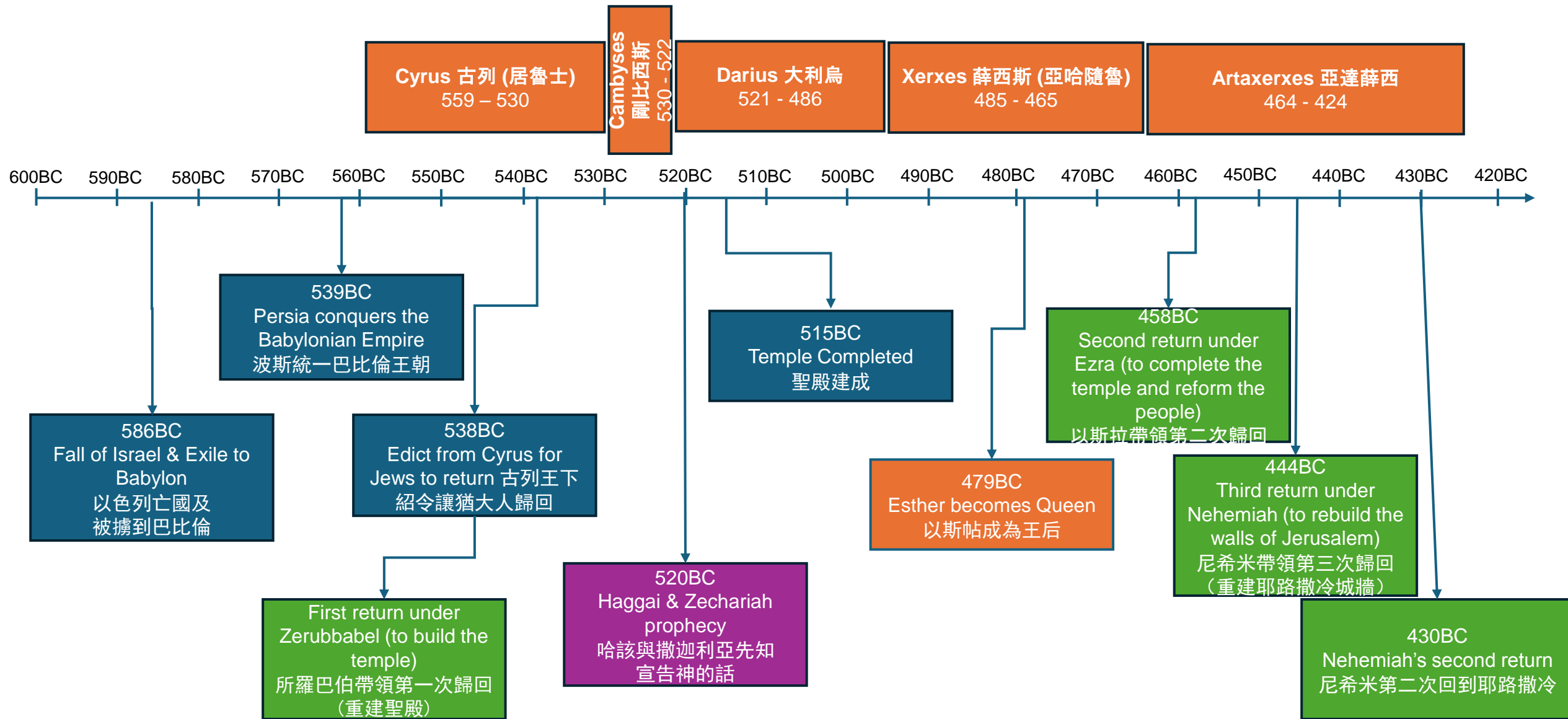
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²⁰ He carried into exile to Babylon the remnant, who escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and his successors until the kingdom of Persia came to power. ²¹ The land enjoyed its sabbath rests; all the time of its desolation it rested, until the seventy years were completed in fulfillment of the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah.
(NIV)

²⁰ 凡脫離刀劍的倖存者，迦勒底王都擄到巴比倫去，作他和他子孫的僕婢，直到波斯國興起。²¹ 這就應驗耶和華藉耶利米的口所說的話：地得享安息；在荒涼的日子，地就守安息，直到滿了七十年。
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Timeline of the return from Babylon

從巴比倫被擄後歸回時間線



EZRA-NEHEMIAH



PARALLEL DESIGN

1. PERSIAN KING MOVED BY GOD TO SEND A LEADER TO JERUSALEM

2. LEADER FACES OPPOSITION TO REBUILDING

3. STRANGE ANTI-CLIMAX

EZRA 1-6 ZERUBBABEL THE TEMPLE

1-2: WHOEVER WANTS TO RETURN TO JERUSALEM, MAY GOD BE WITH YOU! (SEE JEREMIAH 25)

3-6: ZERUBBABEL "PLANTED IN BABYLON"

7-8: "WHY ARE WE BUILDING THIS TEMPLE?"

