

of Haman

CHAPTER 1.

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Ahasuerus maketh royal feasts. 10 Vashti, being sent for, refuseth to come. 13 Ahasuerus maketh the decree of men's sovereignty.

NOW it came to pass in the days of A-hās-ū-ē'-rūs, (this is A-hās-ū-ē'-rūs which reigned, from In'-dī-ā even unto E-thi-ō-pl-ā, over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:)

Ch. 8.9; Ez. 4.6; Da. 6.1; 9.1.

people and the princes her beauty: for was fair to look on.

12 But the queen Vāsh'-tī refuseth to come at the king's commandment her chamberlains: therefore was the king wroth, and his anger burned in him.

13 ¶ Then the king said to the men, which knew the times, for so the king's men were called, all that knew the judgment that should be done.

Ch. 8.10; Je. 10.7; Da. 2.2.

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At-A-Glance

An Overview of the Books of the Bible

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PERIOD: 470 BC PLACE: Persia / Shushan
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KEY POINTS:

History - different p.o.v.

Preservation of God's people

To record history of the annual festival of Purim

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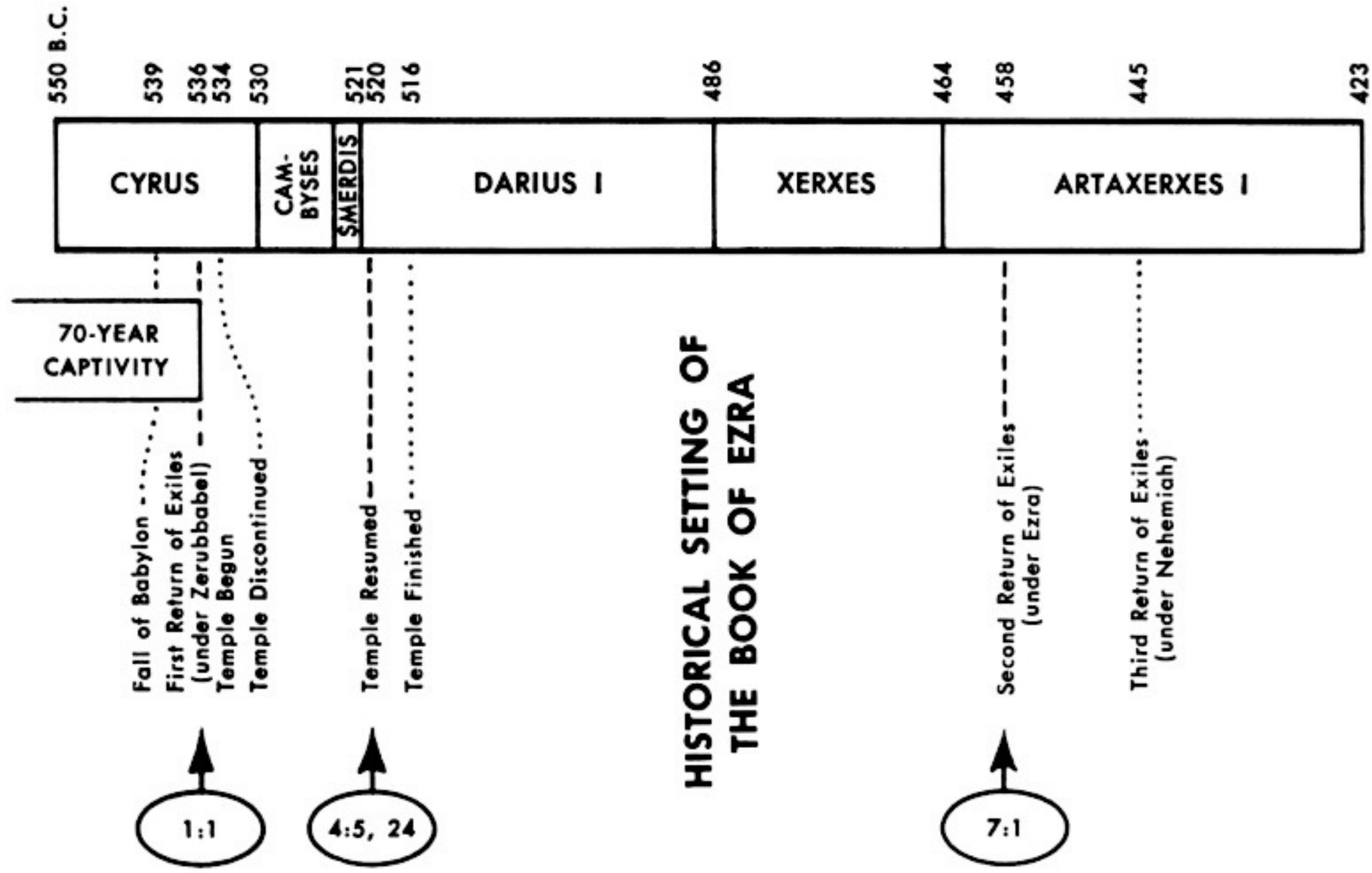
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In the original version, there is no name, title, or pronoun for God that appears (Deut 31:18)

