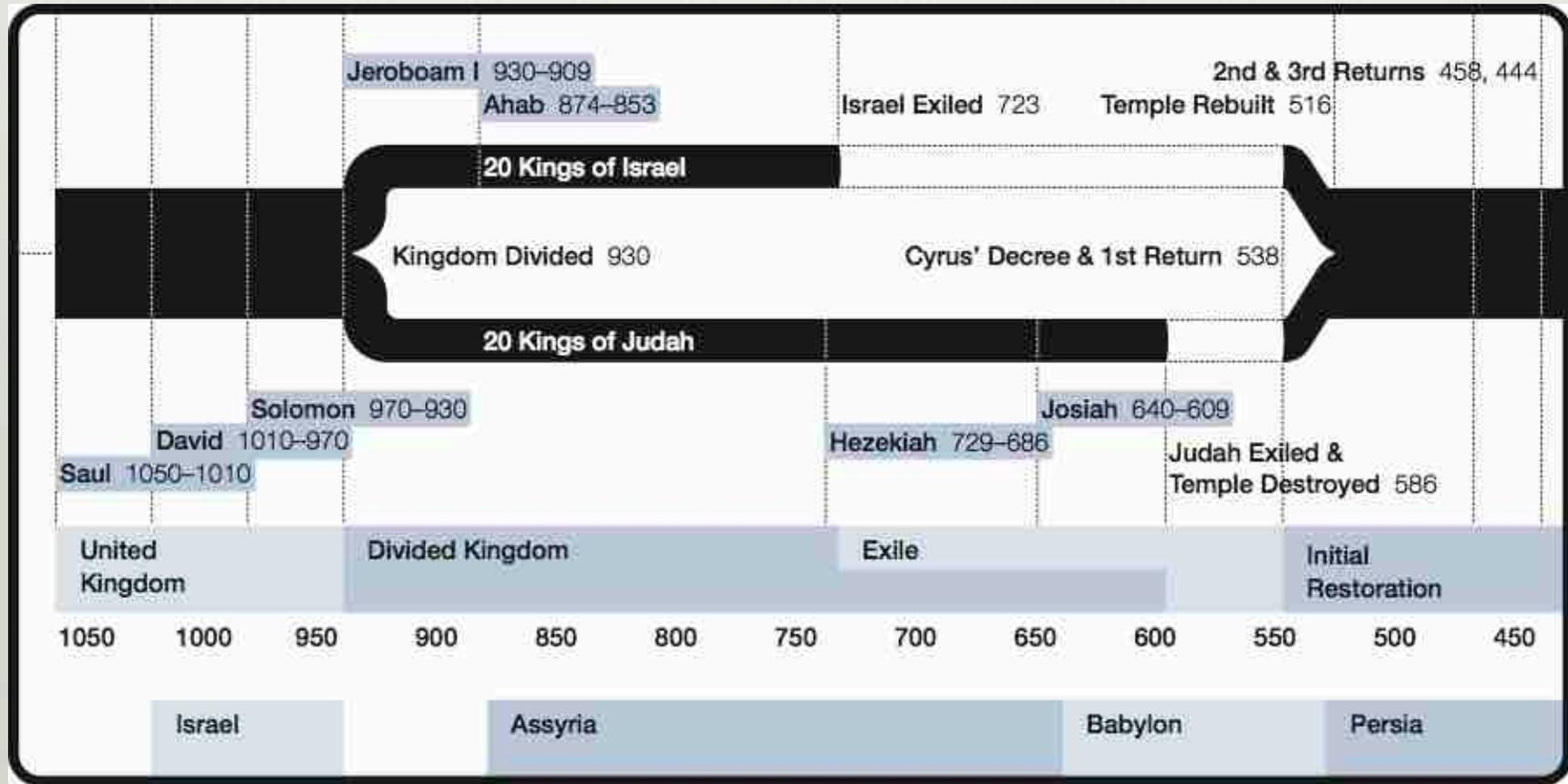


# The Bible Jesus Used

A Gospel-Centered Glance at  
the Old Testament

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# The History of Israel and Judah



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# Initial Restoration Under Persia

	Prophets	Key Events in Judah	Key Events in Babylon & Persia
–			<b>Daniel</b> as court official in Babylon & Persia
550		<b>538</b> –1 <sup>st</sup> return of exiles (Jeshua & Zerubbabel)	<b>539</b> –Babylon fell to Persia; <b>538</b> –Cyrus decreed exiles to return
–	<b>Haggai/Zechariah</b>	<b>516</b> –New temple completed	
–			<b>486–463</b> – <b>Esther</b> story
500			
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–		<b>458</b> –2 <sup>nd</sup> return of exiles ( <b>Ezra</b> )	
450		<b>444</b> –3 <sup>rd</sup> return of exiles ( <b>Nehemiah</b> )	
–	<b>Malachi</b>		
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# Three Returns

	Return 1	Return 2	Return 3
Bible reference	Ezra 1–6	Ezra 7–10	Neh 1–13
Date	538 BC	458 BC	444 BC
Persian king	Cyrus II	Artaxerxes I	Artaxerxes I
Jewish leaders	Zerubbabel (gov) and Jeshua (priest)	Ezra (priest)	Nehemiah (gov)
Prophets	Haggai & Zechariah	Malachi?	Malachi?
Decree	Temple rebuilt	Worship at temple, restore	Rebuild temple, city wall, & gates
Numbers	49,697	1,754	?
Events	Temple begun, sacrifices instituted, Samaritans cause trouble, temple completed	Interfaith marriage, communal confession	Temple & city wall completed, interfaith marriage, communal confession, further reforms

# Ezra-Nehemiah at a Glance

<b>A – Rebuilding a Broken Temple in Hope:</b> Catching Up on History	Ezra 1–6
<b>B – Reviving a Faithless People in Hope:</b> Ezra’s Memoirs	Ezra 7–10
<b>A’– Rebuilding a Broken City in Hope:</b> Nehemiah’s Memoirs, Part 1	Neh 1–7
<b>B’– Reviving a Faithless People in Hope:</b> Nehemiah’s Memoirs, Part 2	Neh 8–13

Theme: The need to rebuild the broken temple and city points to the need to revive the faithless people, all in the hope of full kingdom restoration. God may have taken the people out of Babylon, but he still needed to take Babylon out of the people.

## ❖ Full Kingdom Restoration Has Not Yet Come.

High Points	Low Points
1. Cyrus' decree to return (Ezra 1:1–4)	2. Low number of returnees (2:64)
3. Laid foundation of temple (3:10–11)	4. Mixture of weeping and joy (3:12–13)
	5. Stopping of temple building (4:24)
6. Finished temple (6:14–15)	
7. Decree for Ezra to return (7:27)	
8. Fasting and prayer for safety (8:21–23)	9. Inter-faith marriage (9:1–5)
	10. The need for mass divorce and cleansing (10:2–3, 10–11)
11. Nehemiah's prayer and plea for rebuilding and reviving (Neh 1:1–2:8)	12. Exhortation to rebuild (2:17)
	13. Confronting opposition from outside: enemies to rebuilding (4:13–14)
	14. Confronting opposition from within: oppression of poor (5:5, 9)

High Points	Low Points
15. The completion and protection of the wall (Neh 6:15–7:4)	16. Priests can't find proof of genealogy (7:64)
17. Celebration of Sabbatical year worship and covenant renewal (7:73–10:39)	
18. Dedication of the wall (12:27–30, 43)	19. More confronting communal sin (ch. 13): presence of foreigners, a priest housing in the temple, failure to provide for the priests, profaning the Sabbath, inter-faith marriage, desecration of the priesthood.