9-10: "THESE PEOPLE ARE AS BAD AS CANNANITES!"

11-12: "GOD NEVER COMMANDS EZRA TO DO THIS - GOD OPPOSES DIVORCE (SEE MALACHI 2:13-16) MIXED RESULTS LEAD TO ANOTHER ANTI-CLIMAX"

13-14: "YOU HAVE NO PART IN THE TEMPLE!"

15-16: "WE JUST WANT TO HELP!"

17-18: "ISRAELITES WHO NEVER WENT INTO EXILE"

19-20: "YOU HAVE NO PART IN ISRAEL!"

21-22: "THE END"

EZRA 7-10 EZRA TORAH & COMMUNITY

1-2: "GO TEACH THE TORAH AND REBUILD YOUR COMMUNITY!"

3-4: "THESE PEOPLE ARE AS BAD AS CANNANITES!"

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NEHEMIAH 1-7 NEHEMIAH CITY WALLS

1-2: "MAY I GO REPAIR JERUSALEM'S WALLS?"

3-4: "YES! GO IN PEACE."

5-6: "YOU HAVE NO PART IN JERUSALEM!"

7-8: "THIS AGAIN..."

NEHEMIAH 8-12 SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

7-DAY TORAH MARATHON

- CONFESSION OF SIN
- COVENANT RENEWAL
- VOW TO FOLLOW THE TORAH
- GREAT CELEBRATION

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF BOOTHES

NEHEMIAH 13 ...BUT IT'S NOT

1: TEMPLE NEGLECTED

2: SABBATH DISHONORED...

3: ...WITHIN SIGHT OF JERUSALEM'S WALLS!

4: "OH GOD... AT LEAST I TRIED!"

5: "THE END."

PROPHETIC HOPES AFTER EXILE

- FUTURE MESSIANIC KING (ISAIAH 11, HOSEA 3)
- GODS PRESENCE IN A NEW TEMPLE (EZEKIEL 40-48, ZECHARIAH 2)
- GODS KINGDOM OVER THE NATIONS (ISAIAH 2, ZECHARIAH 8)
- FULFILL PROMISE TO ABRAHAM (GENESIS 12)



BUT ...