M. Henry "If the name of God is not here, His finger is."

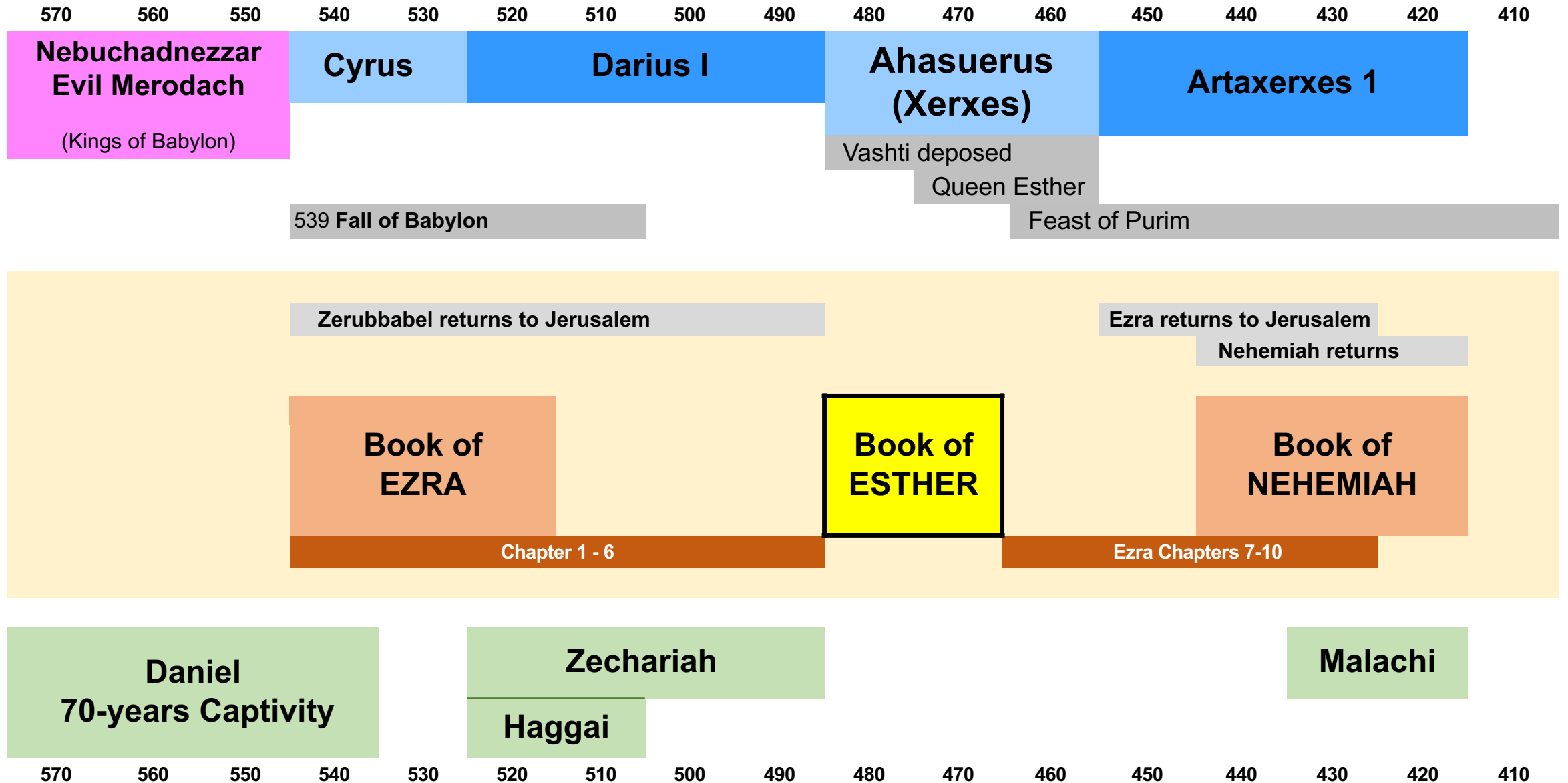


1	ANTE-DILUVIAN PHASE	Creation – 2349 B.C.	Gen. 1:1 - 8:12
2	POST-DILUVIAN PHASE	- 1921 B.C.	Gen. 8:13 - 11:26
3	PATRIARCH PHASE	- 1706 B.C.	Gen. 11:26 - 46:7
4	EGYPTIAN BONDAGE	- 1491 B.C.	Gen. 46:8 - Ex. 14:31
5	WILDERNESS WANDERING	- 1450 B.C.	Ex. 15:1 - Josh. 3:17
6	CONQUEST OF CANAAN	- 1430 B.C.	Joshua 4:1 - Judges 3:9
7	THE JUDGES	- 1095 B.C.	Judges 3:10 - 1 Sam 10:17
8	UNITED KINGDOM	- 975 B.C.	1 Sam 11:1 - 1 Kings 11:43
9	DIVIDED KINGDOM	- 721 B.C.	1 Kings 12:1 - 2 Kings 17:41
10	JUDAH ALONE	- 586 B.C.	2 Kings 18:1 - 25:30
11	BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY	- 536 B.C.	2 Chr. 36:22 - Ezra 1:4
12	THE RESTORATION	- 432 B.C.	Ezra 1:1 - Nehemiah 13:31
13	BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS	- 5 B.C.	
14	COMING OF IMMANUEL	- 29/30 A.D.	Matthew; Mark; Luke; John
15	THE CHURCH	- Current	Acts 2:1 – Revelation 22:21



HISTORICAL SETTING OF THE BOOK OF EZRA

Chronology of the Restoration Phase



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- In providence of God

KEY PASSAGES:

1:12; 3:2; 4:14

8:17

9:26-28

KEY PHRASES:

"Providence" "protection"

"who knows ..."

"Purim" – a lot, a broken piece (5x)

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GREAT LESSONS:

Modesty of Vashti = a good example

God uses everything and everybody for His divine purpose

Feasting / Banquets (10): important plot developments

"Secular" view of God as literary device (sovereignty)

God is working behind the scenes.

Compare 4:14 with Philemon 15

Fasting and prayer

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PRACTICAL APPLICATION (HOW DOES THIS BOOK APPLY TO ME?)

MY FAITH:

- God provides for His people
- When life is hard and/or doesn't make sense, do you turn to God or away from Him?
- God is sovereign!

MY ACTIONS:

- Be ready always for service (for such a time as this)
- With God, we can step out in faith and fight our fears