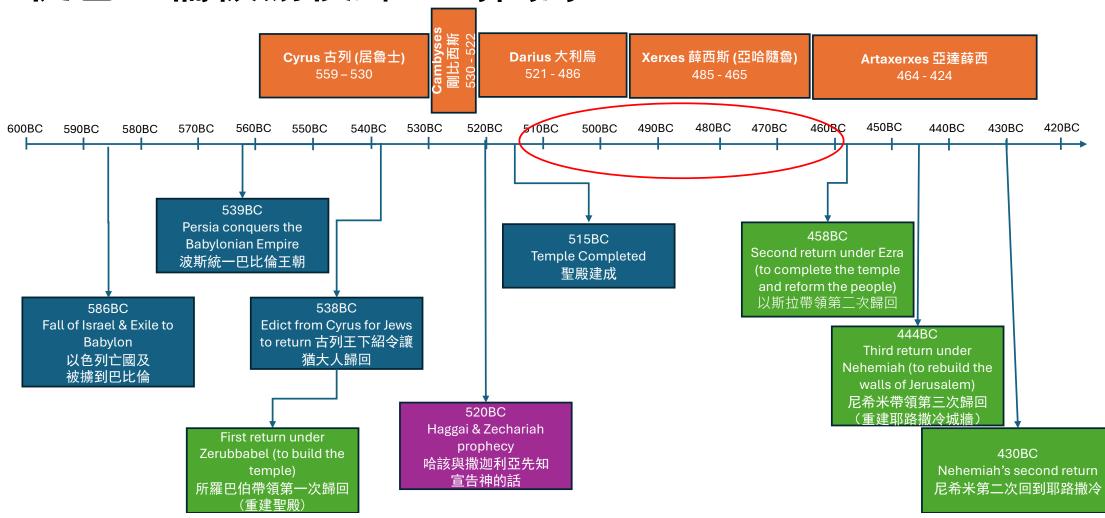
Welcome to Network Church 歡迎來到網絡教會 24-11-2024

Spiritual and Social Renewal 屬靈與社群的復興

Ezra 7&8 以斯拉記7-8章

Timeline of the return from Babylon

從巴比倫被擄後歸回時間線



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Why the long wait?

為何要等待這麼久?

Renewal takes time 復興需要時間

Perhaps God is doing a new thing with His people in exile

或許上帝正在對祂流亡的子民行 一件新事

Ezra's Story: a quick overview 以斯拉記的故事: 概括重溫

Artaxerxes issues a decree for people to return with Ezra

亞達薛西王頒布詔令,讓百姓與 以斯拉一同回歸

Gives authority to create judges, resetting the law 授權設立法官,重訂律法

Discover mixed marriages , which upsets Ezra A LOT!

以斯拉發現以色列人與外邦人通 婚,這讓他非常不滿!

God protects them on the journey

神在旅程中保護他們

We're given lists of the people and their families who go with Ezra 我們獲得了與以斯拉同行的人民及其家庭的名單

People confess and acknowledge guilt 以色列人悔改並認罪

Ezra decrees that they have to get divorced from foreign wives 以斯拉頒令他們必須與外邦人配偶解除婚約

Ends with a long list of the offenders who inter-married 最後以一個與外族通婚的罪

最後以一個與外族通婚的靠 行名單作結

Ezra 以斯拉

- Trusted by the Persian King Artaxerxes (7:21)
 蒙波斯王阿達薛西王所信任 (7章21節)
- A priest of Aaron's line (7:5)大祭司阿倫之後裔 (7章5節)
- A scribe an expert in the Law of God (7:6)
 文士 熟悉上帝律法之專家 (7章6節)
- A religious leader **not** a politician or royalty
 宗教領袖而非政治家或王族
- A new kind of leader
 新興的領袖
- A spiritual and social reformer
 屬靈和社會的更新者

"The hand of the Lord his God was upon him" 「耶和華─他 神的手幫助他。」

- 7:6 "the king granted him all he requested because **the hand of the Lord his God** was upon him" 「王允准他一切所求的,因為**耶和華─他 神的手**幫助他。」(7章6節)
- 1. Favour 蒙悅納
- 7:9 "on the first of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, because **the good hand of his God** was upon him"「五月初一就到了耶路撒冷,因為**他** 神**施恩的手**幫助他。 | (7章9節)
- 2. Right time 適時

7:28 – "I was strengthened according to the hand of the Lord my God that was upon me"
 「我因耶和華─我 神的手的幫助,得以堅強」(7章28節)

3. Strength 力量

8:18 – "as the good hand of our God was upon us, they brought us a man of insight"
 「蒙我們 神施恩的手幫助我們...帶了一個精明的人來 | (8章18節)

- 4. Understanding 明白
- 8:22 "I was ashamed to request from the king troops and horsemen to protect us from the enemy on the way, because we had said to the king, "The hand of our God is favorably disposed to all who seek Him..." So we fasted and sought our God concerning this matter, and He listened to our pleading."
- 5. Safety 安全

「我以求王撥步兵騎兵幫助我們抵擋路上的仇敵為羞愧,因我們曾對王說:「我們 神施恩的手 必幫助凡尋求他的,但他的能力和憤怒必攻擊凡離棄他的」(8章22節)

8:31 – "the hand of our God was upon us, and He rescued us from the hand of the enemy"

6. Protection 保守

「我們 神的手保佑我們,救我們脫離仇敵和路上埋伏之人的手。」(8章31節)

WHY was God's hand on Ezra? *為何*神的手幫助以斯拉?

• 7:10 – "For Ezra had firmly resolved to study the Law of the Lord and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel"

「以斯拉立志考究遵行耶和華的律法,又將律例典章教導<u>以色列</u>人。」(7章10節)

Study the scripture 研讀聖經



- Daily devotion 每天讀經
- Commit verses to memory 背誦經文
- Go deeper to find application and meaning 進深研經尋找當中意義和 應用

Put it into practice踐行真理

- Not theoretical scripture is inherently practical 不單是理論─聖 經是可以應用在生活中
- Impacts our daily life and actions 影響我們每天生 活和行為
- Faith leads to works 由信至行

Teach others God's law 教導他人真理

- Bring others up in faith 帶領他人認識信仰
- Form views and be prepared to tell others what you think 藉聖經建 構觀點從而告訴別人你的 想法
- Model what you believe 建立你信念的模範

Personal 個人

Public 公共

HOW do you do it? 我們當*如何*作?

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He FIRMLY RESOLVED 他立志

Requires willpower, commitment and resilience

需要意志、承諾和韌力

Do you want the hand of the Lord on your life?
你是否盼望神的手在你生命中?