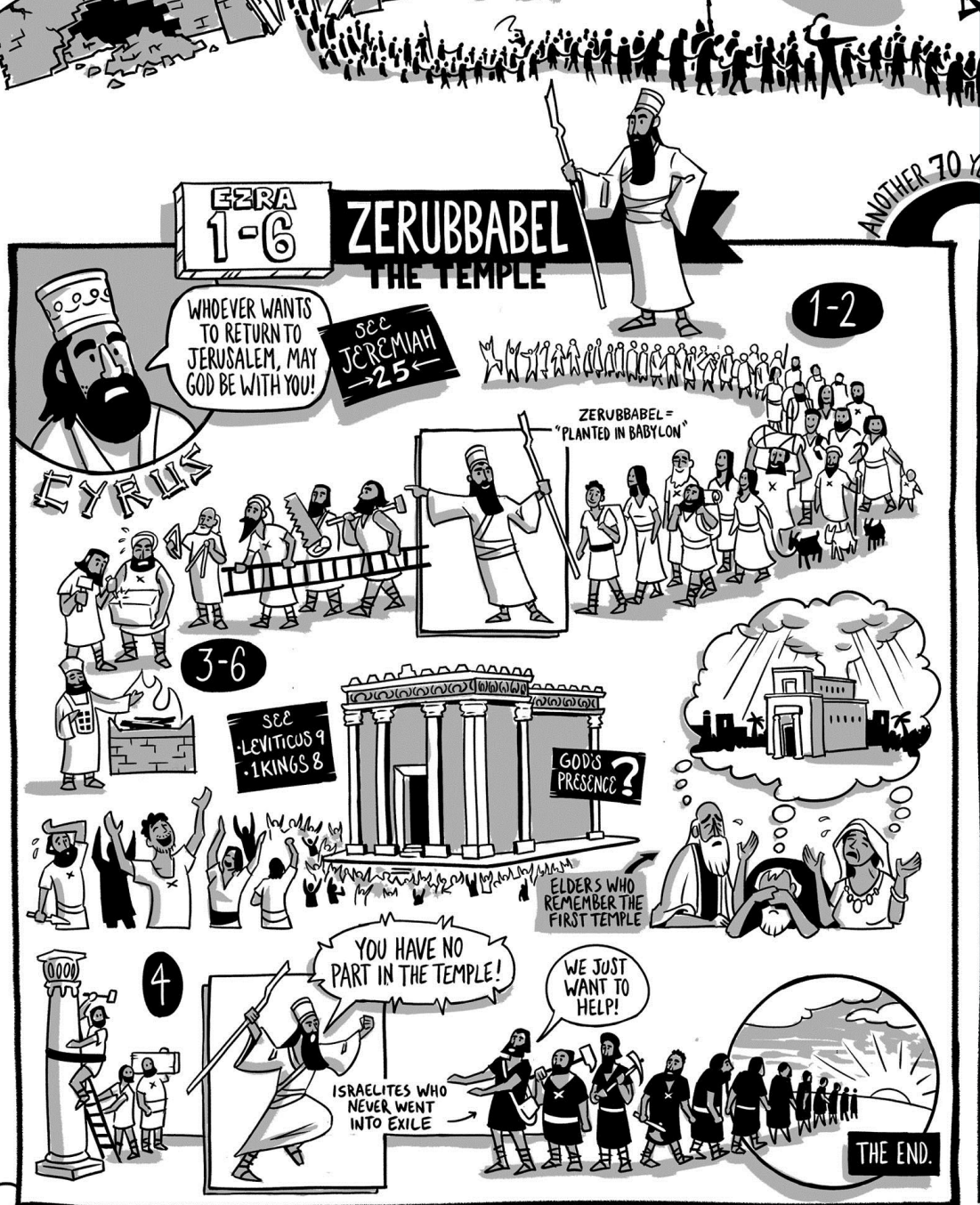
BEGINS WITH HOPE

ENDS WITH DISAPPOINTMENT

THE BOOK POINTS OUT THE NEED FOR A...

NEW HEART

JEREMIAH 31 & EZEKIEL 36



EZRA 1-6

ZERUBBABEL THE TEMPLE

ANOTHER 70 YEARS



WHOEVER WANTS TO RETURN TO JERUSALEM, MAY GOD BE WITH YOU!

SEE JEREMIAH 25

1-2



ZERUBBABEL = "PLANTED IN BABYLON"



3-6

SEE LEVITICUS 9 1-KINGS 8



ELDERLY WHO REMEMBER THE FIRST TEMPLE



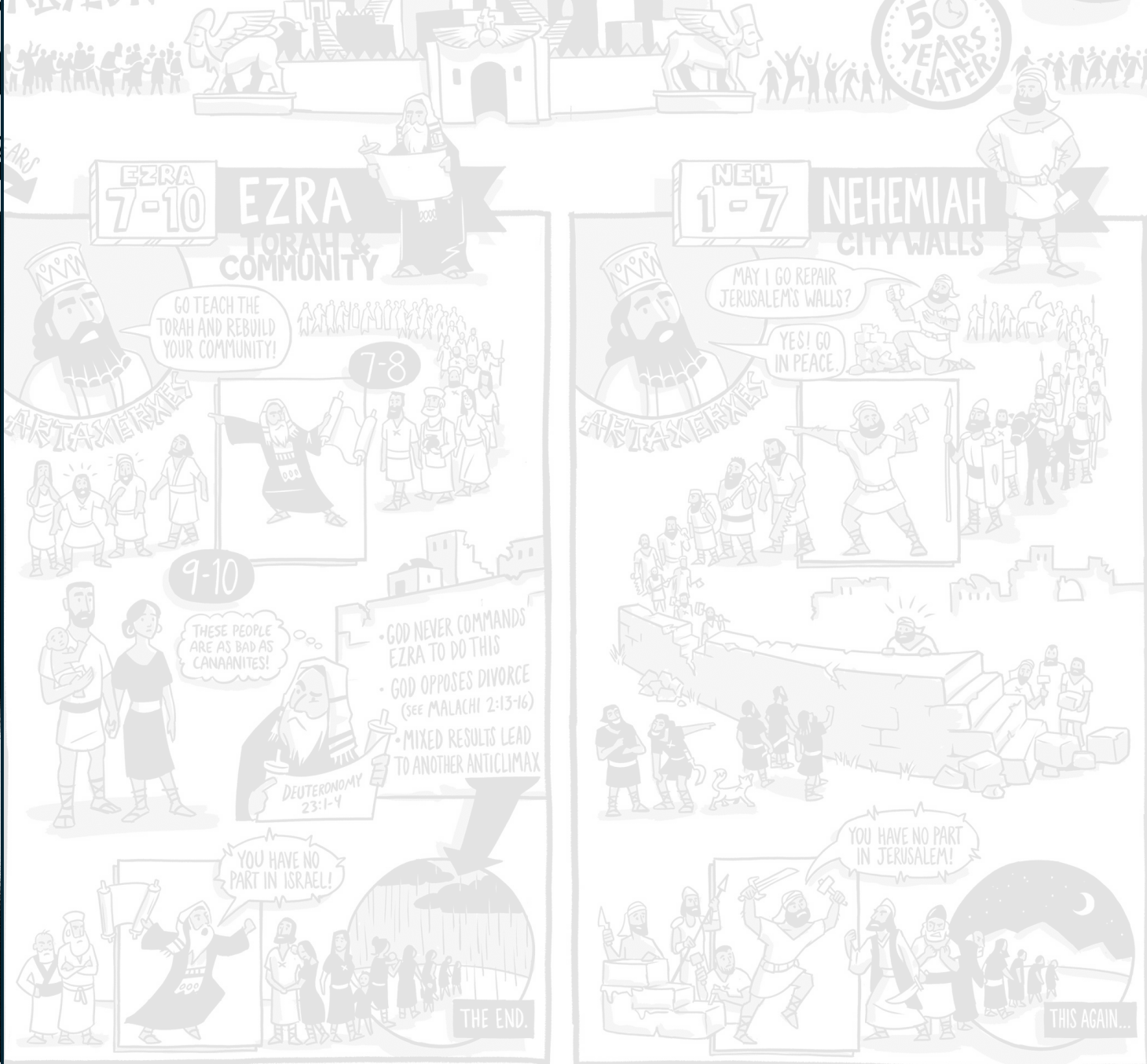
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NEHEMIAH CITY WALLS



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50 YEARS LATER

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HOPES AFTER EXILE





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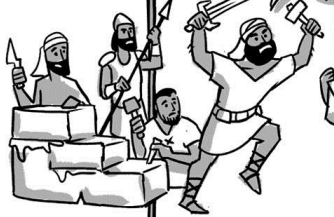


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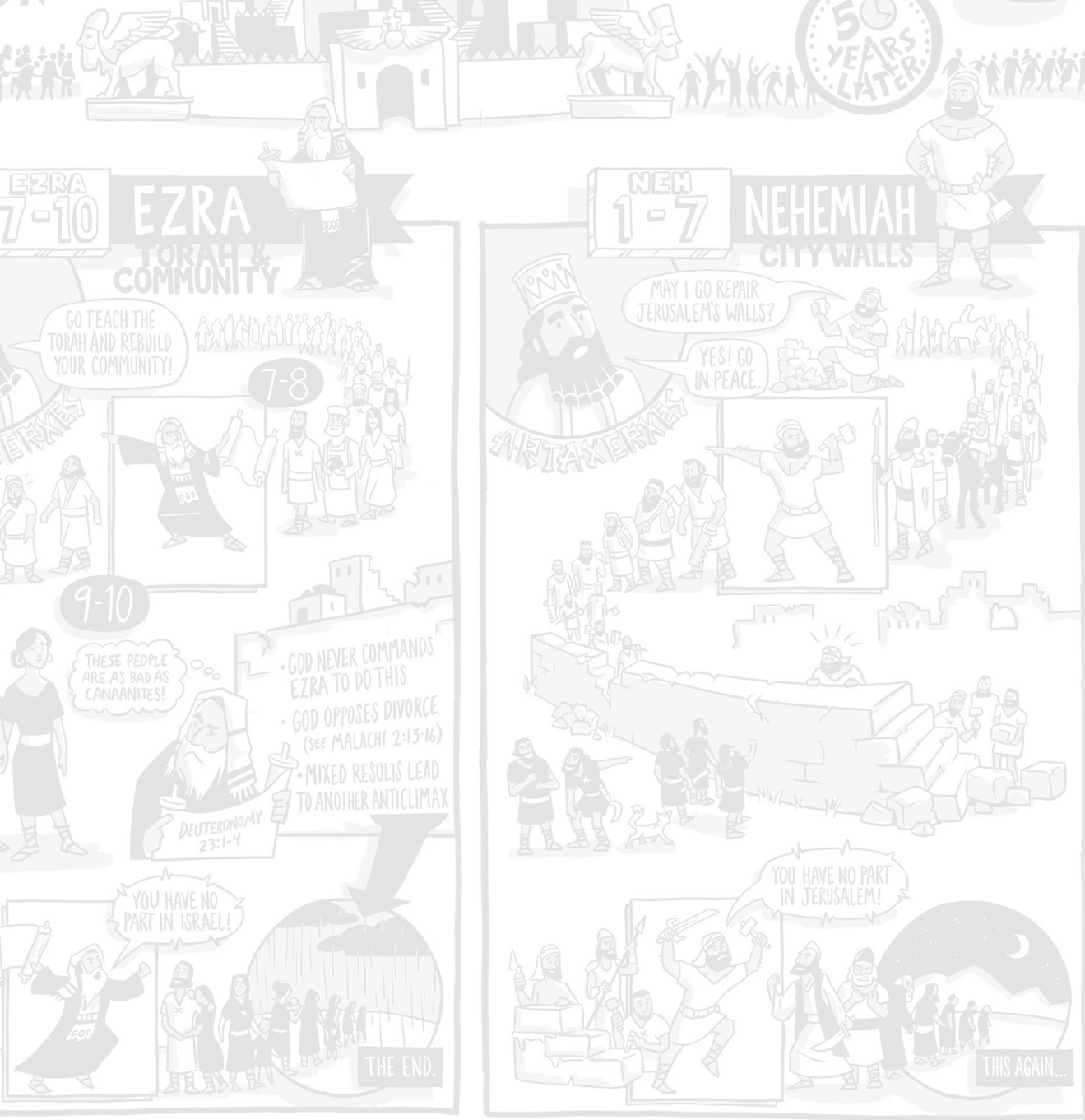


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What do we learn from this story? 我們從歷史中可以學習到甚麼？

Three key lessons 三個功課:

1. God's promises don't fail 上帝的應許永不落空
2. The hallmarks of spiritual renewal 復興的標記
3. The basis of godly leadership 合神心意的領導原則

We see a people who are bereft of hope, who are powerless and vulnerable, and it is at that point that God steps in and is able to act

我們看到一群失去盼望、無力且軟弱的人，正是在這個時候，神介入並開始行動。

It's disappointment points to the need for Jesus as the source of ultimate renewal

這種失望指向了耶穌作為終極更新的必要性。

Zerubbabel 所羅巴伯

Of the line of David and
builder of the temple
大衛後嗣及聖殿重建者

Ezra 以斯拉

A priest and teacher of
the Word of God
祭司及上帝律法的教師

Nehemiah 尼希米

A servant leader who brings
the people into the safety of
the rebuilt walls
僕人領袖帶領人民重建城牆

Jesus 耶穌

The eternal King of
David's line who IS the
temple
從大衛家而出的永生王，
同時是聖殿

The great High Priest
who IS the word of God
至高的大祭司，
同時是上帝的道

The suffering servant who
gave His life to lead us to the
eternal safety of God's
Kingdom
受苦的僕人藉着捨命帶領
我們進入神的國度

Why is it for us today? 今天對我們有甚麼意義？

- Do we feel like we're living in exile? *Physically, emotionally, spiritually*

我們是否感覺正過着流散的生活？*身心靈*

- **We will learn about establishing strong foundations of faith** 我們會學習如何去建立信仰的根基

- Do we feel like we constantly face opposition and need to see victory?

我們是否常常面前敵對勢力而渴求得勝？

- **We will explore how we can become overcomers** 我們會一同探索如何成為一個得勝者

- Do we look back and long for 'the good old days'?

我們是否會回望和嚮往從前美好的日子？

- **We will look forward to what is to come** 我們會一同展望明天

- Do we long to see renewal but don't know where to start? *In our lives; in our families; in our communities; in our nation* 我們是否都渴慕復興的臨到卻不知從何開始？*在我們的生活中；我們的家庭；我們的社群；我們的國家？*

- **We will be exploring those seeds of revival and how we can sow them**
我們會一同探索尋如何去栽種復興的種子